

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

**In Session with the Turkey Creek Church
Turkey Creek, Pike County, Kentucky
September 13, 14 and 15, 1985**

Elder Edwin May — Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald — 1st. Assistant Moderator
Elder Isom Hannah — 2nd Assistant Moderator
Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. — Clerk
Bro. James M. Ray — Assistant Clerk

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**FRIDAY
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The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Turkey Creek Church, Turkey Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1985.

Elder Edwin May, our beloved Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand under the tent to announce the arrangements.

Elder Johnnie Cline opened the Service about the hour of 9:30 a.m. and was blessed to warm the hearts of the congregation in a short space of time. Brother Johnnie then led in prayer.

In humble obedience to the arrangements made last year, Elder Isom Hannah approached the Stand to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Using for his Text: St. Luke 1:79, "to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Light, declared Brother Isom, gives us the knowledge to walk and conduct ourselves in this life and if the devil had his way "Light" would never shine to anybody. But, thanks be to God, a Council was held in Heaven between God, His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost before man was made and God knowing what Adam would do, set up the "Plan of Salvation" whereby this "Light" would shine unto them that sit in darkness and they have no cloak for their sins.

Adam willingly sinned and broke the Law of God because he failed to heed that "Light" of God. When that "Light" shines unto a man a fear comes upon him. Fear fell upon Adam and he sewed fig leaves together for a covering to hide his nakedness. Today, man is still trying to cover his shame in any way he can but to get the clothing of Salvation to hide our shame we must forsake our sins and be clothed upon by Jesus, just as God clothed Adam.

God said unto Adam, "where art thou?" And God is asking the same thing today, "Where art thou? What state are ye in?" When the "Light" shines in

darkness it gives us knowledge of where we are and in what state we are in. Just as Adam had to get rid of his own fig leaf apron, we must get rid of our own self righteousness and get clothed upon by God's righteousness through the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son.

The first shedding of blood for sin was when God clothed Adam with animal skins. These beasts had to die through the shedding of blood for God to prepare this clothing as a cover for Adam's sin. If we ever obtain redemption it must be through the shed blood of Jesus. These beasts never did anything to deserve death, just as Jesus never did anything worthy of death, but willingly gave His life through the shedding of His blood for the redemption of man. Without the shedding of blood there is no redemption. Our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus and our robes are made white thereby.

There was enmity placed between woman and the serpent and, Brother Isom declared, that enmity abounds today between the Church and the devil. If a law could be passed in the land to do so, the world would do away with the Church before this day is finished.

But, Brother Isom stated, it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. Their blood could just hide sin until the blood of Jesus came. The blood of Jesus for the taking away of sin was in the plan of Salvation set up in the Council of God before man was made.

For the blood of Christ to be shed He had to take upon Himself and be clothed with a body of flesh. "Behold, I come to do thy will, O God!" Jesus came to do the things no man had ever done before and if He had not done so they would have had a cloak for their sins. But now "Light" is come into the world and there is no covering for our sin. For redemption from sin we must come to the blood of Jesus.

Brother Isom was blessed beyond description to explain to a hungry congregation that "Light" which, when it shines in our dark heart, shows us the condition we are in by nature and the need for the blood of Christ for redemption from that condition. The blood of beasts could only "stay" sin from year to year but the blood of Jesus can wash away sin forever. A powerful sermon was preached this day and one that will remain in the hearts of the congregation for years to come.

The Sardis Association delegates and a host of delegates from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled themselves at the Turkey Creek Church house where arrangements were made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom, the many non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends were asked to remain at the tent where glad tidings of great joy in the Lord were preached by:

Elder Hershel Hurley, Old Friendship Association
Elder Paul McClanahan, Union Association
Elder James Tackett, Union Association
Elder Frank Newsome, Union Association

The delegates having assembled as aforesaid, Elder John Layne, Moderator of the Union Association introduced the services at the House and led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand, extending the right-hand of welcome and fellowship to our beloved Correspondence and to all our delegates. Brother Ed was visibly troubled in spirit as he noted the many Brethren who attended our Association last year that were unable to return this year because of illness or death. He hoped that all in attendance today would be guided by God's spirit so that this sitting of the Association can bring honor to God and the Old Brethren who have gone before us. Let God's will be done and let Him be our chief Moderator.

(2) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to receive the contributions sent to the Association by the several Churches composed of the following Sardis Association Brethren:

Elder Ellis Davis
Brother Edwin Hay
Brother Landon Taylor

(3) The Moderator then 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) Having inspected the Letters so received for regular form and order, the Clerk read the Letter presented by our host, the Turkey Creek 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 \$150.00 received from the Sidney Church for the tent repair and \$3,670.00 received from the Churches, both as reported in the Statistical Table, and after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(6) The Moderator appointed the following Committee of Tellers 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:

Brother John Morgan Mullins, Union Association
Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Lowell Adkins, Philadelphia Association

(7) Before the delegates were dismissed to vote for Officers, Brother Ed, standing as Moderator of the Sardis Association, noted the absence of Elder

Wayne Herald, our highly esteemed and greatly beloved Assistant Moderator of many years, because of his serious illness. Realizing it would be a departure from our Constitution and past practice, Brother Ed, nonetheless, asked the delegates to put Brother Wayne into the office of "First Assistant Moderator" and then to vote into office a "Second Assistant Moderator." Upon motion from Elder Kelly Castle and second by Elder Clifford Maynard, Elder Wayne Herald was selected to serve as our "First Assistant Moderator" for 1985.

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its organization by selecting the following Officers and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Ison Hannah, Second Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

(9) By move and second, it is ordered that our Moderator make all temporary appointments during the sitting of this Association.

(10) 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 Turkey Creek delegation. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder David Lester, Friendship Association
Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association
Elder Rush Stanley, Philadelphia Association

SATURDAY

Elder George Matthews, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hobert Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder Fon Bowling, Union Association
Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Buddy Carty, Northern New Salem Association

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

Elder Willis Lowe
Brother G. C. Reed
Elder Nathan Jude

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

(13) The Moderator called for the Letters from our corresponding Sister

Associations. The following Letters were read and by regular move and second were received, the delegates seated with us in council and given the right-hand of fellowship by our Moderator:

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: John Morgan Mullins, Jesse Lee Williamson, John C. Layne, Grant Akers, Homer Coleman, Gary Varney, Newman Church, Elbert Church, Otis Conley, Paul McClanahan, Fon Bowling, Auly McClanahan, Carson Wright, Bill Campbell, Orban May, Arthur Duty, Albert H. Hamilton, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Hufford Coleman, Fins O'Quinn, Gervis Deel, Frank Newsome, Earl Cantrell, Herman West, Arnold Clevinger, Albert Hamilton, Bill Hess, John Lowe, Charles Wright, Rollen Hollens, Frank Coleman, Amos Bartley, Victor Coleman, Bob Justice, Howard Coleman, James Tackett, Clifford Owens, Otis Rowe and Johnny Maynard.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Grover Adkins, Walter Akers Alvin Brown, Hobert Bates, Norman Conn, Hiram Adkins, Dexter Dixon, J. D. Clarke, Orville Hamilton, Corbin Spears, Hobert Hamilton, Lewis Marcum, Bradley Biliter, Jr., Tazzie Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton, Luther Hall, Chuck Hall, Gary Compton and John Justice.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Pete Hensley, Forest Osborne, Bart Potter, C. W. Turner, Paul Adkins, George Mathews, Mike Coffee, John B. Hale, John Mullins, Buddy Carty and Howard Parsley.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Douglas Colegrove, Irvine Breeding, Fealden Ruggles Jr., Claude E. Coffee, Ira Adkins, Curtis Seagraves, Paul Morrison, Harland Barney, Lowell Adkins, Walter Morrison, Rush Stanley, Luther Ramey, Howard Adkins, Jacob Seagraves, Dick Reed, George Woods and Billy May.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: George Baker, Jr. Justice, Howard Slinger, Hurshell Hurley, Danny Hurley, David Lester, Leonard Coleman, Elzie Reed, Lacy Justice, John R. Justus, Matthew Justus, Robert Mullins, Roy Blankenship, Sherman Street, Orville Street and Perry Hagerman.

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

(15) 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.

(16) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association, along with the

Moderators and Clerks, and the entire delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations to arrange the business for Saturday's session.

(17) On motion from Brother Edwin Hay, second by Brother W. H. Hale, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY
September 14, 1985

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Turkey Creek Church House where Elder Forest Osborne of the Northern New Salem Association introduced the services and led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by regular move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.
- (3) Appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our 1986 Association, who shall be his alternate and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1986 Association:
Elder Rush Stanley, Philadelphia Association
Elder Howard Coleman, Union Association
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:
Elder Johnnie Cline, Preach Introductory Sermon
Elder Louie Muncey, Alternate
Elder Tommy Dials, Prepare Circular Letter

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

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder James Barney, Sardis Association
Elder Howard Coleman, Union Association
Elder Rush Stanley, Philadelphia Association

SUNDAY

Elder Wayne C. Turner, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Wendell Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder Paul Adkins, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Edwin May, Sardis Association

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

Balance on hand 9-8-84		\$11,262.11
Less Paid Out in 1984:		
Tent Repair	\$2,823.64	
Type Minutes	200.00	
Print 4,500 Minutes	2,100.00	
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Total 1984 Expense		(5,123.64)

Other 1984 Receipts:

Interest Savings to 8-4-85	\$ 339.76
Behany Church for Tent	100.00
Southern Home for Tent	100.00
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Total Other Receipts	539.76

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Balance on Hand 9-13-85		\$6,678.23
Add 1985 Receipts:		
Contribution from Churches	\$3,670.00	
Obituary Pictures	330.00	
Sidney Church for Tent	150.00	
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Total 1985 Receipts		\$4,150.00

Balance on Hand 9-14-85		\$10,828.23
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(6) By move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1985 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 Wayne Herald chosen to prepare the 1985 Circular Letter was unable to attend our Association because of his grave illness. Very appropriately his son, Wayne Herald, Jr., came to the Stand and in humble resolve for the task that fell to his lot and duty, read the Letter prepared by his father. On regular move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(9) It is 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 of Correspondence and file of Minutes; and that delegates be appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the Host Church at Wise, Wise County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1985:

Clifford Maynard, K. H. Williamson, Jim Bevins, John Henry Elkins, Charles Pinson, Willie Stitner, Clifford Stanley, Stewart Brown, Burlin Thornsbury, Andy Maynard, Homer Collins, Leslie McGuire, Louie Muncy, Alson Thornbury, Clayburn Varney, Wayne Herald Jr., Edwin May, Fred Muncy, James Gannon, Billy Brumfield, Ison Hannah and Ernest Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

NEW SALEM: When convened at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1985: Wayne Herald, Jr., Edwin May, Louie Muncy, Edwin Hay, Jim Bevins, John Henry Elkins, Clifford Maynard, Steve Brown, Freddy Maynard, Burlin Thornsbury, Johnny Nichols, K. H. Williamson, Fred Muncy, Oscar McCoy, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton, James Gannon, Delbert Kazee, Virgil Fields, J. D. Walters, Leslie McGuire, Kelly Castle, David Castle, Frank Spence, Charles Spence, Ernest Cochran and Landon Taylor. Letter in the hands of Brother Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Henry Road, Plymouth, Ohio, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1986: Edwin Hay, Donny Brown, Chester Cochran, Clyde Brown, John Jude, Julius Cochran, Clayburn Varney, Billy Brumfield, Russell Thacker, James Gannon, Ison Hannah, Edwin May, S. D. Hensley, Bill Cochran, Paul Vance, Ernest Cochran and Bill Lackey. Letter in the hands of Brother Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened at the Philadelphia Association Building, Melrose, Worthington, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1986: James Gannon, Edwin Hay, Donny Brown, Freddy Maynard, John Jude, Elwood Maynard, Clifford Stanley, Louie Muncy, Bill Cochran, Julius Cochran, Randall H. Runyon, Charles Pinson, Donny Seaggs, K. H. Williamson, Fred Muncy, Wayne Herald, Jr., Burlin Thornsbury, Delbert Kazee, Ernest Cochran, Chester Cochran, Virgil Fields, Edwin May, Sabert Nichols, Paul Vance, Clyde Brown, Claude Brown, Stewart Brown and S. D. Hensley. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, West Virginia, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1986: Burlin Thornsbury, Edwin Hay, James Gannon, Donny Brown, Julius Cochran, Louie Muncy, Virgil Fields, Chester Cochran, Jerry Thompson, Stewart Brown, Bill Cochran, Estil Ritchie, Claude Brown, Leon Robinson, Ernest Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Burlin Thornsbury.

(10) Read the Resolution from our Sister, the Philadelphia Association and, by move and second, ordered it to be printed in our Minutes. (Clerk's note: The Resolution is printed after the Circular Letter.)

(11) After discussion, and on move and second, it is ordered that Brother Edwin Hay and Elder Tommy Diels prepare a Resolution to be printed in

our Minutes in memorial of the Ministers of the Sardis Association who have deceased since our last Association. (Clerk's note: This Resolution is printed after the Circular Letter.)

(12) The Tent Committee Report given by Elder Clifford Maynard stated that repairs and improvements have been completed with no further known expense to pay. A leak in the trailer will be repaired by Brother Bill Brown and proper packing of the tent will be insured. We commend Brother Bill once again for his care of the tent over the years.

By regular move and second the Tent Committee Report was received and the same Committee retained to continue its work with a like Committee from Union Association under its previously granted authority.

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

September 13, 1975
Dingess, W. Va.

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 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—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 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 keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the Scriptures. In fact, Article 3 of our Con-

situation guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on any internal right of the Churches.

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

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

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

(16) By move and second, a Request from Little Tavie Church was granted to reprint Item 18 of our 1919 Minutes, 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."

(17) A request from the Rebecca Church asks, "In the receiving of members having more than one living companion, does the criteria of receiving the innocent party also apply to the receiving of members by other than baptism (restoration, recommendation, letter)? On regular move and second, the word "receive" in the following Item (18) is defined to include "any means of receiving members."

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

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

(20) By motion and second, it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brothers and Sisters that are in good standing with the Churches 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) Read a request from the Turkey Creek Church to print the Obituary of Edward L. Curry in our minutes. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(22) Read a request from Pilgrims Home Church to print the obituary of Brother John Ray's wife in our Minutes. A move from Brother Clifford Stanley and second from Brother Clayborn Varney to grant the request met with an objection filed by Elder S. D. Hensley. After discussion, a vote of the Delegates showed 32 in favor of the move and 31 in favor of the objection. Therefore, the request was granted.

(23) By move and second, it is requested that all of our Churches who can do so should send help to the Pilgrims Home Church who will host our 1986 Association. All donations should be sent not later than June 1986.

(24) Read a request from Little Tavie Church for Association permission to change their regular meeting time from the second Saturday and Sunday to the third Saturday and Sunday in every month, beginning in November, 1985. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(25) Read a request from Buck Creek Church and Sidney Church. Buck Creek asks that telephone numbers be printed with the Ministers names and that our Ministers be listed by Church instead of alphabetically as we do now. Sidney asks that telephone numbers be printed with the Ministers names. After discussion, and by move and second, it is ordered that we continue listing our Ministers as we have been doing and that telephone numbers be shown for the Ministers requesting a listing and providing a number to the Clerk.

(26) Brethren called in Association, Union and Communion Meetings and Memorials made their report and were commended for their efforts in fulfilling the many requests received.

(27) Read a request from the Pilgrims Home Church to host our 1986 Association which, by move and second, was granted. Pilgrims Home Church is located at Varney, Pike County, Kentucky. Follow Route 119 from Pikeville, Kentucky toward Williamson, West Virginia, for about 12 miles to near the top of Bent Mountain, turn left onto Route 881 for about 2 miles to the Church.

(28) Thankful to God for another peaceful and good Association, it is ordered by move and second that we tender our "thanks" to the Turkey Creek Church, the community at large and to each and every person who contributed in any way toward making this Association a success. Our arms are too short to embrace all those who helped in so many ways but we do wish to single out for a special "thank-you" to Mr. Bennie Tackett, Principal of the Turkey Creek School and the Pike County Board of Education for allowing us the use of the school grounds and cafeteria; to the Rogers Funeral Home and Hatfield Funeral Home for the use of their chairs; to Brother Bill Brown and the many Brethren and friends who helped put up and take down the tent; to Brother Mike Lowe who provided security for the tent; to Mr. John Justice and the Kroger Company for the food provided;

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to the Belfry Fire Department for the concession stand; to those who directed traffic and parked the cars; and last but not least, to the wonderful Sisters and friends who not only prepared and served the delicious food but also stayed to clean up the kitchen and dining room. Silver and gold have we none but such as we have give we thee and commend each and everyone of you for a job well done.

(29) Ordered by move and second that the reading of these minutes be omitted and that the Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(30) On motion from Elder S. D. Hensley and second from Elder Lloyd SESCO, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the place set out above at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1986.

(31) Closing was offered by Elder Paul Adkins of the Northern New Salem Association and the Sardis Association then adjourned by way of prayer.

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

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald, 1st Assistant Moderator
Elder Isom Hannah, 2nd Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

If you have never been to an Old Regular Baptist Sunday Meeting you can't know the "feeling" and you who have been know you can't describe it. Now then, if you can't describe the "feeling" in just an ordinary every Sunday Meeting, how much greater the loss for words to describe an Association Sunday Meeting! My Lord, my God, how great and how good are thy mercies upon thy people! We approach thy throne humbly in our simplicity but boldly asking to be clothed upon with that "feeling" of thy presence among us. We are not disappointed and, O, Lord, we are thankful that for a moment in time we are at peace with thee and all mankind. How joyous is that "feeling" of thy peace encamped about us that lifts the heart, quickens the Spirit and causes every fiber of our being to cry out, "Thank You Lord."

Every chair is filled and there are still those trying to get under the tent as Elder Wayne Turner of the Northern New Salem Association introduced the services stating he wanted to wait upon the Lord to have His way with him, as in the nature of Old Regular Baptists everywhere. Brother Wayne was strong in his short sermon and then led in prayer.

Elder Wendell Hamilton of the New Salem Association followed in the Stand, singing and expressing fear at being before such a great crowd of witnesses. Preaching a "witness" for the Lord to Old Regular Baptists and "repentance" to the lost world of mankind, Brother Hamilton was blessed to testify of the saving grace and keeping power of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Elder Paul Adkins of the Northern New Salem Association came to the Stand asking for the prayer of God's people that His will be done and whatsoever is preached here today would be pleasing to Him. Brother Paul then declared that, "If Christ has done something for you, you know it, and if He has not done anything for you, you know that too." There is pleasure in the Lord and the good times have just begun."

Amidst much rejoicing and shouting, Brother Paul continued to proclaim that we are sitting on top of the mountain of the Lord with the Holy Ghost shed abroad here today. And if this is a joyous feeling then consider that eye has not seen, ear hath not heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man what good things the Lord has in store for those that love His appearing. Brother Paul pleaded with the people to put on the whole armor of God to withstand the deceitfulness of the devil who would bind you down in sin. Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world and build your house upon that Rock. Seek the keeping power of God to withstand the storms of life that beat upon your house and let the Lord calm the troubled sea. No wonder, Brother Paul declared, the Brethren can sing, "This old ship is sailing," we have a Captain that will call our name.

Our Moderator, Elder Edwin May, humble in body yet robust in the

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association:

Having been chosen by the delegates last year to write the Circular Letter for your approval at this session, I will try to fulfill that request. After much thought and consideration, I have chosen one of my subjects from St. John, verse 1 thru 5: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

St. John, verse 14: "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth."

Isaiah 45, verse 5 thru 7: As the Bible teaches, "I am the Lord, and there is none else; there is no God beside me. I girded thee, though thou hast not known me. That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness; I made peace, and create evil; I the Lord do all these things."

So God planted a garden eastward in Eden and put everything in the garden. He wanted to grow. He planted the tree of knowledge of good and evil. So you see Brothers that good and evil was in the garden from the beginning. And we believe that God spoke to His son, and God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

Genesis 1, verse 6 and 7: "And God said let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so."

So, we feel today that we must come in contact with the living water proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. We come in contact with that living water and receive eternal life within our souls. By prayer to God, Revelation 22, verse 17 and 18: "And the spirit and the bride say, come, and let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall

Spirit because of the good preaching and great joy here today, came to the Stand to close out this Association and proclaiming, "I have been sitting here today watching the hand of God work among the Brethren and overshadow the people." Those Brethren have been preaching in the power of God, stated Brother Ed, and Brother Tommy Adair was overheard to say, "I could stay here all day and listen to this."

Taking for a Text: "I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren," Brother Ed stated that, "Sometime, someplace you will hear the voice of the Lord and I pray when you hear you will listen." The way to the house of the Master's Brethren is here now and has been since Jesus came and will be here until Jesus comes again. Are you in the way, asked Brother Ed. Jesus said, "I am the way," and, declared Brother Ed, if we ever get to heaven we will go that way because there is no other way. Get in the way, stay in the way, walk in the way, grow in the way and everly seek the way. Can you say, "Thank you, Jesus?" Brother Ed asked and further stated, "If heaven's not any better than it's been here today, I still want to go."

Brother Ed admonished the Brethren, be good to one another and love one another. Love will hide a multitude of sins and if we are in "the way" we will love one another for God is love. Let Brotherly Love continue.

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

Your Clerk

add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.”

So, we feel today that the Holy Scriptures teaches that the water of life that was placed above the firmament of Heaven is the same as the pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. We must get in contact with that river of water in order to get eternal life within our soul. Then we can get a one way ticket for Heaven; Heaven bought, Heaven born, and Heaven bound. We must live a Christian life here on earth and be directed by the spirit of God in our souls.

Isaiah 43, verse 10: “Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no savior. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange God among you; therefore ye are my witnesses saith the Lord, that I am God.”

Now, I must bring this letter to a close, by the reason of length. By saying as Isaiah the prophet chapter 46, verse 10: “Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done saying, my council shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.” So farewell, Brothers and Sisters, until Jesus will come and take the Church, His Bride, home to live forever in a land of perfect peace around the throne of God.

Your Brother and servant in the Lord,
Elder Wayne Herald

August 10, 1985

RESOLUTION

By move and second by the Philadelphia Association, I will try and write a Resolution to our Sister, the Sardis Association.

We, the Philadelphia Association, send our condolences and deepest sympathy to our Sister, the Sardis Association, for any Brother or Sister that has passed from our midst since our last Association held in August of 1984.

May the Sardis Association be comforted in knowing that your loss is Heaven's gain. May God bless all of you is our prayer.

Your Humble Servant,
Elder Clifford Colley

RESOLUTION

Whereas, it was ordered by Motion and Second that we write a Resolution to be printed in the 1985 Minutes of the Sardis Association to note the passing of our beloved Elder John Castle.

Whereas, Brother John being a longtime proponent and defender of the old time Baptist Faith and possessing that whole armour of God obtained through a new birth in Christ Jesus, fought that good fight of Faith, ran the race set before him, endured all things for the sake of the Cross which he bore patiently, and strived with all that was in him to effect peace and keep good order in the old Church. Having enlisted in the army from which there is no discharge, Brother John has now laid his armour by, entered the waiting state of the children of God, and left example stones for those who follow to see and note the path and way he traveled. The Brothers and Sisters grew to love Brother John for his manifested devotion toward God and His people. The memories that we have of Brother John rejoicing will be long remembered.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we memorialize Brother John Castle in this Ninety-Third Annual Session of the Sardis Association by the printing of this Resolution therein.

Brother Edwin Hay
Elder Thomas J. Dials

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

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billy Brumfield, Clifford Maynard, Milton Dye, James Barney, Clifford Colley, Ison Hannah and Willis Lowe.

OKECHOBBEE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Albert Hamilton, James Gannon, William Adair, Rush Stanley, Clifford Colley and Walter Mullins.

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

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Johnson, Richard Staton and Ed Runyon.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Richard Staton, Ison Hannah and Elbert Sesco.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Billy May, James Tackett and Richard Staton. Dinner served near the Church on Sunday.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Louie Muncey, Hobert Hamilton and Brady Bifter.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion on Sunday. Ministers called: Woody Pack, Steve Robinson, Jr., Sabert Nichols, Johnnie Cline and Moderator attending.

MUNCEY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Andrew Maynard, Clifford Maynard, Willie Stiltner, Hurschell Hurley and Louie Muncey.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Don Little, Reuben Baker, Thomas J. Dials and Freddy Maynard.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Milford Lowe, Wallace Muncey, David Lester, Vernon Rose and Moderator attending.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Clifford Colley, Milford Lowe, Wallace Muncey, Hiram Adkins and Wayne Herald.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Steve Robinson, Jr., Elbert Sesco and Hobert Hamilton.

JULY

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ralph Adkins, James Tackett, Russell Hicks, Eddie Tackett and Junior Ruggles.

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

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

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Woody Pack, Paul Adkins, James Tackett and Thomas J. Dials.

LITTLE TAVIE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Lester, Ernest Cochran, Burlin Thornsbury and Claude Brown.

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

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Paul Adkins, Edwin May, Ison Hannah and Paul Vance.

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, Steve Robinson, Jr., David Crigger, Hobert Hamilton, Paul Vance, Richard Staton and Louie Muncy.

AUGUST

TIBBITTA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Willie Stitner, Alson Thornbury, Ellis Davis and Billy R. May.

FRIBECOA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobert Hamilton, Ross Cline, Paul Adkins, Ison Hannah and Ted Robinson.

EIK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lawrence Lester, Ellis Davis, Tommy Ellis and Willis Lowe.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Slone, Richard Staton, Jimmy Dale Sanders and Paul Adkins.

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

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

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: George Woods, Johnnie Cline and Lawrence Lester.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Hurshell Hurley, Johnnie Cline, Ivory Sowards 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, Eddie Tackett, Paul Adkins and Monroe Ousley.

APRIL

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

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, Hurshell Huff and Moderator attending.

MAY

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

MUNCY VALLEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Muncy Valley Church on the second Sunday. Ministers called: George Baker, Josh Justice Jr., Paul McClanahan, Frank Newsome, Bill Campbell and Louie Muncy.

EIK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Stitner, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Alson 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, Cabe Lowe and J. L. 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 nearby.

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, Matt Justice, Milford Lowe and Freddy Maynard.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Frankle Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Edwin May, Elbert SESCO, Paul Adkins, David Crigger and Ted Robinson.

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

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. There will be services at the Church house at the same time.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Bob and Nancy Farley will be held at the home of Elbert and Martha Sesco on Long Branch on the fourth Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobert Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton, King Coleman and Hiram Adkins.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Williamson Cemetery one-half mile below the Pilgrims Home Church on Brushy Road on the fourth Saturday at 5:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

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, David Crigger and Ted Robinson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Also, a meeting 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, Billy Brumfield and Tommy Ellis.

JUNE

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all members of Southern Home Church. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson and Cris Watts.

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

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

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Howell and Jude Cemeteries in the head of Peter Cave on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Gabe Lowe, Thomas J. Dials and Virgil Fields.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Mary Thompson, husband George, and all the deceased on the Thompson Cemetery at the old home place at the foot of Brushy Mountain on Brushy Creek will be held on the first Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Clifford Maynard, Charles Pinson and Billy Williamson.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Walker Scott at his home place on Blain Creek in Lawrence County, Kentucky, on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Thomas J. Dials, Sabert Nichols and Virgil Fields.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on Muney Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Ross Cline, Freddy Maynard and Richard Staton.

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

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Don Little, Wendell Hamilton and Edwin May.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday on the Gilman Cemetery. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Clifford Maynard and Louie Muney.

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 Gulnare, Kentucky, on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Clifford Maynard and Ralph Smith.

JULY

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, King Coleman, Paul Vance, Elbert Sesco and Richard Staton. Dinner will be served nearby.

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

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek in West Virginia. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Billy May and Paul Vance.

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, Hayden Hannah, Joe Evans, Charles Hall and Ellis Davis. Church on Sunday will be moved to the Cemetery.

MEMORIAL MEETING: There will be a memorial meeting held for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackbury Fork), Hardy, Kentucky, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Paul Adkins, Hobert Hamilton and Richard Staton.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Watts Family at the home of J. T. Watts on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Dale Williamson, Cris Watts and Clayburn Varney.

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, J. L. Nichols and Willis Lowe.

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

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnny Stacy and his wife, Rachel Stacy, on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Thomas J. Dials, Billy May and Clinton Moore.

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 of Big Creek on Sunday after the first Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Bobby Scott, Clifford Maynard, Wayne Herald and Hobert Hamilton.

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

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 Muncy, Charles Wright and Elbert Sessco.

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, Woody Pack, Paul Vance and Alvin Brown.

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 Isom Hannah.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Willis Toliver, Louie Muncy, Coy Toliver and Monroe Jones. 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, F. M. Preece and all the deceased members 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 Mahler, W. Va., on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Milford Lowe, Alson Thornsbury, Burlin Thornsbury, Louie Muncy, Gabe Lowe and Freddy Maynard.

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

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for the deceased members of the Church and the Community. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Billy Williamson, Elbert Sisco, Richard Steton and Moderators attending. Dinner will be served nearby.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, W. Va., on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Sabert Nichols, Leonard Napier, Thomas J. Dials and Steve Robinson, Jr.

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: Burlin Thornsberry, Ernest Cochran, Hobert Hamilton and Bobby Scott.

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, Paul Vance and David Ciggerer.

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 Gabe Lowe.

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

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased members and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clifford Williams, Freddy Maynard and Alson Thornbury.

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 in this memorial meeting.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Henry Taylor Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Clifford Maynard, Ernest Cochran and Virgil Fields.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder Jonah E. Williamson and loved ones will be held on the Williamson Cemetery one-half mile below Pilgrims Home Church on the last Saturday at 5:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Garnet Maynard on the last Sunday on the Cemetery near her home. Ministers called: Louie Muncey, Isom Hannah, Freddy Maynard, Bill Maynard and Clinton Moore.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, on Winn Branch on the odd Sunday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, James Tackett, Isom Hannah and Wendell Hamilton.

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 Shirley 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, Paul Vance and Edwin Hay.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Lower Brushy Creek on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Clarence Owens and Clifford Maynard.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the A. C. and Wesley Young Cemetery in memory of A. C. and Bessie Young and others on Sunday after the first Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Charles Pinson, Hiram Hi Young, Bobby Scott, Roger Stepp and all others.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Hensley Family Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, John Fouch, Tommy Ellis, Mont Ellis and Isom Hannah.

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, Ky., on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Adkins, Sabert Nichols, Clinton Moore and Moderators 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: Alson Thornbury, Wallace Muncey, James Cannon and Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

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, Wayne Herald, Clinton Howard and Moderator attending.

OCTOBER

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Wallace Muncey, Paris Tackett, Hobert Hamilton and Moderator attending.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Edwin May, Elbert Sesco and Milford Lowe.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Turkey Creek Church. Ministers called: Hurshell Huff, Thomas J. Dials and Paul Vance.

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, Hobert Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton and Jimmy Dale Sanders.

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 Muncey.

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, Louie Muncey, Steve Robinson, Jr., John R. Justice, Raymond Smith, Herman West, David Baisden and Hurshell Hurley.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: David Cigger, Rush Stanley, Orbin May and Paul Vance.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of John Jude, Belle Jude, Annie Jude and her son, T. J. Jude, on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Clinton Howard, Thomas J. Dials and Sabert Nichols.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of deceased members on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Clifford Coley, Hobert Hamilton, Paul McClanahan and Moderators attending.

OBITUARIES

JOHN J. CASTLE

Elder John J. Castle deceased this life Saturday, October 27, 1984 in Humana Hospital, Louisa, Ky. at the age of 89. He was born at Lowmansville, Ky. on March 16, 1895. He was the son of Martin and Mary (Brown) Castle. He was married to Bulah Daniels who preceded him in death in August of 1983. He is survived by his four children: Elder Kelly Castle of Louisa, Ky.; John J., Jr. and Bascom Castle both of Fort Gay, W. Va.; and Eulah Cantill also of Fort Gay. He has 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was blessed to see his fifth generation. He is also survived by one sister, Nolda Castle of Paintsville, Ky. Three brothers and three sisters have preceded him in death.



He made his peace with God in February, 1935 and was ordained an Elder in 1942. Brother John lived a true and faithful life before all who knew him. He believed in the principals and doctrine of the old time Baptist Church. He believed in the doctrine of repentance towards God and faith in His son, Jesus Christ. He believed that he knew his future home awaited him and during his illness and agony he talked of going home. A very, very short time—just a matter of minutes before the death angel came—he was giving God the glory with the words "Bless the Lord!" We all know human beings are not perfect in the flesh but Brother John believed in a close, righteous life and advocated and preached in a way that no one could doubt that he had been to the fountain of life. He was one of the pillars of Elizabeth Church and will be greatly missed.

...Some of his last words to Brother Virgil Fields were concerning the Church. All of the words could not be understood due to his low condition but we feel to know what was in his mind—"Keep the church clean and strong." Brother John was a faithful Brother and traveled far and near whenever he could to worship his God and to be with his Brethren. He had a host of friends who we feel will miss him and he was talking of the love he had for everybody and how good he felt in his heart despite all the agony he was suffering. We feel to know he is resting from his labors and waiting for the resurrection of his body when God shall call all from the grave which was the hope he lived for. Farewell, Brother John, until we meet again in that city where no dying will ever come.

"In thee, O Lord, do I put trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily; be thou my strong rock, for a house of defense to save me. For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me.

Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; for thou art my strength O Lord God of Truth." (From Psalms 31)

Written by his son,
Elder Kelly Castle

ARIETTA HOPKINS

With much sadness but many good memories I will write the obituary of my sister-in-law, Arietta Adkins, who is sadly missed by all her family and friends. She was born December 4, 1911 at Huddy, Kentucky and deceased this life on May 7, 1985. She was the daughter of Albert Runyon and Geneva "Charles" Runyon Reed and was raised by her step-father, Dow Reed.

She was united in marriage to Edward Hopkins and to this union one daughter was born, Neva Belle Hemphill of Lafayette, Louisiana with whom she made her home for several years. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband and her father-in-law Elder Ester Hopkins. There are three grandchildren she dearly loved. She was the only surviving member of her family with two sisters and three brothers preceding her in death.

She surrendered her life to Christ on August 7, 1948 and, being baptized by Elder Ester Hopkins and Elder Harrison Bevins, she placed her membership with the Salem Church.

I believe she is resting from her sickness and that she is with Jesus and her family in Heaven where we will all meet again someday and where there will be no sickness, nor sorrow or anything but happiness and love in that great mansion in the sky.

Written by her sister-in-law and Sister in Christ,
Susie Hopkins Runyon

LETHA (PRESTON) VARNNEY

One moment in His presence will be worth all the trials and tribulations we experience in this life.

Letha Preston Varnney was the daughter of R. B. and Tella Salvers Preston and the granddaughter of Elder L. T. Preston. She was born February 21, 1906 and passed away February 15, 1985, making her stay upon this earth 78 years, 11 months and 25 days. She was buried in the family cemetery in Greenup, Kentucky.

Baptized in April, 1949 by Elder Jonah Bevins, she was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Salem in Pike County, Kentucky in the Sardis Association.

She was married to her husband, James,



on February 27, 1926 and was blessed to have 10 children. God further blessed them to have 21 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Three children and one grandchild preceded her in death. Remaining are four sons and three daughters: Rudolph, of Greensboro, N. C.; Homer, of Dingess, W. Va.; Jimmy, of Columbus, Ohio; Ralph, of Tampa, Florida; Betty Stone, of New Albany, Ohio; Estella Chancellor, of Flint, Mich.; and Carol Mahon, of Graton, Ohio. She also leaves behind four sister and one brother: Espie Preston, of Ragland, W. Va.; Lesta Maynard, Naomi Colegrove and Juanita Loppesti, all of Greenup, Ky.; and Etta Ruth Hall, of Fort White, Fla.

Her cheerful disposition made her a blessing to all who knew her.
Written by her
Husband and Children

OSCAR SPENCE

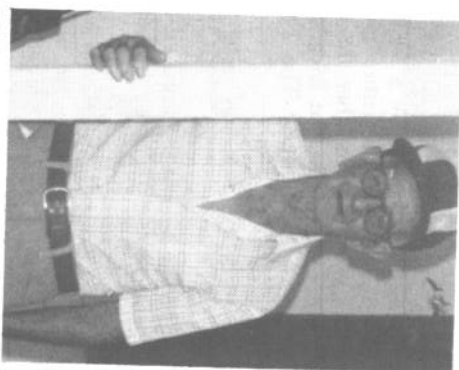
With a sad and broken heart we will try to write an obituary of our brother, Oscar Spence. Oscar was born in Wayne County, W. Va. on May 31, 1901 and departed this life on July 3, 1985, making his stay on earth 84 year, 1 month and 3 days.

Oscar was the son of Harvey and Martha Spence, both of whom preceded him in death. He had one brother and eight sisters of which three have preceded him in death. Surviving are his wife, Jamie (Mullins) Spence; four children, Mrs. Lorraine Spence, Alvis Mullins, Kenneth Mullins and O. J. Spence; a brother, Robert Spence; his sisters, Mary Carrico, Albina Ferguson, Viola Fankouser, all of Ohio, and Maggie Adkins and Linna Adkins of Kentucky; 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews who loved him and thought of him more as a Grandpa than an Uncle.

Oscar joined the Pilgrims Home Church on May 24, 1957 and was baptized at the hands of Elder Wayne Herald and Brother Marshel Williamson. He later moved his membership by Letter to the Salem Church where he enjoyed the fellowship and love of his Brothers and Sisters in Christ the balance of his life.

Oscar was a good Brother and Uncle to all his relatives and a friend to all who came to know him. His wife and children have lost a good husband and father and the Salem Church a good and faithful member but our loss is Heaven's gain. We believe he is at rest awaiting the call to "Come ye blessed" to the joy of the Lord. The main thing is to be ready when the good Lord calls so we can answer that calling.

Written by,
His Sisters



JOSEPHINE TAYLOR ELSWICK

Josephine Taylor Elswick was born July 11, 1909, passed away March 15, 1985 at 2:15 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She was a resident of Johns Creek. She was married to Curtis Elswick on April 7, 1932 and to this union was born one son, Dudley Elswick; one adopted daughter, Jennifer Lynn Elswick; two grandsons; and four granddaughters. She was the daughter of Hi and Estie Taylor.

She is survived by her husband; Curtis Elswick; son, Dudley Elswick; three sisters, Vada Dill, Virgil Trivette, Colleen Gannon; and one brother, Allen Taylor. Her daughter, Jennifer, preceded her in death November 16, 1983.

She will be missed by a host of friends and relatives and the entire membership of the Pilgrim Home Church, of which she was a member for twenty-nine years. She was dearly loved by her husband, family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Written By The Family



JOE A. CURRY

With the help of the Lord I'll try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Joe A. Curry.

He was born the 5th day of March, 1912 and deceased this life on February 13, 1985. He was the son of the late John B. and Chloe (Robinson) Curry. He was married to Myrtle (Riffe) Curry on October 1, 1936. To this union was born 5 children. Four sons, Billy Joe of Lenore, Bobby of Pensacola, Florida, James Kenneth of Elk Creek and Larry of Belo, and one daughter, Carol Ann Phelps of Taylorville.

Joe joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the 4th Saturday in November, 1979. He lived a good and faithful life. I want to tell the children if they want to meet Daddy, then they will have to turn away from the ways of sin and follow the Lord. It's a lonesome home without him but if we keep the Commandments of God we will meet in Heaven some day. May God Bless everyone is my prayer.

Written by his loving wife,
Myrtle Curry



GEORGE THOMPSON

Born on April 12, 1890 at Chattaroy, W. Va., he was the son of John and Mary Thompson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, and two sons, Wade Thompson and John B. Thompson. He is survived by one son, five daughters, 21 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

George was a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized on September 7, 1958 by Elders B. H. Bevins and Fay Scott and was a faithful member as long as he was able to attend.

The Family



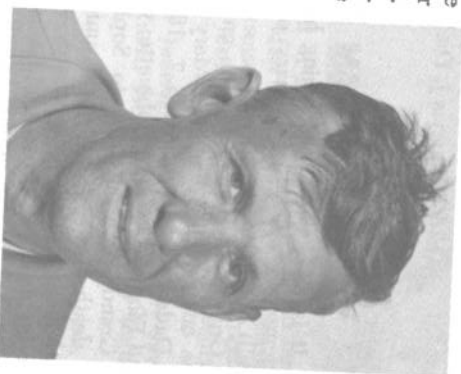
WALTER BRUMFIELD

With sadness of heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Walter Brumfield. He was born at Chattaroy, W. Va. to Jeff and Matilda Brumfield. He deceased this life November 10, 1984 at the age of 67 years.

He was married to Rebecca Evans Brumfield and to this union was born eleven children and several grandchildren. He left one brother and one sister. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on December 30, 1982 and that was great joy to my soul. I believe he is with Jesus where there is no more pain or sorrow. I am hoping that someday me and my children and grandchildren will all see him again up there in that beautiful city where we can live forever. So children, accept Jesus in this life so we can all be together again and be with Daddy.

Written by wife and
sorrowfully missed by all the family.
Rebecca



BENJAMIN F. MAYNARD

It is with much sadness and fond memories that I write this in memory of Brother Ben Maynard. He was born July 21, 1898 in Martin County, Kentucky of the late Bob and Vina Sue Pruitt Maynard. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vicie Fletcher Maynard. He spent a life time in the mines where he worked for his family and found that he needed something else. So he looked to the Lord and received Jesus into his heart and joined the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church in 1956 where he continued his membership until his death.

Brother Ben is survived by four sons: Chester Maynard of Pilgrim, Ky.; Robert Maynard of Inez, Ky.; Alex and Richard Maynard of Kermit, W. Va.; and six daughters: Rebecca Sartin of Kermit, W. Va., Omie Adkins of Grundy, Virginia, Violet Harmon, Mary Justice, Vina Sue Preece and Mavis Preece all of Inez, Ky.; 58 grandchildren and 78 great-grandchildren.

Brother Ben was a faithful, loving and humble man who showed love in every embrace. Brother Ben will be missed very much by his family and Church Brothers and Sisters.

Written by request,
Elder Thomas J. Diats



WILLIAM (BILL) ROBINETTE

It is with a sad and aching heart and with the help of the Lord we will attempt to write the obituary of our dearly beloved Daddy and Grandpa, (Bill) Robinette.

Grandpa deceased this life on Sunday, January 16, 1985 at 1:15 p.m., at the home of his daughter, Mary Maxie Young, at Island Creek.

Daddy was born March 7, 1890 at Varney, Ky. the son of Hi Robinette and Florence (Pinson) Robinette; who preceded him in death.

Grandpa was married to Sophia (Francis) Robinette, who preceded him in death in 1944, and to this union was born six children, one of whom preceded him in death in infancy. He leaves to mourn his passing three sons: Berlin Auxlor Robinette of Ragland, W. Va., Billy Mike Robinette of Harri-cane, Ky., and Emmitt Ferrell Robinette of Varney, Ky.; two daughters: Mary Maxie Young of Island Creek and Bertha Mae Young of Varney, Ky. He leaves one brother, Okie Robinette of Varney, Ky. and eight brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. He also leaves 33 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives along with the entire Pilgrim Home Church to mourn his passing.

Grandpa joined the Regular Baptist Church 55 years ago and placed his

membership with the Pilgrim Home Church where he was a faithful member until his health failed him.

I could say a lot about Grandpa but time and paper won't permit me to. I do want to say to the entire family and grandchildren that if you ever want to see Daddy and Grandpa again you have to repent and be born again. I know Grandpa is resting now and he's not sick anymore. He is resting in the arms of Jesus and I expect to see him again on that great resurrection day.

Written by his daughter and granddaughter, who loves him very much,

Bertha Mae Young and Toy Mae Varney

GOLDINA ELSWICK RAY

At the request of Goldina, and with the help of our dear Saviour, I'll attempt to write the obituary of our dear loved one who is at last at rest and free from all pain.

She surely has suffered much in the past few years but she told me so many times that she wanted to do all her suffering here. She had become so humble and bore her afflictions with very much patience. I can truly say she was a wonderful person. We had become very close over the past years I've known Sister Goldina. We have had many long conversations but our talk was almost always about the goodness of God and about what a wonderful man-sion He has prepared for those that love and serve Him.

When Goldina had her first surgery she told of how Jesus appeared to her and sat on her bed. She always told me that after that experience she never doubted but was sure of a home in Heaven because Jesus had made it so real. She has now made that journey and I'm sure Jesus was there at the crossing to help her over to the other side.

She worried so much about leaving Brother James, whom I can truly say has been wonderful to her during all her sickness. He has had a very hard load to carry, him being afflicted himself.

Goldina always asked Jesus to let her live to get her children grown, which He did, but she said she guessed we were always wanting more time because she had three little granddaughters which she loved very much. She wanted to do so much for them, even when she wasn't able.

I'd like to say to the children, Emma, Joey and Susan, never forget the love she had for you and the things she wanted to do for you to make life more pleasant. But most of all, she wanted you to serve Jesus. All these earthly things will vanish, only Jesus is lasting. She has said these words many times.

I want to say now let's all have more love for each other and try to help



someone each day. If it's just a kind word this means more than you will ever know.
Goldina was born November 27, 1929 and departed this life February 18, 1985.

Written by,
Mae Ray

PLUMA HARRISON STRATTON

The sun was reaching its zenith on March 27, 1985 when Pluma (Harrison) Stratton moved to her heavenly home. For her the "heat of the day" was past. Loving labors for her husband, children and church and friends were completed. At noon-time a new, eternal day was dawning.

She was born to James G. Harrison and Octavia (Varney) Harrison on December 20, 1901 at Varney, Kentucky, where she spent the early years of her life gathering loving memories from her maternal grandparents, Lark and Delilah (Francis) Varney.

Lark and "Aunt Lile" were members of the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church and Lark was a preacher of the



Gospel for many years. Her parents were also members of the Old Regular Baptist Church. So her spiritual roots were deeply planted in that heritage. She was baptized at Bent Branch on a cold December day in 1934. One of her great delights was to have the preachers and church friends for dinner after church meetings. She served as clerk for the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was married June 25, 1925 to James Lee Stratton, son of John Critt and Melinda (Bev) Stratton, of Meta. There she lived until her death at 83 years of age.

Four children were born to Lee and Pluma: Virginia Ruth (Mrs. G. A. Deskins), Donnalee Stratton, Paul Leroy Stratton and James Critt Stratton.

Their grandchildren are: James Paul Stratton, Jay Lee Stratton (deceased), Stephen Paul Stratton, Jonathan Lee Stratton and James Christian Stratton. Also surviving her are two sisters: Mrs. Elmo Clayton and Mrs. Nell Ratliff.

She was buried in the Bent Ridge Cemetery. Her favorite hymn was "Amazing Grace" and one of the old verses says: "Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease I shall possess within the veil, A life of joy and peace." She believed that!

Written by her son,
Jim Critt Stratton

HAZE MURPHY

The Pilgrim's Home Church has lost a faithful member and will miss our dear Brother's humble face and loving ways. But I feel that our loss is his gain.

Brother Haze Murphy was born July 19, 1919 the son of the late Jake and Elizabeth Murphy, who were members of the Apple Orchard Church at their deaths. Brother Haze deceased this life May 30, 1985 at 11:23 p.m., making his stay on earth 65 year, 10 months and 11 days.

Brother Haze was married twice during his stay on earth. First to Victoria Sealf Murphy and to this union was born 3 sons and 9 daughters: Glen Haze Murphy, Pikeville, Ky.; Gary Douglas Murphy, Fishtrap, Ky.; Roger Murphy, deceased; Yvone Current, Sheldiana, Ky.; Barbara Sue Thompson, Pikeville, Ky.; Bonnie Porter, Johns Creek, Ky.; Rena Fay Adkins, Hurricane; Lorraine Williams of Indiana; Darlene Keathy, Ivel; Nell Ruth Murphy, Pikeville, Ky.; and Fonnie May Murphy and Mary K. Murphy, deceased.

At the time of Brother Haze's death he was married to Ellen Gibson Murphy. They were united in marriage May 1, 1965 and she has been to him a faithful wife and a helpful nurse in his lingering illness and his bout with lung cancer. To this union was born 2 daughter and 1 son: Becky Murphy of Varney, Ky; Margaret Murphy of Varney, Ky.; and Haze Murphy, Jr., deceased. He had 1 brother, John Murphy, and 2 sisters, Mrs. Margaret Burgess and Mrs. B. Hicks. Brother Haze had 30 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He leaves to mourn his loss a host of relatives and friends and the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church.

Brother Haze professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into fellowship with the Pilgrims Home Church the 4th Saturday in September, 1972 at the hands of Elders David Crigger and Ralph Smith. Brother Haze would always try to fill his seat in church and often did when he was racked with pain. His suffering is finally over and he that suffers with Christ shall also reign with Him.

He was like a fountain of sweet water to the Brethren that visited him in his last days of lingering illness. He always greeted them with a warm smile and a hug and the tears would spring forth as he told them he loved them. He often said, "all I want in this world is to be with my Brothers." He loved to tell of the goodness of the Lord. I would like to say to all the family that Brother Haze chose the good part that will never be taken away, not even by death. The good part is Christ Jesus, choose him and life.

Written by a Brother in hope of eternal life,
Brother Billy Williamson



LEWIS GILLMAN

With much sadness in my heart and with the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my husband. He was born May 9, 1908 and departed this life on July 1, 1985, making his stay here 77 years, 1 month and 22 days. He was the son of William and Phoebe Stone Gillman.

On December 4, 1939, we has married to Edith Marie Robinette and to them was born one son, Rueben, and three daughters, Joan, Mary Ann and Pamela Susan. He leaves 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Tabitha Church at Omar, W. Va. He will be sadly missed by the Brothers and Sisters of the Church, his relatives and many friends, and his wife, children and grandchildren.

Written by his wife,
Edith Gillman



RUSH REED

With a sad and lonely heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear, loving husband who passed away January 4, 1985 at the A.R.H. Hospital, South Williamson, Ky., following a fatal stroke. He as born March 9, 1899 to the late Frankie Reed Howard of Martin County, Ky., making his stay here on earth 85 years, 10 months and 27 days. He was preceded in death by his mother, two sisters and one brother.

He was married to Julia Goodman Reed, who survives, on July 4, 1927 and to this union no children were born. He raised his brother-in-law, Jesse Goodman, whom he loved so dearly. He also has one foster son, Mark Randal Reed. Both are of the home. He loved his family very much and our home will never be the same without him.

He told me he had been dreaming of his good preaching Brethren who have been gone for many years and said he was going to join them soon and that he was ready to go.

He had been a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for some over 50 years. He loved to read his Bible and go to Church. He did attend Church



as long as he was able and I'm sure the Salem Church members will miss him. He only lived two days after he had the stroke. I believe his loss is Heaven's gain and I thank God he didn't have to lay and suffer long.

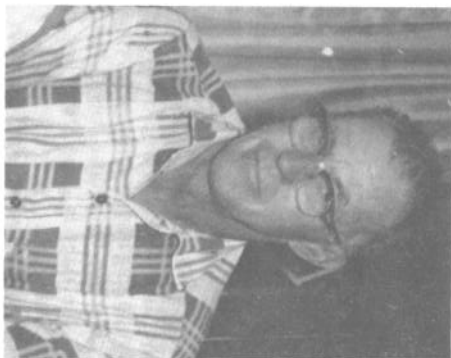
Written by his wife,
Julia Reed

GEORGE W. STEPP

With much sadness and a heavy heart I will try, with the help of the Lord, to write an obituary of my husband and father, George W. Stepp. George was born at Hatfield, Kentucky on August 30, 1910 to Floyd and Martha Stepp. He departed this world of trouble on March 3, 1985 to enter into that rest which remains for the people of God, making his stay here on earth 74 years, 7 months, and 3 days. He was united in marriage to Alice Marie Romans on September 14, 1939. To this union was born one son, George Ronald Stepp. He leaves one grandchild. He also leaves one sister, Ethel Wooten, and one brother, Ben Stepp, both of Vinton, Ohio. He was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

George joined the Mary Elizabeth Baptist Church on February 11, 1985 by the hands of Brother Ernest Cochran and Brother Wayne Herald. His baptism was one of great rejoicing. George was always a humble man and a hard worker. He was good to his family and always helped others, especially his friends and neighbors, when the need arose. So sad was the hour when he had to leave us, the home place is so vacant now. We will all miss him so very much, but let's all put our trust in the Lord, one who is able to bear our burdens in our time of sorrow. We hope to meet him in a world where God will wipe away all our tears. He is sadly missed by his wife Alice, son Ron, and family. May God bless everyone is my prayer.

Written by wife Alice, son Ron,
and family



MARTHA DELLA ADKINS RAY

It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that we make this attempt to write the obituary of our dear, sweet Mommy, Martha Della Adkins Ray, and we call her Mommy because she was more than a Mother to us.

Mommy was the daughter of John P. Adkins and Virgie Williams Adkins. She was born June 1, 1920 at Owsley, Kentucky, and departed this life May 10, 1984, making her stay here on earth 63 years, 11 months and 9 days.

Mommy was united in marriage to John Ray on December 24, 1936 and to this union seven children were born. Her oldest and youngest sons preceded her in death, Jimmy Lee Ray and Johnny Ray.

To mourn her passing she leaves her husband, John; one son, Phillip Dean Ray of Owsley, Kentucky; four daughters, Jacqueline Williams of Fairhaven, Michigan, Vergie Lucinda Elliot, Anchorage, Alaska, Judy Annett Capshaw of Roseville, Michigan, and Nancy Ruth Tackett of Winchester, Kentucky; 13 grandchildren; three brothers, the youngest brother, Claude Otis Adkins, preceded her in death, Andy Willis Adkins of Newport, Michigan, and Elisha Davis Adkins of Florence, Arizona; and Aunts, Uncles, Nephews and other relatives. Mommy will be missed by the entire community and all the members of the Pilgrim Home Church. Mommy was never baptized in the water, but we feel she was baptized in the Lord. Mommy was loved by everyone she met and was a good woman who loved to attend Church. Mommy will live in our memory forever.

Daddy, your best friend has left you for a while. She is now at peace and all the pain is gone from her body. We know she will live in your memory forever.

Mommy, we've lost our joy, our sunshine, and our best friend. We know that you are at peace in Heaven and not suffering any more pain but it's hard to think about going on without your goodness and sweetness to guide us. God let us have you for all these years but now He wants you at home in Heaven.

Mommy you were loved by all and will be missed by all, especially your husband and children. We all hope to be able to live with you eternally.

Mommy we love you,

Your Husband and Children

I'd like to say a few words about our dear Sister Della. I feel she's at rest because the Bible says "they that do good" and Della did so many good things in her life.

The most important thing in her life the past year was going to Church. She loved to go every chance she could and she talked about the many blessings she got. I've known Della for 47 years and know her to be a good



person. A few months ago she told me about a dream she had. She said she was here at Church and heard the prettiest singing and preaching and saw the prettiest, clear water.

Della we'll miss your sweet smile and friendly way. If it's God's will we'll all meet you some sweet day. I know our sweet Saviour will do right by you. We love you and will miss you.

Stella and children

NONA JANE STANLEY

By the request of the family and with the help of the good Lord, I have written the obituary of Sister Nona Jane Stanley.

Sister Nona was born November 1, 1902 in Pike County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Dolly Smith Varney. Sister Nona departed this life on September 6, 1985, making her stay here on earth 81 years, 10 months, and 5 days.

She was married to Brother Kelly Stanley. To this union were born two sons and one daughter. One son preceded her in death. Her daughter is Mrs. J. W. (Bessie) McCoy and her son is E. L. Stanley, both of whom reside at Hardy, Kentucky. Other survivors include five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

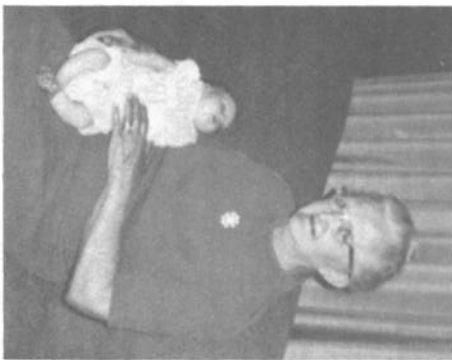
Sister Nona had six brothers and three sisters. Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death. Her living brothers are: Clyde Varney and Alex Varney. Her living sisters are Sister Grace Pauley and Sister Hester Lowe, both of Hardy, Kentucky.

Early in life Sister Nona professed a Hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Old Regular Baptist Faith, taking membership with the Salem Church at Goody, Kentucky. After moving to Hardy, Kentucky, Sister Nona and Brother Kelly moved their membership to the Narrows Branch Church in July, 1949.

Sister Nona was a faithful and dedicated member who did her part at the Church until sickness prevented her from attending. She was loved by her family, her Church, and by all who knew her.

She is sadly missed by her family and friends but we believe that the life she lived was proof that she was a born again child of God. We believe our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. Sleep on Sister Stanley, 'till we meet again on the great and noble day of the Resurrection when parting will be no more.

Written by A Brother in hope of Eternal Life,
Clyde Brown



STELLA (DUNCAN) MAYNARD

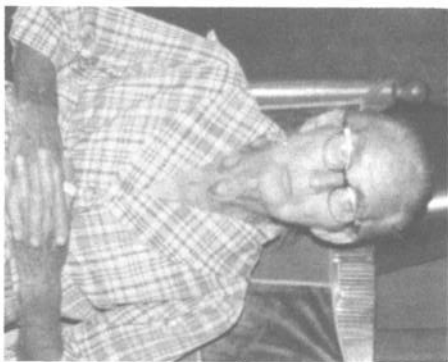
My mind travels back through the years to my childhood as I attempt to write the obituary of one sweet, kind and very gentle lady, Sister Stella Maynard.

She was born to Albert and Roxie (Jude) Duncan on November 26, 1896 and died on November 1, 1984. This made her stay on earth 88 years.

She was married to Bascom Maynard on November 11, 1916 and to this couple six children were born. One child, Homer, preceded her in death in 1937. Survivors, beside Brother Bascom include five children: two daughters, Eunice Stamm and Thekla Dorsett both of Dayton, Ohio; three sons, Ernes, of Kernit, West Virginia; Vernal, of Lovely, Ky.; Lacy, of Dayton, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Effie Tutterow, of New Castle, Indiana; eleven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and neighbors and Brothers and Sisters in the Lord.

Sister Stella was baptized into the Regular Baptist Church on the fourth Saturday in October, 1939 by Elder Bill Jude, and took her membership with the Old Sidney Church at Threeforks, Ky. There she remained a loyal and faithful member and serving the Church as Clerk for around twenty-five years. Brother Bascom and Sister Stella moved from Peter Cave in 1974 and she placed her membership with Buck Creek Church where she belonged when she passed away. Like I said in the beginning, from my childhood there was always Sister Stella with a kind word, a sweet and gentle smile that a child would remember. As I grew older and would go to the Old Sidney Church she was always there serving the Lord and the Church in that quiet humble manner she had. She is resting now, gone from our midst but all who ever knew her feels, I'm sure, as I do that this world was greatly enriched by her presence. Love you always.

Written by a friend,
Thelma Moore



EMMA TACKETT

By the help of the good Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my dear sweet Mother, Emma Tackett. She was the daughter of the late Sylvester and Millie Jane Hamilton. Mother was born on September 22, 1901 and she deceased this life on July 29, 1985, making her stay on this earth 83 years, 10 months and 7 days.

During her lifetime mother had to face the death of four husbands. Her first husband was my daddy, Joe Lykens and to this union were born 4 children, three sons: William Lykens, who died as an infant; Tolva Lykens, who passed away on June 26, 1981; Joe Lykens of Honaker, Ky., and one daughter, Clara G. (Lykens) Clark of Ocala, Florida. Her second husband was Grenbery (Byrd) Tackett and to this union were born 5 children, 4 sons: Richard, Ernal and Donald Tackett all of Harold, Ky.; Willie D. Tackett of South Shore, Ky.; and one daughter, Myrtle Jean Tackett, deceased as an infant also. Her third husband was Willie Sword. Her fourth husband was Gerrard Tackett.

Mother has a sister, Melvina Hamilton of Lorian, Ohio. She left 28 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. All of mothers friends and relatives will mourn her loss but we do feel that our loss is Heaven's gain! Mother had 2 brothers and 7 sisters who preceded her in death.

Mom joined New Salem Church of Old Regular Baptist at Harold, Ky. She was received and baptized on July 5, 1938 by Brother Tack Hall and Brother Bert Newsome. Mom asked for her membership on August 1, 1951 and was accepted at the Pilgrims Home Church on August 15, 1951 and she attended Church as long as she was able.

I'll never forget the day that I joined the Pilgrims Home Church. I can still hear Mom praising the Lord, she was so happy that day, and I felt that I had given her a rose that would never fade away and, thanks to my Jesus, I've walked by my Mom's side for 34 years. All of her children will miss Mom and home will not be the same without Mom. Mom would meet me at her door with open arms with a hug and a kiss. Her first words were "TILL GET YOU SOMETHING TO EAT." I feel I'll meet Mom on the resurrection morning when we can all be together. My brother, Joe, has accepted the Lord and I hope that my other brothers will fall out with sin and live for Jesus as you know this is what Mom wanted also. She loved all of her children, and was a good mother. Always there when we needed her and it seemed that no matter how much pain we caused her, she always loved us any way. We



will all miss you Mom and will look forward to the day when we can be with you again.

Written by her daughter and sister in Christ,
Clara G. Clark

CHARLIE CLARK

By the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of a loving husband and a wonderful father. Charlie Clark was born on November 10, 1915 and deceased this life on August 1st, 1985, making his stay on earth 69 years, 8 months and 21 days. He was the son of John M. and Francis Clark. He had one brother, Homer Clark, one half-brother, Silas Frasure, and three sisters: Mary Ida Williams, Virldie Tackett and Lillie Kidd, all preceding him in death.



Charlie and Clara G. Lykens were married on May 11, 1939 and to this union was born ten children. Five boys: Milford of Nova, Ohio; Hillard of Hayesville, Ohio; and Tolva, Larry and Charles of Ashland, Ohio; and five daughters: Emma Sanders of Nova, Ohio; Anna Sue Lilly Medina, Ohio; Pauline Tommaschly of Sanford, Florida; Jewell Arms of Shiloh, Ohio; and Linda Pauley, of Ocala, Florida. He leaves 30 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Charlie joined the Pilgrims Home Church of the Old Regular Baptist on March 26th, 1954 and was baptized on April 17th, 1954 at Grethel, Kentucky. In October of 1955 we moved from Kentucky to Nova, Ohio. In 1960 we helped to form and organize the Little Pilgrims Home Church at Rugles, Ohio. In 1961 the church ordained Charlie as a Deacon. In 1979 we moved to Ocala, Florida and had our letters transferred to the Southern Home Church. Charlie prayed so much for his children and it would always please him to hear them on the telephone when they would call. We all will miss him.

Charlie retired from Sterling Foundry in March, 1978. He worked there for 23 years. Charlie loved his family and he loved Brother Albert and Sister Mable Hamilton. We would travel many miles together going from Church to Church. While we would travel along we would all sing. Charlie's favorite songs were: Will They Miss Me When I'm Gone?, Little Bessie, When I Cross Over, Precious Memories, Gabriels Trumpet, and I am a Soldier Bound for Glory

Children, if he could speak to you now, I believe he would tell you not to worry over him, for he has gone to a better world to live with Jesus and the Angels. He would ask you to live for the good Lord so you could come and live with him when this life is over.

Charlie was a good man and all of his life he made sure our family had food and whatever was needed. Even as the children grew and were married

we still had a garden large enough to share with all the ten children and ourselves. There is so much more I could say about my husband but I feel he preached his own funeral by the life he lived. Charlie always believed that God's Children were free and free indeed while here on earth we lived.

I will close this obituary by saying thanks to the kind people (friends and neighbors) for their thoughtfulness and the help they gave upon the loss of our loved one. With a special thanks to Sister Alice Farley and her sweet husband, also a thanks to all the ministers for their comforting words. Also a very special thanks to Brother Albert Hamilton for making the arrangements and helping me and to Sister Mable Hamilton for being somebody to lean on in my time of need. To all of our Churches, Remember me and my children in your prayers and let us all live for Jesus and meet Him on the Resurrection Morning.

Written by his lonely wife and sister in Christ,
Clara C. Clark

JESSE FARLEY, SR.

Our beloved husband and father, Jesse Farley, Sr., departed this life February 18, 1985. Born September 11, 1898 at Delbarton, West Virginia, he was a son of the late Andy Patterson and Rebecca McNeely Farley. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter and several brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Vada Evans Farley; three sons, Jesse Farley, Jr., Jennings Harrison Farley and Rush Floyd Farley, all of Delbarton; and three daughters, Mrs. A. Leon (Susaphene) Hurst of McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Paul G. (Buddie) Klein of Columbus, Ohio, and Miss Bonnie Lou Farley of Huntington, West Virginia. There are nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Additional survivors include a brother, Ance Farley of Williamson; two sisters, Mrs. Acie (Polly) Mahon of North Matewan and Mrs. Betty Evans of Delbarton.

Dad served faithfully in the Old Regular Baptist Church after he joined in 1937. He helped to build and maintain Sardis Church at Delbarton. He was ordained a Deacon, appointed Church Clerk and served on many Committees at Sardis. Since the welfare of the Church was of great concern to him, he exercised great care in his responsibilities to these positions during those years.

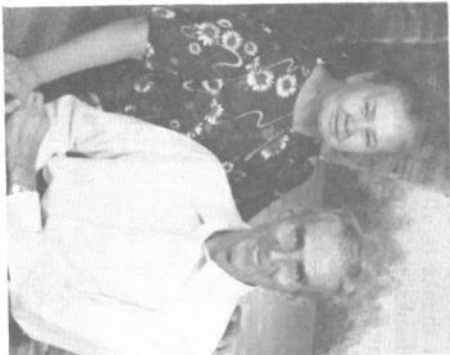
Daddy was a warm, compassionate father who left many precious memories to his family. Two days before he died, Daddy suffered a massive heart-attack. During those days he commented that he didn't have long to stay here

(on Earth) Although he was in pain and knew death was near his faith in God helped him remain calm and at peace.

In loving memory,
Vada Farley and family

HARRISON THOMPSON

It is with much sadness in my heart that I try, with the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of my dear, loving daddy. Daddy passed away April 28, 1985 after a long illness. He was born February 26, 1912, making his life-time on earth 73 years, 2 months and 2 days. He was the son of John Thompson and Victoria (Francis) Thompson, both of whom preceded him in death.



Daddy, was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for about 35 years. He was baptized the 3rd Sunday in August, 1950. He served as a Deacon for many years after being ordained to serve as a Deacon the 3rd. Saturday in October 1957. He devoted his life to the Church as much as possible as long as he was able to attend. Daddy loved going to Church very much.

He is survived by his wife, Matilda (Pinson) Thompson, at McCombs, Ky.; two sons: Charles Thompson of Pikeville and Reford Thompson of Trenton, Michigan; three daughters: Emogene Lowe, Kimper, Ky. and Geraldine Trackett, and Christine Maynard, both of McCombs, Ky. He left 14 grandchildren who loved him and miss him very much. One grandchild, Jennie Lynn Lowe, preceded him in death. He also left one brother to mourn his loss, John B. Thompson of Madison, W. Va., and one sister, Mary Sellards of Huntington, W. Va.

Daddy was a wonderful, loving person. We all miss him very much. But now that I really think things over clearly all I can say is, daddy we love you and sleep on and rest for a short season, for I truly believe he went to sleep in the Arms of Jesus and his soul is resting in the Paradise of God just waiting for Resurrection morning.

I want to say to my Brothers and Sisters who havn't made peace with God, start today begging forgiveness of your sins from the sincerity of your heart and keep on begging God until He speaks peace to your soul and then you can meet daddy and be with him in Heaven to part no more. Just remember how much daddy loved us and be good to everyone as he always said and remember all the good things he taught us from the Bible and by the good life he lived before us.

Dear Lord, I want to thank you once again for such a sweet daddy. Daddy, I miss you so much but I hope to meet you in Heaven some sweet day.

Written by his daughter,
Emogene Lowe

ELLA ADKINS BLAIR

It is with much love, admiration, respect and wonderful memories that I write this obituary of my mother for my father, brothers and sisters and their families.

Ella Adkins, the daughter of Mary Adkins, and granddaughter of Lucinda Holster, was born at Kayford, West Virginia on July 4, 1915. She was married to Leslie Earl Blair in Gregoryville, Kentucky, by the Reverend Andy Kiser on November 22, 1930.

Ella was baptized by Elders Billie Moore and Ellis Cotton in May, 1938 in Gregoryville, Kentucky and was a regular member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church, Gilbert Creek, West Virginia. She was a faithful member who had not been able to attend church for several months due to her illness but her mind and heart were always on the church. The Brothers and Sisters of the church came to the house and held services when she no longer could attend. It was her faith in God that gave her strength during her difficult illness.

I truly feel that my mother was an example of God's love. She was always available for anyone who needed her and gave of her time so willingly. She was so unselfish and was always giving to others but never expecting anything in return. She comforted the sick and helped the poor and helpless. She loved people, especially young people. She always encouraged them to do their best and supported them in every way she could. I feel that God gave her these desires and talents to be of service to Him on this earth. She took them and used them to His will.

She will be remembered for her faithfulness to God, for her unselfishness in giving and for her love, devotion and concern for her children. Her memory will live on in each of our lives, as she was truly a gift from God.

Ella, 69, of Hunt, West Virginia, died on January 20, 1985 at Charleston General Hospital of brain cancer.

Surviving are her husband, Leslie of Hunt, West Virginia; her three daughters: Fern Bart of San Carlos, California, Alice Vance of Columbus, Ohio, and Anna Hart of Alexandria, Virginia; her two sons: Jessie Blair of Hunt, West Virginia; Landen Blair of Boise, Idaho; ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

We miss our mother so very much but our love for her and her love for us will continue to grow. She talked about the day she would be with Jesus so we know she is happy and that God is doing more for her than we could possibly realize.

Written by her daughter,
Anna Hart for
Leslie Blair and family



LEOTA GILMAN

It is with great sadness that I will try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary of my dear, sweet Mother, Sister Leota Gilman. She was born on May 11, 1902 and left us, I believe for a home with Jesus, on December 20, 1984, making her stay on earth 82 years, 7 months and 9 days.

Mom was the daughter of the late Alex and Mishia Estapp Hunt. She was married to the late Brother Mosco Gilman, Sr. on October 29, 1919 and to this union was born twelve children, two of which preceded her in death.



Left to mourn her passing are: five sons, James and Earnest of Delbarton, W. Va.; Bill Dallas and Mosco, Jr. of Okeechobee, Fla.; five daughters, Sarah Ann and Garnet Gilman and Edith Weekley of Okeechobee, Fla., Ida Smith of Big Creek, W. Va., and Mishia Coleman of Kunkle, Ohio; a sister, Hulda Hunt of South Point, Ohio; 30 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 6 step-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 67 years, having been baptized when she was 16 years old. She was loved by all that met her and she loved everyone. She was a true Pilgrim of the Lord and was willing to help anyone she thought was in need.

Sister Leota, with the help of her husband, Brother Mosco, held Church in their home and helped organize the Okeechobee Regular Baptist Church at 201 S. W. 10th Avenue, Okeechobee, Fla. She is and will always be missed by her family, friends, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, although we realize that our loss is Heaven's gain.

I would like to say to all those that don't know Jesus as their personal Saviour, please repent of your sins today and get to know Him and His wonderful love. Children, family and friends its the only way you will get to see Mom again.

Written by her son and
Brother in Christ,
Brother Mosco Gilman, Jr.

NELLIE STANLEY

It is with sadness and a very heavy heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Nellie Stanley. Mom was born January 9, 1916 and deceased this life on February 19, 1985 making her stay here on earth 69 years, 1 month and 10 days. She was the daughter of the late George Stanley and Margie (Williamson) Stanley. She was united in marriage to Homer Stanley who preceded her in death on February 12, 1975. To this union was born 9 children, 6 boys and 3 girls. Two girls, Pearl-dine and Ellen Irene preceded her in death as infants. Left to mourn her passing is one daughter, Edith Robinson of Varney, Kentucky, and 6 sons: Clifford Stanley of Vir-gie, Kentucky, George Stanley, Russell Stanley, Conley Stanley, Truman Stanley of Varney, Kentucky, and Wilson Gene Stanley of Pataskala, Ohio. She also leaves two sisters, Maxine Johnson of Varney and Elsie Rose of Hardy, Kentucky. She leaves behind 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild, and a host of friends and relatives along with all the brothers and sisters of the Pilgrims Rest Church, to mourn her passing.



Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about 12 years ago and placed her membership with the Pilgrims Rest Church where she remained, a faithful member until death. Mom, you can't fill your seat in the old Church no more, but your memory will always remain. There won't be any more strokes where you're going and you won't need any more oxygen masks so you can breathe. You won't have to suffer any more. Your suffering here on this old earth is over and I believe with all my heart that you went to sleep in the Arms of Jesus. If you could have just opened your eyes, and seen your children one last time before you left us, but I believe you knew we were with you until the end. This old world is so lonesome with you gone. Mom, we love you and your memory will remain in our hearts always. Sleep on Mom, just a little while longer. This is not good bye but farewell for a little while.

Written by her only daughter,
Mom I Love You,
Edith Robinson

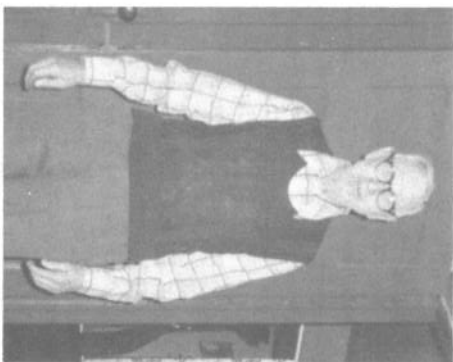
EVERETT LOWE

I will try to write the obituary of Everett Lowe. He was born June 11, 1894 at Hatfield, a son of the late George Lowe and Jane Rofen Lowe. He was a retired lumberman and a member of the Turkey Creek Church.

He was married to Ora Blackburn Lowe who preceded him in death in 1981. One daughter preceded him in death. He is survived by eight sons: Willis, Granville, Gratt and Reafield, all of Turkey Creek, Ervin of Paintsville, Emzy of Maryville, Tenn., and James and Junior of Elzaria, Ohio; and two daughters: Mida James of Culhane, Ky., and Magaline Mirillo of Columbus Station, Ohio. Additional survivors include a sister, Rachel Carey of Williams, W. Va.; two brothers Orison Lowe of Pikeville and Lilburn Lowe of Wayne Co.; 23 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Death is the gateway we must all pass through to reach that fair land where the soul's born anew. My hope is that you will repent and be born again and we'll all live together in a land where there is no more dying but peace and love, joy and rejoicing. May God bless us all.

Written by a Sister in the Church,
Beatrice Lowe SESCO

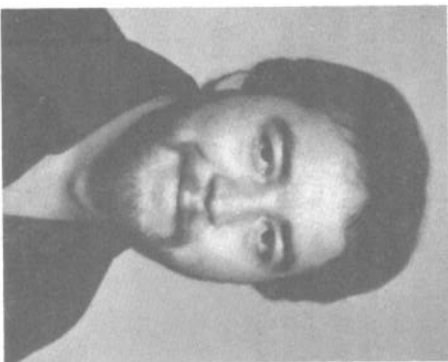


JOHN EDWARD BROWN

Brother John Edward Brown, 26 years of age and a life-long resident of Sidney, Ky., passed away on December 16, 1984 after a lingering illness. He was born March 5, 1958 in Pike County, Ky., the son of George Brown of Dix Fork, Ky., and the late Sister Audrey Shreeves Brown who passed away August 10, 1983.

Brother Johnny was a graduate of Bel-fry High School, a member of the U. M. W. A. and a faithful member of the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his father are two brothers and four sisters: George T. Brown and Stoney David Brown, both of Sidney, Ky.; Nancy Thacker of Stone, Ky.; Mary Jane Walters of Sidney, Ky.; Ina Ruth Smith of Phelps, Ky.; and Mable Kingsley of Harold, Ky.
Dear Brother, thou hast left us here. Thy loss we deeply feel, but God hast



called you home to rest where you are free from trouble, sorrow and pain, no more to be afflicted but well once again. Tell Mother we hope to meet thee when the day of life is fled, where no more farewell tears will be shed. As a little child we remember very well as you stilled away to yourself, three little words you always sang, "Somebody touched me." Yes, honey, somebody touched thee. We will always remember and love you.

Missed by Dad, Sisters and Brothers
Johnny, my love and the precious memories go with you. Now, I hope the Lord will bless me so I can go to Heaven with my love. I'll always remember and love you.

Your darling loved one,
Jerrri SESCO

RAY CHESTER FIELDS

With loving memories I attempt, with the help of our Lord, to write the obituary of my beloved husband and devoted father, Ray Chester Fields.

Chester was born on August 15, 1922 at Peter Fork, McCarr, Ky. He was the son of William and Minda (May) Fields who preceded him in death. One brother and one sister also preceded him in death. One brother and one sister also preceded him in death. He is survived by four brothers: Hansel, Hassell, McKinley and Happy, all of McCarr; and three sisters: Ethel of McCarr, Hazel of Matewan, W. Va., and Joy Mae of Delbarton, W. Va.

Chester married Frances Farley on June 21st, 1943 and to this union was born ten children, all surviving. Survivors include his widow, Frances; six sons: Thomas, Randy, Joseph and Rodney, all of McCarr, William of Pinosonfork and David Keith of Sidney; and four daughters: Nancy Hatfield of North Matewan, W. Va., Donna Ratliff of Pikeville, Betty Cail Bentley of Phelps and Brenda Joan Smith of Pinosonfork. He is also survived by fourteen grandchildren, a host of beloved relatives, friends and Brothers and Sisters of the Church.

Chester joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Enon in May, 1964 by the guiding hand of Brother Lloyd SESCO and the late Brother Jonah Ester Williamson. He was a most faithful and devoted member.

Chester departed this life on February 22, 1984, making his stay here on earth 62 years, 7 months and 7 days. He died at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W. Va., following a short illness. I feel with all my heart that my beloved husband and devoted father is resting peacefully in Heaven with our Lord. He is sadly missed but we know that he will never suffer again.

Written by one who loved you very much,
Your wife, Frances Farley Fields



NONA NORMAN HENSLEY

It is with much sadness we will, by the help of God to direct our minds, try to write the obituary of our loving Mother and Grandmother, Nona Norman Hensley of Dayton, Ohio, who we all sadly miss. She was born July 25, 1907 at Grapevine, Ky., and deceased this life on January 18, 1985, making her stay on earth 77 years, 5 months and 24 days. She was the daughter of the late Peter and Nancy Ann May Norman.



Mommy was united in marriage to our loving father, the late Avery Hensley, in January, 1924 and to this union was born 14 children. Five children and our loving Daddy preceded her in death. Nine children are alive to mourn her loss, 6 sons and 3 daughters: Elder Samuel Hensley and Albert R. Hensley, both of Hillsboro, Ohio, James P. Hensley of Dayton, Ohio, Robert C. Hensley of Morehead, Ky., John Henry Hensley of Princeton, W. Va., Tommy Avery Hensley of New Ark, Del., Martha M. Knox of New Castle, Del., Nevada Mounts of Delbarton, W. Va., and Mary C. Blevins of Morehead, Ky. She also had 54 grandchildren, about 60 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Glen Norman of Vinton, Ohio, and Clarence Norman of New Castle, Del.; 2 sisters, Marie Jarrell of Delbarton, W. Va., and Marty Wilson of New Castle, Del.; and a host of Brothers and Sisters in the Church and friends who all mourn her death and miss her dearly.

Mommy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church called Sardis on May 24, 1923 and was baptized by the hands of the late Elder Asa Evans. Mom devoted her life to God, the Church and caring for her children and Daddy. She filled her seat in the old Church up to her passing. Often at night when we would get down on our knees to pray I would hear Mommy ask God to bless her to go home to be with God and Daddy. She was not satisfied in this world.

We feel that on January 18, 1985, Mom fell asleep in the arms of Jesus Christ, the Lord which was her desire. We want to say to all of her children, grandchildren, Brothers and Sisters, and friends, that our loss is Heaven's gain. To all who mourn her loss I pray in farewell remarks that if we want to meet Mommy and Daddy and the love-wonder of Heaven, Jesus Christ, we must repent and accept Christ as our personal saviour. Children, let us remember the wonderful council that Mom gave us in life. Space cannot tell how we miss Mommy and love her very much.

Written by her son and Brother in Christ Jesus, our Lord,
Elder Samuel Hensley and Granddaughter, Arlene Maynard

EDWARD L. CURRY

It is with much sadness and a very lonely heart that I will try, by the help of the good Lord, to write the obituary of my beloved husband and companion, Edward L. Curry.

He was born in South Williamson, Ky., on October 5, 1919, the son of William H. Curry and Ella Ray Curry, and departed this life on June 27, 1985, making his stay on earth, God's footstool, 65 years, 9 months and 22 days.

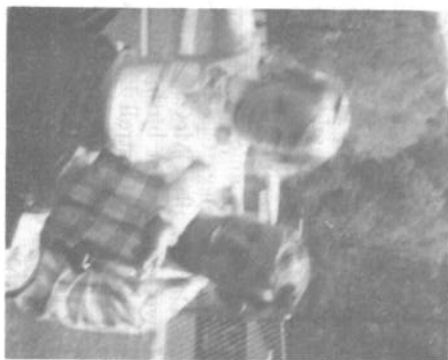
He was united in marriage to Myrtle Oney Curry on February 14, 1942, and to this union was born two sons, George Alvin Curry and Joe Edward Curry, both of Turkey Creek, Ky. He also leaves 5 grandchildren that he loved so very much. Other survivors include one sister, Greis Bowlin, and three brothers, Charles H. Curry, Willie L. Curry and Bennie H. Curry, all of Turkey, Creek, Ky.

Ed gave his hand to Brother Richard Staton on May 30th, to become a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church but became so ill he was not able to be baptized. He told me and his children he was alright. Ed left a good hope and I trust in the good Lord that I can hold out faithful until the end of my race so that I can meet him in Heaven someday and our family circle will never be broken again.

I want to say to my boys and grandchildren, be good to each other and love one another with a pure heart so we can meet each other around the sweet throne of God where we can sing and shout the praises of God forevermore. I know that is what Ed would want me to tell all of his friends and loved ones. I love each and every one of my Brothers and Sisters in the Lord with a pure love. I believe God blessed me with His love.

I trust this obituary will be accepted with much love and I pray that we can all meet around the throne of God on that great Judgement day.

Written by his wife and companion with love,
Sister Myrtle Curry



MYRTLE HOWELL LOWE

It is with much sadness and love that we write the obituary of Myrtle Howell Lowe. She was born December 23, 1922 and departed this world February 1, 1985, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Kentucky.

She was the daughter of the late Simpson and Dixie Blackburn Howell. She was married to Denzil Lowe on November 18, 1938. To this union was born four sons: Charles Langley, Clell Hayden, and Dennis Darrell; all of McCombs, Ky., and Adis Lowe, deceased at birth; and three daughters: Christine Cantrell Longwood, Florida; Joyce Lillon, Mealy, Ky.; and Kathryn Sue Brown of Bowling Green, Ky. Surviving are one brother, Lacy B. Howell, Tomahawk, Ky., and two sisters: Spicey Jude of Lovely, Ky., and Ethel Maynard of Chatteroy, W. Va. She was preceded in death by a sister, Bertha Howard, and three brothers, Johnny Howell, Henry Howell and Hayes. She left 8 grandchildren who loved "Mom" and will miss her. Sister Myrtle was baptized in September, 1980 by Elders Ernest Cochran and Burlin Thomsbury. She was received in membership October 4, 1980 at the Apple Orchard Church.

Mom had been sick for the past few years. She loved Jesus and she left this world praising Him for all He did for her. She will be missed by friends and neighbors but most of all her loved ones.

Written with love, By: The Family



JOHN DEWEY and ODESSA WALTERS

It is with a sad and aching heart, and with the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my loving parents, Dewey and Odessa Walters, who departed this life only 7 weeks and 4 days apart.

Dad was born September 14, 1900, the son of the late Seaton and Susan Walters and departed this life March 14, 1985, making his stay on earth 84 years and 6 months.

Mom was born April 18, 1912, the daughter of the late Asbury and Este Francis and departed this life May 6, 1985, making her stay on earth 73 years and 18 days.

Dad and Mom were united in marriage on May 18, 1927 and to this union was



born 9 children. One infant daughter preceded them in death. Left to mourn their loss are 5 sons: J. D. Walters, Phillip Dean Walters and Ernest Gene Walters, all of Sidney, Ky.; A. B. Walters, Turkey Creek, Ky.; and Isaac Paul Walters, Guthrie, Ky.; 3 daughters: Diana Holland, Franklin, North Carolina; Marie Simon, Lake Orion, Michigan, and Charlotte Walters, Sidney, Ky.; eleven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many friends and relatives to mourn their passing. Mom also leaves two sisters: Gladis Staton, Turkey Creek, Ky. and Mexie Robinette, Meta, Ky.

They were both members of the Old Regular Baptist Church with membership at the Mary Elizabeth Church. Dad joined the Church on May 28, 1938 and was baptized by Elder Jonah Bevins. Mom joined the Church on May 27, 1950 and was baptized by Elder Emmitt Case. They loved to fill their seat every Church time and were blessed to do so until a few months before their death.

They were afflicted in this world with cancer and with strokes but they bore their sickness with patience. I feel in my heart that they are resting from their laborers until the Resurrection when they will go home to be with Jesus. Some sweet day I hope to meet them. Dad won't have anymore Cancer and Mom will be able to talk to me. She won't be crippled anymore when we meet around the Paradise of God.

The old home is not the same but I can still hear their sweet voices and their beautiful memories will live forever. God blessed us with a very special Dad and Mom. They worked hard raising us children and I loved them dearly. I would like to say to my brothers and sisters to be good to one another and help one another, and to those who haven't made peace with God to do so if you ever want to see Dad and Mom again; you will have to take heed to what they taught you and turn to the Lord so our family circle won't be broken in Heaven.

Written by one who dearly loved them, Their daughter, Charlotte

ELIZABETH NICHOLS TAYLOR

Elizabeth Nichols Taylor was born on May 31, 1886 on the Brushy Fork of Johns Creek. She was the daughter of Billy and Minta Lowe Nichols. She spent her childhood days on Brushy Fork and later on was married to John W. Taylor. She was the mother of 11 children, three of whom died at an early age. The remaining children were Grace Stepp, Alonzo Taylor, Truly Ratliff, Ida Pruitt, Ira Taylor, Eulah Cook, and Emma Bartley. Her sons, Alonzo and Ira, died several years ago.

My Mother was an old-fashioned mountaineer mother, staying at home most of the time to take care of the home and family. She worked hard for us, rarely ever complaining although life, I now know, was



very trying at times. If a neighbor was sick she carried food she had prepared and cold water to ease their suffering.

My father died in 1952 leaving her, but she was strong-willed and led a fruitful life, still helping her children all that she could.

In the year of 1953 she joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and put her membership at the Old Apple Orchard Church where her mother and father had been members long years before. She would sing those dear old songs of Zion with one of the sweetest voices I have ever heard. After breaking her hip she became an invalid but through it all she still had a smile and a twinkle in her eyes.

We did all we could for her but on the evening of February 26, 1985, the Lord called her home where she will never suffer again. It was so hard on us to see her depart this life, but I believe her soul is resting with God waiting for the redemption of her sweet little body. When the Lord descends from Heaven on a great cloud of glory her grave will burst open and my Mommy will arise with a glorified body to meet Him in the air with all the rest of His saints and be carried to Heaven. So sleep on, dear Mommy perhaps your sleep will not be long.

Written by her daughter, Eulah Cook

JACK FARLEY

With a sad heart and a great loss to us all, I will try and write this obituary of my dearly beloved Father, Jack Farley.

Dad was born on September 6, 1897 and departed from us to be with Jesus, whom he praised until his last breath was taken, somewhere around the midnight hour of February 4, 1985, giving him 87 years, 4 months and 27 days upon this earth.

Survived by him is his wife, Ethel Marie (Fields) Farley, whom he married May 11, 1940; Bill J. Farley of Newport News, Virginia, and Jackie Farley of Dover, Delaware; four daughters: Francis Fields, Anna Mae Christian and Dinah Bevins, all of McCarr, Ky., and Shirley Hurst of Paskaska, Ohio; 23 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; two brothers: Roy Farley of Huntington, W. Va., and Willie Bill Farley of McCarr, Ky.; all of whom miss him very much.

He accepted Christ as his Saviour and was baptized on April 7, 1963 into the Old Regular Baptist Church, called Enon of Blackberry Creek, McCarr, Ky. He attended faithfully until his illness and was unable. I can still hear him say, "I wish I was able to go to Church, I want to go." Now he can have spiritual services everyday with his Saviour, Jesus Christ. He loved the Lord and read his Holy Word as much as possible. He also loved his Sisters and Brothers in Christ, and I know they will all miss him as much as we do. He was a devoted husband and Father and loved us all in his own way.



He tried to help each one as much as possible and was concerned about all of us. Even in his last days he asked his Brother in Christ, Lloyd SESCO, to help his children. He was ready to meet the Lord and I personally feel we can all praise the Lord for this and try to follow in his footsteps where we can all be together again.

Written by his daughter, Shirley Hurst

GEORGE SPARKS

Brother George Sparks of Louisa, Ky., deceased this life November 10th, 1984 at his home at the age of 89. He was born in Lawrence County, Ky., near Louisa, in 1895. He is survived by his widow, Elva Moore Sparks. His first wife, Beatrice Damon Sparks, preceded him in death in 1959. To this union was born 12 children, seven daughters: Virginia Bailey, Huntington, W. Va.; Ann Clemons, Desark, Arkansas; Norma Pratt, St. Cloud, Florida; Bea Mauney, Perrysville, Ohio; Nora Edwards, Rittman, Ohio; Mildred Mills, Ravenswood, W. Va., Nancy Blake, Rittman, Ohio; and five sons: Joe F. Sparks, Columbus, Ohio; James L. Sparks, Sopulpa, Okla.; Douglas Sparks, Rittman, Ohio; Raymond Sparks, Coshocton, Ohio; Ben Sparks, Huntington, W. Va.; also, two step-children: Lloyd Moore, Columbus, Ohio, and Cynthia Cossie, Naples, Fla.; three sisters, Rosa Marcum, Louisa, Ky.; Ella Marcum, Louisa, Rt. 5 and Maude Jordan, Milton, W. Va.; and a host of friends.

Brother George belonged to the Baptist Church since 1924. He was a true and faithful servant and served the Church as a Deacon for many years. He was one of the pillars of Elizabeth Church and will be greatly missed by the church and friends. He traveled far and near as long as he was able to attend church and worshiped his God. Even his way of praising his Lord caused joy in the hearts of his Brothers and Sisters. He was one of the few of the "old timers" that was left that believed in the old time way of worship. Brother George was a strong believer in the way of the Lord; believing that nothing short of repentance would save his friends and children.

In closing this obituary we would like to say to his children and grandchildren, friends and neighbors who are unsaved, "Prepare to Meet Thy God." Farewell Brother George for a short time and we will all be awakened by the trump of God to live in a city whose builder and maker is God. "In Thee, Oh Lord, Do I put my trust, bow down thine ear to me. Deliver Me Speedily. Be thou my strong rock for a house of defense to save me. Into thine hand I commit my spirit, thou has redeemed me O Lord, God of truth." (From Psalms 31).

Written by A Brother in Christ, Elder Kelly Castle



WALTER LESLIE VANCE

With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of a wonderful brother, father, and husband who was with us for a little over 73 years. Walter Leslie, better known to his friends as "Leck", was born November 11, 1911 to Cora Meade and was raised by her and a very loving step-father, Joseph Vance.

On May 24, 1931, Leck and Georgia May were united in marriage. They were blessed with almost 54 years of marriage and with 14 children. One infant son, Clayton, preceded him in death and Leck's body now rests beside Clayton in the Hannah Cemetery awaiting the second coming of Christ for the reuniting of soul and body. That great and noble resurrection of the



Saints to go to Heaven where they will live forevermore both soul and body in happiness, peace and joy. One daughter, Pearl Newsome, age 51, also preceded him in death in June, 1985. Ten of his remaining children and his loving wife, Georgia, live in West Virginia. The children are: Kenneth, Joseph, Gary, Paul, Phillip Ellis, Jacqueline Sturgill, Margie Dillon, Phyllis Jarvis, Karen Jones and Bonnie Baisden. The other two children are: Betty Mooneyham who lives in Ohio and Bill who lives in North Carolina.

Lack was baptized in July, 1982 in the Old United Baptist. He later came to the Regular Baptist. He was one of the Brothers that armed off from Bethany Church in July of 1945 to form Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church and in his 40 years there he was a faithful member. He served the Church as Clerk for awhile and was a delegate to Sardis Association several times. When he died on March 2, 1985, he was a long standing Deacon of Samaria Church. He is greatly missed in Samaria Church as an Elder Brother.

Brother Leck loved to go to Church and didn't miss unless sickness prevented him. Last fall after finding out he had stomach cancer and becoming too ill to attend Church he ask his Brothers and Sisters into his home on the 4th Saturday night of each month to have Church with him. He enjoyed having his Brothers and Sisters around him so very much. We want to thank everyone of them that was so good to come visit him through his illness. I know he awaits our coming to join him in Heaven. The night he died he was blessed to be at home and be able to have his family around him and to tell them that he had a better home to go to when his life here on Earth was over. We look forward to the day that we can join him but we must tarry a little longer Dad and go the way of all men unto death.

Written by his loving son,
Elder Paul Vance and
Daughter-in-law,
Sister Judy Vance

CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with Minutes of the Association.

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and to send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

ARTICLE 11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association who shall receive a compensation for his services.

ARTICLE 12. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with.

ARTICLE 13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the union, if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power to provide for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost; and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

ARTICLE 2. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 13. We believe that the Church of 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.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.

ARTICLE 11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

ARTICLE 12. The moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

ARTICLE 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the Decorum shall be removed by the Association as they think proper.

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 REBECCA: Edwin Hay, Edward Runyon, James Gilman.
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 SARDIS: Billy Brumfield, George Martin, Clayburn Varney.
 BIG BRANCH: Landon Taylor, J. L. Nichols, Oscar McCoy.
 MARY ELIZABETH: Oscar Stepp, J. D. Walters. Gary Deskins.
 BETHANY: Ellis Davis, Ison Hannah, Marion Ledson.
 ELK FORK: Harrison Baisden, Wayne Sheppard, Jonah Elkins.
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 SIDNEY: Arnold Howell, Sabert Nichols, John Jude, Jr.
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 TIBITHA: Sam Hensley, Jack Robinette, Lionel Smith.
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 TURKEY CREEK: Lonzie Thomas, Leroy Reed, Andrew Maynard.
 SAMARIA: Paul Vance, Sherman May, Bill Lackey.
 ROSA: Jerry Thompson, Elmer Little, Estil Ritchie.
 MUNCY VALLEY: Rush Runyon, Sr., Tommy Ellis, Mont Ellis.
 LITTLE VIRGIE: Alson Thornbury, Lloyd Lowe, Willie Stiltner.
 SOUTHERN HOME: Stanley Campbell, Tommy Adair, Sr., Gene Ratliff.
 PILGRIMS REST: Leon Robinson, Dallas Maynard, Curtis Robinson.
 OKEECHOBEE: Ralph Reed, Charley Stewart, Paul Barney.
 ELIZABETH: Kelly Castle, David Castle, Frank Spence.
 LITTLE TAVIE: Julius Cochran, Donny Brown, Chester Cochran.

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MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd SESCO	100	125						1		42	100	2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Wallace Muney	130	100					3	2		39	120	1	June
ENON	Lloyd SESCO	100	75						2		16	75	1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	150	125						2		68	150	2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	150	100						1		69	150	3	Aug.
SARDIS	Joe Evans	200	150	3					3		82	200	4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Willis L. Lowe	125	125	1		1					31	125	3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muney	150	125	1					3		48	150	3	July
BETHANY	Isom Hannah	100	80	2						1	53	150	4	Aug.
ELK FORK	David Baisden		50								37	100	3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Edwin May	200	300	7					5		128	200	4	Aug.
SALEM	Clifford R. Maynard	200	150	1					3		49	150	1	May
SIDNEY	Thomas J. Dials	150	150	1							33	150	4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	200	2							66	200	1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Willis L. Lowe	125	125		1			1			38	125	4	July
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	100	6					1		47	100	2	July
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	125	125						1		42	125	3	June
TIBITHA	John Fouch	100	75						2		30	150	1	Aug.
LITTLE ROSA	Wayne Herald	70	35	1					1		17	50	2	April
TURKEY CREEK	James Gannon	150	150	1					1		80	150	2	May
SAMARIA	Billy R. May	150	100		3				1		47	150	1	July
ROSA	Johnnie F. Cline	170	175						1		59	175	3	Aug.
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	25	20								17	25	2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd SESCO	75	65								16	75	4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair, Sr.	100	175	1					1		45	200	1	April
PILGRIM'S REST	Clifford R. Maynard	100	60						1		22	100	2	June
OKEECHOBEE	Hiram Young	50	50						1		16	50	2	April
ELIZABETH	Wayne Herald	100	100	2	2						36	100	1	June
LITTLE TAVIE	W. H. Cochran	75	100								14	75	3	July
TOTALS		3470	3310	32	4	1		7	36	16	1287	3670		