

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

In session with the Pilgrims Home Church
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky
September 12, 13 and 14, 1986

Elder Edwin May — Moderator
Elder Isom Hannah — Assistant Moderator
Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. — Clerk
Bro. James M. Ray — Assistant Clerk
Elder Edwin Hay — 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 Pilgrims Home Church, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1986.

Elder Edwin May, the widely admired and esteemed Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand under the tent to announce the arrangements. Brother Ed stated that Elder Johnnie Cline, chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon at this 1986 Session, is unable to be here today because of the death of his brother. The prayers and deepest sympathy of the Sardis Association go out to Brother Johnnie and his family. Therefore, Elder Louie Muncy as Alternate would preach the Introductory Sermon and, according to the rule established by Elder Ester Hopkins years ago while he was Moderator of this Association, the Moderator of the host Church, Elder Clifford Maynard, was called upon to open the Service for Brother Louie. However, Brother Clifford was away from the tent fixing electric service to the kitchen and the very capable Assistant Moderator of our Association, Elder Isom Hannah, opened the Service about the hour of 9:30 a.m.

Standing only a very short space of time Brother Isom, nonetheless, delivered a thought provoking and powerful Sermon on the "Peace" that Jesus giveth unto us, not as the world giveth but according to the power of God who is able to give us peace in our soul amidst a troubled world. Brother Isom pleaded with the people to mortify the lusts of the flesh and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is able to hold us up. Confess your own faults and recognize that none of us are perfect, all have faults. Abide in the grace and grow in knowledge of our Lord to prevent deception and being led astray. He that endureth shall be saved. Brother Isom then led in prayer.

Elder Louie Muncy came to the Stand to preach the Introductory Sermon and told us of a dream he had last night in which he walked with a man whose hair was white as wool. Then, as requested by his son, he sang "When I Get Home" and the congregation could not contain its praise of the Lord nor the Sisters their shouting.

Brother Louie shared with us his experience in coming to the old Church and described the "fire" of the new birth. Using for his Text the 40th Chapter of Isaiah, Brother Louie dwelled upon the "honey" and the "lion". The desire of the Children of God to taste the honey must be tempered by the knowledge that a lion lurks nearby. Brother Louie admonished all to comfort one another, speak peace in Jerusalem and hear the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

The Sardis Association delegates and a great number of delegates from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled themselves at the Pilgrims Home Church house where preparations had been made for the Work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom, the many non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the tent where mannah from Mother Jerusalem's table was shared through the preaching of:

Elder Frank O'Quinn of the Union Association

Elder David Stone of the Northern New Salem Association

Elder Monroe Jones of the New Salem Association

The delegates having assembled themselves as aforesaid, Elder Grover Adkins, the worthy Moderator of the New Salem Association, opened the proceedings at the House with a short sermon and then led in prayer.

Elder Edwin May, standing as Moderator of the Sardis Association, recited the fact that shortly after our last Association our widely known and highly gifted Assistant Moderator of many years, Elder Wayne Herald, had passed away. Brother Ed then requested that this Ninety-Fourth Annual Session of the Sardis Association be dedicated to Brother Wayne, a fellow-servant in the Lord, in recognition of his years of dedicated and valuable service to the Sardis Association and the entire Old Regular Baptist family. In unanimous voice and love, the request was granted.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Edwin May, came to the Stand extending a hearty welcome to every delegate present and expressing his desire and our need for the Lord to lead us in all things considered or done during the sitting of this Association. If we have been outside the House making plans, the work will come to nought; but if the work done in the House is of the Lord, it will stand. We should have a desire in our life for the Lord to lead us and have the faith to follow Him whither-so-ever He would have us go.

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

Elder Ellis Davis

Brother Landon Taylor

Elder Edwin Hay

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

(4) After reviewing the Letters handed in for regular form and order, the Clerk read the Letter from our host Church, the Pilgrims Home Church and, upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$3,745.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(6) The Moderator appointed 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 Jesse L. Williamson of the Union Association

Elder Paris Tackitt of the Northern New Salem Association

Brother Lowell Adkins of the Philadelphia Association

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

Elder Edwin May, Moderator

Elder Isom Hannah, Assistant Moderator

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

Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

Clerk's Note: The Moderator, having noted the absence of Brother James M. Ray, asked for the appointment of another Assistant Clerk. Elder Paris Tackitt, one the Tellers, noted that Elder Edwin Hay received the second highest vote for both Clerk and for Assistant Clerk. On motion by Brother K. H. Williamson, second by Brother Jonah Elkins, Brother Edwin was appointed Assistant Clerk and his name enrolled among the Officers as shown.

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

(9) Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association and the entire Pilgrims Home Church delegation. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder George Matthews of the Northern New Salem Association

Elder Walter Mullins of the Union Association

Elder Hershell Hurley of the Old Friendship Association

Elder Feldon Ruggles of the Philadelphia Association

SATURDAY

Elder George Baker of the Old Friendship Association
Elder John Lowe of the Union Association
Elder Wendell Hamilton of the New Salem Association
Elder Paris Tackitt of the Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hillard Newsome of the Northern New Salem Association

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

Elder Billy Williamson
Elder Louie Muncy
Brother Leslie G. McGuire

(11) By regular move and second, the reading of our Constitution and Articles of Faith was omitted and the Rules of Decorum were read by the Assistant Clerk.

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

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Jesse L. Williamson, John Morgan Mullins, Fon Bowling, Carson Wright, Bill Campbell, Albert Hamilton, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Frank Newsome, Earl Cantrell, Herman West, Arnold Clevinger, Bill Hess, Grant Akers, John Lowe, Charles Wright, Bob Justice, Howard Coleman, Clifford Owens, Johnny Maynard, Arthur Deel, Jessie Viers, Richard Hale, Franklin O'Quinn, Perry Lane, Arvid Blevins, Walter Mullins, Charles Akers, Mike Sheppard, Emery Kiser, Marshall Williamson and Bill Compton.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Grover Adkins, Freddie Kidd, Estill Slone, Harter Kiser, Jethro Hampton, Alvin Brown, Walter Akers, James Tackett, J. D. Clarke, Ellis Holbrook, Hobert Bates, John G. Hall, Hazie Boyd, Orville Hamilton, Millis Roberts, Hershel Hamilton, Norman Conn, Lonnie West, Hiram Adkins, Woodrow Dye, Talt Hicks, Don Little, Holley King, Edd Moore, Forest D. Hall, Tom Waddles, Gene Mullins, Wendell Hamilton, Jink Ray, Jim Waddles, Monroe Jones, Latchie Tackett, Don Fields, Preston Tackett, Banner Manns and Gene Hobbs.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Paris C. Tackitt, John Newsome, Pete Hensley, Forrest Osborne, Buford Brock, Stoney Blackburn, Roy Caudill, George Mathews, David Slone, Melvin Adams, Buddy W. Cary, Marcoln Branham, Jackson Holbrooks and Jeffrey Dillon.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Richard Reed, Glen Merritt, Walter Morrison, Douglas Colegrove, Billy Joe May, Ira Adkins, Jr., David Gilliam, Rush Stanley, George Woods, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Lowell Adkins, Jack Adkins, Curtis Seagraves, Jacob Seagraves, Bobby Baker, Emmitt Gillispie and Luther Ramey, Jr.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Junior Coleman, Junior Justus, Leonard Coleman, Danny Hurley, Hurshell Hurley, John R. Justice, Eddie Cooper, Roy Blankenship, Roby Stacy, George Endicott, Elzie Reed, Howard Slinger, Bill McCoy, Phillip Estep, Gary Brown, James Stacy, George Baker and Gary Justus.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and Members of our same faith and order and received the following: Clifford Maynard, Claude Brown, Donnie Brown, Chester Cochran, Virgil Fields, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Tommy Adair, Albert Stanley, Louie Muncy and Jerry Thompson.

(14) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches and Associations of our same faith and order desiring to take up Correspondence and fellowship with the Sardis Association and was presented a Request from the "Other Side" of the Indian Bottom Association asking "...what must be done in order for this Association to establish a Godly Correspondence..." with the Sardis Association?

The delegates bearing the Request stated they intended no division among the Brethren, did not at this time seek Correspondence and only asked for advice on what must be done to regain Correspondence. It was further stated that similar Requests would be sent to other Associations but that none would go to the Union Association or New Salem Association because of the Correspondence these Associations already have with one side of the Indian Bottom Association and they believed such a Request would create division among the Brethren.

After discussion and in harmony with advice from the New Salem Association and the Union Association delegates our Moderator advised the Sardis Association to send the Request back and ask these Brethren to bring the same Request to all the Associations at one time, including the Union and New Salem Associations, so that all of the Associations could consider the Request at one time. Brother Ed went over the Work done and advice given to the Indian Bottom Association by Committees from Sardis, Union and New Salem Associations about the year of 1960. Brother Ed stated he would honor the Work done by the Brethren of the Committees and that the advice given to Indian Bottom at that time was not heeded by these Brethren, that the advice is still good advice today and that Sardis Association could not afford to offend its Sisters, the Union and New Salem Associations.

Elder Edwin Hay made a move, seconded by Elder S. D. Hensley, to receive the Request, seat the delegates and refer the Request to the Committee on Arrangements. This move met with an objection filed by Elder Ernest Cochran and a vote of the delegates showed 25 in favor of the move and 51 in favor of the objection. Therefore, the Request was denied and the Indian Bottom Brethren advised to bring the Request to all the Associations at one time so that all could consider it at the same time.

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

(16) On motion from Elder Bobby Scott, seconded by Brother Merlin SESCO, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 13, 1986.

SATURDAY
September 13, 1986

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Pilgrims Home Church house where Elder Fon Bowling, the stalwart Assistant Moderator of the Union Association, opened this Session of our Association with preaching 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 1987 Association, who shall be his Alternate and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1987 Association:

Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association

Elder Paris Trackitt, Northern New Salem Association

Elder Herman West, Union Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Richard Staton to preach the Introductory Sermon

Elder Wallace Sartin to be his Alternate

Elder Hobart Hamilton to prepare the Circular Letter

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

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder James Tackett of the New Salem Association

Elder Rush Stanley of the Philadelphia Association

Elder Freddie Kidd of the New Salem Association

SUNDAY

Elder Hiram Adkins of the New Salem Association

Elder Buddy Carty of the Northern New Salem Association

Elder Edwin May of the Sardis Association

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

Balance on hand 9-1-85 \$10,828.23
Interest on Savings Account to 7-3-86 447.73
Total Available for 1985 \$11,275.96

Less Paid Out for 1985:

Type 1985 Minutes	\$ 200.00	
Print 4,500 Copies of Minutes	2,746.00	
Flowers for Elder Wayne Herald	100.00	
Mailing Expense	40.00	
Total 1985 Expense		(3,086.00)
Balance on Hand 9-1-86 (per bank statement)		<u>\$8,189.96</u>

Add 1986 Receipts:

Contributions from Churches	\$3,745.00	
Obituary Pictures	310.00	
Total 1986 Receipts		<u>\$ 4,055.00</u>
Balance on Hand 9-1-86		<u>\$12,244.96</u>

Clerk's Note: Contributions at the Tent on Friday totalling \$1114.00 were given to the Pilgrims Home Church to help defray expense of hosting the Association.

- (6) By move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1986 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

- (7) By move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 4,000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300.00 for his expenses.

- (8) Elder Thomas J. Diels chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association came to the Stand expressing how he felt like a little boy among learned men in addressing this great assembly of God's people at this Association. Nonetheless, Brother Tommy felt at home among the Brethren as he read his letter on the subject of "Love" and, on regular move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

- (9) It is ordered, by regular move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, and Old Friendship Association; that our Clerk prepare the Letters of Correspondence and file of Minutes; and that delegates be appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the Host Churches, at Wise, Wise County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1986: Billy Brumfield, John Henry Elkins, Jim Bevins, Louie Muncy, Lloyd SESCO, Merlin SESCO, Homer Collins, Andy Maynard, Robert Clay, Emerson Jarrell, Clifford Stanley, Lacy Walters, Willie Stihner, Alson Thornbury, Stewart Brown, Berlin Thornsbury, Edwin May, Isom Hannah and James Gannon. Letter in the hands of Elder Lloyd SESCO.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the Host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1986: Edwin Hay, Jim Bevins, John Henry Elkins, Chris Warts, Kelly Castle, David Castle, Frankie White, Oscar McCoy, Hobert Hamilton, Freddie Maynard, Virgil Fields, Marlon Duncan, Homer Collins, Andy Maynard, Delbert Kazee, Leslie G. McGuire, Wayne Herald, Jr., Willie Stihner, Lloyd SESCO, Louie

MUNCEY, ALSON INHORNURY, Jonah Elkins, Isom Hannah, Edwin May, Emerson Jarrell, Bobby Scott, Merlin SESCO, John Robinette, K. H. Williamson and James Gannon. Letter in the hands of Brother Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio, beginning of Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1987: Edwin Hay, Donnie Brown, Paul Vance, Julius Cochran, L. W. Woods, Clayburn Varney, Chris Watts, Merlin SESCO, W. H. Hale, W. H. Cochran, Louie Muncy, Kelly Castle, Billy Williamson, David Castle, Clyde Brown, Delbert Kazee, Maynard Hay, Russell Thacker, Virgil Fields, Wallace Sartin, Wayne Herald, Jr., Emerson Jarrell, Leonard Napier, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., and James Gannon. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Little Rosa Church, at the Philadelphia Association Building, Melrose, Worthington, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1987: Edwin Hay, Donny Brown, Paul Vance, Julius Cochran, K. H. Williamson, Leonard Napier, Merlin SESCO, Fred Muncy, Andy Scott, Clyde Brown, S. D. Hensely, Freddie Maynard, Berlin Thornsbury, Stewart Brown, W. H. Cochran, Frankie White, Delbert Kazee, Sabert Nichols, Virgil Fields, Wallace Sartin, James Baisden, Billy Brumfield, Kelly Castle, David Castle, James Gannon, Wayne Herald, Jr., and Isom Hannah. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the North Spring Church, Wolford, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1987: Berlin Thornsbury, Edwin Hay, W. H. Cochran, Stewart Brown, Paul Vance, Emerson Jarrell, Billy Brumfield, Isom Hannah, Virgil Fields, James Gannon, Wayne Herald, Jr., Claude Brown, Louie Muncy, Julius Cochran, Jonah Elkins, Jerry Thompson, Johnnie Cline, Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Donnie Brown and Lawrence Lester. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbury.

(10) Read the Resolution from our sister, The Old Friendship, Northern New Salem and Philadelphia Association and, by move and second, ordered they be printed in our minutes.

(11) Read the Request from Rebecca Church asking that "...the Association adopt and initiate an active role in pursuing efforts that will foster the establishment of direct Correspondence with the 'other side' of the Indian Bottom Association that have been wrongfully isolated for 25 years."

Our Moderator advised and asked the Rebecca Church delegates to accept the answer given in Item 14 of Friday's Minutes and to take the Request back. Elder Edwin Hay spoke on the subject briefly and asked the Association to send a Request to the Union and New Salem Associations asking them to work on the subject. Elder Edward Runyon and Brother Maynard Hay, as delegates from Rebecca Church, spoke briefly of the subject. On Advice from our Moderator, who stated he did not believe the members of the Committees from New Salem, Union and Sardis Associations "wrongly isolated" these Brethren, a move was made by Elder Lloyd SESCO, seconded by Elder Freddie Maynard, to deny the Request. An objections was filed by Elder Edwin Hay and a vote of the delegates showed

51 in favor of the motion and 24 in favor of the objection. Therefore, the Request is denied.

(12) Read the Request from Rebecca Church asking that the Association give consideration to the purchase of the Preece Bottom on Trace Fork, Mingo County, West Virginia, for use as a permanent place for holding our Association. After discussion on the idea of a permanent place to hold our Association and the cost of buying the Preece property or similar property and building a building, the Request was taken back by the Rebecca Church delegates.

(13) Elder Clifford Maynard, Chairman of the Tent Committee, gave a report on the tent and the expense associated with it. By regular move and second, the report was accepted, the Treasurer authorized to pay necessary expenses and the Committee retained.

(14) 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 constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on any internal right of the Churches.

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

(15) 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.

(16) 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.

(17) 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."

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

(19) 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 the 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."

(20) Read the Request from Okeechobee Church concerning the granting of Letters to members in good standing and asking that the last sentence in Item 24 of our 1976 Minutes be dropped and to re-publish this Item without that sentence. Following a general discussion on the subject of granting Letters, a motion was made by Elder Chris Wats to deny the Request, second by Elder Willis Lowe. An objection was filed by Elder Paul Barney and a vote of the delegates showed 46 in favor of the motion and 8 in favor of the objection. Therefore, the Request is denied.

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

(22) 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.

(23) Read the Request from Elk Fork Church to remove David Baisden from our list of Ordained Ministers since he stands excluded from that Church. By regular move and second the Request was granted. Therefore, David Baisden is no longer preaching or authorized to exercise the privilege and duty of an Ordained Elder under authority from the Sardis Association or from the Elk Fork Church.

(24) Read the Request from Tibitha Church to remove the name of Elder John Fouch from our list of Ordained Ministers because Brother John is deceased. Our Moderator reminded the Churches that this type of Request is not necessary because the Church Letter and the Obituary will answer the question of why his name does not appear in our list of Ordained Ministers. By regular move and second the Request was granted.

(25) Read the Request from Pilgrims Rest Church to print the Obituary of Brother Eligha Coleman and Sister Mary Ray. By regular move and second the Request was granted.

(26) Read the request from Salem Church to print the Church starting times in our Minutes. By regular move and second the Request was granted.

Clerk's Note: Starting times will be printed as soon as they are received from the Churches and will be shown in the Statistical Table.

(27) Report of the Brethren called in Association, Union, Communion and Memorial meetings was received. They were commended for a job well done and, by move and second, their report was received.

(28) Read the Request from Rebecca Church and Pilgrims Home Church to host our 1987 Association. By regular move and second, granted the Request of the Rebecca Church. Rebecca Church is located at Myrtle, W. Va. Take U.S. 119 from Williamson, W. Va., toward Logan, W. Va. to the Miller Creek bridge; then take the 4-lane road to Belo bridge; then go to the second exit on the left and turn left onto old Rt. 65 for 1/2 mile to the Church.

All of our Churches who can should send contributions to help the Rebecca Church. All donations should be sent no later than June, 1987.

(29) Once again the God of all mercy and love has granted unto us a peaceful and good Association. By regular move and second, it is ordered that we tender our "thank you" to the Pilgrims Home Church, the Community at large, and to one and all who helped make this an enjoyable and successful Association. Simply because there are so many individuals worthy of a special "thank you" we cannot name them all, but your work and loving kindness to every person attending this Association did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. The Lord bless you and reward your every deed in you labor of love in caring for this Association, is our sincere prayer. We do extend a special "thank you" to the Williamson family for allowing us the use of the bottom for our tent.

(30) On move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises is omitted, and it is ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(31) On motion from Elder S. D. Hensley and second from Elder Robert R. Clay, 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, 1987.

(32) Closing was offered by Elder Frank O'Quinn of the Union Association and the Sardis Association then adjourned by way of prayer.

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

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

SUNDAY
September 14, 1986

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalms 118:24) At the start of every Association we are, in the back of our minds, looking beyond the Work of Friday and Saturday unto the Sunday Meeting. And that day is always special regardless of whether we had a good Association or a rough one. That day binds up our wounds if we had a rough Association or vents our joy if we had a good one. And on this day which the Lord hath made, the congregation come together singing the old songs of Zion with joy and expecting yet another blessing from the living God we serve.

Elder Edwin May, our Moderator, came to the Stand thankful that God has blessed us through another night and to make the effort to come here this morning. We must make an effort if we are to receive the blessing. Brother Ed read a listing of those desiring this Association to remember them in prayer and received still other requests for prayer from the congregation. He then announced the arrangement would be changed because Elder Hiram Adkins had called and could not be here today. Brother Ed called upon Elder Forest Osborne to open the Services.

Elder Forest Osborne of the Northern New Salem Association came to the Stand singing "Heaven, Sweet Heaven" and so thankful for such a wonderful day and beautiful congregation. "Set your mind on sweet Heaven and get ready to receive from Mother Jerusalem's table where there is food a-plenty and She is generous with Her children", stated Brother Forest. Not standing long in the opening, Brother Forest led in prayer.

Elder Buddy Carty of the Northern New Salem Association was next in the Stand, began a song while still seated and occupied the Stand amidst much rejoicing and shouting in the congregation. Brother Buddy declared that "Jesus knows the very intent of the heart of man and spoke very plainly when He called some of them hypocrites and full of dead mens bones." We are responsible for that we know and he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin, stated Brother Buddy.

Brother Buddy was blessed to preach of the woman who made the effort to reach the Lord and when she was prevented because of the crowd she nonetheless pressed onward and touched but the hem of His garment. She had the faith to believe that if she could touch Him, she would be healed of her illness. She could not save herself and neither can we save ourselves today. Faith was of Abraham but grace is of, through and by our Lord, Jesus Christ, and by grace, through faith, are ye saved.

Elder Isom Hannah came to the Stand stating, "There is something about old Baptists that causes them to earnestly contend for the faith and the saving grace of our Lord." We never can measure the power of faith, stated Brother Isom. Faith, through obedience to God, got the children out of Egypt, across the Red Sea, out of the wilderness and into the promised land. Faith has delivered them out of prison and out of the fire furnace. Faith brought our own forefathers across the ocean unto these shores and established this land of America where we freely worship today, Brother Isom declared. By faith we serve the living God who dieth not and Jesus, sitting on the throne of David ruling the house of Jacob, doeth establish our going in and our coming out, our rising up and our laying down.

Brother Isom then was wonderfully blessed to preach from Revelations about the four beasts who have everly been an oppression unto the children of God and of mysterious Babylon who is still deceiving the people. As proof of these points, Brother Isom called our attention to the feverous attacks upon the Authorized King James Bible by the many groups and organizations anxious to prove themselves right by changing and perverting the truth and calling their work this Bible or that Bible to deceive the people. A dangerous work that will cause people to settle down on something short of the saving grace of our Lord, stated Brother Isom in a powerful sermon that surely was directed of the Lord.

As is our custom, our Moderator, Elder Edwin May, came to the Stand to close out our Association expressing sadness of the time to depart but gladness that the Lord had blessed us to be here today and hear these able Brethren proclaim the Word of God. He admonished the people to study, search and pray for the full meaning of the Doctrine preached so powerfully here today. Brother Ed stated he must abide in his own calling but truly rejoiced to hear the preaching this day.

Brother Ed then stood a short space of time preaching of the gospel given to the people through preaching and when that gospel is believed the saving grace of the Lord, through faith, is applied. And herein do we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the Brethren. Let brotherly love continue.

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

Your Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association:

I have many feelings of humility and fear as I begin to write this Letter. Humility because of a realization that I must be humble before the Lord will bless me with words of inspiration. Feelings of fear have flooded my heart because my address goes to the Brother Deacons and Leadership of this great gathering of God's people. Fear is also evident because of my love and devotion to the God that loved us all so very much. As I stand before you, I also stand before the God that I have prayed to to bless me in writing this Letter. Without God's blessings I will be unable to write with the power of the Lord. I have spoke of Love several times so far and will attempt to make this my topic for this Letter.

Every human should make it his duty to love and serve the Lord with his whole self. Deut. 6:5: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deut. 7:9: "Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations." The love of the Lord makes it possible to get into the way that leads to Heaven when this life is over. Deut. 10:12: "What doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his way, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul."

When a man is in the world he loves the things of the world; that will lead him to torment. The Lord stands at the door of your heart and knocks; if you let Him in, He will put a seal on the inward man and will keep you. Then you will love the Lord above all. Psalms 97:10: "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil." Psalm 116:1: "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications." Psalms 145:20: "The Lord preserveth all them that love him." Therefore we can say without fear of contradiction that the Love of God is vital to every man and woman.

There must be a return of love from man to God. Mark 12:30: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." Here, we are commanded to love God. How can we love God and not one another. We that are born of the loving Grace of God will love one another and manifest this love in our interactions with one another. 1 John 3:17: "Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brothers have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him." 1 John 3:18: "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

It is great comfort to God's children to know that God's love is born in us and that when trials and tribulations come we have not only God, but His children that love us with this Brotherly love.

1 John 4:16: "We have known and believed the love that God hath to us, God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God; and God in him."

1 John 4:7: "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement: because as he is so are we in this world."

The love that God's children have will cause us to love God and one another. It will also cause us to keep the commandments of God. A child of God will not participate in the things of the world, but will do God's will; because of the love of God that is born in him or in her.

1 John 5:1: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him."

1 John 5:2: "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments."

1 John 5:3: "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments."

2 John 6: "This is love that we walk after his commandments."

I must bring this Letter to an end by saying, a man or woman that is born of the fire and Holy Ghost will be filled with the love of God and his Brothers and Sisters in the Church. He or she will also know how to walk in this world of trouble, keeping God's commandments and upholding God's will to the best of his or her ability until God calls them in death, where they will sleep until the Lord, Jesus Christ, comes in the cloud of Glory to take them home to Heaven.

May God bless the Sardis Association and its correspondents with His love.

Your Brother in the Church,
Elder Thomas J. Dials

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO OUR SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

We of the Philadelphia Association have been made sad through this year, learning of our corresponding brothers, sisters and friends deaths. This great loss would be much less if their friends and neighbors would only realize the great need for Jesus Christ in their lives. Let us continue to live upright before the world and show them love and kindness that they may be drawn closer to the Lord.

Paul E. Morrison, Clerk
Lowell R. Adkins, Assistant Clerk

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

We, the Old Friendship Association, would like to express our deepest sympathy to our corresponding Associations in the deaths of our dear Brothers, Sisters, and friends. We pray that brotherly love will continue.

Brothers Elizie Reed and Danny Hurley

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

We, the Northern New Salem Association, are saddened as we learn of the passing away of your Brethren, Sisters and friends. Being mindful that, as the Scripture saith, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours."

We trust that because of their passing others may be drawn closer to the Lord.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Elder Paris C. Tackitt
Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner

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, James Barney, Isom Hannah, Chris Watts, and Rush Stanley.

OKEECHOBEE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Albert Hamilton, James Gannon, Otis Williams, Zeke Branham, Elbert SESCO, Louie Muncy, Frank Newsome, and Johnny Newsome.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Woody Pack, Isom Hannah, Richard Staton, and Moderators attending.

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Johnson, Richard Staton, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Elbert SESCO.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Elbert SESCO, Dale Williamson, and Ed Runyon.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Billy May, James Tackitt, Hurshell Huff, Isom Hannah, and Wallace Sartin. Dinner served near the Church on Sunday.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hobert Hamilton, Brady Biliter, and Earl Cantrell.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion on Sunday. Ministers called: Woody Pack, Sabert Nichols, Johnnie Cline, Wallace Sartin, and Jimmy Hall.

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

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Don Little, Freddie Maynard, Sabert Nichols, and Moderators attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Lester, Clinton Moore, Jimmy Hall, Ross Cline and Wallace Sartin.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Clifford Colley, Wallace Muncy, Wallace Sartin, and Billy May.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Steve Robinson, Jr., Hobert Hamilton, Virgil Hess, Louie Muncy, and Moderators attending.

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, Robert R. Clay, John Lowe, Tommy Adair, Billy Williamson, and Dale Williamson.

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, Isom Hannah, Andrew Maynard and Wendell Hamilton.

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 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: Richard Staton, Dale Williamson, Chris Watts, Joe Evans and Johnnie Cline.

EIK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsbury, Lloyd Lowe and Clifford Maynard.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Gabe Lowe, and J. L. Nichols.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May Fraley Harrison at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Bobby Scott, Hobert Hamilton and Wallace Muncy.

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 Secco, Fay Scott, Richard Staton, Freddie Maynard, and Louie Muncy. 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, Elbert Secco and Assistant Moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Edwin May, Elbert Secco, David Crigger, and Edwin Hay.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and the deceased on that cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called:

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

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

LEANNAH: Second Saturday. Communion at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Alson Thornsbury, James Tackett, and Sabert Nichols.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Woody Pack, Thomas J. Dials, Chester Wright, Richard Staton, and Ralph Caudill.

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

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

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Sartin, David Crigger, Edwin Hay, and Grover Adkins.

NARROWS BRANCH: Our Union Meeting begins on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., David Crigger, Hobert Hamilton, Paul Vance, Richard Staton, and Louie Muncy.

AUGUST

TIBBITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsbury, Ellis Davis, Billy R. May, and Chris Watts.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ted Robinson, Lloyd Secco, Freddie Maynard, Buddy W. Carty and Moderators attending.

EIK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Ellis Davis, Joe Evans, Danny Runyon, Mont Ellis, Billy Brumfield, and Steve Robinson, Jr.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Isom Hannah, Wendell Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, and Moderator attending.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Hobert Hamilton, Frank Newsome, Paris Tackit, Virgil Fields, Billy May, Paul Vance, and Isom Hannah.

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, Billy R. May, Elbert Secco, and Tommy Ellis.

PIGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Johnnie Cline, Walter Akers, Fealdon Ruggles, Jr., Hillard Newsome, and Moderators attending.

Milford Lowe, Ed Runyon, Wallace Muncy, Sabert Nichols and Moderator attending.

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

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 Thornsberry and David Crigger.

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.

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 last Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Gabe Lowe, Virgil Fields and Wallace Sartin.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Walker Scott at his home place on Blain Creek in Lawrence County, Kentucky, on the last Sunday. Ministers called: Jimmy Hall, James Tackett, Clinton Moore and Bill Tackett.

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 Willis Lowe.

TIBITHA 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 and Tommy Ellis.

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

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.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Freddie Maynard, Richard Staton and Gabe Lowe.

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

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Wallace Sartin, Jesse Thacker and Elbert SESCO.

EIK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third

Sunday on the Gilman Cemetery. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Danny Runyon.

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. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Nichols, Sr. and wife and all of their descendants on the Lowe Cemetery at Guinare, 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, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton and Roger Stepp. 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., Alson Thornsberry and Hobert Hamilton.

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, Bill 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, Junior Ruggles and Edward Runyon.

EIK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Watts Family at the home of J. T. Warts on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Dale Williamson, Joe Evans and Stanley Campbell.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the J. M. Maynard family and will include the Maynard, Fields, Lowe, Taylor, Scott, Blackburn and Nichols families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Virgil Fields, J. L. Nichols and Moderator attending.

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 Johnnie Stacy and 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, SAUL STATION, LORA STATION and JOSEPH STATION ON PIGEON ROOST Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Gabe Lowe, 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, Clifford Maynard, Hobert Hamilton, Richard Stoen and Billy Williamson.

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, Jeffrey 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: Louie Muncy, Charles Wright, Elbert SESCO and Steve Robinson, Jr.

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, Paul Vance and Alvin Brown.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Louie Muncy, John Lowe, Sabert Nichols and Richard Stoen. 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, 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 the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, W. Va., on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Milford Lowe, Alson Thornbury, Louie Muncy and Richard Stoen.

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, 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: Billy Williamson, Elbert SESCO, Richard Stoen, Willie Stitner and Moderators attending. Dinner will be served nearby.

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

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: Ernest Cochran, Ross Cline, Billy May and Richard Stoen.

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

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: Sabert Nichols, Milford Lowe, Wallace Muncy, Wallace Sartin and Thomas J. Dials.

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 Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clifford Williams, Freddie Maynard, Wallace Sartin, Woody Pack and Gabe Lowe.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of Bethany Church 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 at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Virgil Fields, Gabe Lowe, Wallace Sartin and Harold Coleman.

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.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Jarrett Smith Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy on the fifth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Berlin Thornbury, Edwin Hay and Isom Hannah.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Garner Maynard on the odd Sunday on the Cemetery near her home. Ministers called: Freddie Maynard, Clinton Moore, Thomas J. Dials, Wallace Muncy and Moderator attending.

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, Isom Hannah and Wendell Hamilton.

SEPTEMBER

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Gulnare, Kentucky on September 5th at 11:00 a.m., Saturday only, at Anna Lowe's residence. Ministers called: Ralph Smith, Louie Muncy, Elbert SESCO and Roger Stepp.

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, Gabe Lowe and Freddie Maynard.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, 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, Clifford Maynard and Thomas J. Dials.

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 and others.

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

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: Sabert Nichols, Hiram Adkins, Woody Pack, Wallace Muncy and Steve Robinson, Jr.

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: Fay Scott, Charlie Johnson, Andrew Maynard and Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting 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 Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Freddie Maynard, Virgil Fields 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 Muncy, Paris Tackitt, Hobert Hamilton and Steve Robinson, Jr.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Edwin May, Richard Staton, Louie Muncy, Billy Williamson and Moderators attending.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Turkey Creek Church. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Bobby Scott, Hobert Hamilton and Richard Staton.

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 Paul Vance.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church of all the deceased on the Scott Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Clifford Williams, Sabert Nichols and Wallace Muncy.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John R. Justice, Sidney Collins, Johnny Newsome, Bill Campbell, George Baker, Wallace Muncy and Hurshell Hurley.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: David Crigger, Rush Stanley, Orbin May, Claude Brown and Ivory Sowards.

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

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of deceased members on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wallace Sartin, Wendell Hamilton, Hobert Bates, and Moderator attending.

OBITUARIES

ELDER WAYNE HERALD, SR.

With the help of God we will write the obituary of our beloved Dad and Husband, Elder Wayne Herald, Sr. Brother Wayne was born at Crum, West Virginia, on June 19, 1907, the son of the late L. F. Herald and Lena Varney Herald of Crum, West Virginia and passed away at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, on November 20, 1985. He was 78-years and 5-months old and a retired employee of the The Appalachian Power Company. He was blessed with excellent health until about 7-months before his death but he never complained of his illness.

Brother Wayne was united in marriage on December 24, 1928, to Edna Cornes and we shared our joys and sorrows together for almost 57-years and to this union God gave five children. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Edna Herald, his children, Wayne Herald, Jr., Carl Leon Herald, and Lois Faye Justice of Crum, West Virginia; Edward Eugene Herald of Bluefield, Virginia and Doris Ann Asbury of Kermit, West Virginia; two brothers, Nicholas Herald of Wadsworth, Ohio, and James R. Herald of Belle, West Virginia; two sisters, Sada McCoy of Grand Blanc, Michigan, and Ida Mae Gillman of Columbus, Ohio; 15 Grandchildren and 13 Great-grandchildren.

Brother Wayne lived a good Christian life before his family and the community where he lived. He loved to read and study the Bible and talk on the Bible to his Brothers and Sisters.

He belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church for almost 42-years and was ordained a Minister in the Sardis Association on July 22, 1950. As one of God's called ministers he exercised his gift in Sardis Association and Sister Associations far and near. He served as Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association for 19 years and at the time of his death he was the Moderator of Buck Creek Church, Elizabeth Church and Little Rosa Church. He was Moderator of Buck Creek Church for 32-years and worked hard for the upbuilding of the Church. He answered many calls to the Churches for funerals, Memorial Meetings, Union and Communion Meetings and was widely known and loved in the Tri-State and surrounding areas. He was a friend and counselor to so many people both young and old.

We feel that Brother Wayne is sleeping in the Arms of Jesus, resting from his labors. He is gone from our midst but his loving memory lives on forever in the hearts of so many. There are not enough words to express the love and respect we hold for him. One time while in the hospital he had gotten so weak and so sick you couldn't understand what he was saying, then all at once he began singing "There Was Some Wise Men In Olden Times." He sang a couple verses and then quoted this scripture, "He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved." So many times we have heard him say it



may be hard getting down to the river but Jesus will meet me there to take me over on the other side.

So sleep on, sleep on our dear loved one, until that glorious morning when the God of Heaven declares that time shall be no more and gather His elect from the four corners of the earth to meet Him upon the Cloud of Glory. As he preached so many times to us "for we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." So many times we heard him preach "Don't you want to go?"

To the children that are still out in the field of sin, if you want to meet Dad again, take heed to his teachings and as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the day star arises in your hearts. He told all so many times "Prepare now while you have life and opportunity!" Brother Wayne is, we believe, now in the presence of Jesus, "that Loved Wonder of Heaven" he loved to preach about. So farewell beloved Husband, Dad, and faithful, dearest friend until we meet again on that Cloud of Glory to forever be with the Lord and sing His Praises around the Eternal Throne of God where parting and death is no more.

The days are long and dreary and the nights are long and dark but some glorious day we will all be together again where we won't need the light of the sun or moon but the Lamb will be the light of that City, and all will be joy and happiness forevermore around the Throne of God. Your memory will forever linger in our hearts. Loving Jesus keep him in your care until we meet again. Life is made easier knowing you are in the Arms of Our Loving Saviour. We want to share this poem with everyone.

Have you ever lost a loved one
Who was so very dear to you.
One you loved so very much and
Miss him like I do.
Have you ever had a heartache or
Ever felt the pain, or shed those many
Tears that fall like drops of rain.
If you've never had this feeling
Then I pray you never do.
For when God takes your Husband,
He takes a part of you.
It's a lonesome house without you
And sad has been my way, for life and
Home are not the same, since you were
Called away.

Written by a family that dearly loved him,
Wife, Edna, and Children

ELDER JOHN T. FOUCH

It is in much weakness that I now attempt to write the obituary of my Father-in-Law, and beloved Brother in Christ, Elder John T. Fouch. Born on January 15, 1900, and deceased this life on March 2nd, 1986, making his stay on earth 86 years, 1 month and 15 days. He was the son of the late Andrew and Mary White Fouch. Brother John joined the Tabitha Church of the Old Regular Baptist on May 6th, 1934, and was a faithful attendant and a bold soldier on the battlefield until death.

Elder John T. Fouch was united in marriage to Viridilla Blevins Fouch on May 26th, 1924, and to this union was born 12 children. His wife, Viridilla, and 7 children preceded him in death, leaving 5 children: 3 sons, Arvel Fouch and John C. Fouch of Chapmansville, West Virginia, and Jerry Fouch of Delbarton, West Virginia; and 2 daughters, Geraldine Hensley of Hillsboro, Ohio and Maxine Harmon of Chapmansville, West Virginia. 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren and a great host of Brothers and Sisters in the Old Regular Baptist Church and his many friends are left to mourn his loss.

Now seeing his seat empty but still feeling his works and wonderful counsel he always gave to the congregation when he came to the Stand to take care of the business of the Church. Brother John was Moderator of the Tabitha church up until the time of his death on March 2, 1986. On this Sunday Brother John came to the Stand to endorse the doctrine after the wonderful preaching, the Gospel Trumpet had been blowing, and advised everyone to treasure it up and lay it near their heart's lest at anytime they would let it slip. Brother John then was overshadowed by the spirit of the Almighty God and was well blessed to preach his last sermon which was about 15 minutes long. I have never heard Brother John preach with as much loving spirit in all my many years I have walked with him in the Old Baptist family.

Brother John then laid his hands upon the Stand and said, "I must give way", then he said, "I feel so weak," then Brother John was stricken with a massive heart attack and died at his post, as I have often heard him say he wanted to die on the battlefield. I thank God that all who were present could see the pleasing look upon Brother John's face when the Angel, I believe with all my heart, arrived and carried Brother John to an upper and better world, free from troubles, trials and tribulations to a land of eternal rest in the world that has no end. I feel Brother John only left a world of trouble for a beautiful home where all is at peace, love, joy and happiness forever. Where I feel Brother John will suffer not again. Where he can always give God the honor, glory and praise for evermore.

Now, I must say, as I give way, to all the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many friends if you desire to see Daddy again you must repent and accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior, as I feel Brother John did many years ago. I cannot express how much we all loved and miss Brother John's presence. I want to say to all the Brothe,s and



Sisters of the Tabitha Church and Sister Churches and Associations and family that our loss is Heaven's gain. So, I must say to the family, be good and show your love one to the other. May the God of all grace be with you is the prayers of your humble servant.

Written by his son-in-law,
Elder Samuel D. Hensley

ELDER EARL BELCHER

If it is the good Lord's will, we will try to write the obituary of our dearest husband and father. Nobody knows how much we miss him. He was the best, but Dad is resting in peace until he arises someday.

Our precious husband and dad was called to rest on May 4, 1986. Bless his heart, it was on Sunday and he and mother went to church over at the Star of Bethlehem Church in Crystal Springs, Florida. He was shaking hands with his blessed Brothers and Sisters in the Church and just dropped dead. If anyone on earth ever had a hope, Dad did. He was so good to my mother and me. Maybe someday we will see him again.

Dad was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 42 years. He was a minister for 40 years and received so many blessings. Dad was 80 1/2 years old. He lived a beautiful, happy life and was always smiling. He was born on November 6, 1905, at Venters, Ky., the son of Bart and Nettie Coleman Belcher. He leaves my blessed mother, Maxine, and one daughter, Naomi Ruth Phillips of Clearwater, Fl., 3 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 4 brothers and 2 sisters, Johnie and Rud Belcher of Belcher, Ky.; Zora Potter and Lenore Ayers of Detroit, Mich., and Gene and James of Detroit, Mich. A host of friends, relatives, brothers and sisters in the Church were left on this earth, hopefully to see Dad some glad day.

He was a former coal miner of West Virginia and a retired employee of Omar, W. Va. He was a member of the United Mine Workers and belonged to Local 5921, Sirtat, W. Va. He was buried at Wilson Cemetery, Draffin, Ky., on May 8, 1986.

We feel like Dad is resting, and as Dad always told me, "you have to repent and be born again." He and Mother loved to go to Church and they traveled to Ky., Va., W. Va., and Tenn. They looked forward to seeing Saturday come. We are so sad and lonely, I can just see Dad, sitting out front of his little home under a big tree with his little Bible, reading. Everyone pray for my blessed Mother and me and our family. Dad was a jewel to us. He was so good and kind to everyone.

Written by his lonely wife, Maxine,
and sad daughter, Naomi Ruth Phillips.



JAMES SCOTT

Brother Jim Scott deceased this life on Monday March 24, 1986, at St. Mary's Hospital. Brother Jim was born December 23, 1902, at Canada, Ky., the son of Thomas Scott and Rebecca Reed Scott who preceded him in death.

He leaves his dear, lovely, wife Sister Fonnie Blackburn Scott, and four children: Alfred E. Scott of Canada, Ky.; James B. Scott of Williamson, W. Va.; Bobby L. Scott of Orlando, Fl.; and his daughter, Faye Michelle, at home.

Brother Jim made peace with God and joined the Mt. Pleasant Church in April, 1951, and was baptized on May 20, 1951. Shortly thereafter he was put in as Clerk and as a Trustee of the Church then, in 1970, he was ordained as a Deacon. Brother Jim served the Church in each of these offices with the uttermost trust and loyalty. A dependable and alert member, Brother Jim was a peacemaker whose good work will remain with us.

Sister Fonnie and the children, I surely believe, and I know that you believe, that Brother Jim is at rest, just sleeping that peaceful sleep, just waiting for that great day of the Lord to come and call us together again to our Heavenly home where Jesus is and where we will never part again.

Brother Jim always worked for peace in the Church, he stood for what was right and he always came with a smile. He was a quiet and gifted soldier of the Lord and a great companion to travel with. Now, I know I must not write too long but I could say so many good things about this beloved man and Brother in the Lord. May God Bless all of us.

Written by a Brother in Christ,
Elder Lloyd SESCO.



MARY FAYE (FRANCIS) MAYNARD

The obituary of Mary Faye (Francis) Maynard, born July 21, 1922, to J. M. and the late Iva Allen Francis. She passed away on December 21, 1985 in Trenton, Michigan after a long illness.

She was first married to Edward Robinette who preceded her in death. She was then married to Fayette Maynard.

She leaves to mourn her loss: her father; her husband; eight sons, Richard Maynard, Doyle Maynard, Clayton Freddie Robinette and Larry Robinette all of Michigan, Jimmy Maynard of Delaware, Verlin Robinette of Ashland, Kentucky, Michael and Ronnie Maynard of Varney, Kentucky; and three daughters, Judy Kaye McKinney and Brenda West of Michigan, and Reba Webb of Varney, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by two children. She also leaves three brothers, four sisters, twenty grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was a member of the Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church of Varney, Kentucky.

Mary Faye will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Written by Margaret Young
as Requested by Fayette Maynard.

MARY (LAWSON) PINION

It is with a very saddened and aching heart that we attempt to write the obituary of our dearly beloved Mother and Grandmother who is at last at rest and free from all her pain.

Mary (Lawson) Pinion passed away Monday, August 25, 1986, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital of South Williamson, Kentucky, following a lingering illness. Her stay on this earth being 80 years, 9 months and 19 days. Born November 6, 1905 at Varney, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Ishmel Lawson and the late Ellen (Gibson) Lawson.

She married William Merida Pinion on June 2, 1925. From this union she raised eight children. Berlin, Oscar, Sally Jane, and Benjamin Cap preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons; Joseph, Claude Pinion of Hardy, Kentucky; and William Bennett of Sabina, Ohio; and two daughters; Lokie Pinion Rose of Hardy, Kentucky and Dixie Pinion with whom she made her home at Hardy, Kentucky.

She leaves to mourn her passing her children: 10 grandchildren, and 1 deceased, Naomi Maude (Pinion) Roberts; 10 great-grandchildren, with two preceding her in death; a brother, James Wesley Lawson of Pikeville, Kentucky; and a sister, Rebecca Gibson of Varney, Kentucky. One brother and one sister preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Marvin Rose, of whom she thought of as a son.

She accepted God as her Saviour on August 8, 1939 and entered the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church where she served Jesus for a few days past 47 years. She was baptized by the hands of Elders Bazel Robinette and Harrison Bevins.

Our dear Mother and Grandmother will be sadly missed by a great host of relatives, friends and neighbors. She was dearly loved by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed. Her last request was to go home and we feel that she is finally home and at peace being with Jesus. We'll miss her sweet smile, kind words and her friendly and loving way, but she is resting now, gone from our midst but all who ever knew her feels, as we do, that this world was greatly enriched by her presence.

Written by her loving family,
The Pinion's



MED MULLINS

This obituary is written with love, respect and memories of our Dad, Med Mullins, who expired July 20, 1986. He was born October 24, 1916 at (Dix's Fork) Sidney, Ky. and was the son of the late Preston and Alice Morris Mullins. He was married on November 24, 1939 to Victoria Maynard Mullins who expired November 20, 1975.

Dad and Mom were blessed with six children: Steve Mullins of Canada, Ky.; Glenn Mullins of Kermit, W. Va.; Doug Mullins of Nolan, W. Va.; Annette Rouse of Grethel, Ky.; Sheila Anderson of South Williamson, Ky.; and one daughter, Eva Nae Mullins, who preceded her parents in death. Dad also had five grandchildren.

Dad joined th Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church on October 6, 1984 and was baptized by Brothers Ernest Cochran and Lacy Walters. Dad was a retired miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America, Local 5737.

To us, Dad will never really be gone, he will always be with us in our thoughts and in our memories.

Written by his son,
Steve Mullins



HAROLD AND GLADYS GILMAN

It is with a sad and lonely heart that we write the obituary of our dear parents, Harold and Gladys Gilman, who departed this life only nineteen days apart.

Dad was born May 18, 1917, the son of the late A. J. "Andy" and Edna Gilman, and departed this life June 20, 1986, making his stay on earth 69 years, 1 month and 3 days.

Mom was born February 12, 1920, the daughter of the late John Ed and Sarah Ann Catebury, and departed this life July 9, 1986, making her stay on earth 66 years, 4 months and 27 days.

Mom and Dad were united in marriage May 29, 1937, and to this union was born 4 children. Left to mourn their loss are 1 son and 3 daughters: Harold D. Gilman, Columbus, Ohio; Glendca Krohn, Pembroke Pines, Florida; Diana Evans, Shelby, Ohio; Edna Lucas, Dublin, Ohio; and eleven grandchildren.

Dad leaves 1 brother and 3 sisters: Howard Gilman, Chapmansville, W.



Va.; Lucretia Butcher and Martha Evans, Lenore, W. Va.; and Dorothy Clay, Huntington, W. Va.
Mom leaves 2 brothers and 2 sisters: Watson Catebury and Clarence Catebury, Lenore, W. Va., Mona Evans, Lenore, W. Va., and Flo Beal, Youngstown, Ohio.
Mom and dad leave many more relatives, friends and members of the Church to mourn their passing. They were members of the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church where they will be missed, but missed most by their family and loved ones.

Written by the one who loved them dearly,
Their Children

GLADYS BROWN

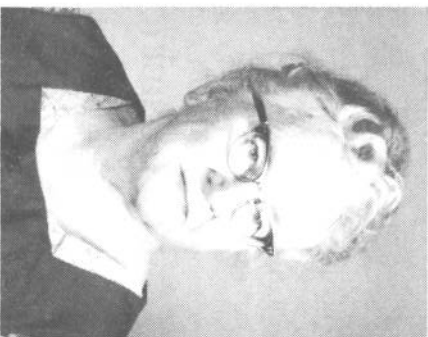
Gladys Brown, age 84 years, 11 months and 27 days, a former resident of this area, died at the home of her son in Brooklyn Michigan, Sunday, October 27, 1985.

Born November 1, 1900, at Meta, Ky., she was a daughter of the late John L. and Esta Gross Blackburn. She is survived by two sons, Charles Brown of Brooklyn, Michigan and Elder Claude Brown of Sidney, Ky., and a daughter, Daphne Asmus of Mayville, Michigan. Also left to mourn her passing are five step-children: Vernie Morris, Alan Justice, Fane Edmonson, Grover Justice, and Roberta Edmonson, all of Sidney, Ky.; two sisters: Mrs. Audery Cochran of Sidney and Mrs. Beatrice Billfiter of Big Rock, Va.; a brother, Burnice Balcburn of Meta, Ky.; twenty grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two children, a son, Cody Brown, and a daughter, Mrs. Eloise Cochran.

She was a member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church for fifty-five years, being baptized June 26, 1930 by the hands of Elder John H. Brown and Elder Jonah Bevins. She put her light on the candlestick over half a century ago and she has been a light to many over these years. We feel according to the life she has lived before us that she came to the time to say, "I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give to me in that day, but not to me only, to all them also that love His appearing." Knowing that our less is Heaven's gain, according to the Scripture, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

As the old song of Zion says, "We shall sleep but not forever," I will say farewell Granny until the morning of Eternity when we awaken with His likeness to walk together again serving the Lord forevermore.

Elder Donnie Brown



WILLIAM RUSSEL LAYNE

William R. "Bill" Layne, 82 years of age, was born September 7, 1903, at Betsy Layne, Ky. He was the son of the late Lucrecia Layne. He deceased this life June 24, 1986, at the Highlands Regional Hospital at Prestonburg, Ky., following a long illness.

He is survived by his widow, Ethel Smith Layne; a half-sister, Jackie Combs of Dayton, Ohio; six cousins, Donald, Buford, Kenneth, and Bee Layne, Sally Conn and Ann Hayes, all of Betsy Layne, Ky.; and one aunt, Chattie Small of Ashland, Ky.

Bill was a retired self-employed carpenter and painter. He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church of Sidney, Ky.

Written by,
The Family



EUNICE (CANADA) ROBINETTE

It is with a sad and aching heart, and by the help of the good Lord, that I will try to write the obituary of my beloved wife. Eunice was born December 12, 1904 and deceased this life November 21, 1985, making her stay here on earth 80-years and 11-months.

Eunice and I were united in marriage December 20, 1923. We had no children but we lived a happy life.

Eunice joined the Regular Baptist Church on July 27, 1946 and placed her membership at the Pilgrim's Home Church. She was a faithful member as long as the Lord permitted her to go. Eunice was afflicted for a long time. But thank God for the good Brothers and Sisters that came and had church services for us. Eunice enjoyed it so much she would clap her hands and praise the Lord.

I believe with all my heart that our loss is Heaven's gain. So, sleep on my loving wife and, by the help of the good Lord, we will meet again in that good land where we won't be sick and we won't have to part anymore. We can walk down the streets of gold and praise God for ever and ever. Thank God.

Written by her Husband,
Okie Robinette and Lucy Robinette



CHARLES HUNT

With sorrow and grief I write of the death of my husband, Charles Hunt, 74, of Strat, WV., who died Tuesday, June 10, 1986 of lung cancer. He was born July 4, 1911 in Floyd County, Ky., the son of the late Nora (Spears) and Will Hunt. He was a retired coal miner from W-P Coal Co., Omar, WV., and also worked for Omar Mining Co. and West Virginia Coal and Coke. He was a member of Local Union 5922.

He was a member of the Tabitha Old Regular Baptist Church at Omar, WV., and was baptized April 6, 1980 on Easter Sunday. The first Saturday and Sunday in August he attended a foot-washing service which he had to leave early due to being so sick.

He is survived by his wife, Louise (Morrison) Hunt; one son, Clifford of Wabash, Indiana; four daughters, Opal of Newport News, Virginia; Donna of Wabash, Indiana; Irene of Orange Park, Florida; and Marcella of Versailles, Ky.; and six grandchildren.

Also surviving are one brother, Taylor Hunt, of Ottawa, WV; three half-sisters, Betty Watson of Betsy Lane, Ky.; Bertha Hunter, of Michigan, and Ann Gobel of Floyd Co., Ky.; and one half-brother, Junior Hunt of Oak Hill, Ohio.

Written by wife,
Louise Hunt



IDA M. LAYNE

With the help of our Lord and Savior, I will try to write the obituary of my dear, sweet, mother-in-law, Ida Manney Layne, who was born November 6, 1897 and died March 17, 1986.

Ida was married (date unknown) to Floyd Layne who preceded her in death. To this union were born ten children: Ethel, Amanda and Pauline Cline of Baisden, W.Va.; Molly Bailey of Kermit, W. Va.; and Anna Mae Moore of Lithopolis, Ohio. One son, Izear, preceded her in death. Also an adopted son, Sonny Harless Layne. She leaves two brothers, Alford Manney of Welch, W. Va. and Charlie Manney of Detroit, Mich.; and one sister, Ellie McCoy of Hurley, Va. to mourn her loss.

Mom joined the Rosa Regular Baptist Church and was a true and faithful member as long as her health permitted her to attend church. Her health



failed her but she loved the Church and Jesus so much that when we would visit her she would ask about all the Brethren and Sisters and say how much she loved all of them.

She was the best mom a person could ever hope to have and we were blessed to have someone like mom, she was a person whose love knew no bounds. She always smiled and held her arms open wide to greet us. Even when she was in pain she just kept smiling. She was so full of love for everyone that she has touched the hearts of the people who knew and loved her.

Mom's race is over now and I feel she has won the grand prize, a heavenly home, the biggest prize of all. So, dear loved ones, all the family, fall out with sin. Repent of your sins and turn to Jesus and we can all meet Mom again and share the prize.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Juanita Layne,
for her son, Sanford Layne and her daughter, Amanda Cline.

JAMES E. (ERNE) STANLEY

With the help of our Lord Jesus, we will try to write this obituary in memory of our Dad, James E. Stanley. It's not with sadness but joy that we write because we know Dad is where we long to be, with Jesus.

Dad departed this old world, October 22, 1985 in-route to Humana Hospital after a short bout with cancer. He was born December 12, 1914 at McCarr, Ky. to James Stanley and Vina (Pinson) Stanley.

Dad Married Bertha (Trout) Stanley, who survives, on September 18, 1936. To this union was born 4 children, Agnes (Stanley) Blackburn, James Douglas Stanley, all surviving. Also left to mourn are 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, a host of family and friends along with the membership of the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church.

Dad joined the Lord's Church and placed his membership at the Narrows Branch Church on June 24, 1978 where he was a faithful member until his health failed him.

We all feel Dad was blessed with a full, rich, and good life. It got hard at times but with the Lord on his side the burden became lighter. Dad accepted life as God dealt it to him. He faced each day and trial with the courage that can only come through the grace of our Lord Jesus. We could go on and on about Dad because we loved him so. Instead we'll just thank and praise that wonderful name of our Lord Jesus that saw fit to give us such a loving and devoted Dad.

Thank-you Jesus,
The Family



WILLIE HOWARD

By the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my loving father, Willie Howard. He was born January 7, 1882, departed this life on August 1, 1972, making his stay on earth ninety years and seven months. He was born in Pike County, at Thomas, Ky. He was the son of the late John and Frankie Reed Howard.

He is survived by three sons and one daughter, and one daughter, America Howard, preceded him in death. Names are as follows: Clinton Howard, John L. Howard, and Bill Howard all of Pilgrim, Ky, and Judie Blackburn of Turkey Creek, Ky. Two sisters, Judie Fields and Susie Maynard, deceased, one brother, Rush Reed, deceased. Thirty grandchildren; fifty-six great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren also survive.

Daddy joined the Church the second Saturday in November, 1930, was baptized by Elder Heenon Maynard, and took membership with the Leannah Church. He was a faithful member as long as his health permitted. Daddy is gone but not forgotten. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain for he was loved by all who knew him; he was so good and kind to everyone. I don't doubt his case a bit. I think I knew his life so well I could write a book of his life. So, sleep on Daddy. By the help of God I will meet you some sweet day where we will never say farewell.

Written by his Son,
in Hope of Eternal Life,
Elder Clinton Howard

WILLIAM MCKINLEY (BILL) HAGER

This is in loving memory of my Dad, William McKinley (Bill) Hager. Dad was born January 9, 1894 at Russell, Ky. the son of Dave Hager and Mary Jane (May) Hager. Dad had only one sister, Georgia Hager Scott of Narrows Branch, Ky., wife of Rush Scott. There were several half-brothers and sisters.

Dad was first married to Orthera Rosetta Runyon, daughter of Uncle Thomas Runyon of Belfry, Ky. and Aunt Louisa (Scott) Runyon. There were six children born to this union. Later Dad married Nola Farmer Hager and to this union three children were born.

Dad was a hard worker. He worked on the N & W Railroad and in his spare time he worked the farm to provide for his family. Dad truly loved the Old



Regular Baptist Church and made the Salem Church at Goody, Ky. his home. We resided at Goody, Ky. for many years—known as Hager Bottom—across from the old Road Fork of Pond Creek.

Dad passed from this life on June 6, 1966, making his stay here 72 years. He was buried at Barboursville, W.V. Elder (uncle) Harrison Bevins travelled to Huntington, W.V. to preach Dad's funeral. Dad truly loved Brother Bevins and Elder Ester Hopkins. We miss Dad and hope to meet him again in that Eternal City.

Written by his children,
Maggie Varney and Eari

MARY PRICILLA WHITE

It is with a sad and aching heart and with the help of the Lord that I will attempt to write the obituary of our dear, sweet Mother, Mary P. White. Mother deceased this life on Saturday, April 19, 1986, at 1:00 p.m. at the house of her daughter at Lenore, W. Va.

Mother was born in Logan County on June 15, 1896. She was the daughter of the late William and Lucinda (Meade) White. She was married to the late James White who preceded her in death on August 8, 1977. To this union was born twelve children. Five of the children preceded her in death: Joseph, Zella, Edna, Gracie and Daniel. She leaves to mourn her loss, four sons: Frank, Robert,



Aaron, and Johnnie; and three daughters: Otellia, Mary, and Norma. She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister: Ben, William, and Rachel. She is survived by one sister, Elizabeth Kenney. She is survived by a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

Mother leaves behind the Sarmaria Church to mourn her passing. She joined the Regular Baptist Church over 50-years ago and she was a faithful member until her health failed her. She was sick for a short time but she was so humble that no matter what we did for her she never said a word or complained. Us children have lost a sweet Mother and home is so lonesome now without her.

She lived a life that I believe that she went to sleep in the arms of Jesus and she is now, resting from her labors and her soul is in paradise. Sleep on Mother for I believe that it won't be long until we meet in Heaven where there won't be no sickness but just joy, Peace, and Happiness.

I would like to say to the children and grandchildren, if you ever want to see Mother or Daddy again, that you will have to repent and be born again. My hope is that the family circle won't be broken.

Written by a broken hearted daughter, in hope of resurrection morning that I can meet Mother and Daddy and all the Saints of God.

Norma Lackey

PRINCE SMITH

On May 31, 1986, Daddy's prayer's were answered. The Lord called him home.

He was born March 2, 1906, the son of the late Henry C. and Ollie Smith. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sarah Anne, one brother and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie (Marcum) Smith of MCCombs; three sons, Woody Carl of MCCombs, Aubry Kenneth of Joes Creek Rd. and Winston of Painsville; three daughters, Mrs. Joe (Lois) Blackburn of Meta, Mrs. Morris (Joyce) Smith of Joes Creek, and Mrs. Hayes (Janet) Robinson of MCCombs; two brothers, Arnold Smith of Johns Creek and Arthur Smith of Fanrock, W. Va.; two grandsons, Morris Smith, Jr. and Billy Joe Blackburn; five granddaughters, Pamela Blackburn, Shirlena Blackburn, Emily Robinson, Jennifer Robinson and Denise Smith; and one great-grandson, Donovan Prince Smith.

We are grateful to God for his 80-years, 2-months and 29-days here on earth. Words cannot express how much we miss him but we are thankful to God that he has a home in Heaven.

Written by his daughter,
With Love
Janet Robinson
His Wife,
Hattie Smith



HESTER MYRTLE (VARNEY) LOWE

With God's help and much sadness, I write the obituary of Hester Myrtle Varney Lowe. Sister Hester was born May 21, 1919, in Pike County, Kentucky, and died July 7, 1986, making her stay here on earth 67-years, 2-months and 19-days. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Dolly Smith Varney.

She was married to Ernest Lowe, who preceded her in death, and to this union was born a daughter, Norma Ruth Lowe, who survives. Also surviving are four brothers, Fred, Clyde, Alex and Monroe; a sister, Grace Pauley; and several relatives and friends. Also preceding her in death were two brothers and two sisters.

Sister Hester professed a Hope in Christ and was baptized the 4th Saturday in March 1964, by the hands of Elder H.C. Maynard and placed her membership at the Narrows Branch Church of



Old Regular Baptist in Jesus Christ where she was a faithful member until death.

Sister Hester suffered great afflictions in the latter years of her life, her body being rendered helpless by her afflictions. God called her from her sufferings to be at rest until the Day of Remembrance when He shall call for all his children. May God Bless this family.

Written by,
Elder Bobby Scott.

MABEL MAY

My dearly beloved Sister-in-Law and Sister in Christ left us February 27, 1986 to go to her Heavenly home. Her work was finished here on earth. Sister Mabel was born September 6, 1915, making her stay on earth 70-years, 5-months and 21-days. She was the daughter of John and Nora Stafford Sturgell of Kermit, W. Va. Since her death, Mabel's father has gone on, too. Sister Mabel was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Samaria. She belonged to the Church for 53-years, was a good and faithful member and we miss her presence so much.

Mabel was united in marriage to William David May on March 26, 1932, and this union was blessed with 7 children. One daughter, Oreatna, preceded Mabel in death as an infant of about 6 months old. Also preceding Mabel in death were two grandchildren: Teresa May, age 7, and Ricky Dean May, who died at birth. Still living are her beloved husband, William, and six sons: John H. May of Kermit, W. Va., Eugene May of Beauty, Ky., Arthur May of Breeden, W. Va., William D. May of Kermit, W. Va., Charles E. May of Kermit, W. Va., and Alton R. May of Dingess, W. Va.; six daughters-in-law; fourteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend but most of all she was a devoted Christian. She was one of the best persons I have ever known. If you went to her home and came away hungry, it was your fault, as she wanted to feed everyone. She has raised a wonderful family. I cannot express in words how much she meant to me but by the grace of God I'll meet her again. We helped each other in times of trouble and rejoiced together in Church. We walked together many a stormy mile but her last storm on earth is over. She has conquered her last enemy.

To Brother William and boys, I know your home is lonesome. It will never be the same again. What Mabel wanted most was for her family to be Christians of which most of you are. Just live for Jesus, as Mother did, and you can see her beautiful smile once again and there will be no farewells or heartaches. Be good to one another as she was good to all. Believe as she did—a true believer—then we can all rejoice together when God calls us safely home, as He has Sister Mabel, to that beautiful, that blessed forever.



As Brother Jeff said, "Mabel, it is not good-bye, it's just so-long for a little while."

Written by one who dearly loved her,
A Sister-in-law,
Sister Causby Stanley

Our dear Mother and Sister's life on earth is done but her heavenly life has just begun. Mabel brought to us much happiness and joy and memory is one gift of God that death cannot destroy.

BASCOM MAYNARD

It is with very fond memories that I write the obituary of a dear friend and Brother in the Lord, Bascom Maynard.

Brother Bascom was born to Jim and Jane (Fields) Maynard on November 30, 1890 and departed this life on January 1, 1986. Ninety-five years he was blessed to live upon this earth.

He was married on November 11, 1916, to Stella (Duncan) Maynard and six children were born to them. Sister Stella preceded him in death in 1984 and one son, Homer, in 1937.

There remained two daughters: Eunice Stamm and Thelma Dorset, both of Dayton, Ohio; three sons: Lacy of Dayton, Ohio, Ernest of Kermit, W. Va., and Vernal of Lovely, Ky.; eleven great-grandchildren; and many friends, neighbors and Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Brother Bascom was baptized on the fourth Saturday in November, 1939, by Elder Bill Jude. He placed his membership with the Sidney Church at Threeforks, Ky. where he remained a member for about forty-four years. He and Sister Stella served the Sidney Church as Deacons for around twenty-five years. Two years before his death he moved his membership to the Buck Creek Church at Beauty, Ky.

My memories of Brother Bascom and Sister Stella are very dear and precious to me. I can't think of one without thinking of both for they were together for so long. When Sister Stella passed away he looked so very sad and lonely without her. He's gone on now, resting from his labor in that land where there are no heartaches, troubles or sorrows. We won't say goodbye—just so long—for a little while.

May God richly bless each of Brother Bascom and Sister Stella's children in my prayer. Love you all.

Written by,
Thelma Moore



ELIZABETH CANTERBURY

We will try to write the obituary of our dear Mother, Elizabeth Canterbury.

She was the daughter of the late Lee and Vicie (Runyon) Evans. Born February 22, 1912; she deceased this life September 25, 1985, being 73-years, 7-months and 3-days old at death.

She was married to the late Joel Canterbury and to this union were born 10 children, three sons: Timothy, deceased, Joel Canterbury, Jr. of Lisbon, Ohio, and John Lee Canterbury of Lenore, W. Va.; and seven daughters: Elizabeth, deceased, Jane Garwood, of Lisbon, Ohio, Sarah Hall of Harrison, Ohio, Sally Adkins, deceased, Virgie Pearl Dillon of Harrison, Ohio, Florence L. Bryant of Lenore, W. Va., and Dorothy Canterbury of Lenore, W. Va. There were 24 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She had 4 sisters and 2 brothers deceased and one living brother, Ira Evans of Riffe Branch.

She was a member of Bethany Church of Old Regular Baptist for over 50 years and was a faithful member as long as she was able.

Written by daughter and son,
Florence L. Bryant and John Lee Canterbury



ELEEN CANTERBURY

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of this dear, old Sister. Sister Eleen Canterbury was born January 5, 1886 and departed this life on September 1, 1985, making her stay upon this earth 99-years, 7-months and 27-days. She was the daughter of the late Easton and Julie Horn Fannin.

On May 3, 1909, she was married to Joe Canterbury, who preceded her in death. To this union was born one son, Brother Claude Canterbury of Lenore, W. Va. Survivors, besides Brother Claude, include three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Sister Eleen was baptized into the Regular Baptist Church many years ago by Elder Frank Canterbury and was a member of the Bethany Church on Laurel Creek at Lenore, W. Va.

I feel she is surely missed by her family and friends but our loss is Heaven's gain. "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are



the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, Saith the Spirit, that they May rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Written as requested by,
Brother Archie Prince

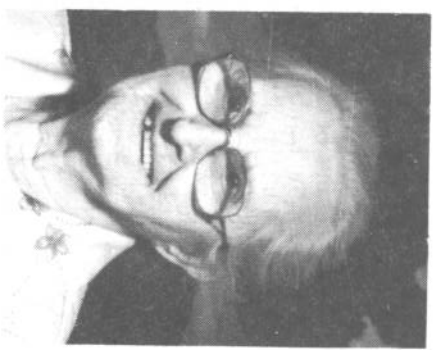
VERNIE LOWE

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my Grandmother, Vernie Lowe. She was the daughter of Jim Kesse and Melvina (Maynard) Kesse. Mom was born September 20, 1894, making her stay here 91-years, 5-months and 21-days.

She was the wife of the late John M. Lowe. To this union was born one child, Hazel Lowe, who preceded her in death. There were four grandchildren, Johnnie James Lowe, who also preceded her in death, Ruby Maynard of McCombs, Ky., Ruth Hobbs of Brunswick, Ohio, and Orison Lowe, Jr. of Trenton, Mich. She also leaves 12 great-grandchildren and one brother, Richard (Dick) Kesse of Jacksonville, Fla.

Mom was baptised into the Old Regular Baptist family on October 3, 1970, by Elders Andrew Maynard and Van Maynard. I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

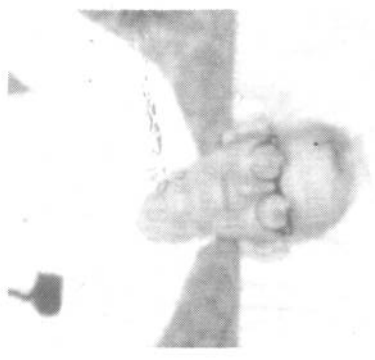
Written by her Granddaughter,
Ruby Maynard



VAN B. PINSON

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I try write this obituary of my dear and loving husband, Van Pinson. Van was born January 14, 1899 and departed this life August 5, 1986, making his stay here on earth 87 years, 6 months, and 23 days.

He was the son of John B. Pinson and Martille Smith Pinson. He was married to Aisie Stanley Pinson on February 25, 1925 and to them was born four children, one son, Paul W. Pinson of Varney, Kentucky; and three daughters, Maxie Varney of Justiceville, Kentucky; Doris Ray of Varney, Kentucky; and Darlene McCoy of Pikeville, Kentucky. He also left thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Two great-grandchildren preceded him in death. He also had three brothers and one sister: Thomas



Pinson of Sidney, Kentucky; Wilson Pinson of Williamson, W. Va.; Milliam Pinson of Belfry, Kentucky; and Sally Moon of Huddy, Kentucky.

Van joined the Regular Baptist Church September 5, 1971, being baptized by the hands of Elders Willie Stillner and Loyd SESCO. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Rest Church where he attended as long as he was able. He had his hip broken in 1982 making it difficult for him to go as he wanted to. He was a Deacon of the Church for 13 years. He Loved to hear the good preaching and singing and loved to have the Brothers and Sisters and his friends come home with him for dinner.

He loved his children and grandchildren and didn't want to lay down at night until he knew where they were and that they were alright.

It is so lonesome here without him, I miss him so much. I know he is resting in the Paradise of God just waiting the resurrection from the grave with all the saints of God to join in singing, "We Have Been Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb". Won't it be happy there? I know I will meet him and be with him where we won't have to part any more.

When he went into surgery he looked back at the children and me and said, "I'm not going by myself. The Lord is with me." I believe the Lord went with him every step of the way. Children, if you want to see Daddy, press onward so our family circle won't be broken. It is so lonesome without him. His chair is vacant and can never be filled. By the help of our Lord we can meet again.

We want to thank everyone for their sympathy and the beautiful flowers, but most of all for his many friends who were here to be with us.

So farewell for awhile, Daddy, I'll meet you in Heaven some day. We loved you, Daddy, so much.

Written by his Wife,
Aisie Pinson

ROSE ANNIE JUDE

In loving memory of our Mother, we will write the obituary of Rose Annie (Frale) Jude who passed away March 22, 1986 at Logan General Hospital, Logan, W. Va., at the age of 70.

Mother was born September 5, 1915 at John's Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of James and Lucy (Hubbard) Fraley of John's Creek, Kentucky.

She was united in marriage to Vernie Roy Jude in September 1938 and made their home in W. Va. She is survived by her husband, Roy Jude.

Annie had seven children, six living and one deceased, they are: James Allen Fraley of Ohio, Lucy Edna Swan of Texas, Zelvia D. Morris of W. Va., Douglas Alvin Jude of Ohio, Vernie Earl Jude of South Carolina, Catherine Yvonne Simpkins of W. Va. and Herbert Eugene Jude, deceased. She had twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Herbert Eugene Jude, one grand-daughter, Cheryl Ann VanDuzee and several brothers and sisters.



Mother was a member of the Tabitha Old Regular Baptist Church at Omar, W. Va. She loved going to church and the church meetings in Kentucky.

She was greatly loved and is sadly missed by all her loving family and many friends. We believe she will be happy in her new home with her loved ones who passed away before her, even though the ones she left misses her sorely. Maybe time will lessen the pain until we see our Mother again but it seems like time stands still in our sorrow.

We love you Mom.

Written with Love by her daughters,
Zelvia Morris and Catherine Simpkins

KELLY STANLEY

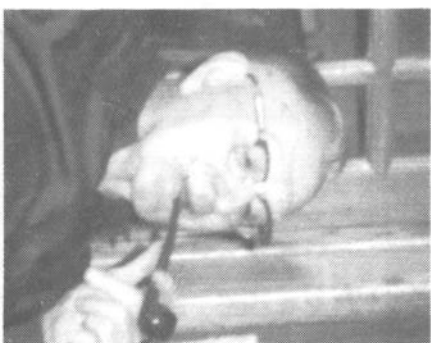
With a prayerful heart I will attempt to write the obituary of my Grandfather, Kelly Stanley. The Lord blessed him to live 85 years on His footstool. Born June 26, 1901 in Pike County, Ky. the son of the late George and Mary Stanley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nona Stanley. He leaves behind a son, E. L. Stanley of Forest Hills, KY; a daughter, Bessie McCoy of Hardy, KY; a brother, Dewey Stanley of New Camp, KY; a siser, Octavia Cochran of Dix's fork, KY; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The Lord took him from his suffering July 6, 1986. He was a member of the Narrows Branch Regular Baptist Church.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, Blessed be the name of the Lord." We who watched his suffering also saw, at times, his rejoicing because he had a hope, I believe, that was anchored far above this troublesome world. He rests now, having met the appointment of death that we, who remain, must also meet.

To those who will live Godly in Christ Jesus, they must also suffer persecutions. But the sufferings of this present world are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us. But to be partakers of that glory, we must repent and be born again of God's divine spirit, and walk accordingly. So, rest on Pa Pa, for I believe there will come a glad awakening for the children of God in the resurrection morning and we, the "Church", will hear the blessed invitation of the Lord, "Come ye blessed of my Father." Then the grave can't hold us and eternal happiness will be ours.

Written by a Grandson and a Brother in Hope,
Jerry McCoy



EDNA MARIE (DEMPSEY) LOWE

Edna Marie (Dempsey) Lowe was born January 30, 1906 in Mingo County, WV. She was a resident of Turkey Creek, KY for 60 years. She passed away at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, KY on July 20, 1986 at 1:50 p.m.

She was married to Thomas J. (T.J.) Lowe on December 5, 1922. They had four children, three of which are still living. Edna was the daughter of Joe B. and Rebecca (Maynard) Dempsey who have both preceded her in death. Surviving children are: Henry Clifford Lowe, Eileen Ruth Lowe Gaines, and Josephine Lowe Keesee. She is survived by six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband on November 9, 1985, and one son, Harlan. She is also survived by one sister, Bertha Lowe, and one brother, Elbert Dempsey. She was preceded in death by one sister and six brothers.

Edna was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church for many years. Mom will be sadly missed by her children, grandchildren, relatives, friends, and neighbors. She was a great Mom.

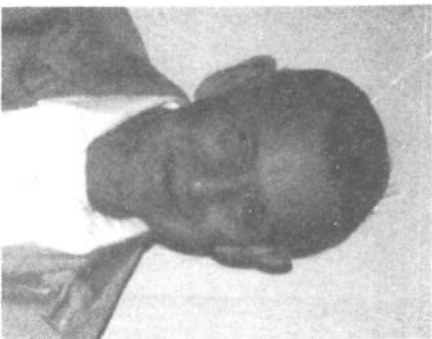
Written by her daughter,
Josephine Keesee



JOHN LANGLEY LOWE

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will attempt to write the obituary of my Uncle and Brother in Christ, Brother John Langley Lowe. Brother John was the son of the late Lawyer and Eva Lowe. He was born on July 4, 1986, making his stay on earth 79 years and 6 months.

Brother John was married to his lovely wife, Grace (Robinson) Lowe, who survives, on November 7, 1924, and to this union was born eight children. Surviving are two sons, Glen Lowe of Sidney, KY and Gordy Lowe of McCombs, KY, and three daughters, Georgia Ann Elkins, Ortha Mae Lowe, and Bethel Lowe, all of Sidney, KY. Three children deceased as infants. He also leaves one sister, Arminda Moore of Pilgrim, KY; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren,



who loved him very much.

Brother John joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on August 17, 1985, and was baptized by the hand of Elder Gabe Lowe and Elder Ernest Cochran and placed his membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church.

I believe our loss is Heaven's gain. I want to say to the children that don't know God, if you want to see Daddy again, fall out with sin and turn to God and believe.

Brother John was so kind to all that knew him and we all miss him so much. So, rest on Brother John, I believe we will meet in that land that flows with milk and honey where we will part no more.

Written by,
Elder Gabe Lowe, and wife, Irene

GRACIE (ANDERSON) MORRIS

Gracie (Anderson) Morris, age 74, was born April 6, 1912 the daughter of James A. and Rosa Deel Anderson, who preceded her in death.

Aunt Gracie felt the sting of death in the early morning of September 6, 1986 and her spirit is now in the presence of God awaiting the resurrection of her body from the temporary victory of the grave. God has wiped away all her tears and she will not experience the second death because she will be in the first resurrection with all the Saints of God. She knows neither sorrow nor pain, they are behind her. She is drinking freely from the fountain of life which God has given her and all his sons and daughters who have washed their robes in the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son.

She married to the late Joseph Floyd Morris on September 14, 1930 and they were blessed with four children, one daughter, Aletha Davis of Williamson, W. Va., and three sons, Donald G. Morris of Knoxville, TN, Paul Morris of Forest Hills, Ky. and Roger Morris of Beltry, Ky. There are six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sister Gracie accepted Christ as her Saviour and was then baptized into the fellowship of the Salem Church on December 8, 1940 at the hands of Elders Jonah Bevins and Harrison Bevins.

She lived and walked an exemplary Christian life for over 46 years. Her loving smile, tender greeting and hospitality has been stilled by death but to her children, grandchildren and those who knew her their memories of her far exceed the price rubies. She was a child of the promise, a mother of Proverbs and an heir of God awaiting the new Jerusalem and all the good things which God has prepared for her and His saints.

To those of Uncle Floyd's and Aunt Gracie's children and grandchildren who have not accepted Christ as their Saviour, do so now, you have a



personal interest in Heaven (Father and Mother), Christ could be your Elder Brother. God did not send His only Son to condemn the world (lost sinners) but that the world could be saved through His shed blood. You must be born again to have a right to the tree of life and enter the gates of Heaven, the dwelling place of God and all of His saints.

Written by her Nephew and
Brother in Christ, Calvin C. Blevins

BERTHA MAE YOUNG

It is with a sad and aching heart and with the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dearly beloved Mother, Bertha Mae (Robinette) Young.

Mom was born May 28, 1924 and departed this life on March 26, 1986. She was the daughter of the late Bill and Sophia (Francis) Robinette. Mom was married to A. C. Young and to this union was born 12 children, eight boys and four girls. Daddy preceded her in death on August 11, 1983.



Left to mourn her passing are her children: James William of Island Creek, KY; Jessie Thurland and Venice of Varney, KY; Lenard Roger of Williamson, WV; Ben and Nelson of Nolan, WV; Tracy of Sidney, KY; Denzil Willard of Canada, KY; Toy Mae Varney of Sidney, KY; Nina Lois Young and Mavis Essie Wallace of Varney, KY; and Verlie Gail Harrison of Hatfield, KY. She also leaves three brothers and one sister: Auxior Robinette of Ragland, WV; Billy Mike Robinette of Hurricane, KY; Emmitt Ferrell Robinette of Varney, KY; and Mary Maxine Young of Island Creek, KY. One sister preceded her in death. Mom also leaves twenty-six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing. Mom was loved by all and will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Mom joined the Regular Baptist Church 14-years ago and placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church where she was a faithful member until her health failed her. I could say a lot about Mom 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 Mommy and Daddy again, you have to repent and be born again and put your trust in the same one that Mom had her's in.

I know Mommie is resting now and she is not sick anymore. Mom is resting in the arms of Jesus and I expect to see her again on that great resurrection day. I want to say to Mom, sleep on Mom, and I will see you and Daddy again up in Heaven where neither of you will be sick and afflicted ever again.

Written by her daughter, who loves her so much,
Toy Mae Varney

ELIGHA COLEMAN

By the help of the Lord we will try to write an obituary for our dear, beloved husband, Daddy and Grandpa.

Eligha Coleman was born on August 8, 1919, in Mossey Bottom, Kentucky, deceased on April 1, 1986, making his stay upon this earth 66 years, 6 months, and 24 days. At his request, Eligha was laid to rest in the Charles Cemetery at Frozen Creek, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his father, Elder Bud Coleman; his mother, Mary Worrix Coleman; his brother, Buddy Coleman; his sister, Jane Coleman; infant brothers and sisters and infant granddaughter, Rhonda Coleman.

He married Hattie Chaffin on February 10, 1947. They were married 39 years and to this union three children were born: one son, Tim Coleman and two daughters, Sharon Snow and Kimberly Looney, all of Uniontown, Ohio.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Hattie and three children, Tim, Sharon, and Kimberly, his daughter-in-law, Glenda Faye, and sons-in-law Marty and Roger. He also leaves eight grandchildren: Marti Lynn, Billy, Jill, Leslie, Mark, Kevin, Mathew, and Eric; three sisters: Dealie Maynard of Pikeville, Victoria Coleman of MacArthur, Ohio, and Alice Mullins of Shelbyana, Kentucky; Aunt Dixie Gibson of Pikeville, Kentucky; many nieces and nephews; the Brothers and Sisters of the Church; and a host of friends will also mourn his passing.

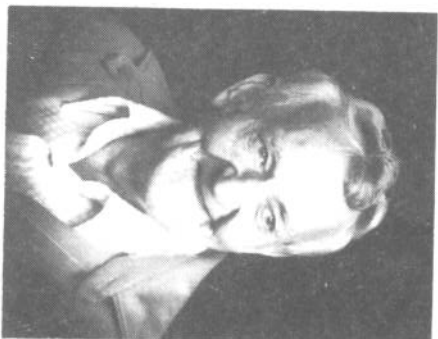
He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in April of 1980. His Letter was at Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, Ohio. A few years later he move his Letter to True Vine Baptist Church in Clinton, Ohio due to health reasons. He was very sick with Emphysema. About 3 1/2 years ago the doctors gave us very little hope of having him with us for longer than about 6 months but through the will of the Lord we were blessed with having him longer.

The last couple of years were a struggle for him but he pushed on. He had to take oxygen with him everywhere he went. With not even enough breath to breathe he still sang right on, and could be ever sing, with his Brothers and Sisters in Church. He enjoy it so much. We were blessed indeed to have him and we enjoyed him so very much. He was loved by everyone and especially by all of the little children. To all of them he was "grandpa". A very kind and unselfish man to everyone.

Although we know that words can never express the love and respect we felt for him, we would like to thank everyone for all their kindness and to all the wonderful Elders in Ohio and Kentucky that helped us very much in our time of need.

Sister Hattie Coleman and Children

P.S. Mom, thank you for being so good to dad. We know how fortunate we are to have you. We could not have hand-picked a greater set of parents. Memorial to be preached at True Vine Church of Clinton, Ohio, on May



31, 1987. Elders called: David Stone, Johnny Newsome, Buddy Carter and Kenny Robinson.

Your Children

WALTER LESLIE AND GEORGIA (MAY) VANCE

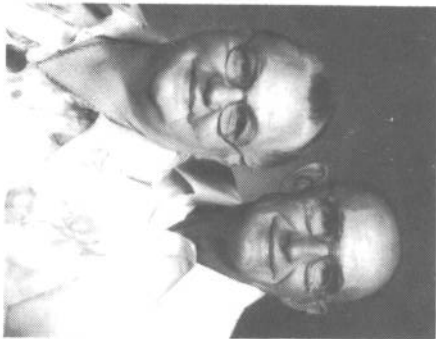
"The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come." Isaiah 57:1.

Knowing that every word in the Bible is true, I will try in these few words to bring to the remembrance of the ones that read this the memory of our loving Dad and Mom.

How often, when loved ones die, that people think what sorrow and tragedy has happened to the friends and family that are left behind. It is sorrow in nature for us, but when we can remember the Phophet Isaiah's words "...the righteous is taken away from the evil to come..." we then can rejoice in the spirit, having hope of being able to meet again in Heaven. We know that their bodies are in the earth waiting for the second Resurrection when their soul, that is at rest with God, will be brought back with Jesus in the cloud to reunite body and soul and take them to Heaven to ever be with the Lord in eternity and then be able to give Him a perfect praise, where all is Peace, Joy and Happiness forever. I know we do miss their physical presence, and how much at times we would desire to only see their loving faces and hear their sweet voices once more. In fond memories, sometimes I can almost see and hear them.

Sister Georgia and Brother Leck were both members of the church for over fifty years. They were united in marriage on May 24, 1931. Sister Georgia was baptized in 1931 and Brother Leck was baptized in 1932. Sister Georgia was a member of Elk Fork Church and also attended Samaria Church regularly where Brother Leck was a member. Brother Leck served Samaria as Clerk for a while and was a Deacon for many years. They both were faithful members and enjoyed very much being with their Brothers and Sisters.

Dad was born November 10, 1911, to Cora Meade and was raised by her and a loving step-father, Joseph Vance. Dad departed this life on March 2, 1985, being 73 years of age. Mom was born June 17, 1913, to Elder William Henry and Mary May. She followed after Dad on February 26, 1986 at the age of 72. They were blessed with almost 54 years of marriage, 14 children, a great host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. An infant son, Clayton, died shortly after birth. Their eldest daughter, Pearl Newsome, also preceded them in death in June of 1984. The twelve surviving children are: Jacqueline Sturgill, Betty Mooneyham, Margie Dillon, Phyllis Jarvis,



Karen Jones, Boonie Baisden, Kenneth, Joseph, Bill, Gary, Paul, and Phillip Ellis.

The home place as we once knew it is no longer there, since Mom and Dad are gone to their new home. I feel sure that they would want us to remain a close and loving family while we live and for all of us to be able to go to Heaven when we die. To the family who does not have peace with God, I feel they would say, "pray and make things as sure as possible, so you will be able to meet God with a clean heart and soul."

Written with a sad heart by son,
Elder Paul Vance, and daughter-in-law, Sister Judy Vance

MARY PRICE RAY

It is with many precious memories that we try to write the obituary of our loving Mother, Mary Price Ray. She was the daughter of Fletcher and Maudie Davidson Price. Mother was born January 21, 1908 and departed this life September 9, 1985, making her stay on this earth 77 years, 7 months and 19 days.

She was married to Wayne Ray on March 8, 1926 and to this union was born 10 children, two of which preceded her in death, Virginia Ray and Maudie Lou Ressie Ray. She left a loving husband and eight children to mourn her death.

The children that remain are five sons: Hershell Ray of Brooksville, Fl.; Vernon Ray of Fraser, Mich.; Harvey Ray of Adron, OH; Alvea Ray of Venice, FL.; and Clarence Ray at home. The daughters are: Mavis Wyssong of Warren, Mich.; Linda Ray of Tampa, FL; and Glenda Webb of Paintsville, KY. Mom also left 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on September 30, 1973. She went to church every Sunday as long as she was able to go. Mom was sick for so many years, but we know she is resting in the arms of God now. Mom loved her Children very much and I'm sure if she could talk to us now she would tell us to be prepared to meet the Lord, for we know not what hour, what minute, what second He may call. We live in hope that some day we will meet our dear, sweet mother in that great beyond that the Lord has prepared for all those that are obedient to His commands and that remain faithful until the end.

Written by her Children



In loving memory we will try to write the obituary of Dora (Sis) Mayberry. Mother was born on December 25, 1917 at Lenore, Mingo County, WV, the daughter of Florence Clark Ledson and Marion Ledson, and departed this life on January 4, 1986.

Mother was married on August 2, 1942 to Tom Mayberry, who preceded her in death on November 1, 1985. She had one daughter, Sherri Mayberry Harmon of Lenore, WV; two sons, Tom Mayberry, Jr. of Protoville, Ohio and Mitchell Mayberry of Columbus, Ohio, and three grandchildren.

Mother was a member of the Bethany Regular Baptist Church for approximately 35 years.

Mother, I will always remember your love throughout the years. You gave me love as well as friendship and taught me to give through caring. Your help and inspiration have guided me on life's way. I will always remember all you have done for me, right from the very start, and love you and cherish my memories of you with all my heart.

Written by her daughter, Sherri Mayberry Harmon, and her sister, Mabel Hall, a Sister in Christ.



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 the 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.

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, not 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.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

- 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 make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.
- ARTICLE 6.** No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.
- ARTICLE 7.** No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association; and only five minutes at a time.
- ARTICLE 8.** No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.
- ARTICLE 9.** No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "Brother".
- ARTICLE 10.** The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.
- ARTICLE 11.** The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.
- ARTICLE 12.** The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.
- ARTICLE 13.** Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the Decorum shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

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MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd SESCO	75	100				1	3		38	10:00/10:00		2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Wallace Muncy	100	100					1		38	11:00/11:00		1	June
ENON	Lloyd SESCO	75	75							16	11:00/11:00		1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	150	175	1				2	5	62	11:00/10:00		2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	125	150	1		1			2	69	10:00/10:00		3	Aug.
SARDIS	Joe Evans	150	200	2					3	81	11:00/11:00		4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Willis L. Lowe	150	150					1		30	11:00/11:00		3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	125	150	2	2			1	1	50	11:00/11:00		3	July
BETHANY	Ison Hannah	80	150	1				3		50	11:00/11:00		4	Aug.
ELK FORK	Steve Robinson, Jr.	40	100	2			2	1	3	24	11:00/11:00		3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Clifford Maynard	300	200	4			3	4	2	126	11:00/10:30		4	Aug.
SALEM	Clifford Maynard	150	150					3		50	2:00/11:00		1	May
SIDNEY	Thomas J. Dials	150	150	11			1	2	7	36	/10:30		4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	200					2		63	11:00/11:00		1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Willis L. Lowe	125	125	1	1			3	37	41	10:30/11:00		4	July
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	125	100	1				6	41	41	10:30/11:00		2	July
BUCK CREEK	Virgil Fields	125	125					2	41	27	3:00/11:00		3	June
TIBITHA	S. D. Hensley	90	150					4	1	17	11:00/11:00		2	Apr.
LITTLE ROSA	Wallace Muncy	40	70					2	2	76	11:00/11:00		2	May
TURKEY CREEK	James Gannon	150	150	3				2	48	48	11:00/11:00		1	July
SAMARIA	Billy R. May	100	150					2	2	68	11:00/11:00		3	Aug.
ROSA	Johanne Cline	175	175	9			1		16	16	/11:00		2	June
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	20	25					1	15	15	11:00/11:00		4	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd SESCO	65	75					2	43	43	2:00/10:30		1	Apr.
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair, Sr.	175	200	1				2	20	20	10:30/10:30		2	June
PILGRIM'S REST	Clifford Maynard	60	100						20	20	6:00/10:00		2	Apr.
OKEECHOBEE	James Barney	75	75	2	2				35	35	11:00/11:00		1	June
ELIZABETH	Virgil Fields	100	100	1					14	14	10:30/10:30		3	July
LITTLE TAVIE	W. H. Cochran	100	75											
		3395	3745	42	6		10	39	34	1251				