

MINUTES
OF THE
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OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In session with the Sidney Church

Pilgrim, Martin County, Kentucky

September 7, 8, and 9, 1990

Elder Edwin May - Moderator

Elder Isom Hannah - Assistant Moderator

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

Elder Edwin Hay - Assistant Clerk

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FRIDAY

September 7, 1990

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Sidney Church, Pilgrim, Martin County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1990.

A relatively small band gathered around and under the tent and in hushed voices greet one another with a handshake, a hug and expressions of gladness at being together again. A quick look around reveals the labor of love bestowed upon us by the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of the Sidney Church. Everything is in order and conveniently at hand for our comfort and enjoyment. There is something special about the opening day of the Association and, much like the birth of a child, the "personality" of the Association is determined that day. This Association will be remembered as quiet, peaceable and straight forward.

After singing songs of praise to our God with joyful hearts, we are further uplifted as Elder Edwin May, our loved and highly respected Moderator, came to the stand feeble of body yet strong in praise to God who permitted him to be with us again. Both the power and Grace of God is exemplified in Brother Ed who has for some reason been spared through another year of grave and multiple illnesses.

Brother Ed, expressing his deep love for the Sardis Association and her Sister Associations, welcomed everyone and asked for their prayers throughout our proceeding for the will of God to be done. He admonished the Brethren to beware, lest Satan prevent us from having a good Association at the Old Sidney Church who last hosted the Association in the year of 1910. Brother Ed called to memory Elder W. W. Fields, the first Moderator of the Sardis Association and is buried nearby, Brother Bill Jude, and other of the Brethren and Sisters seated in the Sidney Church over the many years.

Elder James Gannon, capable, well versed in the doctrine and

having been chosen as alternate last year, opened the service desiring God's blessing and expressing his love for the Association. "He that is born of God is born of love because God is love," Brother James stated, "and is a light set upon a candlestick for all to see." The inward man, Brother James declared, is he that is born again and we with a lively hope, through an eye of faith are looking for the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is the Life, the Resurrection, the Propitiation for our sins, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, our All in All. Brother James then led in prayer.

Elder Bobby Scott, beloved and soft spoken but able, preached the Introductory Sermon very forcefully declaring that "time and chance happeneth to all men." Brother Bobby, though weak in body, hoped that God would reveleate his mind to preach a sermon enlightening to the congregation and to the honor and glory of God.

Brother Bobby affirmed that Jesus died for all who would believe and gave His life to purchase the whole field to obtain the pearl therein. There is no other name given under Heaven whereby man may be saved, declared Brother Bobby, but the name of Jesus. God hath commanded all men to repent and believe on the name of Jesus, His only begotten Son. Jesus is our Redeemer, the only way from earth to Heaven, stated Brother Bobby, and in Him is redemption from death unto life. We await our redemption from this earthly body to a new heavenly body, he said, and our redemption is nearer now than when we first believed. Don't delay, Brother Bobby pleaded, seek Jesus while he is near, take notice of the time for there may not be another chance.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Sidney Church house where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom the several non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the tent to enjoy the preaching of:

Elder John R. Justice, Old Friendship Association
Elder David Stone, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in order, Elder Paris Tackitt of the Northern New Salem Association opened the proceedings at the house with preaching. Elder Grover Adkins, the highly respected and capable Moderator of the New Salem Association, led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, the venerable Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand obviously very weak in body but thankful to

God for blessing him with the joy of being here at the Old Sidney Church. Brother Ed admonished the Delegates to be continually engaged in prayer and everly aware of the duty laid upon them as working members of this Association body.

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

Brother Randy Runyon
Brother W. H. Hale
Brother James Blackburn

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

(4) Having reviewed the Letters received from the Churches for regular form and order, the Clerk read the Letter from our host Church, the Sidney Church, and, upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$3,565.00 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 the Sardis Association for the coming year and instructed the delegates to vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk:

Brother Jesse L. Williamson, Union Association
Elder Walter Akers, New Salem Association
Elder Paris Tackitt, Northern New Salem Association

(7) The Sardis Association then completed its 1990 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

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

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

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

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association
Elder Arvid Blevins, Union Association
Elder Richard Staton, Sardis Association

SATURDAY

Elder C. W. Turner, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
Elder John Lowe, Union Association
Elder Junior Ruggles, Philadelphia Association

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

Brother Virgil Fletcher
Brother Butler Fletcher
Elder Sabert Nichols

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

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

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Jesse L. Williamson, Fon Bowling, Franklin O'Quinn, Clifford Hughes, Ira Williams, Ked Adkins, Curtis Carrol, Floyd Jude, Stanford Branham, Arvid Blevins, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Mike Sheppard, John Lowe, Amos Bartley, Gary Varney, Herman West, James White, Marshall Williamson and Savel Combs. Letter in the hands of Brother Jesse L. Williamson.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Norman Conn, Walter Akers, Clinton D. Moore, Grover Adkins, Hiram Adkins, Ellis Holbrook, Alvin Brown, Monroe Jones, Clifford Williams, Clinton Williams, Woodrow Pack, James Pete Hensley, Hobart Bates, Bob Whitaker, Wendell Hamilton and Don Blake Little. Letter in the hands of

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Paris Tackitt, C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Dwayne Graves, Reed Triplett, Buddy W. Cary, David Stone, Harrison Runyon, John Jude, Johnnie Newsome, Raymond Gillman, Raymond Gayheart and Andy White. Letter in the hands of Elder Harrison Runyon.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Harlan Barney, Lowell Adkins, Luther Ramey, Jr., Douglas Colegrove, Walter Morrison, Richard Reed, Irvin Breeding, Billy Joe May, John Paul Clark, Junior Ruggles, Glen Merritt, Rush Stanley, Howard Adkins and Ira Adkins, Jr. Letter in the hands of Brother Walter Morrison.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Danny Hurley, Roger McCoy, Leonard Coleman, Elzie Reed, Ferrell Scarberry, Jimmy Walker, John R. Justice and Gary Brown. Letter in the hands of Brother Gary Brown.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our same faith and order desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Edwin Hay, Donnie Brown, Stanley Campbell, Lloyd SESCO, Richard Staton, Robert R. Clay, Claude Brown, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Stewart Brown, Paul Moore, Berlin Thornsbury, Jerry Thompson and Elbert SESCO.

(14) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association and for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association and none responded.

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

(16) On motion by Elder Billy Williamson, second by Elder Virgil Fields, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 8, 1990.

SATURDAY

September 8, 1990

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sidney Church house where Elder Walter Akers of the New Salem Association opened this session of our Association with preaching. Elder Wendell Hamilton of the New Salem Association 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 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 as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our 1991 Association; who shall be his alternate; and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1991 Association:

- Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
- Elder Paris C. Tackitt, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder Frank O'Quinn, Union Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

- Elder Berlin Thornsbury, Preach the Introductory Sermon
- Elder Richard Staton, Alternate
- Elder Steve Robinson, Jr., Prepare Circular Letter

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

SATURDAY NIGHT

- Elder Leonard SESCO, Sardis Association
- Elder Johnnie Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder Sabert Nichols, Sardis Association

SUNDAY

Elder Ked Adkins, Union Association

Elder Clifford Williams, New Salem Association
Elder Rush Stanley, Philadelphia Association
Elder Isom Hannah, Sardis Association

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

Balance on hand 9-9-89	\$ 16,561.32
Interest received 7/5/89 to 8/7/90	<u>\$ 738.78</u>
Total available for 1989	\$ 17,300.10
Less 1989 Expenses:	
Print 4,000 copies of minutes	\$ 3,200.00
Printing 100 "Orders" Books	800.00
Mailing and Misc. Expenses	<u>\$ 37.15</u>
Total 1989 Expenses	<u>(\$ 4,037.15)</u>
Balance on hand 9-8-90	\$ 13,262.95
Add 1990 Receipts:	
Contributions from Churches	\$ 3,565.00
Obituary Pictures	<u>\$ 290.00</u>
Total 1990 receipts	<u>\$ 3,855.00</u>
Balance on hand 9-9-90	\$ 17,117.95

(6) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1990 and that he be allowed \$50 for his expense.

(7) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 4000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300 for his expense.

(8) Elder Billy Williamson, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand to read his first offering of a Circular Letter to the Sardis Association. God's gift to Brother Billy of understanding the far reaching effects and manifold meaning of pure love for the body of Christ was evident throughout his Letter. This Letter should not only be read many times but studied closely to seek out its power in simplicity. By regular move and second the Letter

was received and ordered to be printed in our Minute.

(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 Brethren to attend these Associations as delegates be appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the host Churches at the Union Association Building, Ash Camp, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1990: Edwin May, James Gannon, James Blackburn, Willis Lowe, Stewart Brown, Homer Collins, Bobby Scott, Frankie White, Elbert SESCO, Robert Clay, Berlin Thornsbury, Clifford Stanley, Lacy Walters, Marion Duncan, Alson Thornsbury, Clayburn Varney, Steve Robinson, Jr., Isom Hannah and Billy Adair. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

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, 1990: Elbert SESCO, James Gannon, Robert Clay, Stewart Brown, Willis Lowe, Marion Duncan, Edwin May, Richard Stason, Homer Collins, Lloyd SESCO, Wayne Herald, Jr., Isom Hannah, Willis Stason, Edgar Scalf, Frankie Scott, Berlin Thornsbury, Leonard Napier, Gene Taylor, Bill Lackey, Chester Lackey and Frankie White. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1991: Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Edwin Hay, Paul Moore, Maynard Hay, Julius Cochran, Billy Williamson, Clayburn Varney, Charles Testerman, Clyde Brown, James Gannon, Leonard Napier, W. H. Hale, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert SESCO, Wallace Muncy and Jerry Thompson. Letter in the hands of Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Mount Olivet Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1991: James Gannon, Bobby Scott, W. H. Cochran, Stewart Brown, Chester Cochran, Julius Cochran, S. D. Hensley, Paul Moore, Virgil Fields, Maynard Hay, Billy Williamson, Andy Scott, Clyde Brown, Frankie Scott, Berlin Thornsbury, Leonard Napier, Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield and Edwin Hay. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Little Dove

Church, Hurley, VA, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1991: Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay, W. H. Cochran, James Gannon, Julius Cochran, Stewart Brown, Chester Cochran, Isom Hannah, Virgil Fields, Berlin Thornsbury, Charles Testerman, Judd Cline, Buddy Glenden, Jerry Thompson, Ray Thompson, Danny Thompson, Leonard Napier, Bill Lackey, Franke White, Joe Evans and Ernest Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbury.

(10) Read the Letter of Condolence from our Sister Association, the Northern New Salem, and, by move and second, ordered it be printed in our Minutes.

(11) Read consideration of self insurance fund for Sardis Association church buildings. By move and second, the delegates from the Pilgrim's Rest Church took request back and no action was taken.

(12) Brother Larry May gave report on Tent. There were no expenses and the condition of the tent is getting worse but it can be set up a few more times. Report was received by regular move and second.

(13) Discussed Liability Insurance and request from the Sidney Church for re-imburement of cost of insurance for this year. By move and second, the Association will re-imburse the Sidney Church for the insurance at a total cost of \$311.00.

By regular move and second, the Brother Clerk was appointed to acquire liability insurance for the Association during the week of the Association when the tent is erected.

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

September 13, 1975
Dingess, West Virginia

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--both Brethren and Sisters--to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that becometh a Child of God. We believe that each Child of God will adorn themselves in 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 the Little Tavie Church was granted to reprint Item 18 from 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

their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companion for the cause of fornication, such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same."

(20) By move and second, approved the work of the Sardis Association Orders Book. By move and second, the individual Churches may have copies made of this book but they are to bear the cost of the copies.

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

(22) By motion and second, it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brethren 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) By move and second, granted a Request from the Pilgrim's Rest Church to print the Obituary of Brother Wayne Ray in our minutes.

(24) Read a Request from the Pilgrim's Home Church to print the Obituary of Elder Millis Roberts in our minute. This Request was granted by regular move and second.

(25) Read a Request from the Pilgrim's Home Church to print the Obituary of Martha Ann Gibson in our minute which was granted by regular move and second.

(26) By move and second, granted a Request of the Rebecca Church to print an Obituary of Sister Lesta Maynard in our minutes.

(27) Delegates from the Apple Orchard Church asked for the Obituary of Sister Brook Maynard be printed in our minute (the Church had overlooked sending a formal Request to the Association). By regular move and second, this Request was granted.

(28) Read a Request from the Little Tavie Church to remove Burgess Dials name from our register of Ordained Ministers as he now stands excluded from that Church. By regular move and second, the Request is granted.

(29) Called for report of Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial meetings. By move and second, received the report and commended the Brethren for their effort in fulfilling their obligation.

(30) Read the Request from the Okechobee Church to change their Meeting time from the Second Saturday and Sunday to the Third Saturday and Sunday. By regular move and second, this Request was granted.

(31) Read Request from the Elizabeth Church about granting Letters for convenience only. Discussion followed and this Request was answered in the answer to the Buck Creek Church Request which was similar (next item).

(32) Read the Request from the Buck Creek Church asking that we drop the last sentence of Item (24) in our 1976 Minutes which reads: "We also advise our Churches to only give Letters for convenience to Members who are in good standing."

Discussion followed and a move from Elder S. D. Hensley to send the Request back to the Buck Creek Church, second by Elder Chris Watts, met with an objection by Elder Leonard Napier. A vote of the delegates showed 32 in favor of the move and 37 in favor of the objection. Therefore, the motion failed.

Elder Bobby Scott moved to grant the Buck Creek Church Request, second by Elder Tommy Ellis, and met with an objection filed by Elder Chris Watts. A vote of the Delegates showed 47 in favor of the move and 17 in favor of the objection.

Therefore, the motion is carried, the Request is granted and the advice given in the last sentence of Item (24) in our 1976 Minutes, as stated above, is dropped and no longer in effect.

(33) Read the Request from the Sidney Church to acquire property for a permanent site for the Sardis Association. After discussion, a move was made by Brother Homer Collins to appoint a committee to look at property and report back next year. Second by Elder Wallace Muncy. Committee appointed:

Brother Joe Fletcher
Brother Isaac Williamson
Brother John Henry Elkins

(34) Read Request from the Little Tavie Church asking that Item (14) of our 1986 minutes concerning the Old Indian Bottom Association be addressed. A move by Elder Danny Runyon, second by Brother John Henry Elkins, to send the Request back to the Little Tavie Church met with an objection filed by Brother Leonard Napier. A vote of the Delegates

showed 43 in favor of the move and 21 in favor of the objection. The motion is carried.

(35) Read the Request from the Rebecca Church to review the practices of our corresponding Sister Associations in the receiving and retaining members belonging to secret orders (labor unions excepted). Without discussion, a move was made by Elder Billy Williamson, second by Brother John Henry Elkins, to send the request back to the Rebecca Church met with an objection filed by Brother Maynard Hay. Vote taken, 46 in favor of the move, 16 in favor of the objection. The motion is carried.

(36) Read the request from the Rebecca Church to send the same Request to our Sister the Union Association that we sent to the Indian Bottom Association concerning the practice of using double (or multiple) married Brethren in any function of the ministry. After discussion, a move by Brother Alvin Thornbury, second by Elder Bobby Scott, to send the Request back to the Rebecca Church met with no objection and so ordered.

(37) Read a Request from Pilgrim's Home Church and Sardis Church to host our 1991 Association. Discussion led to a move by Elder Billy Williamson, second by Elder Virgil Fields to grant the Sardis Church the privilege of hosting the 1991 Sardis Association.

Therefore, the Sardis Church will host the 1991 session of the Sardis Association at Delbarton, Mingo County, West Virginia.

The Sardis Church is located on West Virginia Route 65 in the town of Delbarton, WV.

All of our Churches should send contributions to help the Sardis Church defray the expense of hosting the Association no later than July, 1991.

(38) By regular move and second, the Sardis Association does hereby tender our most sincere "thank you" to each member of the Old Sidney Church and her loving friends and the Community at large. We have been surrounded by the comforts and conveniences brought forth after many months of careful planning and hard labor wherein every small detail and need was diligently fulfilled. Your location of the tent, the kitchen, the camp ground and the parking made everything go so smooth.

It would not be possible to thank everyone but Elder Sabert Nichols and the Sidney Church wish to extend a special appreciation to James Jude and Margie Jude who donated the use of their property, time and money, to I. G. Jude whose time and labor was in abundance; the Martin County

School Board for use of their property, the Callahan Funeral Home for tents; Ray Fields, Sheriff of Martin County, his deputies; the Kentucky State Police and the Pilgrim Roost Fire Department for traffic control; the entire community for its efforts; and last but not least, each and every Brother and Sister from the Sister Churches who helped in so many ways.

(39) By 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.

(40) On motion by Elder S. D. Hensley and second by Brother Homer Collins, 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, 1991.

(41) The Sardis Association was closed by way of preaching from Elder Frank O'Quinn of the Union Association. Prayer by Elder Hiram Adkins of the New Salem Association.

- This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ
- Elder Edwin May, Moderator
 - Elder Isom Hannah, Assistant Moderator
 - Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
 - Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

SEPTEMBER 9, 1990

At times the rain came down in "buckets" but a small congregation of beloved of the Father felt no discomfort under the tent as Elder Isom Hannah, our every dependable Assistant Moderator, came to the Stand to welcome the people and announce the arrangements.

Elder Ked Adkins of the Union Association introduced the services about 9:30 a. m. stating, "There is religion all over the land but where is Salvation?" Brother Ked proceeded to show that salvation is with the Lord.

After a song and prayer, Elder Rush Stanley of the Philadelphia Association came to the Stand singing and declared there are two men in the race. God has cleaned up the inward man and the outward man awaits in hope for the fulfillment of the Promise. As the Apostle Paul wrote, in my flesh dwelleth no good thing. He that overcometh will I give a new name and a white stone in his hand, saith the Lord. Preach Christ the Redeemer of the world and the salvation of mankind, pled Brother Rush.

Elder Clifford Williams of the New Salem Association was next in the Stand praying for God to keep His spiritual sun shining upon us today with blessings from the Throne of Grace. Brother Clifford admonished the Brethren to preach the "Word", Jesus Christ. Be instant in season and out of season, reprove and exhort, Brother Clifford challenged, and don't be afraid to preach what God gives you to preach because in the beginning was the "Word" and the "Word" was with God. Brother Clifford was blessed to preach that "Word" and exhort the people to not heap unto yourselves Preachers having itching ears.

To close out this session of the Sardis Association our beloved Assistant Moderator, Elder Isom Hannah, came to the Stand asking the congregation to "cast your bread upon the water and after many days ye shall find it."

I have set watchmen upon thy walls and they found me, said Solomon, and they wounded me. The duty of a watchman, declared Brother Isom, is to wound with the Sword of Truth because Jesus said he that is whole needeth not a physician.

In a flurry of scriptures, Brother Isom was wonderfully blessed to preach on the earthly tabernacle of God wherein was no natural light and the order of the Priests was to keep oil in the lamp. In the beginning the

world had no light and was without form, said Brother Isom, and darkness was before light until God said, "let there be light." Now in the end of the world Jesus has come and said, "I am the light of the world," stated Brother Isom, and we preach this "Light" unto you. It is the duty of the Church admonished Brother Isom, to keep oil in the lamp and the light burning in the tabernacle of God. We are a royal Priesthood, he declared, and our duty is to see that true Doctrine is being preached and the true light is shining, Jesus is that true light.

Elder Berlin Thornsbury, our much beloved soldier of the Cross, called dismissal.

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

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the beloved ninety- eighth session of the Sardis Association, I write in weakness and through much prayer not bringing anything new, but reaffirming some of those things which are most surely believed among us.

The scripture on my mind and in my prayers is found in the Psalms of David (133-1) in the King James version of the Bible. BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY. To understand the fullness of this scripture we must examine how mankind who have all sinned and separated themselves from God are called brethren, even by the Son of God. For David said (Psalms 53-2) God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there was anyone that did understand, that did seek God, and he saw that everyone had gone back; (3) everyone of them is filthy; there is none that doeth good, no not one. However in Matthew (5-14) Jesus said, "ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." First, how did this come about? How can man who was once seen to be filthy in the eyes of the Lord now be referred to as a light of the world, a city set on a hill? Second, why did the Lord say how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity?

Looking first at the return of mankind back to God who was in times past separated from God and had become dead in trespasses and in sin. Zacariah said (13-1) "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." That fountain is Jesus. And David said (Psalms 72-16) "There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth." The handful of corn is Christ Jesus

and the twelve apostles. Mark (3-13) says Jesus called the twelve out of Israel, took them upon the mountain, ordained them, gave them power, and sent them forth to preach. Jesus also went forth preaching, saying I am the way, the truth, and the life, and except you believe that I am he, you will die in your sins, and where I am you cannot come.

Romans (3-23) says all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and the wages of sin is death, therefore our righteousness could not save us for we were all dead in trespasses and in sin.

Paul said (Eph. Ch. 2-1-6) We all walked according to the world according to the prince of the power of the air; the spirit that now worketh in the children of the disobedience; among whom we also had our conversations in the lust of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and the mind. But God, who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in our sins, hath he quickened us together with Christ, (for by Grace are you saved) and hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Therefore we are the workmanship of God created in Christ Jesus unto good works (Eph. 2-10). He also wrote (Titus 3-5) not by the works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Lord. Now the scripture is fulfilled in us (Eph 1-13) In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy spirit of promise.

And now we being Gentiles in times past were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel are now made nigh by the blood of Christ (Eph. 2-12-13).

God had said in Isaiah (42-6) of His Son, I will give Thee for a Covenant of the people, for a light to lighten the Gentiles. Therefore, we are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the house hold of God, (Eph. 2-19) and are built upon the foundation of the corner stone (20) in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord (21) in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Therefore in answer to our first question, we are the light of the world, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid because the Spirit of God dwells in us. John said (1-4) In him was the life of men and his life was the light of men.

Now because of faith in Christ Jesus we are called of Peter (1 Pet. 2-9) a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people that ye should show forth praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

While we had the light we believed in the light and now we are called the children of the light, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid, and there is a river the streams whereof make glad the city of God.

Now understanding how we who were dead in our sins are called

the light of the world, let us look at the second question. Why did the Lord say how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity? Now note in this scripture he said together in unity, as we have already seen the scriptures say we who were dead in trespasses and sins hath he quickened together in Christ Jesus and are joined by the Spirit of God. Why then does the Lord say together in unity? Although we are all joined together by the Spirit we are not always in unity. As a ship out on the seas is rightly fit and framed together, yet all components of the vessel must work together before its sails can be filled with the breezes thereby moving the vessel over the waters of this world. Therefore mankind looks at it and notes its grace and stability and says this is a good ship, I will board it.

For certain if the members of the body of Christ are to dwell together in unity we must recognize that each member has its own calling, a gift of God, according to God's own purpose and for God's own purpose.

Paul says (1 Cor. 12-14) "for the body is not one member, but many." For if the whole body were hearing where is the smelling (18), but now hath God set the members everyone of them in the body at it hath pleased him.

Touching on how we come together in unity, Paul wrote (Eph. 5-19) "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." There he recognized a difference even in singing. Therefore another's gift may be different, yet it is by the same Spirit to the edifying of the one body. Again touching on different gifts, Paul said (Eph. 4-11), "and he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; (12) for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

If we are to dwell together in unity each member must recognize this and honor it.

Ephesians (5-8) teaches us we were sometimes darkness, but now we are light in the Lord, therefore we are to walk as children of light.

Then why did the Lord say how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity? Because our light is a beacon to the world; a lighthouse lifted up to those out on troubled seas, a city set on a hill to those down in the waste house in the wilderness, that our light may lead them out of the bondage of darkness unto the marvelous light of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In closing, My Beloved, as Paul said, "I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Php. 3-13-14)

My beloved, we must press forward with our hand to the plow, not looking back for problems, but pressing onward watching and praying that God would direct us with each new problem that may arise being careful not to get so involved in the technical aspects of the operations of the

Church we forget to dwell together in unity showing our love one to another fervently preaching and teaching repentance to this dying world. Grace be with you, My Beloved. Amen

Your Brother in Christ,
Elder Billy Williamson

**LETTER OF CONDOLENCE
TO
OUR SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

We wish to extend to you our Sister Association our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dear Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last gathering.

May the memories of them and the fruits of their labor remain with us until we shall meet them in a land where parting never comes, love and peace shall abound, in "the home land of the soul."

The Clerks of the Northern New Salem Association,
Elder Hillard Newsome and Elder C. W. Turner

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

APRIL, 1991

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Services begin on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Clifford Maynard, James Barney, Isom Hannah, and Richard Reed.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Joe Evans, Paul Vance, Leonard Napier, Richard Staton and Wayne Herald, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Lowe, Oris Williams, Ellis Amburgey, Coy Tolliver, Willis Tolliver and William Adair.

MAY, 1991

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Johnson, Bobby Scott, Richard Staton, and Leonard SESCO.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: James Damron, Billy Williamson, King Coleman, Thomas J. Dials and Curtis Robinson.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Berlin Thornsberry, Buddy W. Carty, Ransom Chaffins, Rush Stanley, Hobart Hamilton and Paul Vance.

JUNE, 1991

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Dinner served on Sunday near the Church. Ministers called: Jimmy Hall, Willis Tolliver, Dale Williamson and Don Little.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Lacy Walters and Elbert SESCO.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Buddy W. Carty, Ivory Sowards, Vernon Rose, Johnnie Cline and Paul Vance.

MUNNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Lawrence Lester, Andrew Maynard, Leonard Napier and Virgil Fields.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday

following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Lacy Walters, Bobby SESCO and Steve Robinson, Jr..

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Sabert Nichols, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Leonard Napier, David Lester, Steve Robinson, Jr., Jimmy Hall and Isom Hannah.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Floyd Jude, Edwin May, Thomas J. Dials, Freddie Maynard and Milford Lowe.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Virgil Hess, Steve Robinson, Jr., Elbert SESCO, Edwin May and Hobart Hamilton.

JULY, 1991

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ralph Adkins, Lloyd Ray, Lloyd SESCO, Bill Cotton and Webster Bartley.

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

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and James Tackett.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton, Tommy Dials and Sabert Nichols.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Berlin Thorrnsbury, David Lester and Edwin Hay.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Gabe Lowe, Steve Robinson, Jr., J. L. Nichols and Moderators attending.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Dewey Roberts, Wendell Hamilton,

NARROWS BRANCH: Our Union meeting begins on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert SESCO, Paul Vance, Willis Lowe and Moderators attending.

AUGUST, 1991

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornbury, Mont Ellis, Billie Brumfield, Joe Evans, Chris Watts and James Barney.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Mont Ellis, Jack Robinette, James M. Curry, Steve Robinson, Jr., Billie Brumfield and Danny Runyon.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Bobby Scott, Lacy Walters, Edwin Hay and Moderator.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Virgil Fields, Johnnie Newsome, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton, Elbert SESCO, Danny Runyon and Burl Sturgill.

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

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Stanley Campbell, Chris Watts, Willie Stiltner, and Willie Blackburn.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Leon Robinson, Ted Robinson, Edwin May, Don Little and Moderators attending.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 1991

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Bill Dunbar, Roy Caudill, Richard Lowe, Stanford Branham and Chris Warts.

APRIL, 1991

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Lacy Walters, Elbert Sesco, Donnie Brown and Sabert Nichols.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith and her grandson, Joseph Thornsbury, and of Gertrude Thacker will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Wendell Hamilton, Richard Staton, Hurshell Huff and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church the second Saturday night after the first Sunday in memory of Flora and Freddie Smith, Calvin Birchfield, Lester James Birchfield, Teddy Wayne Birchfield and Jessica Renee Birchfield (daughter of Steve and Lesia Birchfield) and all that are buried on the Birchfield Cemetery. Ministers called: Ted Robinson, Leonard Napier and all Regular Baptist Ministers. Service will start at 7:00 p.m.

MAY, 1991

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the Howell and Jude Cemeteries in the head of Peter Cave at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe, Gabe Lowe 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: Joe Evans, Dale Williamsom, Lacy Walters, Chris Warts, and Richard Staton.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Elk Fork Church on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Siltner, Alson Thornsbury, James M. Curry and Buddy Carry.

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, Richard Staton 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, Richard Staton and Joe Evans.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbury, Allen Thacker, Leonard Sesco and Moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Richard Staton, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters, and Bobby Scott.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and Trixie Blackburn, his wife, and all the deceased on that cemetery at the old home place on Pigeon Roost Creek on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Milford Lowe, Edward Runyon and Moderator attending.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Joe Evans and Moderator to attend. There will be no church at the Bethany Church house on this Sunday.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley and Hinkle Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek on the fourth Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Don Little, Billy Williamsom, Richard Staton and Foster Blackburn.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Williamsom Cemetery one-half mile below the Pilgrims Home Church on Brushy Road on the

fourth Sunday at 5:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Claude Brown, Donnie Brown and Berlin Thornsbury.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on Memorial Day at 2:30 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis and Jack Robinette.

JUNE, 1991

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Southern Home Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Sabert Nichols, Walter Mullins, Paul Barney and Richard Staton.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis and James Barney.

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 Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Dale Williamson and Billy Williamson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Muncy Cemetery at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Freddie Maynard, Richard Staton and Monroe Jones.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on third Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on the Robinette Cemetery. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Billy Williamson, Willie Stitner, Perry Lane, Edward Runyon, Isom Hannah and Elbert SESCO.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Hobert Hamilton, John Robert Coleman, Clifford Stanley and Moderator attending.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Sunday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Joe Evans, Danny Runyon and James M. Curry.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Fay Scott, Andrew Maynard, Lawrence Lester and Jerry Thompson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Garnet Maynard on the odd Sunday (June 30th) at 10:30 a.m. on the cemetery near her home. Ministers called: Freddie Maynard, Clinton Moore, Thomas J. Diels, Wallace Muncy and Moderator attending.

JULY, 1991

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, Bobby Scott, Roger Stepp, Elbert SESCO, Leonard SESCO Jr., and Richard Staton. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Dinner will be served nearby.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Alson Thornsbury, Willis Lowe, Clifford Williams and Moderator attending.

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: Paul Vance, Isom Hannah and other Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased at the A. J. Gillman Cemetery on the right-hand fork of Laurel Creek on the Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Edward Runyon, Charles Hall and Joe Evans. Church on Sunday at the Rebecca Church will be moved to the A. J. Gillman Cemetery.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on

Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dials Cemetery on the Jack Cassidy Branch of Coldwater Road. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Jimmy Hall, Virgil Fields, Paul Vance and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, Kentucky, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Richard Staton, Junior Ruggles and Leonard Napier.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Mount Pleasant Church on the Sunday after the third Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in memory of John Gilbert Blackburn. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Secco, Billy Williamson and Harold Secco.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Meeting begins on Friday at 6:30 p.m. before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Mont Ellis, Isom Hannah, Robert R. Clay and Billy Adair.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachael Stacy, his wife, on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials and Richard Staton.

AUGUST, 1991

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

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton and Joseph Staton on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek at 10:30 a. m. on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Gabe Lowe, Thomas J. Dials, Roosevelt Lowe and Richard Staton. There will be dinner on the ground.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the Sunday after the first Saturday at

11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Elbert Secco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Hobart Hamilton, Jeffrey Dillon and Fay Scott.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Willis Lowe, Wendell Hamilton and Bobby Scott.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Ted Robinson, Hatler Kiser, Jethro Hampton and James Tackett.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Sabert Nichols, Isom Hannah and Clifford Williams. Dinner served on Sunday near the Church.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts, A. A. Sheppard, Marion Preece, Sr. and all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Isom Hannah, Virgil Fields, Vernon Rose, Leonard Napier and Danny Runyon.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. Lowe and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, West Virginia, at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Virgil Fields, Ernest Cochran, Hobart Hamilton and Jimmie Hall.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosa Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Kelly Castle, Hobart Hamilton, Fay Scott, David Crigger, Isom Hannah and Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for the deceased members of Pilgrims Rest Church and the community. Ministers called: Leonard Secco, Jr., Don Little, Harold Secco, Richard Staton and Moderators attending. Dinner will be served nearby.

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

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all the deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the Third Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Hiram Adkins, and Vernon Rose.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, David Crigger, Berlin Thornsbury and Ed Runyon.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy family on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, 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 and Fletcher Cemetery on Peter Cave. Ministers called: Jimmy Hall, Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols and Tom Dials.

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

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sidney Church and of Elder W. W. Fields and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Buddy Carty, Wayne Herald, Jr., and Tom Dials.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday and the same ministers called in the Communion Service will be used in this memorial meeting.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Henry Taylor Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Virgil Fields, Gabe Lowe and Roger Stepp.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, on Winn Branch on September 1st, the odd Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Wendell Hamilton and Isom Hannah.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Gulhare, Kentucky on the first Saturday at 10:00 a.m., Saturday only, at Anna Lowe's residence. The memorial of Johnnie Nichols, Sr., his wife and their descendants will be combined with this memorial. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Roger Stepp, Willis Lowe, Johnnie Nichols and Richard Staton.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meat House Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday at 10:30 a. m. in memory of Shirley McCoy and Lucy McCoy, his wife, and others buried in the McCoy Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife Ora Blackburn, and daughter Mae Blackburn and all others buried on the Buck Branch Cemetery near the mouth of Wolf Creek. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard, Steve Robinson, Jr., Richard Staton and Gabe Lowe.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Joe Evans, Elbert SESCO, Edward Runyon and Hobart Hamilton.

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, Sabert Nichols, Danny Runyon, Clifford Maynard and Tom 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 the Sunday after the first Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Roger Stepp, Willis Lowe, Richard Staton and Billy Williamson.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church and the deceased buried in the Maynard Cemetery at Warfield, Kentucky on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Buddy W. Carty, Edwin Hay, Sabert Nichols and Bill Cotton.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Monroe Jones,

Freddie Maynard, Lacy Walters and Wallace Muncy.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Oscar McCoy's home in memory of his wife, Nanie, and their parents and other family members on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Richard Staton, Virgil Fields, J. L. Nichols and Hurshell Huff.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude and two sons and of the Howells on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Sabert Nichols and Tom Dials and Moderator attending.

OCTOBER, 1991

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Bill Cotton, Isom Hannah, Wallace Muncy, Wendell Hamilton and Steve Robinson, Jr.

SALAEEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Edwin May, and Hiram Adkins.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Bobby Scott, Wendell Hamilton, and Richard Staton with Moderator attending.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mount Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Edwin May, Kermit Newsome, Dewey Roberts and Woody Pack.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church of all the deceased on the Scott Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Clifford Williams, Sabert Nichols and Wallace Muncy.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Paul Vance and Sam Franks.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers

called: Lacy Justice, Sidney Collins, Herman West, Hobart Hamilton, and Richard Staton.

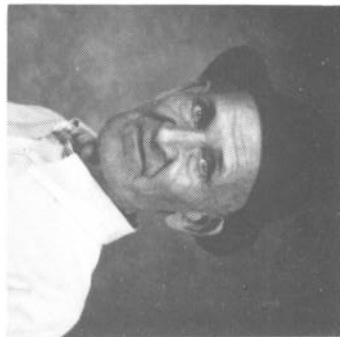
SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Belle Jude and John Jude, Annie Jude and her son T. J. Jude on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy, Freddie Maynard and Virgil Fields.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jimmy Hall (New Salem Association), Kermit Newsome, Wendell Hamilton, Edwin May and Moderators attending.

OBITUARIES

ELDER WILLIS DIALS

With deep sadness and sorrow in my heart, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved Daddy. I can only do this with the help of the good Lord. My Father, Willis Dials, was born January 27, 1916 at Laura, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Mosey and Tilda Jude Dials. Daddy passed away October 4, 1989 at the Humana Hospital at Louisa, Kentucky. He was a retired coal miner and a veteran of World War II. He was united in



marriage to Janie Moore Dials January 28, 1937. To this union was born thirteen children. Left behind to mourn his loss are his wife, Janie Dials; four sons, Clay Dials of Lovely, KY; William Dials of Inez, KY; James Dials, Kermitt, WV; Sam Dials, Inez, KY; and eight daughters, Thelma Jean Parsons, Pilgrim, KY; Mary Curry, Columbus, OH; Ina Ruth Hall, Lovely, KY; Betty Jo Moore, Inez, KY; Helen Blankenship, Inez, KY; Glenna Davis, Lovely, KY; Doris Evans, Naugatuck, WV; Beatrice Maynard, Inez, KY, and one granddaughter he raised as his own, Debbie Ratcliff, Lovely, KY. Other survivors include two brothers, Vernal Dials, Pilgrim, KY; and Chester Dials, Columbus, OH; Three sisters, Mary Preece, Inez, KY; Mae Kazee, Inez, KY; and Norma Coburn, Florida; twenty four grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Those preceding him in death include: one infant daughter, Martene Dials, one son in law, Earnest Parsons, one grandson, Ricky Lee Parsons, and five brothers.

Willis Dials was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for around 52 years and was an ordained minister in the Sardis Association. He was a faithful member of the Buck Creek Church. Daddy was always at Church before his sickness. He had Black Lung, heart disease and had been sick for around 20 years. He spent his last 16 months in the bed, but he had so much patience and never complained. He was so humble and trusting in his family and the Lord. At one time he had been Moderator of the Sidney, Buck Creek and Leannah Churches. I believe Daddy loved the Lord with all his heart and he loved the Church and his Brothers and Sisters in the Lord. He was a friend to everyone. He was always giving his children good advice and was always a loving husband and father. I believe with all my heart our loss is Heaven's gain. Daddy is just resting from his labors. I can recall when he would work at night in the coal mines and then be out farming the next day. Before he got a car, he would walk over two

mountains to Sidney Church. He was a well loved preacher. I believe he was sent from God to preach the Gospel. God blessed him to preach to lots of people, and he was blessed to baptize a lot of his Brothers and Sisters.

I thank God for Daddy raising his children in the fear of the Lord. I have so many precious memories that I will always keep in my heart as long as I live, of when I was a small child. I will never forget watching him read the Bible, hearing him say his prayers and going with him to church. I can never write what I feel in my heart about my Daddy, so, I will say instead to Daddy's family and friends who are out in sin, if they ever want to be with Daddy again, they must fall out with sin and repent, be born again, and then they can meet him on that glorious morning where there will be no more dying or heartache.

Because Daddy led a good Christian life, he was always a shining light to everyone who knew him. He loved to read and talk about the Bible so much when he was alive that I'm sure he would want me to include some scripture in his memory. The following verses come to my mind as I write of Daddy, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the Archangel and with the trumpet of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. From hence forth, yeah, saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

So, Daddy, sleep that sweet and peaceful sleep you preached about for so long. Now all your pain, sickness, sorrow, and grief are passed. You are now at peace in the arms of Jesus at last.

Daddy, your home is so lonesome and sad. It will never be the same with you gone. Tears are still falling and all our hearts are broken, but memories of you will always be there in our hearts. We all love you so very much.

Funeral was at Sidney Church at Pilgrim, KY, October 7, 1989. Ministers: Ed May and Virgil Fields. Burial in the Dials Family Cemetery at Inez, KY.

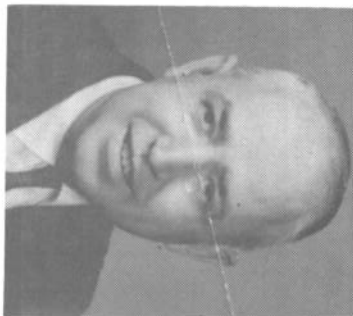
So, I believe with all my heart I will meet my Daddy again on that Heavenly shore where we can live for ever more.

Written by his broken hearted daughter,
Thelma Jean Parsons

ELDER HAROLD EDMONDS

Harold Edmonds, the son of the late Ballard and Mary Anna (Hankins) Edmonds was born September 6, 1913 at Pikeville, KY and deceased this life May 29, 1990, making his stay here 76 years 8 months and 23 days. He died at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital after a long lingering illness.

He was married to Hazel Smith on October 12, 1935, and to this union was born one daughter, Anna Gale Edmonds.



He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church, Sidney, KY. He was baptized at the Burning Springs Regular Baptist Church the fourth Sunday of July 1937. He enjoyed the work of the ministry preaching the "Good News" of the Gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ, writing obituaries of deceased members, officiating in their funerals, weddings, and memorials meetings.

He was a graduate of Pikeville High School and Pikeville College, Pikeville, KY. He was a teacher for the Pike County Schools, was active in the Boy Scouts of America in his earlier years, Pikeville Kiwanis Club, a State Representative in 1954-55 and retired from Pikeville College as Financial Aid Director in November 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel; a daughter, Anna Gale Warinner, wife of Edgar Paul Warinner; a granddaughter, Paula Ann (Warinner) Hochstetler and three grandsons, Edmond, John and Michael Warinner, all of Dover, Ohio; a brother, Fred Edmonds of Lexington, KY and a host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn his loss. But we know our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by your daughter who loved you so much. No one could have had a better Dad or Grandfather for my children. We will miss you but we have many fond memories to carry us through until we can meet again.

Love
Anna Gale Warinner

ELDER MILLIS ROBERTS

Millis Roberts was born March 3, 1919 and died of cancer at his home on Little Robinson Creek, KY on June 29, 1990 at about 10 minutes until midnight. The official time of death was pronounced to be 12:10 A.M. on June 30. Millis was married to Lola Smith Roberts on April 9, 1947. They have been members of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 38 years and Millis was ordained to the Ministry in January, 1964.



Millis served in the Army for 3 1/2 years during World War II as a sergeant. He was a lifetime member of the Virgie Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans and has been honored as a Kentucky Colonel.

Millis and Lola have raised three children: James Harold Roberts of Summerfield, FL; Mary Eta Peel and Judith Elaine Reed both of Nicholasville, KY. Their grandchildren are: Dawn Michele Kinnaugh, Stephanie Gelaine Gillenwater, James Daniel Roberts and Rachael Dee Reed.

Millis was preceded in death by his parents Daniel and Etta Newsome Roberts; by his brothers Milford, Merlin and Millard and his sisters; Maxie Mae Odom and Margie Maggard. The surviving sisters are: Maudie Green of Sidney, KY; Mellie Slater of Turkey Creek, KY and Melphie Smith of Sidney, KY.

Millis has faithfully served his Lord and Church, family and Country. His family deeply appreciates his service to God and the Christian example he has lived before them. They are proud of his service to his country, are thankful for the love and devotion he has shown them throughout the years and deeply mourn their loss. The family is deeply grateful for all the love and support shown them by their many friends.

Rev. 14-13 "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 labors and their works do follow them."

Written by the family

ELDER GEORGE O. PERRY

With a fond memory of a dear brother, I will endeavor to write a brief obituary of a dear man and truly loved by me as well as the people.

Elder George O. Perry was born April 24, 1902 at Lost Creek, WV and departed this life September 16, 1989 at Louisa, KY being 87 years old. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Mastin Perry, three daughters and three sons.

Brother George was a faithful member of the old time Baptist family for many years. As an ordained minister, he traveled many miles to preach the Gospel to all that would listen.

He was a firm and strict believer in the old time way. He enjoyed going to church an did so as long as he was able. We believe and feel assured that he is resting from his labors. At his death he belonged to the Elizabeth Church of Old Regular Baptist, and the Church's loss is Heaven's gain.

We say to his unsaved children and friends, we feel sure Brother George is at rest and for you to inherit the same rest, you must be born again.

Sleep on, Brother George, until the great and notable day of the Lord, when we will meet again in that city, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Humbly written by a friend and a Brother in Christ
Elder Kelly Castle

BRUCE M. TAYLOR

Bruce M. Taylor, 84, of Williamson, WV, died Thursday, February 22, 1990, in the Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born March 16, 1905, at Nicholasville, KY, he was preceded in death by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Luther Taylor, one brother, Cecil Taylor, and his wife Lillie (Chaney) Taylor. Survivors include three sons: Jack Taylor, Frankford, WV; Donald Taylor, White Sulphur Springs, WV; and Michael Taylor, Portsmouth, VA; three



daughters, Jean Roberts of Williamson, WV; Gladys Varney of White Sulphur Springs, WV; Barbara Cronin, Gallion, OH; one brother, Douglas Cornelison of Greensburg, KY; 18 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

IRA SESCO

We, with much sadness, write the obituary of our father and my husband, Ira SESCO of Hatfield, KY. Born February 3, 1919. Departed this life February 15, 1990 making his stay here on earth 71 years and 12 days.

Ira was the son of Rodolph SESCO and Elizia J. Maynard SESCO. Ira's stepson John Lee Ray Porter and 2 stepdaughters, Betty Jean Porter and Laura Fay Porter Rose, his father, mother and one brother preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, America Young Porter SESCO; one stepdaughter, Sylvia Porter Rose of Hatfield, KY; one stepson, Ronald Dale Porter of Lower Johns Creek, KY; 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; three brothers, Oliver SESCO and Junior SESCO; and two sisters: Elkie SESCO Young and Elsie SESCO Lawson.

Ira will also be missed by a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends. Our loss is God's gain. He is walking with God up there in his beautiful Heavenly home.

We miss you but we know you are happy up there with no more pain and suffering.

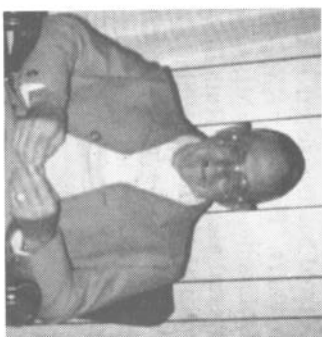
Written by:
His wife, daughter and son

HAROLD THOMPSON

With much sadness, we will try to write the Obituary of my beloved companion of 52 years, Harold Thompson.

Harold was born to the late George W. and Mary Young Thompson February 8, 1917 and departed this life April 4, 1990. He was with us 73 years, one month and 27 days.

Harold and I were married May 14, 1938 and we were blessed with two



wonderful children. One son, Harold Lloyd Thompson, preceded him in death on November 9, 1987. One daughter, Yvonne Williamson, at home. John has been so good letting her stay with me while we mourn our loss, which is heaven's gain.

Harold has three brothers who preceded him in death: Elmer Thompson, James Thompson and Henry Thompson and one sister, Stella Robinette deceased. One brother survives, Clyde Thompson, Varney, KY. Harold has five sisters to mourn for him: Sally Lowe, Varney, KY; Tempa Walters, Hatfield, KY; Oma Bevins, South Williamson, KY; Virgie Robinette, Pontiac, MI; Gracie Robinette, Hazel Park, MI. He has one special niece, Nell Ruth Blackburn, who he considered a sister; for she was born and raised with him, like his own sisters. Harold and I were blessed with seven wonderful grandchildren and one special great grandchild.

There are a host of nieces and nephews who are very special to him and he loved them all.

Harold was loved by everyone who knew him. He had many jobs but he spent most of his years in the coal mines until he retired ten years ago.

Harold was baptized into the Regular Baptist Family October 12, 1989. He wasn't able to fill his seat in Church, but the Lord blessed him to walk in the water without being carried, and rejoice with the Lord and his friends, Brothers and Sisters, when he came out of the water, with the help of the Brothers who baptized him.

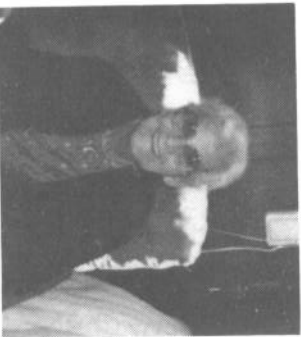
Harold loved to see his friends, Brothers and Sisters come in and sing songs and hold prayer for him and rejoice in the Lord. One Brother in particular, Brother Bob Ray, who spent many evenings with him, and I know in my heart he enjoyed coming and being with us. Thank you, Lord, for giving us the strength to write this with the help of the Lord.

Written by a Heartbroken Wife, Maudie
and Daughter, Yvonne Williamson

P.S. Honey, I hope to say what you did when you left me. I want to say "Lord, I'm coming home."

GEORGIA FERGUSON

I am writing this obituary in loving memory of my mother, Georgia Ferguson, who passed from this life on May 27, 1990. The daughter of William and Chloe Riffe, she was born on March 27, 1903 at Hanover, West Virginia. She married Henry Ferguson who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Madeline Carey and Anna Lee Williamson. She is



survived by daughters Virginia Fraley and Florence Blevins and sons, Harry Ferguson, Jr. and Jimmie Ferguson.

Mom was baptized in the Tabitha Regular Baptist Church sixty six years ago by Elders William Riffe and Will Hurley. She loved to go to church more than anything and did so as long as she was able. We miss her so very much, but we find comfort in knowing that she isn't suffering anymore.

Written by
Florence Blevins, Daughter

WILLARD YOUNG

In loving memory of Willard Young who was born May 14, 1917 and departed this life July 8, 1990, making his stay here 73 years, one month and 24 days.

He was the son of the late Sam and Rebecca (Smith) Young. He was united in marriage to Gusta (Ray) Young who preceded him in death. To this union were born six sons. James Elmer preceded him in death. Left to sadly miss Dad are: Virgil Young, Hardy, KY; Burgis Eugene Young, Larry Neal Young, Gary Lloyd Young and Danny Kenneth Young, all of Varney, KY. He also leaves 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Willard was united in marriage to Irene (Bowe) Young November 7, 1980. He leaves one step daughter, Brenda Messa, of Belfry, KY.

Willard gave his heart to Jesus and became a member of the Pilgrim Home Church January 1, 1950 where he was a faithful member until he was called home to rest.

He also leaves eight sisters: Merica SESCO, Hatfield, KY; Lola Wallace, Oma McCOWN, Sue Brandon, Carol Hall, Wyzona Kinney, all of Pikeville, KY; Ola Tackett of Hurley, VA; Ocie Adams of Varney, KY and one brother, Roger Young, LePeet, MI.

He leaves a host of friends and Brothers and Sisters in the Lord.

Written by his wife and sons

ERSIE PINSON

With much sadness but with the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the Obituary of my Mother, Ersie Pinson. She was born March 18, 1894 and deceased this life February 26, 1990, making her stay here on earth 95 years, 11 months and 20 days. She was the daughter of Albert and Cynthia (Ray) Keese who preceded her in death.

She was married to Relf Pinson who preceded her in death. To this union were born 11 children, four of them preceded her in death. Those left to mourn her loss are: John Pinson, Paintsville, KY; Willis Pinson, James Pinson and Claude Pinson all of Michigan; Roy Lee Pinson, Bellevue, FL; Earl David Pinson, Louisa, KY; Lodeen P. Adkins, Sidney, KY. Two sisters: Nancy Francisco, Sidney, KY and Lizzie Scott, Hardy, KY.

She was a faithful member of the Mount Pleasant Church for a number of years until her health no longer permitted her to attend Church. Mom is missed by all her children but I believe we will have a happy reunion when we meet with her and Dad in Heaven some day.



Written by her daughter,
Lodeen P. Adkins

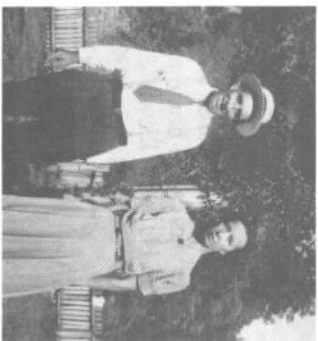
CANDIS BEVINS BOGAR

It is with a sad heart that I write the Obituary of my dear Sister-in-Law, Candis Bevins Bogar.

She was born on August 12, 1901. She was the daughter of the late James and Ella West Bevins. She departed this life on June 25, 1990 making her stay here on earth 88 years, 11 months and 17 days.

She was married to the late Ted R. Bogar on April 7, 1928. No children were born to this union. She joined the Regular Baptist Church on September 9, 1962, placing her membership in the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and always filled her seat until she was no longer able.

She leaves to mourn her loss her dearly beloved brother, James Bevins, Jr., her sister-in-law, Gladys (Bowling) Bevins of Huntington, WV and 4 nieces and two nephews: Vidanell Lambert, Betty Bush, Ella Radcliff, James W. Bevins, Tom E. Bevins and Mary C. Keller of Huntington, WV.



Also, one uncle, Hi Bevins of McVeigh, KY. She also leaves a dear friend and Brother-in-Law, Ben Bogar of Sidney, KY. Also her Brother-in-Law, Joe Bogar of Phelps, KY.
She will be deeply missed by all her family and friends. We all feel that our loss is her gain.

Written by,
Mrs. James Bevins, Jr.

MILLARD ROBINETTE

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the Obituary of my beloved Dad and Brother in Christ, Millard Robinette, who passed away. I believe with all my heart that he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus on August 19, 1990, making his stay on earth seventy four years and eight months. He was the son of Roscoe and Dixie (Smith) Robinette.



On April 4, 1937, Dad was married to Lacie (Burris) Robinette. To this union was born five children, three girls and two boys: Helen Williamson, Hatfield, KY; Peggy Miller, Caney Hwy, Pikeville, KY; Mildred Rutherford, Huddy, KY; Bobby Joe Robinette, Hatfield, KY and James W. (Woody) Robinette, Hatfield, KY.

Dad had eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He has two living sisters: Lucy R. Elkins of Nicholasville, KY and Byrdie A. Young of Napa, CA. He also has three living half-brothers: Victor Canada, Varney, KY; Charlie Chapman, Island Creek, KY and Ira Miller, Maher, WV. He was preceded in death by four brothers: Rush Chapman, Tom B. Chapman, Wade Chapman and Curtis Robinette; and two sisters: Rebecca Robinette Napier and Anthony Chapman.

Dad was baptized on July 18, 1976 by the hands of Brother Grover Adkins and Brother Ulan Childers. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church of Varney, KY.

Let me close by saying, Mom, brothers and sisters, if you have not been down to the foot of Jesus, that it is where you must go in order to meet Dad. I believe that on that resurrection morning, he will be seated on the right hand of the Father. I also believe that when I meet Dad again, he will no longer be my Dad, he will be my brother.

Sadly missed by the family and a host of relatives and friends.

Written by,
Helen Williamson, daughter

LEOTIA (RUNYON) HALL

On August 16, 1989, Leotia (Runyon) Hall passed from this life at the age of 77, leaving a memory and a deep sadness to all that knew her, especially missed by the children and grandchildren.

Leotia was born May 8, 1912 at Trace Creek, WV. She was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Letty (Estep) Runyon.

On September 16, 1929, she was married to William. H. Hall for 52 years of marriage. William preceded her in



death. During this marriage, 15 children were born with two sons and two daughters preceding her in death, leaving five sons: Kenneth, William and Teddy Ray Hall all of Route 1, Delbarton, WV; Isom and Donald Hall both of Oakwood, OH; six daughters: Christine Copley, Lenore, WV; Letty Dempsey, Eleanor Gilman, Polly Mahon, Geneva Strunk and Betty Mae Robinette all of Route 1, Delbarton, WV.

She also leaves five brothers: Don, Isom and Nicholas Runyon all of Route 1, Delbarton, WV; Edward Runyon, Dingess, WV; and Alex Runyon, Sharples, WV; four sisters: Ollie Ooten, Mable Gilman, Nellie Mounts and Novella Green all of Route 1, Delbarton, WV. Also, she left 36 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren to mourn the loss of our loved one.

She was a member of the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church since 1932.

So, if we want to be with her on that great homecoming day, we, ourselves, must work and prepare to meet her and thy God.

It is a very sad time for us all not to be able to see or talk to her or to see her loving smile.

Written by,
Children and Grandchildren

JAMES ROBERT MAYNARD

It is with very much sadness we will try by the help of the good Lord to write the Obituary of James Robert Maynard. He was born December 15, 1949 and departed this life November 14, 1989. He was the son of Andy and Jeanett Johnson Maynard. In the year of September 1975, James was married in holy matrimony to Cathy Newsome. Two



children preceded James in death, a little boy, James Andrew Maynard, and a little girl, Christina Lynn Maynard. Along with his parents and companion, he leaves to mourn his passing his very sweet loving son, James Christopher Maynard. Also two sisters, that loved him very much, Geraldine Meade of Lower Johns Creek and Priscilla Bevins of Burning Fork Road. Also a host of relatives and friends. James was a truck driver and was in the trucking business for many years. He enjoyed fishing so much and we all enjoyed getting together in South Carolina and sharing in a family togetherness. James was a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. Even though he was very afflicted he bore it with so much patience and thank God he won't ever suffer again, because he left us this message that God would take care of him. So thank God that through all his pain and suffering he gained all the way and our loss is Heaven's gain.

It seems like only yesterday that God shared with us one that got closer and closer to our hearts. He left us the sweetest invitation by his words and actions that we can join him in that beautiful rose garden where Bubby has joined with his little ones that were waiting on the other side.

Through all the pain, sorrow and tears of losing one so close to us, I hope God will take us by the hand for a few moments of time and travel with us back through the ages of time and give us the true meaning of having a son like James, because if we can look on the brighter side as we feel that James did, then we can be able to say Thank You Lord for the joy that you let be born into our home and for letting us be able to see him grow up into a kind and wonderful young man, and for the sweet memories that will linger in our hearts forever.

Through all the emptiness and lonely hours, I hope we can say Thank You Lord for a good and kind husband and father and for the loving memories he left Chris and Mommy. Through all the heartaches and grief I hope we can say Thank You Lord for letting us share with our Brother the things that means the most in life and that is the love that we had for each other that binds Brothers and Sisters so close together and it seems like yesterday that we were playing together around the old home place.

Through all the thoughts of missing someone that was so close to us, I hope Gerri (Big Sissy), Lori (Little Sissy) and Jessie can say Thank You Lord for sharing Bubby with us and for the love he showed toward us.

Through all the sorrow of having to part from someone like James I hope Daring and Emogene can say Thank You Lord for a son-in-law like James.

To the relatives of James and Cathy the memories will be like a hope chest and you will gain strength and courage each day as the memories grow stronger in each one of us and we can truly say Thank You Lord for sharing a very special person with us but the best part of all I hope we can say by the Grace of God we will join Bubby again in that beautiful rose garden.

We Thank God that he was blessed to make the trip from the

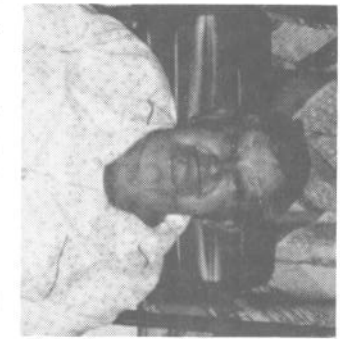
Duke hospital to the Bent Branch Church and be baptized into the church to show and tell that he had an experience of Grace there in the Duke hospital and that he felt God had forgiven him of his sins and that is the reason he didn't want the machines put on him the evening the Angels came and took him home. That is why he requested his Bible be brought to the Pikeville hospital and the words that he spoke will stay fresh in our memory is that God will take care of him and we feel he went to sleep in the arms of Jesus and he won't have to suffer again.

Thank God for a country where all the family of God will be together and parting will be no more. May the Lord have mercy on this family and our prayers go with them and always remember to be patient and have Faith in God and love one another because each one of you have even more treasures in Heaven now and a greater reason to want to go to that heavenly land, by making Jesus the number one choice in your life. Take a little time out each day for each other and always take time out to talk to the beautiful Star of Bethlehem that can light the way in your life, make your life brighter and if you will follow that light it will lead you to where Bubby and the little ones have gone. They will be watching from those windows for you to come home to the family reunion that will never break up and parting will be no more.

Written by,
Elder Donald B. Little

LEONARD MAYNARD

In loving memory of Brother Leonard Maynard. He was born May 8, 1906, at Zebulon, KY. After a long illness, God called him home on October 15, 1989, in the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He was 83 years of age.



He was the son of the late Sam and Elizabeth (Morris) Maynard. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Elkie (Smith) Maynard, two sons and four brothers. He is survived by a son, Ray Maynard of Goody, KY and three daughters: Mrs. Dwight (Ernestine) Maynard of Goody, KY; Mrs. Granville (Lou) Lowe of Turkey Creek, KY; and Mrs. Hilbert (Pat) Phillips of Williamson, WV. A sister, Alka Conte of West Haven, Conn. and a half-sister, Marie Lamparski of Wilmington, Del, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive.

He was baptized September 5, 1935 by Elder Jonah Bevins and Elder Ester Hopkins. He placed his membership with the Salem Regular

Baptist Church at Goody, KY for 54 years. He was a retired employee of the Norfolk and Western Railway Co.

He was a loving husband and wonderful father. He will be missed by the Salem Church, for he was a faithful member as long as his health permitted him to attend. He was a good neighbor and we will miss seeing him sitting outside in his chair.

We know our loss is Heaven's gain. May God Bless each of you.

Written by the request of his family,
By his Brother in Christ and neighbor,
Admiral D. Blackburn

SISTER OLLIE (MAYNARD) JUDE

Sister Ollie was born March 10, 1915 and died April 14, 1990 at the Williamson A. R. H. Hospital after a long illness.

Sister Ollie was preceded in death by her husband, Brother Harrison Jude, and four of their sons. Sister Ollie and Brother Harrison had fourteen children. Those still living are: Louise Jude, Virgie Jude Fletcher, Harrison Jude, Jr., Joseph Jude, Easter Allen Crum, George Jude, Floyd Jude, Charlie Jude, Lacy Albert Jude and Vickie Jean Luther. They had 54 grandchildren and 47 great grandchildren.



Sister Ollie was a member of the Sidney Church and attended as much as possible. I know without any doubt there were times she would have attended, but it was almost impossible.

A large family which she loved so well through sickness, heartaches, troubles on every hand, but every time I looked upon her face, she would smile. Her conversations were always about her children, how much she loved them, and about the Lord, seems so precious that through all the trouble, anguish, sickness, and heartaches, but she always had Jesus on her mind and in her heart. We feel she surely has chosen the good part that could never be taken away.

The last time I visited with this dear Sister, laying so quietly in the hospital bed, her little body so weak, but yet so strong. She asked about my family and if they were all well, she smiled as she lifted her hand to my companion and me saying sing a song and have Prayer with me. As we left her bedside rejoicing, her voice once more cried out, "Brother Sabert, always remember my children when you Pray."

Our Sister will be missed by her family, friends, the Church and the entire community that knew her.

I feel that her soul is at rest and has Peace, and at that time which

God has appointed, her body will come forth from the dust on the Resurrection, in the last day - Celestial.

May I say to Sister Ollie's Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. May the God of all Peace and Love bless you to feel his Love and Tender Mercy.

Written by,
Elder Sabert Nichols

WALTER CLINE

With God's help I will try to write the Obituary of our father, Walter Cline. Daddy was born February 13, 1906 at Baisden, WV. He was the son of James Oliver and Hovie Walls Cline. He was married to our mother, Nancy White Cline, August 19, 1934.

To this union was born seven children: four sons: Freddy Cline, Baisden, WV; Roger Cline, Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Stanley and Tim Cline both of Utica, OH; three daughters: Shirley Mounts, Baisden, WV; Dorothy Brown, Tucson, AZ and Louanna McCoy, Newark, OH. He also leaves eighteen grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

Daddy was baptized April 26, 1951 and placed his membership with the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at Baisden.

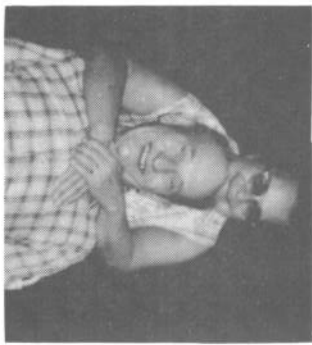
Daddy was a good Christian Man; he let his light shine before us children. I can remember him reading the Bible and singing. One song he always sung stays on my mind, The Gospel Train. I can close my eyes and I can hear his voice so strong singing that beautiful song as tears of joy would run down his face.

I have sweet memories of Daddy and Mommy. Our Mother died June 4, 1989. Oh how it broke our hearts but we still had Daddy. He couldn't live without Mommy, he got weak and so sick because his heart was broken. Daddy was like the lonesome dove mourning the loss of his mate.

On December 21, 1989; six months after our Mother died, God called Daddy home. I believe with all my heart that Daddy and Mommy are together again. They are asleep resting from all troubles and sorrow.

I have a hope in my heart, one of these days we'll be together again. To my brothers and sisters Mommy and Daddy can't come back to us but by the Grace of God we can go to them. May we all meet in Heaven some day.

Written by their daughter,
Shirley Mounts



EDWARD CLINE

With a sad heart and many loving memories I will try to write the Obituary of my dear husband, Edward Cline.

Edward was born September 29, 1922 at Baisden, WV. Departed this life January 12, 1990, making his stay here on earth 67 years, 8 months, and 17 days. He was the son of Elder Floyd Cline and Virgie Davis Cline, who preceded him in death.

He was married to Alta Cline, January 17, 1942. To this union was born 8 children, 6 sons: Benson, Ervon, Richard, Billy Con, Orville and Joseph; 2 daughters: Donna Sue Jessie and Gail Cline. He also had 14 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

He joined the Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist January 22, 1950. He was a member for almost 40 years.

He had Emphysema and Black Lung. He loved to go to Church when he was able. He would always request prayer when he couldn't attend Church.

It always pleased him when his Brothers and Sisters in the Church came to visit. He could not get out and visit his friends because he did not have enough breath to walk without oxygen.

But now I believe he is resting in a Country where the air is pure and clean, where he doesn't need the sprays and oxygen to help him breathe. He is in that Wonderful place the Lord has prepared for those that love and serve him. Our home is so lonely since he is gone, but someday I believe I will meet him again and walk down the streets of Gold where the flowers are always blooming.

He was a loving husband and good father to his children. So children if you expect to see Daddy again you will have to fall out with sin and be born again. Then we can all see Daddy and walk and talk with him in that beautiful Country called Heaven.

Written with love by his wife and companion,
Alta Cline, and Elder Johnnie Cline and his
wife, Morna Cline.

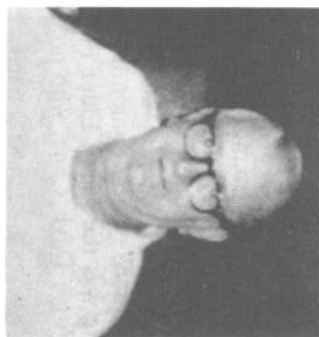


ADREN BLACKBURN

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints."

Death is only a gateway that we all must pass through, for the children of God, they do not die, they just fall asleep. It is the beginning of a final rest for them.

With much weakness, I will try to write a short obituary of our beloved brother in the Lord Jesus Christ and my uncle, Brother Adren Blackburn. Brother Adren was born in Pilgrim, KY, on March



25, 1919. He was an Army veteran in World War II. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for over 30 years, and was ordained as a Deacon in the Turkey Creek Church in 1972. Brother Adren departed this life on November 8, 1989.

He was the son of the late W. M. "Will" Blackburn and Martha Maynard Blackburn who preceded him in death. He was born into a family of four brothers: Albert, Dike, Jesse and Willie Blackburn; and three sisters: Mary Magaline, Janie and Gracie. He also had a half-brother, James, and four half-sisters: Irene, Francis, Helen and Ocie. Albert preceded him in death and Dike passed away shortly after Adren's death but the others survive him.

He was married to Claudia McCoy, who stood by him giving him the best loving care she could for 46 years, three months and eight days. They were married on August 9, 1943. Unto this union was born two daughters: Emily Willistine Wallace of Spring Hill, FL and Mae Janette Robinson of Beattyville, KY; also, a son: Carlos B. "C. B." Blackburn of Hardy, KY. Adren had eight lovely grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He would visit my childhood home as often as he could. We all loved Uncle Adren. We know Claudia, your hours will be lonely, but that comforting thought of when you'll be joined with Uncle Adren, relieves the sorrows of the earth and nature and lets you know you'll not be separated always, just for a season.

To his blessed family and friends, God wants us all to be in one union, as a chain with no end, but as one in Heaven. Let not a link be broken, may all know God, and be united again, beyond the Wall of Tears, we all must know in order to live again. God's peace and humble prayers to all of you.

Written by his niece,
a Sister in Christ, Dorothy Nichols

ANNIE WILLIAMSON

In loving memory, I will try to write the obituary of my dear Mother, Annie Williamson, who died July 19, 1990.

She was born January 3, 1895 and was blessed to live ninety-five years, six months and twenty-eight days. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for forty-eight years having brought her membership to the Little Virgie Church in 1949 when the Church was formed by an arm given by the Dix Fork Church.

Mother married Johnny Williamson, and to them was born three daughters: Gerie Smith, Estie Hensley, and Etha Bostic, all of Kimper, KY. She is also survived by two sisters: Minnie Bostic and Easter Cockrum; twelve grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren. All those who are left mourn her loss.

Mom, you are sadly missed. I know you are resting in Jesus' arms. Sleep on Mom.



Written by your daughter,
Gerie Smith

WALTER F. GILLEY, JR.

Walter F. Gilley, Jr. was born December 2, 1964. He died October 28, 1989 at the young age of 24. He was baptized in the Old Baptist family on his experience of Grace, which he related to the little Southern Home Church August 27, 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Sherri, one daughter, Amanda Gilley, one son, Curtis James Gilley, his parents: Walter F. Gilley, Sr. and Ethel Adair Gilley, all of Sparr, FL; one brother, Dennis O. Gilley of Ocala, FL, and one sister, Angela Gilley of Ocala, FL.



Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Tommy and Margaret Adair; paternal grandfather, Curtis Gilley of Cross City, FL; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and the whole membership of the little Southern Home Church, all who feel his loss greatly. He was a faithful member of the Southern Home Church for the short time he was permitted to be there. It was so hard to give him up, but now we realize

our loss is Heaven's gain, and we will see him again, and our hearts shall rejoice. Some of the family have had some beautiful dreams of seeing him. He was happy and singing a beautiful song, so we believe he will be singing when we see him again. May God bless you all is our prayer.

Written by his grandparents,
Elder Tommy and Sister Margaret Adair

WAYNE RAY

It is with a sad heart and many precious memories that I will write the obituary of my father, Wayne Ray.

He was the son of Harve and Pricey Stanley Ray. Dad was born May 30, 1905 and departed this life July 15, 1990, making his stay on earth 85 years 1 month and 15 days.



He was married to Mary Price Ray, who preceded him in death on September 9, 1985. Mom and Dad had ten children, two of which preceded them in death. Their names were Virginia Ray and Maudie Lou Ressie Ray. Mom and Dad left behind eight children to mourn their death. The children that remain are:

Hershel Ray, Brooksville, FL; Vernon Ray, Venice, FL; Al Ray, Englewood, FL; Harvey Ray, Erving, VA; Clarence Ray, Painsville, KY; Mavis Wylson, Warren, MI; Lynda Gamache, Tampa, FL and Glenda Webb, Painsville, KY. Dad is also survived by one brother, Bill Ray of Florida, one sister, Vada Maynard of Varney, KY, 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Dad became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church in March 1972. Dad was a faithful member as long as his health permitted him to be there. He loved the songs and preaching of the old church. He always said if he didn't see us here on earth again that he would meet us in Heaven.

I'm sure if Dad and Mom could talk to us now they would tell us to be ready to meet them some sweet day in that eternal home, where there will be no more dying and sickness to part you from the people you love. So I can say farewell Mom and Dad, but not goodbye, for we live in hope that we shall see each other again, when the trump of the Lord shall sound and those that die in the Lord shall raise first and be caught up in the air forever more to be with the Lord. Those that remain that are in Christ will be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye and there we will be with our loved ones forever and ever.

Written by his daughter,
Glenda Webb

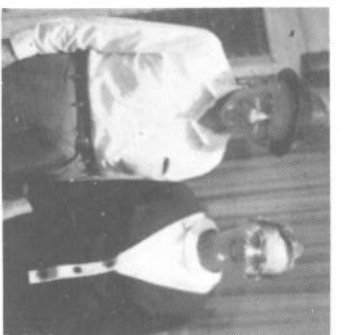
DALLIE SPEARS MUSIC

If the Lord will bless me, I will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved Sister, Dallie Spears Music.

Sister Dallie was born in Knox City, KY, November 22, 1902 and died in Okeechobee, FL, November 30, 1989, a life span of 87 years. She was the daughter of Ersom and Cordella Sturgel, had three brothers to precede her in death, Gomer, Ershmel and Delton. She leaves behind one surviving relative, her sister, Mallie Finlay of Okeechobee, FL.

After the passing of her first husband, Ed Spears, she later wed Brother Jubal Music. They came to Florida in 1971, placed their membership with the Okeechobee Church. Her membership in the Old Regular Baptist family totalled 60 years.

With us remain the precious memories of her singing the old songs of Zion and dropping her cane aside when shouting the praises of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I expect to see Sister Dallie on those streets of gold.



Written by a Sister in Christ,
Sister Louise Peaden

MAGGIE VARNEY

This is written in loving memory of our precious Mother, Maggie Varney.

She was born on January 10, 1908 and departed this life in January 26, 1990. She was the daughter of the late Kelly and Minta Smith. She was married to Leonard Varney who preceded her in death. To this precious union 12 children were born. One son, Bobby, preceded her in death. She was survived by six daughters: Mary, Aliene, Ida Mae, Freda, Eloise and Connie. She is also survived by five sons: Cecil, Kelly, Thomas, Ronald and Donald. She was the sweetest grandmother to forty-four grandchildren.



fifty-four great grandchildren, and one great, great granddaughter. Mother was baptized on May 30, 1950 and was a member of the Narrows Branch Church for forty years.

Mom, you had pure love for us and labored so hard to raise us.

Your immense love for your saviour and for us never failed. You and your love touched the lives of everyone you met. We know you are happy living with Jesus and Daddy in a place where there is no death. We miss you, Mom, but God told us he would wipe away all tears from our eyes and that there will be no mourning or pain. For all these things have passed away (Rev. 21:4). What Glory that will be, Knowing that we should not be left in the grave, That from corruption, Thou Oh Lord, Thy children You will save.

Written with love by,
Her Children

MARY BELLE LOWE MAYNARD FRALEY

With my heart full of sadness and my mind filled with many precious memories, I take pen in hand to attempt to write the obituary of my dear Mother, Mary Belle Lowe Maynard Fraley.



Mom was born on February 12, 1914 in Pike County, KY and died on December 21, 1989. She was the daughter of the late James Montville Lowe and Ruth Leona Taylor Lowe. Mom was united in marriage to Christopher Columbus (Kipp) Maynard on December 21, 1935. To this union were born three children: George Montville Maynard and Wanda Sue Maynard who preceded her in death, and Arthur Craft Maynard of Greenup, KY. Mom had three brothers, two of whom preceded her in death, Moses Fonso Lowe and Alonzo Taylor Lowe. Orison Byrd Madison Lowe survives and resides at McCombs, KY. She also had two sisters, Myrtle Elizabeth Maynard and Alice Vivian Maynard of McCombs, KY. Mom also leaves behind a daughter-in-law, Rita Maynard, and two grand children, Crystal and Amber Maynard, whom she dearly loved.

Her first husband was killed in an accident on August 5, 1965 and she was married to George Fraley in 1968. He also preceded her in death.

Mom was baptized by Elders John Lowe and Johnnie Nichols and became a member of the Apple Orchard Church on February 4, 1967.

Mom lived with us the last twelve years of her life and almost every time I pass by her chair it seems that I still look for her. Our home is broken, a part of it is gone, but I sincerely believe that Mom has a better home with Jesus.

Written by her son,
A. C. Maynard

MARTHA ANN GIBSON

With God's help I will try to write the obituary of Martha Ann Gibson. Whom I feel like was one of God's Children, and "A Little Rose."

I feel with all my heart she has a better home with Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Martha was born July 15, 1935. She was the daughter of John and Rebecca Jane Lawson Gibson. Martha was 55 years and 1 day old, leaving this world one day after her fifty fifth birthday.



Martha's Dad, John Gibson, and a half brother, Eshmel Lawson, and also her nephew, Gene Gibson, preceded her in death.

Martha has two brothers; Roland J. Gibson and Tony Lee Gibson of Varney, KY. She also has three sisters: Claudia Mae Thompson of Varney, Ky, Lizzie Ellen Murphy of Piso, KY and Mary Lou Gibson at Phelps Nursing Home. Martha's mother, Rebecca Jane Lawson Gibson, is also at the Phelps Nursing Home.

Martha also had been in the Phelps Nursing Home until she became ill. Then she was taken to the Williamson Memorial Hospital where God came and took her home.

Most every time you would go by her house, she would come to the road to talk. She needed friends in this world, now she has a friend in Jesus.

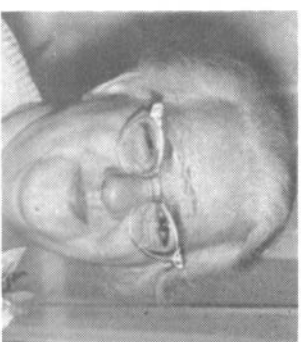
Also left to mourn the loss of Martha Ann Gibson is four nephews, six nieces, other relatives and friends.

Martha has a brand new home now, forever and ever. She's just gone away with a friend.

Written by a friend and neighbor,
Sharlene W. Cline

CORDELIA WILLIAMSON STANLEY

With the help of our Lord and Saviour, I will try to write the obituary of my Dear Sweet Aunt, Cordelia Williamson Stanley. Cordelia was born July 20, 1906 to Caudill Williamson and Vicie Jane Francis Williamson. Cordelia died August 22, 1990, making her stay with us 84 years, one month and two days. Cordelia was united in marriage



to Oscar Stanley, March 25, 1925, and to this union eight children were born, four daughters: Mrs. Vicie Welthy, Georgetown, GA; Mrs. Ollie Jean Robnette, Gunterville, AL; Mrs. Patricia Alexander, Oronville, MI and Mrs. Dixie Williamson, Thornton, Colorado; and four sons: James Benny, Donald Lee and Oscar, Jr. all of Pontiac, MI and Herman Stanley of Goody, KY. Aunt Cordelia also has 32 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Cordelia had 4 grandchildren precede her in death, also her father, Caudill Williamson, and mother, Vicie Williamson, and three brothers; Elder Jonah E. Williamson, George Williamson and John B. Williamson.

Cordelia has two surviving brothers: K. H. Williamson, known as Hi, and Marshall Williamson and one sister, Vada Muncy, all of Varney, KY.

Cordelia joined the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church June 26, 1938 and was baptized by James Jude and Baz Robinette below the Pilgrim Home Church which was called the Old Mill Pond. She always attended Pilgrim Home very faithfully and other Churches around, and while living in Michigan for several years, she attended church at the Little Rosa Church, Ypsilanti Church, Little Ida Church, Little Zion Church and Rose of Sharon Church.

Cordelia has been gone away from here for many years but she always referred to this as home and always wanted to come back.

I hope some day God will bless me to be the sweet, patient and humble person that I know she has always been.

Aunt Cordelia has gone away with that friend that she has had with her for 52 years and 2 months today. She is in paradise with God where she will never cry no more. Our loss is God's gain.

Written by her niece,
Shartene Williamson Cline and her
Daughter-in-Law, Beatrice Stanley

FLOYD VARNEY, JR

With loving memories, we will try and write the obituary of Husband and Brother-in-Law, Floyd. Floyd was born November 11, 1925 in Williamson, WV to Rev. Kenneth and Lilly (Williamson) Varney, who preceded him in death.

He departed this life August 19, 1990 making his stay on earth 64 years, 9 months and 8 days.

Survivors include: Wife, Willie Marie (Curry) Varney; Sons: Dwight



Varney, Columbus, OH and David Varney of Turkey Creek, KY; Three Brothers: Avery, Lonnie, and William G. (Buster) Varney all of Turkey Creek, KY; Two Sisters: Hazel Phillips, Turkey Creek, KY and Helen Gilliam, Vinton, OH.

Floyd, (Pugy) to all that knew him, was a retired construction worker and an humble man. On August 8, 1990, he gave his hand to be baptized, and was baptized by Rev. Willis Lowe and Rev. Elbert Seso and placed his membership at the Turkey Creek Church.

Although Floyd is sadly missed, he is out of his pain and in a home that only those left behind can strive to gain someday.

Loved and missed by family and friends.

Written by,
His wife, Willie M. Varney and Sister-in-Law, Cathy Smith

LESTA MAYNARD

"Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his Saints", but, oh how lonesome for the ones left behind.

One year ago, August 9, 1988, the Lord sent his angels to take mom home. She's resting now, no more heartaches, no more tears, taking her peaceful sleep until that Great and Final Day. She was born in Johnson County, Kentucky, May 4, 1909, the daughter of R.B. and Teila Salyers Preston.



Mom was married to Dad, Sam Maynard, son of Elder Hi Maynard, December 26, 1925 (Dad passed away November 8, 1981). They were married 55 years. They were the parents of five children; Howard, Paul, Anna, Mary Martha (Sissy) and Debby. Howard passed away March 29, 1957; Sissy January 27, 1988; Paul, February 17, 1989, six months after Mom.

She leaves two daughters, Anna Cales and Debby Brown of Greenup, Kentucky, 12 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. She also leaves one brother, Espie Preston of Ragland, W.Va., and three sisters; Etta Ruth Hall of Fort White, Fla., Naomi Colegrove and Jaunna LoPresti, both of Greenup, Ky.

Mom belonged to the Church forty years. She was baptized the second Sunday in May 1948 by Elders W. C. Hay and Abe Sheppard. She belonged to Rebecca Church of the Sardis Association before coming to Little Rosa Church of the Philadelphia Association after she and Dad

moved to Greenup County in 1970.

Mom loved the Church with all her heart. She wanted so much to get better so she could attend our association, but the Lord had a better home awaiting. Take your peaceful sleep, Mom, for I believe some sweet day we'll meet again where there will be no more sorrow or death, no more nature to bother us.

To Debby, Frances, and all the grandchildren, please remember her sweet council and most of all take heed to the low sweet voice of the spirit when it speaks to you. Her prayers were for all of you to get ready in this life to live in a better country, for this is the only time you can. There is no repentance after death.

Her Daughter and Sister in Christ,
Anna Cales

BROOKLEY BELLE MAYNARD

It is with both sadness and joy that I try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary of our dear beloved mother, Brookley Belle Maynard.

She was born March 1, 1910 to Joseph and Rose Collins Taylor.

She was married May 7, 1925 to Roland Burns Maynard and to this union 13 children were born, namely: Martha Jane Lowe (deceased), Hester Robinson, Jarrett Maynard, Rose Ann Robinette, Sallie Dean Adkins, Clifford Raymond Maynard, Joseph Hayes Maynard (Deceased), Lois Marie Hagar, Ruth Agnus Reynolds, Roland Burns Maynard, Jr. (deceased), Edith Daphene Muncy, Oma Colleen Grose and Eldora Merle Trimble. She also had 28 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.



She leaves one brother, Joseph Arthur (Bunt) Taylor and three sisters: Sallie Robinson, Sophia E. Nichols and Lakie A. Taylor to mourn her loss. She has four brothers and one sister deceased: Allen, John, Arnold, Bill and Rose Josephene Taylor.

She was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church, Sardis Association, about the year of 1943, at the Salem Church at Goody, KY, by the hands of Elder Harrison Bevins. She had her membership with the Apple Orchard Church which at that time was at Heenon, KY. She later, on the first Saturday in April, 1981, lifted her letter and moved it to the Little Zion Church in the Northern New Salem Association at Romeo, MI, but, would at every chance, come back and visit the Apple Orchard Church. Mommy died September 15, 1989 at the home of our sister and

brother-in-law, Lois and Clifford Hagar at Howell, MI, who were so good to her. She was buried on the Joe Taylor Cemetery on her old home place on Lower Brushy which she loved so well.

Mommy had many friends and wanted everyone to do right. I've heard her say so many times she wished all her children were ready to go to that better home. She loved us all so dearly.

I feel our loss was heaven's gain and that she is resting around God's great throne where on some sweet day by his mercy we can all meet her again to never part, where there will be peace, joy and happiness forever more.

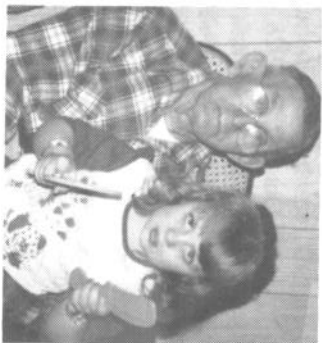
Written by her daughter,
Hester Robinson

RICHARD MUNCY

In loving memory and much sadness in my heart, I will try to write the obituary of my grandpa, Richard Muncy.

He departed this life on August 14, 1990. He was born August 25, 1901. He was the son of John and Liddie Muncy from Pilgrim, KY, who are deceased.

Left to mourn this great loss are two sons: Elder Wallace Muncy of Hatfield, KY and Luther Muncy of Columbus, OH. He leaves three grandchildren: Marcel Sue Stepp of Lovey, KY; Richard Allen Muncy of Lovey, KY and Glen Muncy of Elkhorn City, KY; two great grandchildren: Misy Nicole Stepp and Jeremy Muncy.



Pa had lived with his son Wallace of Hatfield for 36 years. He was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Church of Hatfield for 17 years.

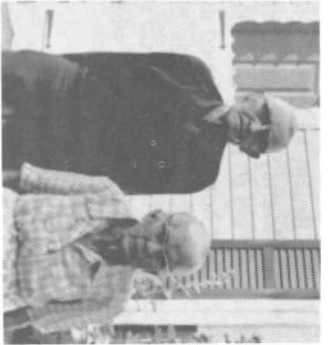
We are going to miss Pa, but we believe his suffering is over and he is at rest with God. We hope to meet him again someday.

Written by his granddaughter,
Sue Stepp

BIRDIE PAULEY

With much love, respect and many more memories that I attempt to write this obituary of Birdie (Maynard) Pauley, born June 19, 1900 and departed this life September 27, 1989.

Her parents were Jesse and Patty (Jude) Maynard. She was married to Shade Pauley who preceded her in death on May 16, 1988. Uncle Shade was for some time a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church and preached for many years. To this union was born Chester Pauley of Huntington, IN; Patty Shipley of Pedro, OH; Jonah Pauley of Wilmington, Delaware; A. J. Pauley of Johnstown, OH; Hi Pauley of Johnstown, OH and Helen Welch of Columbus, OH. Margie Prince preceded her in death. She has fifteen grandchildren who will miss her very much.



On October 21, 1928, Aunt Bird was baptized at Buck Creek. This relationship that she started on this day with God has helped raise her family and endure the many hardships of life. She lived before her neighbors and family a life directed by the greater power of God.

We no longer have Aunt Bird to advise us but we have the memories and love that she left with us.

In the resurrection she will rise again to meet Jesus in the air and go home.

Written by,
Thomas J. Dials

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 to 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 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 the will of the 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 the 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 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 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 shall be rejected by us.

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as 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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 ENON: Willis Stator, Clifford Stanley, James Spencer
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 SARDIS: Billie Brumfield, Luke Estep, Mark Murphy
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 SIDNEY: Andy Scott, Arnold Howell, Joe Fletcher
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 LITTLE VIRGIE: Alson Thornbury, Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury
 SOUTHERN HOME: William Adair, Sr., Chris Watts, Charles Jarrell
 PILGRIMS REST: Danny Runyon, Donnie Scaggs, Billy Williamson
 OKEECHOBEE: Paul Barney, Ira Stepp, Artice Peaden
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Mt. Pleasant	Lloyd Seaco	100	100	2	1	1	1	3	3	1	35	10:00/10:00	10:30/10:30	July	2
Apple Orchard	Thomas J. Dale	75	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	June	1
Enon	Lloyd Seaco	75	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	Aug	3
Rebecca	Edward Runyon	150	150	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	73	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	Aug	4
Sardis	Joe Evans	150	150	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	July	3
Bent Branch	Willis L. Lowe	100	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	July	4
Big Branch	Wallace Munoy	125	125	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	50	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	Aug	4
Mary Elizabeth	Willis L. Lowe	125	125	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	19	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	Aug	3
Bethany	Joe Evans	75	75	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	19	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	Aug	3
Elk Fork	Joe Evans	300	300	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	42	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	May	1
Pilgrims Home	Billy Williamson	200	200	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	42	11:00/10:30	11:00/10:30	June	4
Sallem	Elbert Seaco	100	100	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	42	11:00/10:30	11:00/10:30	July	1
Sidney	Wallace Munoy	100	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	July	4
Dix Fork	Ernest Cochran	200	200	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	July	2
Narrow Branch	Bobby Scott	100	100	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	46	10:30/10:30	10:30/10:30	June	3
Leannah	Steve Robinson, Jr.	125	125	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	10:30/10:30	10:30/10:30	Aug	1
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dale	125	125	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	2:30/1:00	2:30/1:00	Apr	2
Tabitha	S. D. Henaley	40	40	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	84	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	May	2
Little Rosa	Joe Evans	150	150	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	July	2
Turkey Creek	Willis L. Lowe	150	150	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	58	2:00/10:00	2:00/10:00	Aug	3
Rosa	Lealie Blair	20	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	11:00/11:00	11:00/11:00	June	4
Muncy Valley	Tommy Ellis	65	65	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	57	2:00/10:30	2:00/10:30	Apr	1
Little Virgie	Richard Station	75	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	10:30/10:30	10:30/10:30	June	2
Southern Home	Tommy Adair, Sr.	175	175	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	16	10:30/10:30	10:30/10:30	Apr	3
Pilgrims Rest	Elbert Seaco	50	50	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	27	4:00/10:00	4:00/10:00	June	1
Okcoghobbe	James Barney	100	100	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	27	10:30/10:30	10:30/10:30	June	1
Elizabeth	Virgil Fields	75	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	10:30/10:30	10:30/10:30	July	2
Little Tavie	W. H. Cochran	125	125	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	10:30/10:30	10:30/10:30	July	2

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