

**MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**In session and assembled at the
SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky
September 10, 11 and 12, 1999**

**Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator
Elder Hobart Hamilton - Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. - Clerk
Elder Edwin Hay - Assistant Clerk
Brother Archie Prince - Assistant Clerk**

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THURSDAY NIGHT
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How joyful is the feeling when a congregation comes together with Heaven on our mind and prayer in our heart desiring to hear the Word of God preached to our hungry soul! And surely, Heaven opened the Golden Pipe and blessed beyond measure the preaching of Elder Robert Clay, Union Association; Elder Chris Watts, Sardis Association; Elder Melvin Fields, Old Indian Bottom Association; and Elder Buddy Carty, Northern New Salem Association.

FRIDAY
September 10, 1999

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled in the Business Room of the Sardis Association Building at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, with our host, the Pilgrims Home and Pilgrims Rest Churches, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1999.

A foreboding wind of uneasiness about this Association stirred among the Brethren this morning as we gathered on the grounds with worry upon our face but prayer in our heart that God will bless our beloved Sardis Association as we attend to whatever Work is before us. In like manner about the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the Stand, welcomed the congregation and announced the Arrangements. Brother Tommy used a little time to advise the Sardis delegates that it is time we come together in true love, looking to God to put us together and keep us close. We may not get everything we want in this Association and, if that be the case, its time to show the love we have for our Brethren, he said.

Brother Tommy advised that we speak with the Spirit that burns in our heart and not with the knowledge in our head. God is not the author of confusion but leads us by His Spirit in love for the Brethren. The Pharisees rejected Jesus because they had knowledge but their heart was far from God. He asked for help from the Sardis delegates and from our Correspondence. God was here in our Service last night, He is here today and will be here tomorrow. Brother Tommy asked Sardis Association to show there is love in God's family.

Elder Leon Robinson came in the Opening, having been chosen last year as Alternate for this year's Introductory Sermon. In his loud clear voice, Brother Leon preached Jesus proceeding from the Father to fulfill the Promise of a new Covenant and to make atonement for sin.

Proclaiming the everlasting love and mercy of God toward mankind, he preached Jesus to be the doorway back to God the Father. Pleading with sinners to count the cost, he said the time is short and you must believe in God and His Son, repent and be born again to be saved.

Elder Tommy Dials led in prayer.

Elder David Crigger came to preach the Introductory Sermon desiring to do God's will, preach His Word and, he said, if we do that we will do well. Jesus didn't come to save the righteous he said, but came to bring sinners to repentance.

Expressing his love for the words Brother Tommy spoke earlier, he declared the Spirit and the flesh of man to be contrary the one with the other and we must seek answers through the Spirit and not the flesh because, if we are in the flesh we are in trouble. We should wait on the Spirit to interpret the Scriptures, he said, and stand on "what sayeth the Word" and, if you don't understand it, go to God who will give it to you when you need it. Stand for the truth if it takes our head off, he said, but do it in love. Let us all pray, be of one accord, forgiving one another and ask God to lead us to His will. Reading John 3:14 and 15, he used the experiences of Moses to preach Christ, the Saviour of the world. Actual events and happenings recorded in the Bible are, he said, examples to show us how God helps His people in answer to the prayers of His servants.

Brother David surely was blessed by the Spirit to preach the Gospel of Salvation to sinners and advised the Brethren to pray for understanding, seek the will of God, stand on the truth in love, forgive one another and come together in one accord asking God to lead us.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations remained in the Business Room for the Work of this Association and, as is our custom, the many non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends were dismissed to assemble in the Preaching Room to hear the preaching of:

Elder Claren Williams, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Arnold Whittaker, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Teddy Robinson, New Salem Association
Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association
Elder Jimmy Dye, New Salem Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in Order, Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, called to seats the delegates from our Churches sent to represent them in this Association and the delegates sent by our Corresponding Sister Associations.

Brother Tommy asked Elder Frank O'Quinn, Moderator of Union Association, to open the services. Brother Frank, admonishing the delegates more than preaching, stated we need God to revelate our mind because we can't do much but what He can do is wonderful. Let us walk in God's Spirit and don't give the adversary room to chop us down. Sow to the Spirit and not the flesh, he said, because only a righteous man walks in the straight and narrow path.

Brother Frank declared that no man is perfect in this world and just as a tree needs pruning to bear more fruit so does man. You may have heartaches in this meeting but if you work in the Lord you will have joy when its over. Be a city set on a hill for all the world to see, he said, and let God be the Moderator of this Association.

Elder Hiram Adkins of the New Salem Association led in Prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the Stand hoping we have listened to what the Brethren have said, speak with the Spirit and not the flesh. We must come together, he said, be ready to do whatever it takes to bring peace. Inquire for the "old path", settle on the Rock and abide therein. I love this old family and hope it means something to us and, he said, if we have a Request that will tear us apart, pull it out and take it back.

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

Brother Jimmy Blackburn

Elder Gary Adair

Elder Jerry Thompson

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

(4) Having reviewed the Letters received from the Churches for regular form and order, the Clerk read the Letter from the Pilgrims Home 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 \$4,675.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(6) The Moderator appointed a Committee to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association.

(7) 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:

Elder Roy Caudill, Northern New Salem Association

Elder Frank O'Quinn, Union Association

Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 1999 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

(9) The Clerk and Assistant Clerk asked the delegation for additional assistance in performing the Clerk's duties and, by regular move and second, Brother Archie Prince was re-appointed to serve as Assistant Clerk and is, therefore, an Officer of the Sardis Association for the coming year.

(10) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Eddy Slone, Union Association
Elder Squire Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder C.W. Turner, Northern New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Gary Compton, New Salem Association
Elder Windell Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association

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

Brother Duane Smith
Brother Les McGuire
Brother Charles Canada

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

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

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Frank O'Quinn, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jesse L. Williamson, Robert Clay, Ked Adkins, James Gannon, Curtis Carroll, Bill Owens, Jerry Staton, Edsel Slone, Seth Hayes, Jack Akers, Roger Coleman, Daniel Stanley, Lonnie Staton, Jerry Newsome, Jimmy Stacey, Doug Stacey, Herman West, Floyd Jude, Paul Hogston and Arthur Duty. Letter in the hands of Elder Franklin O'Quinn.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Pete Hensley, Paul Griffey, John E. Hicks, Alvin Brown, James Tackett, David Hicks, Norman Conn, J. D. Clarke, Ellis Holbrook, Hiram Adkins, Woody Pack, Clyde Lewis, Windell Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Billy Hamilton, Clinton Moore, Walter Akers, Hershell Slone, Clifford Williams, Don Blake Little, Glen Hall, Monroe Jones, Ronnie Halbert, Johnnie Stumbo, Zan Johnson, Luther Hall, Ronnie Hall, Jimmie Hall, Bill Tackett, Harold Tackett, Omery Compton, Jimmy Dye, Woodrow Dye, Ted Robinson, Jimmy Amos, Ralph Slone, Jr., Stefano Slone, John Paul Hamilton, Jeff Hicks, Bobby Slone, James Waddles, Gary Compton, Jimmy Sowards and John Justice. Letter in the hands of Elder Monroe Jones.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Ezra Thornsberry, John Jude, John M. Elkins, Larry Dixon, C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Bart Potter, Buddy Carty, Dewane Graves, Dan Thornsberry, Milford Prater, Sr., Roy Caudill, Dennie Tuttle, Larry Newsome, Dee Osborne and Terry Hall. Letter in the hands of Elder Buddy W. Carty.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Harlan E. Barney, Paul Morrison, Walter Morrison, Ira C. Adkins, Jr., Donnie Brown, Luther Ramey, Jr., Creed Thomas, Willis Tolliver, Paul Moore, Paul Stapleton, Howard Adkins, Curtis Seagraves and John Paul Clark. Letter in the hands of Brother Harlan E. Barney.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Leonard Coleman, Danny Hurley, David Lester, Gary Justus, George Baker, Kermit Lester, Dave Gibson, Gary Brown, A. C. Matney, Monroe Matney, Woodrow Whitt, Austine Salmons, Zeb Justus, Herbert May, Danny C. Justus, Roger McCoy, Doug Reed, George Thomason, Joshua Justus, Jr., Jeff Owens, Willard Hicks, Shird Mullins, Danny McCoy, Johnnie Paul Cline, Will Matney, Dewie Matney, Perry Hagerman, Burl Justus and Phillip Estep. Letter in the hands of Elder Dave Gibson.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Leo Slone, Arnold Whitaker, Ted Amburgey, Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Paul Couch, Jr., Bennett Adams, Rodney D. Slone, Claren Williams, Bert Caudill, Vance Blair and Melvin Fields. Letter in the hands of Elder Haston Whitaker.

(14) 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: Archie Prince, Chester Cochran, Eddie Marcum, Billy Adair, Bobby Scott, Sr., Gary Adair, Bobby L. Scott, Samuel Hensley, Jr., Billy Williamson and William Stanley Campbell, Jr.

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

(16) 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. By regular move and second, this Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. today.

(17) On motion from Brother Doug Mullins, second by Elder Joe Evans, the Sardis Association will adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 11, 1999.

SATURDAY

September 11, 1999

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sardis Association Building where, about the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, called the house to order, and asked Elder Roger Hicks of the New Salem Association to open these Services.

Brother Roger proclaimed that God chose the weak things to confound the mighty in this world. God, he said, wants us to lean upon Him in faith for strength, for knowledge and for comfort. Things will get better if we hold on to Jesus in love, he said, He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Elder Willis Tolliver, Moderator of Philadelphia Association, led in prayer.

Before beginning the Work of our beloved Sardis Association, Brother Tommy again, as Moderator, advised the delegates that they, not he, conduct the Work of this Association and they should speak and vote, if necessary, by what your heart tells you. We need the Lord, he said, we need love, we need each other, we need to respect each other's opinion and you do not have a thing before you that God can't work out.

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) Read the Request from Sardis Church asking the Association's help in solving their disagreement with Rebecca Church on what the Rebecca Church calls "Bible Study School".

A move was made by Elder Gordon Akers, second by Brother Jimmy Cochran, to send a Committee to help them work the matter out. An objection filed by Elder John Wayne White was declared illegal by the Moderator and a Committee was appointed as follows:

Elder Berlin Thornsburry
Elder Billy Williamson
Elder Thomas J. Dials
Elder Hobart Hamilton

(4) Appointed a Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our year 2000 Association; who shall be his alternate; and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our year 2000 Association:

Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder C.W. Turner, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Buddy Carty, Northern New Salem Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Lacy Walters, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Billy Williamson, Alternate
Elder Wayne Herald, Jr., Prepare Circular Letter

(5) 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 Billy Campbell, Sardis Association
Elder Harold Sesco, Sardis Association
Elder Dee Osborne, Northern New Salem Association

SUNDAY

Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association
Elder Vernon Rose, New Salem Association
Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association
Elder Roger Hicks, New Salem Association
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

(6) A Report on the Lease of our coal to Lauren Land Company was made by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. who stated he did complete his negotiations for a Lease, obtained all necessary signatures and delivered both the original Lease and a very satisfactory advance royalty check to the Clerk. Brother Bobby went over some important terms of the Lease and expressed his deep appreciation to Lauren Land Company for its part in working out the Lease. Brother Bobby's efforts, we believe, will benefit Sardis Association now and into the future.

A move from Elder Berlin Thornsby, second by Brother Harvey White, accepted the Report and on behalf of the Sardis Association commended Brother Bobby for a job well done.

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

Balance on hand 8-31-98		\$ 8,780.79
Add 1998 Income:		
Church Contributions		\$ 4,540.00
Obituary Pictures		\$ 470.00
Building Fund Contributions		\$12,105.98
Royalty Income		\$25,000.00
Community Trust Bank Loans		\$ 7,000.00
Concession Income		\$ 987.90
Apartment Building Rent		\$ 830.00
Interest Income		\$ 82.21
Total Available for 1998		\$59,796.88
Less 1998 Expenses		
Food Expense	\$ 4,413.75	
Building Expense	\$ 3,634.68	
Building Cost	\$ 7,378.09	
Apartment Cost	\$ 414.14	
Equipment Cost	\$ 7,783.00	
Print 3600 Minutes and Mailing Cost	\$ 3,857.17	
Loan Repayments	\$29,200.00	
Interest Expense	\$ 1,065.88	
Insurance	\$ 418.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 180.63	
Total 1998 Expense		<u>(\$58,345.34)</u>
Balance on hand 8-31-99		\$ 1,451.54

(8) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1999 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

(9) Received the report of the Building Committee and, by regular move and second, ordered that it be discharged and the Moderator appoint a new Building Committee to be responsible for all use, repair, improvements, maintenance and preservation of the property as follows:

Brother Larry R. May	Elder Jack Robinette	Brother Paul Maynard
Brother Les McGuire	Brother David May	Brother Charles Canada
Brother Donald Joe Evans	Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr.	

A motion by Elder Glen Dixon, second by Brother Alvin Thornbury, granted the Building Committee request to sell 100 of the folding chairs at \$3.00 each.

(10) By regular move and second, it ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 4000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300.00 for his expense.

(11) Elder Dale Williamson chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand and read his letter to a very attentative congregation which will want to read this wonderful Letter time and time again. By regular move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minute.

(12) It is ordered, by regular move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, Old Friendship Association and Old Indian Bottom 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, 1999: Kenneth Jude, Bobby Scott, Sr., Bob Justice, James Blackburn, Willie Blackburn, Ron Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton, Berlin Thornsby, Willie Stiltner, Phillip Brumfield, Billie Brumfield, Hershel Jude, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Liaburn Staten, Bobby L. Scott, Ernest Sesco, Condor Maynard, Lacy Walters, George Jude, Henry Jude and W. H. Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

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, 1999: Hobart Hamilton, Willie Blackburn, James Blackburn, Berlin Thornsby, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Bobby Scott, Sr., Larry R. May, Hershel Jude, Henry Jude, Buddy Glandon, Bobby L. Scott, David Robinson, Lacy Walters, Condor Maynard, George Jude, Trimble Stanley, Billy Robinson, Ron Hamilton, Joe Evans, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Eddie Marcum and Kenneth B. Jude. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Rose of Sharon Church, South Rockwood, MI beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2000: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott, Sr., Ron Hamilton, Gordon Akers, George Jude, Richard Staton, Roger Bevins, Jerry Thompson, Condor Maynard, Buddy Glandon, W. H. Cochran, Harvey White and Edwin Hay. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Mt. Olivet Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2000: Clyde Brown, S. D. Hensley, Willie Blackburn, Archie Prince, Frankie Scott, Kenneth B. Jude, Bobby Scott, Sr., Henry Jude, George Jude, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Berlin Thornsby, Paul Barney, Richard Staton, Jerry Thompson, Billy Joe Robinson, Ron Hamilton, Hershel Jude, Gordon Akers, Joe Evans, James Blackburn, Buddy Glandon, James P. Hensley and Condor Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Little Zion Church, Panther, WV beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2000: Berlin Thornsby, Jerry Thompson, Joe Evans, Willie Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Lester Cochran, Marion Duncan, George Jude, Buddy Glandon, Bobby Scott, Sr., Kenneth B. Jude, Charles Testerman, Richard Staton, Condor Maynard, Ron Hamilton, W. H. Cochran and Hobart Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsby.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the Mallet Fork Church, Pine Top, Knott County, KY beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2000: Edwin Hay, Joe Evans, Berlin Thornsbery, James Blackburn, Willie Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Lester Cochran, George Jude, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, W. H. Cochran, Eddie Marcum, Roger Bevins, Condor Maynard, Ron Hamilton and Bobby Scott, Sr. Letter in the hands of Elder Joe Evans.

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

(14) A Request from Rebecca Church asking that Brother Frank Sheppard be removed from the list of Ordained Ministers was granted by move and second.

(15) Read a Request from Rosa Church asking that Item (17) of our 1998 Minute be changed to the following:

“It is a sin for anyone to put away their wife or husband for any cause except for fornication and marry another. In regards to going behind one’s experience or receiving one in the Church with more than one living companion, we say that each Church shall be the sole judge to the validity of one’s experience. Churches should not be forced to receive members, however, that would destroy the body. (Receive should be interpreted to include all means of receiving members.)

A move by Elder Berlin Thornsbery, second by Brother Virgil Fletcher, to send the Request back met an objection filed by Elder Leonard Sesco. A vote was taken and because the Clerks did not get the same count and one delegate voted for both the move and the objection, more than one vote was taken. The final vote of the delegates was 40 for the move and 43 for the objection and, therefore, the move failed.

According to past practice of the Sardis Association the above vote would have granted the Request but because our Moderator in his instructions to the delegates stressed the fact we were only voting on sending the Request back to Rosa Church, the following action was taken. A move from Brother Phillip Brumfield, second by Elder Stanley Campbell, Sr., to grant the Request met with an objection filed by Elder John Wayne White. The vote of the delegates was 42 for the move and 40 for the objection and, therefore, the Request is granted.

(16) Read a Request from Rebecca Church asking for adherence to and clarification of the Association Order on receiving members having more than one living companion (Item (17) of the 1998 Minute).

A move from Elder Steve Robinson, Jr., second by Brother Doug Mullins, to send the Request back met with an objection filed by Elder John Wayne White. The vote of the delegates showed 58 for the move and 25 for the objection. Therefore, the Request is rejected.

(17) (a) Read a Request from Elizabeth Church asking that, if the Sardis Association does not believe the points of Doctrine and Practice listed in Item (23) of the 1998 Minute then answer the Request of Rebecca Church.

(17) (b) Read a Request from Rebecca Church asking that answer be made to their questions concerning Points of Doctrine and Practice and Bible Study Schools made last year (Item (23) , 1998 Minute) because diligent search of the referred to documents did not fully answer their question.

Elder Tommy Dials, our Moderator, read his suggested answer to the Request on Points of Doctrine and Practice. On move by Elder Steve Robinson, Jr., second by Brother Harvey White, the Moderator's answer was accepted and ordered to be printed in our Minute, as follows:

The Sardis Association has had much discussion about several doctoral questions. This disagreement has eroded the fellowship and friendship of brothers in the Sardis and of other correspondents. The association must reach a Bible Decision to keep this difference from destroying the fiber that holds us together. Please consider the following as a answer to the following questions:

1. WHEN DOES A MAN RECEIVE THE LIGHT?

Isaiah 59:20. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 59:21. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

Isaiah 60:1. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Isaiah 60:3. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

So God is going to send a redeemer to light up the world and men.

St. Luke 1:76. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

St. Luke 1:77. To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

St. Luke 1:78. Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

St. Luke 1:79. To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

We now see that God sent Jesus into the world as the light to die on the cross and break down the middle wall of partition so we the Gentiles might have a opportunity to see the light. The light will be given to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; while a sinner we are in the shadow of death and are in darkness so the light was given to the ones in darkness to find the way.

St. John 1:1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

St. John 1:2. The same was in the beginning with God.

St. John 1:3. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made

St. John 1:4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

St. John 1:5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

St. John 1:6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

St. John 1:7. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light; that all men through him might believe.

St. John 1:8. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

St. John 1:9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

So we see that John the Baptist came to bear witness of the true Light that will light every man.

St. John 3:19. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

St. John 3:20. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

St. John 3:21. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

When you are in the world you are in darkness because your works are not of God, But he that obeys God and comes to the truth receives the light. Jesus said John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Saul was on his way to Damascus with letters that if he found any of this way, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. As he got near Damascus there was a light from heaven shined round about him and it blinded him and he said Lord what would you have me do and he told him what to do and he is now Paul; abiding in Gods way. The light changed Saul and it will change men and women today if they will come unto the light.

II Corinthians 4:6. For God; who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Old Baptist has always preached that the light will shine to our children but will they take heed to it.

II Peter 1:19. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

2. IS THERE FAITH BEFORE YOU JOIN THE CHURCH?

This is another question that has caused us some confusion and below are some scriptures about faith:

Hebrew 11:1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrew 11:2. For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Hebrew 11:3. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Romans 3:22. Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe; for there is no difference.

Romans 3:23. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:24. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus;

Romans 3:25. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

Romans 3:26. To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 5:1. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;

Romans 5:2. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 12:3. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

II Corinthians 5:8. For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Galatians 3:22. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

II Peter 1:1. Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ

II Peter 1:4. Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

II Peter 1:5. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

II Peter 1:6. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. IS THERE A TRAVEL FROM NATURE TO GRACE?

Isaiah 1:11. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord; I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

Isaiah 1:12. When you come to appear before me, who hath required this at you hand, to tread my Courts?

Isaiah 1:13. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and Sabbath's, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Isaiah 1:14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

Isaiah 1:15. And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood.

Isaiah 1:16. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes, cease to do evil;

Isaiah 1:17. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Isaiah 1:18. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 1:19. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

Isaiah 1:20. But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

II Peter 1:5. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

II Peter 1:6. And to knowledge temperance; an to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

II Peter 1:7. And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brother kindness charity,

II Peter 1:8. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ,

II Peter 1:9. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off; and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

II Peter 1: 10. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

II Peter 1:11. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

II Peter 1:12. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

So Brothers we can see the scriptures support a travel from nature to grace and men and women must put these additions on in order to receive an entrance into the everlasting kingdom.

4. ARE SCRIPTURE WRITTEN TO SINNERS?

Brethren, consider these scriptures:

Luke 13:1. There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Luke 13:2. And Jesus said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans because they suffered such things?

Luke 13:3. I tell you Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13:4. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

Luke 13:5. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent ye shall all likewise Perish.

How many times did Jesus tell them except you repent you will perish or where I am you cannot come? These unrepented people are sinners to say there is no scripture to sinners that all the Bible is written to the Church is just not sound doctrine.

James 4:7. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you

James 4:8. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Now, Brethren tell me is not this scripture to sinners?

St. Matthew 9:11. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

St. Matthew 9:12. But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, they that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

St. Matthew 9:13. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

St. Mark 2: 17. When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

There are so many Scriptures to sinners or unrepented that it would take a big book to hold them.

St. John 3:16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

St. John 3:17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Now, who is the world? There is a big difference between the church and the world. You are not in the Church until you repent and are born again . Then Gods adds you to the Church. Then you are chosen out of the world.

5. IS THERE NO REPENTANCE UNTIL YOU JOIN THE CHURCH?

Ephesians 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.

Brethren: the Bible says the Grace of God that bringeth salvation has appeared to all men teaching them that denying ungodliness and worldly lust that they should live righteously in this present world. According to these scriptures somewhere after you become the age of accountability you will receive a calling and you will hear the Gospel of your Salvation then and after you believe will you be sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise. The Prodigal Son is a type of a child becoming the age of accountability leaving Fathers house going out into the world and seeing his lost condition and receiving a calling out in the field and saying there is bread to spare at Fathers house and making the decision that we all must make, becoming sorry and making his journey back home where his Father puts on him a white robe, puts shoes on his feet, puts love in his heart and receives him home.

Isaiah 55:6. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Isaiah 55:7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

According to these scriptures a man or woman must seek the Lord and call upon him and forsake his wicked ways, then and then only will He pardon his sins. Matthew says no man putteth a piece of new cloth into an old garment for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment and the rent is made worse, neither do men put new wine into old bottles thus the bottles break and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish, but they put new wine into new bottles and both are preserved.

Acts 8:18. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Acts 8:19. Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:20. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Acts 8:21. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

Acts 8:22. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Acts 8:23. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Acts 8:24. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

Brethren: You see that Peter told Simon that he had to repent and pray to God that the thoughts of his heart might be forgiven him.

Revelation 3:20. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Brethren: The Lord is always knocking at sinners hearts but sinners have to hear and obey his voice before he will enter in.

(17) (c): As for Bible Study Schools, the Moderator advised the Churches to abide by the old established Order given in 1938 as shown in the "Orders and Advice Book" at page 21, Article Third. A move from Brother Doug Mullins to accept the Moderator's advice and re-print the Item, second by Brother Lester Cochran, is as follows:

"We will not fellowship open Communion and Sunday Schools taught or conducted through sectarian literature, as we believe that the only ordained medium by which men and women are taught is by God-sent men preaching under the demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Therefore, we strictly oppose any and all so called auxiliaries of the Churches. Also, we denounce the use of what is known as erected alters or Mourners Benches, as we have neither example or precept of such in the New Testament Scriptures".

(18) Elder Sabert Nichols, Committee Clerk, read the Report of the Committee appointed last year at Item (18) , Page 10, and upon move from Brother Doug Mullins, second by Elder Leonard SESCO, Jr., it was accepted, the Committee discharged and Ordered to be recorded as follows:

"Your Committee met with those Churches (Samaria Church and Salem Church) at the Turkey Creek Church. After much prayer and lengthy discussion and reasoning, the two Churches agreed to put this aside and abide by the Article adopted in our 1996 session of the Association concerning receiving of members, which is also on Page 10 of the 1998 Minutes"

(19) Read the Request from Pilgrims Home Church asking for advice on "...acceptable places and waters for Baptism other than in our creeks and rivers".

Discussion showed problems do exist with acceptable water for Baptism and, on move from Elder Steve Robinson, Jr., second by Elder Chris Watts, the Association advises the Churches to do what must be done about the problem.

(20) Read a Request from Rebecca Church concerning an article that appeared in the "Williamson Daily News" paper on January 14, 1999, about the American United Baptist Church being "...armed off the Rebecca Church of the Old Regular Baptists which is located on Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek...". And asked that this Request be printed in our Minute, and state: "...that the Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist of the Sardis Association located on the Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek in West Virginia did not arm off the American Church of the United Baptists and have never had any correspondence and/or affiliation with them."

Upon move from Brother Jimmy Cochran, second by Elder Chris Watts, the Request is as follows:

"The Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptists, met in regular business session the second Saturday in August, 1999. After singing a few of the old songs of Zion, introduction and prayer; the Moderator called the Church to seats and seated the Church for the purpose of transacting any business that might come before it. He then asked for and found peace, love and fellowship among the members present and after seating the visitors of our same Faith and Order, the Church transacted the business for the day.

During the new business part of this meeting, the subject came before the body concerning an article that appeared in the 'Williamson Daily News' paper, Thursday, January 14, 1999, (a copy is attached to this Request) in which it was stated that the American Church of the United Baptist (presently in Old Zion Association) was armed off from the Rebecca Church of the Old Regular Baptists which is located on Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek. Also, that one of the America Church's great leaders and one instrumental in its early growth was Elder W.B. Estep. The Rebecca Church finds this article to be in error because we (the Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptists located on Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek of the Sardis Association) did not provide the arm for the American Church and the only Elder W.B. Estep we had in our membership during this time period was excluded from the Rebecca Church the second Saturday in March, 1914, when he resigned as Moderator and "...abruptly broke off and walked out..." over the secret order question (See the "History of Regular Baptists, page 296-297; " A True History of the Division of the Sardis Association "; a copy also attached herewith). By regular move and second and without objection, the Rebecca Church agreed to send a Request to the Sardis Association asking that this Request be printed in our Minute and state that the Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptists of the Sardis Association located on the Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek in West Virginia did not arm off the American Church of the United Baptists and have never had any correspondence and/or affiliation with them. The Rebecca Church left the Zion Association and took up correspondence with the Sardis Association in 1894, long before the time frame set forth in this article.

Done and signed by order of the Rebecca Church:
Elder Paul Vance, Moderator
Elder Maynard Hay, Clerk

(21) By regular move and second, the report of Brethren called in Associations; Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings was omitted today.

(22) Having received no Request to host our year 2000 Association, and after discussion, Turkey Creek Church, by it's Moderator, Elder Leonard Sesco, Jr., agreed to host that Association and asked that all Sardis Association Churches help them. Whereupon, Brother Charles Lowe said Apple Orchard Church would help and Brother Harvey White said Little Rosa Church would help. Other delegates said they were not authorized to volunteer their Church but expected they would do so and would contact Brother Leonard.

Therefore, by regular move and second, it is Ordered that our year 2000 Sardis Association be co-hosted by the Turkey Creek Church, the Apple Orchard Church and the Little Rosa Church at the Sardis Association Building and that all of our other Churches help them work in this Association. It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2000, to:

Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr.
P.O. Box 746
Pikeville, Kentucky 41502

The Sardis Association Building is located on KY Route 881 at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky. Follow US Route 119 from Pikeville, KY. toward Williamson, WV. for about 12 miles to the foot of Bent Mountain and turn left onto KY Route 881 for about 10 miles to the large Sardis Association sign on the left and onto Brushy School Road. If traveling from Williamson, WV toward Pikeville, KY on US Route 119 , the distance is about 16 miles and turn right onto KY Route 881.

(23) Weeks before Association time the Brethren, Sisters and friends of the Host Churches began preparing to feed and care for this Association and when it arrived they made it look so easy. However, close observation showed just how tired they were but the joy they felt in "doing it right" was just as obvious. We have so much to be thankful for and we thank you Lord for your blessings on us!

A special "Thank you" to Phillip Smith, Chief of the Gulnare Volunteer Fire Department, and to Jimmy Easterling, EMT, for the Fire Truck stationed at the building. The peace of mind we felt is indescribable. We again thank Chris Meade for the ice box and ice. And to the many, many of our members, neighbors and friends who contributed much or little - we needed you all - and we hope you can get the same "feeling" we have in simply saying, THANK YOU !

(24) By regular move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises was omitted and it is Ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(25) On motion from Elder Joe Evans, second by Brother Alvin Thornbury, it is Ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2000.

(26) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Willis Tolliver, Moderator of the Philadelphia Association. Elder Roger Hicks from the New Salem Association led in prayer.

(27) This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.

Thomas J. Dials

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator

Hobart Hamilton

Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator

Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

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

Edwin Hay

Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

Archie Prince

Brother Archie Prince, Assistant Clerk

STANDING ITEMS

Item 1. Item 14 of our 1975 Minutes is reprinted, without the preamble, as follows:

Sardis Association
of Old Regular Baptist

September 13, 1975
Dingess, West Virginia

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

Item 2. 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.

Item 3. It is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Churches not to marry anyone having a living husband or wife unless they bring scripture evidence for putting their husband or wife away. (1929 minute)

Item 4. It is ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women. (1919 minute)

Item 5. It is ordered that requests for Union, Communion and Memorial meetings be published in our Minutes.

Item 6. 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. Also, friends of the Churches that are recommended by the Churches be printed in a separate section of our minute. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$15.00 will be made for a picture with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

Clerks Note: Please note the above order - it is incumbent upon the churches in the Sardis Association that they be the screen and recommending body of Obituaries of Friends to be printed in our minutes and identify the same (by note or otherwise) to the Clerks when the Obituary is turned in. Each Church Moderator is further required to screen and approve any Obituary of a Friend of the Church and to reject any Obituary that has language that is offensive to the Sardis Association.

Item 7. "We the Sardis Association, advise our Sister Churches that it is not our practice to use sisters or double-married men in any function of the ministry, including leading prayer, in any of our Church services."

SUNDAY
September 12, 1999

Beautiful singing greeted the congregation as they gathered in and, about 10:00 a.m., Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator of our beloved Sardis Association, briefly welcomed one and all and expressed our joy for the overflow congregation but our sorrow that some had to sit in the hallway. He announced the arrangements and asked that everyone pray the Lord would richly bless these Brethren to preach the Word to this wonderful congregation.

Elder Danny Belcher, Assistant Clerk of Union Association, came in the Opening stating that he and all Elders to follow him needed our prayers and, in fact, he stated, "all people in this world need prayer." Expressing his belief in a real, living God and that there are "trees" walking among us today, he declared that we are getting ready for our eternal home and looking for Jesus to come back for us. But, he said, the world is getting ready for today - or, maybe tomorrow, - taking care of this mortal flesh from day-to-day but can't see beyond that.

Preaching Jesus to be the Door, the Way to eternal life, the Lamb who laid down His life without spot or blemish for us and, if we believe, we will find that He has been with us all along. But belief alone is not enough, he said, because Satan believed and is still Satan., and we must put our "belief" into action and choose to serve Jesus.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator of our Sardis Association, led in prayer.

Elder Vernon Rose, from New Salem Association, entered the Stand stating that he would rather be here today than anywhere. I have been made to feel good, he said, and I feel the Lord is here. Quoting , "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day....." (Rev. 1: 10) , Brother Vernon preached the drawing power, the healing power and the joy of feeling God's Spirit in the soul.

There are many "sick souls" in the world today, just as I was in that shape one time but, he said, "I got me a little honey from the Rock and I wanted more". And, he continued, today I feel God took my feet out of the field of sin and set me on that Rock.

Preaching Jesus to be "that Rock" and the true Light that lighteth every man that comes into the world, he pleaded with "sin sick souls" to believe on Him and add action to your belief. While you have that Light, he said, believe in the Light because no man can come to Jesus except God, the Father, draw him.

Elder Creed Thomas, of the Philadelphia Association, was next in the Stand. Preaching "belief" and "faith", Brother Creed quoted, "According to your faith be it unto you" (Mat. 9:29). You must believe Jesus will heal you and when you get to where you can't do any more for yourself, God takes over and does it for you.

God holds you in the palm of His hand, he preached, and in time of trouble is able to keep you. There is no where else to go for the healing you need. The "inner man", he said, receives the healing and the "outer man" is dressed up to walk in a newness of life. That healing is the forgiveness of sin and, he said, when that happens you know something happened, then go home, he said, and tell your friends the good things done for you. Then walk in God's garden where He plants you, he advised, but be careful how you walk. Hear His council, he preached, and God will help you through the problems of this world

Elder Roger Hicks of the New Salem Association came in the closing preaching "...there is just one Saviour of the world, there is no more to come and only one offering made for sin". Stating there is a "starting place", he remembered when he started and Satan robbed him of the good thoughts but the closer he drew to God, the closer God drew near to him. God will show you His love, he preached, and will not suffer you to be tempted without making a way for your escape. Keep searching, he said, and find Him in His garden, the Church. The Church door is open and you can live your life giving Him glory. Don't worry about the year 2000, he said, you may not make it that long.

Our Moderator, Elder Tommy Dials, spoke a few words stating, we have a God that loved us so much that He gave His only Son to redeem us from sin. There is a starting place and you have something to do, follow God to repentance and a new birth. Then, he said, you will have something to keep you, lead you and teach you how to live and give Him the glory and honor He deserves. The timber is made ready in the field and when forgiveness comes it will lead you to water baptism to answer a good conscience, he said, and set your light upon a candlestick. Read the Scripture, he admonished, pray for understanding and search for God's truth.

Surely God's Spirit visited this overflow congregation and was evidenced in the shouting and singing as the Meeting ended. Thank You Lord.!

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

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

May this letter find us in peace with love one for another, and Grace and Mercy be with you from our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

God's word says, I am the vine and ye are the branches. There is growth in the Church and in God's ways. And God gives increase when he feels we can properly use it.

In God's Word he said, when I was a child I spake as a child. In nature I have watched my own children grow. When they were young they were very impressionable. They watched every move and they tried to please us. So is a young Child of God. They get forgiveness of their sins and God adds them to the Church. Gods word says, bring them up in the way you would have them to go. Also, the older brothers should be as fathers and the older sisters as mothers. So we need to be very careful what kind of an impression we leave on our young brothers and sisters.

We can plant or sow, we can also water, but God gives the increase. If we as a people want God to give increase we must do as God would have us do. Walk upright before him giving him praise and honor in this present world.

If our Church is going to grow, and the Word says, God adds to the Church daily such as should be saved, we must get in Gods Word and believe in him and trust in him.

When we disagree with something, pray without ceasing, not that we would get our way but that God's will would be done. Not with our mouths but with our hearts. And our younger brothers and sisters will see our good works and glorify the Father in Heaven. When God shows the way we need to move. Let's take one another's hand and gently move along.

I've never worked with flocks or herds but a writer in the Old Testament taught me in his writings. They were moving from one land to another and evidently they got in a hurry. He told them to go on; I have young sheep that are tender and cannot stand the journey at this pace. He said, "I'll bring them gently."

I believe God wants us to grow in Grace and Knowledge but I think we need to be slow to speak and swift to hear. I believe we need to be slow with our young and tender brothers and sisters. Always be willing to give a reason why we believe the things we hold dear. If the things we believe are of God, we need to keep them. Because if they are of man they will not stand.

I want my children and your children to see the Church as a City that sits on a hill and cannot be hid. I want it to shine before men so that they would see how good God is and want to glorify him before it's everlasting too late.

I want the world to run to us for direction and guidance when they get in trouble and not from us when we meet. If we walk upright God will not withhold any good things and we will shine like the noon day sun and our children will want to come and be with us and become a Child of the King.

I know we are going to be tried and I know the devil is always giving us trouble in the flesh. But I also know that God's word says, I'll never leave you, I'll never forsake you, I'll be with you even till the end of this world. And I believe God.

I know he will watch over me and protect me even though I make my many mistakes as I journey along. I'm not perfect but some day God will make me perfect and whole and pure and then I'll be satisfied.

Until then brothers and sisters let us just love one another, follow the Great Shepherd and let him lead us in the pathway of righteousness for his name sake.

I don't worry about God's Church. I worry about God's children failing to see the dangers the devil tries to put before us, blocking our views and putting trouble before us to cause our children to turn from us for answers and to the world for wisdom.

So, if we differ, let us differ in love knowing that the trying of our Faith worketh patience. I love the Church and the followers of Christ with all my heart. I would not hurt anyone of you. I want to see us grow in love and peace. Let God work his perfect peace in our lives. I want to live with you here and I want to die with you. Like little Ruth, I want your God to be my God and your people to be my people.

Your unworthy servant,
Brother Dale Williamson

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

We your Sister the Northern New Salem Association wish to express to you our condolence in the departure of your beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last session.

Their labor here hasn't been in vain, many have been touched by their lives. Now they belong to the ages, moved away to a far and better rest. Leaving us with threads of precious memories, that shall comfort us that remain. As we wait for that glorious day in which we hope to meet them on heavens peaceful shore.

With Love-Clerks,
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Turner

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

APRIL, 2000

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Frank Sheppard, Billie Brumfield, Gene Johnson and Mark Murphy.

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Sesco, Albert Cable, Hobart Hamilton, Leonard Sesco, Richard Staton and Wayne Herald, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:30 p.m. Ministers called: Doug McCarty, Garland Deel, Charles Jarrell, Odes Williams, Floyd Jude, Johnny Newsome and Standford Branham.

MAY, 2000

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Teddy Honaker, Jimmy Dye, Tommy Ellis and Leon Robinson.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Windell Hamilton, Tad Huff, Leon Robinson, and Paul Maynard.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Danny Hurley, Ellis Holbrook, Danny Carty, Chuck Hall and Bobby Scott, Sr.

JUNE, 2000

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Willis Tolliver, Jerry Estep, Leon Robinson, Leonard Sesco, Jr., Hobart Hamilton with Moderator attending.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Johnie Bentley, Jason Lowery and Lacy Walters.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Raymond Smith, Thomas Tackett, Billy Cochran, Vernon Rose and Richard Staton.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans, Jack Robinette, Henry Jude, Jerry Thompson and Elbert Sesco.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, Bobby Sesco and Dale Williamson.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Homer Muncy, Jr., John Luxmore, Henry Jude, Vernon Rose, Arthur May, Albert Cable and Richard Staton.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Homer Muncy, Jr., Paul Vance, Berlin Thornsby, Ben Scott, Wayne Herald, Jr., Thomas J. Dials and Floyd Jude.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bobby SESCO, Gary Compton and Joe Evans.

JULY, 2000

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Herman West, Thomas J. Dials, and Frankie Scott.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Murl Caudill, Wayne Herald, Jr., Billy Hamilton, Tad Huff and Barry Lucas.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert SESCO and Leon Robinson.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Windell Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Monroe Jones and Roger Hicks.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Buddy Carty, John Wayne White, Austine Salmons, Murl Caudill and Sam Franks.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Paul Hamilton, Sabert Nichols, Jason Lowery and Leon Robinson.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Monroe Jones, John Paul Hamilton, Ted Robinson and Jason Lowery.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert SESCO, Danny Runyon, Berlin Thornsby and Jerry Estep with Moderator attending.

AUGUST, 2000

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis, Willie Stiltner, Leonard SESCO, Jr. and Harold SESCO.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Frank Sheppard, Mark Murphy, Larry Richard May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Billie Brumfield and Jason May.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Dee Osborne, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Leonard SESCO, Jr. and Jason Lowery.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton, Leonard SESCO, Jr. Elbert SESCO and Danny Runyon.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial of Elder Bill Jude and other family members at the old home place on Wolf Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Tom Dials, Estel Hamilton, Floyd Jude, Arvid Blevins and Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Glen Lowe and his wife, Mary E. Lowe, at the home on Big Creek on the second Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Windell Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on the third Sunday (June 18, 2000) at 11:00 a. m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Richard Staton, Leon Robinson, Gary Young, Lacy Walters, Danny Runyon and Billy Williamson.

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 third Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe and Gabe D. Lowe.

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: Don Little, Roger Hicks, Dewey Roberts and Harold Sesco.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Joe Evans, Frank Sheppard, Danny Runyon and Jason May.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Rex Napier, Willie Blackburn, Leonard Sesco and Billy Hamilton.

JULY, 2000

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the church house for all those buried on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Danny Runyon, Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Sesco, Jr., Dale Williamson and Richard Staton. All Regular Baptist ministers welcome. Dinner will be served nearby.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery near the Leannah Church at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Leonard Sesco, Jr., Vernon Rose and Clifford Williams.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Sunday at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek in West Virginia. All corresponding ministers are invited. Everyone is welcome.

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: Virgil Fields, Wallace Muncy, Thomas J. Dials, Ben Scott and Paul Vance.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Narrows Branch Church for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Paul Vance, Edwin Hay, Berlin Thornsby, Bobby Scott, Sr. and Lacy Walters.

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, Dale Williamson, Richard Staton and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Pilgrims Home Church on the Sunday after the third Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in memory of John Gilbert Blackburn and his son Willis Raymond (Wig) Blackburn. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Billy Williamson, Lacy Walters and Harold Sesco.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Meeting begins at the Sardis Church house on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Ministers called: Chris Watts, Jason May, Charles Jarrell and Billy Adair.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel Stacy, his wife, and of Cora Stacy, Tan Howell, Ora Howell, his wife, May Jude, Mary Moore, Ralph and Carey Reed, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., Richard Staton, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Thomas J. Dials.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the odd Sunday in July, 2000 at 10:30 a.m.. This will include Elder E. F. (Frank) Fields, his wife, Rebecca, Ellen (Kirk) Moore and Dim Moore, Vina (Fields) Kirk and Andy Kirk, Jean K. Webb, David Fields, Elmer Fields and Mint Fields and others. The cemetery is located about a mile below the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Leon Robinson and Lacy Walters.

AUGUST, 2000

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of the Cline family on the right-fork of Gilbert Creek on the first Sunday at 5:00 p. m. Everyone Welcome.

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 Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Milford Lowe, Gabe D. Lowe and Wayne Herald, Jr.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Hobart Hamilton, Arthur May and Jeffrey Dillon.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Leon Robinson, Richard Staton, John Wayne White and Leonard Sesco, Jr.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters, Paul Vance and Gabe Lowe, Jr.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Apple Orchard Cemetery, the Pine Grove Cemetery in Lennox, GA and the Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Foster Blackburn, Ted Robinson, Hillard Newsome and Moderator attending.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, Marion Preece, Sr., M. J. Mounts, A. A. Sheppard and all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Murl Caudill, Monroe Jones, Buddy Carty and Danny McCoy.

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

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, Clifford Williams, Leon Robinson, Ben Scott, Hobart Hamilton and Ernest Cochran.

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosie Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Bobby Sesco, David Crigger, Larry Richard May, Joe Evans and Lacy Walters.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for the deceased members of the Church and the community. Services will begin at 10:30 a. m. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Elbert Sesco, Don Little, Gary Compton and Moderator attending. Dinner will be served.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Sunday in August at 5:00 p.m. at the Turkey Creek Church house for Mary M. Maynard and deceased family. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Leonard Sesco, Jr. and Richard Staton.

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: Johnie Bentley, Vernon Rose, John Luxmore and Bill Tackett.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy family including Johnny Nichols, Sr., his wife and family, and the Lowe family of Gulnare, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson 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: Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Floyd Jude and Thomas J. Dials.

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: David Crigger, Lacy Walters, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Berlin Thornsby and moderator attending.

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 Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Ben Scott, Gabe Lowe and Roger Stepp. Dinner will be served nearby. Everyone welcome to bring a dish of their choice.

SEPTEMBER, 2000

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans and Jason May.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meathouse, about a mile above the Leannah Church, on the first Sunday (Sept. 6) at 10:30 a.m. in memory of Shirlen McCoy, his wife, Lucy McCoy, Van Avory McCoy, and others buried on this Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife Ora Blackburn, and daughter Mae Blackburn and all others buried near the mouth of Buck Branch are included. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Richard Staton, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Ben Scott.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of Brother Ira Robinson and Brother Malcomn Muncy on the first Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Leon Robinson, Elbert Sesco and Wayne Herald, Jr.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the church house for those buried in the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Sabert Nichols, Danny Runyon, Leon Robinson, with Thomas J. Dials, moderator attending.

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, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Maynard Hay, Sabert Nichols, Claren Williams, Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones and Bobby Scott, Sr.

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: Wallace Muncy, David Crigger, Frankie Scott and Greg Scott.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the church house in memory of Oscar and Nannie McCoy, and their parents and other family members on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Bradley Billiter, Richard Staton and Hurshell Huff.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Arthur May, Larry Richard May, David Crigger and Berlin Thornsby.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude, America Jude, his wife, their three sons, Ambrose, Matthew and Russell, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Paul Vance, Milford Lowe and Homer Muncy, Jr.

OCTOBER, 2000

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, on Winn Branch on the odd Sunday in October (October 1) at 10:00 a. m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Lacy Walters and Hurshell Huff.

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Gabe Lowe, Wallace Muncy and Floyd Jude.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Gary Compton, Hobart Hamilton, Jerry Estep Richard Staton and Leonard Sesco, Jr.

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: Jason Lowery, Richard Staton, Clyde Lewis, Coy Combs, Teddy Honaker and Dee Osborne. Dinner will be served.

MT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mt Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, David Crigger and Claren Williams.

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

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Bob Adkins, Hank Forgey, Raymond Smith and Raymond Stapleton.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Dave Gibson, Raymond Smith, Dale Williamson, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans, and Richard Staton.

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

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Robert Haney, Elbert Sesco and Richard Staton.

OBITUARIES
of
BRETHREN AND SISTERS

HENRY HERBERT BLACKBURN

On a cool Saturday morning on January 16, 1999, at Windsor Care Nursing Center in Mt. Sterling, KY, our precious Lord opened his loving arms and called Henry Herbert Blackburn home from a five year journey of illness. During this long illness Daddy was baptized on Sunday, March 13, 1994, at Winchester Manor Care Center by Elders Bill Williamson and Dale Williamson and placed his membership at Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church.



Daddy was born at Piso, KY, on September 12, 1911, to John Henry Blackburn and Effie Maynard Blackburn. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers: Harmon, Ralph, Edgar "Ted", and B.C. "Ben" Blackburn and a sister Lois Harrison. He is survived by two brothers John Walter and Chester Blackburn and two sisters, Flossie Robinette and Elsie Williamson

On February 3, 1940, daddy married our beloved mother, Olga M. Lowe Blackburn making this marriage 18 days short of 59 years.

One thing that Daddy wanted was a son, but this did not happen. But the Lord in his Divine wisdom sent him three grandsons. They were his "boys" and his pride and joy: Richard Pullen of Lexington, KY, and Christopher and Alexander Farris of Mt. Sterling, KY. Daddy was also blessed with three wonderful son-in-laws: Carl J. Pullen, Donald Stansbury, and Edgar Farris.

Daddy's final-stroke occurred about 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, 1999. When this happened Daddy was unable to respond until the moment of death. As we stood at Daddy's bedside and he took his last breath of life, as the death angel took his hand, he opened his eyes and gave his wife and daughters the most beautiful smile that showed us Daddy's journey was ending and there was peace, joy, and contentment as he went home to rest. Daddy's pain ended at 10:30a.m. that morning when he went to rest in the arms of our precious Lord.

Daddy's family and friends miss him, but know he is once again healthy and able to walk in Heaven.

Written By His Wife and Daughters

WILLIE CASHER BLACKBURN

Words are inadequate at this time to express our sorrow at the loss of our loved one. By the grace of God we will try to fulfill the request of his family that we write his eulogy. It is with a sorrow full heart and much weakness that we attempt this honored task.

Willie Casher Blackburn went to rest in the arms of Jesus at approximately 7:00 A.M. on the operating table at the Charleston Area Medical Clinic in Charleston, WV on Monday, January 4, 1999. He was born May 16, 1916 to the late James Ballard and Mazie Smith Blackburn of Sidney, KY. He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal Crigger Blackburn on August 21, 1998, a daughter, Geraldine Blackburn in February, 1951, and a daughter-in-law, Delores Johnson Blackburn, on May 17, 1979.



Survivors are; son, Elder Stony Blackburn of Vermillion, OH; daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis Ann (Robert) Kiser of Huntington, WV and Irene "Deanie" (Dale Randall) Pinson of Chickamauga, GA; twin brothers, Paris M. Blackburn of Galena, OH and Wayne B. Blackburn of Sidney, KY; sisters: Sylvia Smith, Darlene Crigger, Leona Stanley, Dolly Deskins, and Arminda Stanley of Sidney, KY, Yvonne Howell of Columbus, OH and Jean Williamson of Fallston, MD; ten grandchildren, Sherry Lynn Blackburn Thornsby, Rebecca Lynn Blackburn, Naomi Geneva Blackburn, Robert Keith Kiser, Eric Todd Kiser, Lisa Ann Kiser Issa, Melissa Kay Hatfield, Shannon Michelle Craven, Mark Randall Pinson, and Dale Randall Pinson Dawson; ten great-grandchildren: Amanda Delores Thornsby, Samantha Marie Thornsby, Brianna Leigh Thorusbury, Gabriele Marie Kiser, Hannah Elizabeth Kiser, Zachariah Ah Issa, Kaitlyn Annay Issa, Courtney Opal Hatfield, Stephanie Ciara Craven, Raina Hope Craven and Jordon Casher Matthew Gray. He will also be greatly missed by several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends. Opal and Casher were united in marriage on December 17, 1936 at Canada, KY by the Rev. G.B.Bird. They would have celebrated their sixty second wedding anniversary this past December, 1998.

Casher worked in the mines as a young man but had to retire at the age of 49 due to health related problems. He worked and retired at Eastern Coal Company of Stone, KY. He was a member of the local union 5737. He was a World War II Veteran having entered the U.S. Armed Forces on May 26, 1945 and spent seven months in Germany. He was awarded the Army Occupational Medal (Germany) and World War II Victory Ribbon. He honorably discharged from the military service of the United States of America on July 17, 1946.

Casher became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on the third Saturday in June, 1970 by Elders James Gannon and David Crigger. He realized that repentance is required at the hands of all men. He was an ordained Deacon and Treasurer of Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church. After Casher came into the church he was definitely not the man he was prior to that time. He did not walk the same walk or talk the same talk, but lived a different life. He tried hard with the Lord's help to keep himself unspotted from the world. He wore his light on a candle for all the world to see that God had made a change in his life. He had prepared himself for the death he

met on that Monday morning to journey over to the other side. We feel sure that God carried his soul over to the other side of the mountain and let him view the glories of Heaven. He had traveled down the King's Highway and was ready to meet his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We feel that his soul is now resting in the Paradise of God and waiting to be revealed in that last day. He will then be able to sing that new song of redemption that he was never able to sing here on earth. When Jesus comes back on the Clouds of Glory to get his Church, Casher will be raised in his likeness and so shall he ever be with the Lord in his eternal home.

Casher worked hard to raise his family and tried to give them the material things they needed for this life. But we feel that Casher's love for God was far greater than any love that he had in nature. Jesus said in St. John 14:23 that "If a man loves me, and he will keep my words: and my father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him". The life that Casher lived after coming into the church, was a tribute to God that God lived and was first in his life, and all other things were secondary. After Opal's death Casher was very sad and mourned her passing each day until death came and called him home a little over four months later. During this period of Casher life we feel that God was his comforter and that God fulfilled his request to join Opal in that Heavenly home. During the time between Casher's death and burial, it was very cold and snowy. In the yard of Casher's home two large intertwined hearts of melting snow appeared on the ground. The children made video and camera pictures of this scene. The Lord works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform. Casher was sorry to leave his earthly family, but he rejoiced to be able to join his heavenly family. He told Missy, his granddaughter, over at the Williamson Memorial Hospital, just prior to his leaving for Charleston, that he hated to leave them but he wanted to go home. Praise God for all of his blessings for he answered Casher's wishes and prayers.

Casher was dearly loved by all of his family and friends. Being his twin brothers, he was always idolized by us. In our eyes and hearts, he could do no wrong. We looked up to him as our big brother since he was fifteen years older than we were. We know in our hearts that our loss is Heaven's gain and that his soul is now basking in Paradise around the throne of God. We pray that God will look after his family and bind them closer in love and give them sweet dreams of him and their mother from time to time. Casher was blessed to have four sisters, one brother, and one brother-in-law, with him as members of the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church at the time of his death.

To all of Cashers relatives and friends, "Sorrow not as others who have no hope but rejoice and be exceedingly glad that this soldier died at his post, doing the will of his Heavenly Father." Henceforth there is a crown of righteousness laid up for him and not for him only but for all who will do the will of our Father.

Services were held at the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church at 11 A.M., Thursday, January 7, 1999. Ministers of the Regular Baptist Church conducting the services were Elders Earnest Cochran, David Crigger and Berlin Thornsbury. Ministers conducting services at the Rogers Funeral Home nightly were; Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Clifford Stanley, Bobby Scott, and Lacy Walters. He was interred in the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, KY was in charge of the arrangements. Military rites were conducted by the Belfry Chapter 141 of the Disabled American Veterans.

Written by: Fay W. and Wayne Blackburn,
and Elder Paris Blackburn

BEN W. BOGAR

With the help of the Lord we will attempt to write the obituary of Ben W. Bogar, our beloved friend. Ben was born July 7, 1904 in Pike County, KY and passed this life on October 21, 1998. Ben was blessed to live 94 years 3 months and 14 days. He was born to James (Jim) Bogar and Elizabeth Scott Bogar, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Alzie Marcum and Polly Bogar, four brothers: Arthur, Ted, Joe and Willie Bogar. One nephew who he loved very much and always looked after Ben, until his death, was Oscar Marcum. He leaves behind a niece, Gertrude Marcum, and a host of cousins and friends.



Until his last breath, Ben was praising the Lord. Up until the last month of his life he was able to get around and continue to go to church with the aid of his cane or wheelchair. Ben loved people and he loved life. Years ago you could find him sitting in his old car writing poetry. Most of which was about the Lord or his testimony on how good the Lord was to him. He was always begging everyone he met to come and know the Lord. He would cry after church when we took him back to the nursing home where he spent his last years. When we asked him why he was crying his response was he wanted to go home and be with the Lord. He was a faithful member of the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church. Ben was a timberman and carpenter by trade. Ben was a poor man in this world, but we believe he died a rich man, because he believed in a God, who has all power. His last hours were peaceful. He patiently waited for the Lord to call him home.

Ben, rest on until some sweet day with the help of the Lord we will see you and Daddy and all the rest of our loved ones that have gone on. We love and miss you very much.

Written by Your friends, Jack and Carol Sammons

ELSIE (EVANS) BRUMFIELD

Elsie (Evans) Brumfield was born March 7, 1915. She was the daughter of the late George and Vicie (Hensley) Evans. She was married to the late John Brumfield and has two children, Billie Brumfield, an Elder of Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church and Clara Matilda Martin of Cleveland, OH. She had eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by sisters; Mary Maynard and Hattie Brewster and a brother, Asa Evans. Surviving are sisters, Rebecca Brumfield and Nelson Neal and brothers, Albert Evans and Patterson Evans.



She was baptized by Elder Wallace Maynard on June 25, 1933. She was a faithful member for sixty six years. She went to sleep January 23, 1999. In my mind I can still hear her praying. First time I can remember seeing her, they brought her home from the hospital in an ambulance. She was sick and in and out of the hospital all her life. Still, she always had a gentle, loving hand. I feel she's gone to a better country and by the Grace of God, I'll see her.

Sadly missed by her family.

JESSIE CHAFINS

How often when some loved one dies, people think of what sorrow and tragedy has happened. It's sorrow for us in nature, but we must remember that there are far better things to come after they leave this world. In spirit we must have the hope of rejoicing and meeting with them again in Heaven. I know we miss them and how at times we wish only to see their faces and hear their sweet voices once more. At certain times it's as if you can almost hear and see them.



Our dad, Jessie Chafins, was born January 30, 1918. He was the son of Ransom and Sarah (Canterbury) Chafins, Dad was united in marriage to Fredrica Pennington on December 20, 1952 and to this union was born seven children: two sons, Ransom Chafins of Logan, WV and Jessie Chafins, Jr. of Delbarton, WV; five daughters: Ada Atkins of Williamson, WV, Sena Marcum of Lenore, WV Shirley Kirk of Naugatuck, WV, and Alice Maynard and Melissa Chafins of North Carolina. He is survived by four brothers: Chester and Donald Chafins of Lenore, WV, Fisher Chafins of Logan, WV, and Marvin Chafins of Williamson, WV and five sisters: Hester Canterbury of Lenore, WV, Cindy Miller of Oklahoma City, OK and Elizabeth Webster of North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his wife, Fredrica Chafins, three sisters and two brothers. He is also survived by six grandsons and four grand daughters.

Dad joined the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church many years ago and served as a Deacon of the church until his death. He loved the church and attended church until his death. He always stood up for what he felt and believed was right. Many prayers went up for us all, especially his children. I would often just listen to him pray and at times I can hear him still. He is gone now and we will never hear those good words of advice from him again, but those words are stamped in my mind and heart. His absence leaves a void that can't be filled. However, we are comforted in the knowledge that death has a bright side for Christians. It's the end of some things we have enjoyed, but it's the beginning of a new life that will be far better and will never end. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

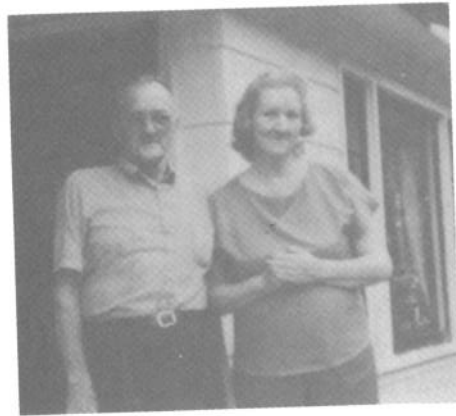
To my family, friends, and loved ones who knew our dad, there's not a lot I can tell you about the life dad lived; you already know. We all shall miss him very much, but God has made it possible for all of us to meet him again if we do what He commands.

So, farewell my loving Dad! I loved you so very much and not a day goes by I don't think of you. Rest on dad and my prayers are to meet you some day in Heaven.

Written by his daughter in hope of eternal life,
Ada Atkins

RAYMOND EDMISTON

Here is the fond memories of our dear friend and father we lost. He was born December 2, 1914, the son of Wayne and Anne Marcum Edmiston. He gave his life to the Lord August 1, 1998 when he joined the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. He died April 1, 1999 making his stay here on earth 84 years and 4 months. He was married to Roberta Justice Edmiston on February 22, 1940. To this union was born 10 children.



He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, a sister, a son and a daughter. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Justice Edmiston, six daughters: Jo Coney Smith of Sidney, KY, Seba Jane Linkous of Glaskow, WV, Connie Sue Estep of Mechanicsburg, OH, Cresta Stanley of Taylorville, KY, Emma Jean Smith and Mary Ann Stanley of Sidney, KY and two sons, John Albert Edmiston and George Easley Edmiston of Sidney, KY. He is, also, survived by six brothers: Harmon Edmiston of Sidney, KY, Alex Edmiston of Hatfield, KY, Lawrence Edmiston and Wayne Edmiston, Jr. of Stone, KY, Charlie Edmiston of Canada, KY and Dewey Edmiston of Carlsbad, NM and two sisters, Bobbie Jean Rowe of Bullfork, KY and May Hatfield of Florida. He is survived by 23 grand children and 19 great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by a host of nieces and nephews and was loved by all who knew him. We all miss you dearly and love you very much.

Written by daughters: Jo Coney Smith
and granddaughter, Carrie Mae Edmiston

MARY EVANS DIAMOND ETTERS

With the Lord's "AMAZING GRACE" we shall try to attempt to write the obituary of our most precious mother and grandmother, friend and sister, Mary Evans Diamond Eppers. She was born November 4, 1918 in Mingo County, WV, being the daughter of the late Albert and Virginia Evans, making her stay here with us eighty years, one month and nine glorious days.



She was a servant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and a member of the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church of Delbarton, WV for a sixty six faithful years. Many times she was sick and praying for the Lord to relieve her pain, after praying for a while, she would almost always say, "go call Joe". Although she had Alzheimer's Disease, she never forgot our Savior. In the afternoon of December 12, 1998 we had to call Joe. Mama, as the doctors had said for many years, had a massive stroke. With many prayers answered, we all waited and prayed at her bedside. As we should see, the Lord was indeed merciful toward our precious friend, for there was no more suffering she would have to endure.

She was also preceded in death by her husbands Burns Diamond and Emery Etters; two children, Cecil and Delores Diamond, two brothers, Cecil Evans and Ed Tilley; six sisters: Melissa Wilson, Malinda Cook, Tennessee Evans, Goldie Evans, Jenny Tilley and Geneva Tilley.

When the Lord called her "HOME", she left behind five sons: Jimmy Diamond, Doug (Lou)Diamond, Tommy (Linda) Diamond, Billy (Jackie) Diamond, Burns (Mirt) Diamond, Jr., all of Delbarton, WV, four daughters: Myrtle Jean (Jimmy) Lowe of Columbus, OH; Anita (Abb) Starr, Melissa Diamond and Denise (Larry) Jude, all of Delbarton, WV. Also left to mourn a great loss were 26 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren, all of which had a helping hand in caring for our mother and grandmother.

When we all remember childhood, you were always there. You taught us to above all put our faith in God. You guided us home on those days and nights it was raining and the roads were wet, or so you thought. You cared and loved us when we had your grandchildren and great-grandchildren. You instilled values good and true. For you were truly, truly, our teacher, in many things.

Because of her illness, most of Mama's grandchildren and great-grandchildren could not remember or were too young to know how special she really was. I hope with the love and values she instilled with those who do remember, her love and kindness will always be shared. When we hear the song "AMAZING GRACE", we will always be reminded of you and your love for God, your family and loved ones. You are deeply missed, but we can also rejoice knowing that you are now home, not looking for everybody and everything, you can now walk those streets of gold singing and shouting without any help. We are so thankful to God for allowing you to stay with us for so many wonderful years. We love you very much and hope to see you soon.

Written by: Anita Starr, daughter, Angie Tiller and Joetta Eanes,
Granddaughters and Sisters in Jesus Christ our Lord

EDITH MARIE ROBINETTE GILLMAN

With loving memories of our mother and life time of joys and sorrows and with Gods guidance I will attempt to write this obituary. Mom was born July 4, 1922 at Nolan, WV, the daughter of the late Joseph and Thelma Williamson Robinette. She departed this life November 27, 1998 with her children by her bedside.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Gillman and two brothers; Luther and Loanis Robinette. After her death her brother Sammy past away. She was preceded in death by two sisters; Oakie Roberts and Grace Lucas. Survivors include three daughters: Joan Ball Gillman of MD, Mary Ann Curtiss of TN, and Pam Bias of Ethel, WV; one son, Reuben Gillman of Columbus, OH; three sisters: Lucille Christian of Switzer, WV, Sandra Dale of Orlando, FL and Ann Curry of Jonesville MI; four brothers: Jack Robinette of Switzer, WV, Sonny and George Robinette of Deland, Fl and Carl Robinette of North Carolina. Also, she is survived by nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Mom was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and home maker. She truly loved and treasured them one and all. Her smiling face will be missed by her family and friends. Mom and dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and were baptized the same day. They had their letter with the Tabitha Church at Omar, WV. We can only imagine how lonely she must have been after dad's death on July 1, 1985. She loved her Church and attended until she couldn't go anymore because of her health. Her faith in Jesus Christ and her prayers kept her going. She bore her loneliness and afflictions with great patience. Mom often spoke, too, and worried about her family.

To her family and friends her last testimony would be this: don't cry and worry about me and when my body is in the grave, don't think or look for me there. I won't be dead, but living in the place Jesus went to prepare. And after all is said and done with, please know that my last earnest prayer is for all my loved ones to be ready to someday meet me there.

Written by her son and brothers in the Lord,
Reuben Gillman and daughter Pamela Bias
In hope of eternal life

ENGLAND GILLMAN

With the help of the blessed Lord, I'll try to write the obituary of my dear and loving husband.

England Gillman was born April 21, 1922 to the late Floyd and Fanny Maynard Gillman at Borderland, WV. Preceding him in death were two sisters, Victoria Kennedy and Pluma Statridge and four brothers: Arnold, Denver, Clarence and Kenneth Gillman. Left to mourn his loss is his wife of fifty six years, Mary Helen Varney Gillman; one daughter, Vivian C. Myers of Tempe, AZ, two sons; Danny "Becky" Gillman of Centerbury, OH and Eugene "Carol" Gillman of Worthington, OH; four grandchildren and many relatives and friends. England joined the Regular Baptist Church in 1954.



He dearly loved the Church and all the Brothers and Sisters. Due to the illness he was unable to attend Church the past two years. He was a veteran of World War II. England retired from Lennox Ind. of Columbus, OH. in 1985. On August 16, 1999 he passed away at Riverside Hospital of a severe heart failure. Now, he is at peace and happiness with no pain in the arms of our savior Jesus Christ. I miss him so much and I feel that some sweet day I will see him again in that beautiful land called Heaven.

I thank Elder Bobby Scott and Elder Hobart Hamilton for being so kind to our family and taking care of the service for us. May the Lord Bless each and every one of you.

Written by his wife and Sister in Christ
Mary Helen Gillman

DAVID CARL HANKINS

David Carl Hankins, ninety of Sidney, KY died Tuesday, November 24, 1998 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born November 27, 1907 in Pike County, KY, the son of the late Andrew Perry and Sarah Ann Gannon Hankins. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Edna Mae Hankins and his second wife, Goldie Scott Hankins, and several brothers and sisters. He was retired from the N & W Railroad and a member of the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church. Survivors include one son, Larry Hankins of Johannesburg, MI; one sister, Ida Smith of Sidney, KY; two grandchildren; four great-grand children and a host of family and friends.



LOVEVADA (TACKETT) HOLBROOK

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that we must write this obituary of our dear mother and beloved wife and companion of fifty five years. She was born December 20, 1923 and departed this life January 13, 1999. She was married on June 14, 1944 to Jackson E. Holbrook in Pikeville, KY. To this union was born three children: Elder Gary Allen Holbrook of Okeechobee, FL, Brenda Vada (Holbrook) Allen of Palm Springs, FL and Jackie Gardine (Holbrook) McCleese of Vanceburg, KY. She enjoyed and loved her six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren ranging from ages two through twelve.



She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church since 1951 and celebrated every day with the Lord and her family. She traveled to many churches and made many friends through the years and will be sorely missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jonah Tackett and Daisy Elizabeth Tackett; a step mother, Lizzie Tackett; two brothers, Latchie and Preston Tackett; two sisters, Daisy Ruth and Addie Hanner and her step sister, Bertha Burke. She now rests at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Ft. Pierce, FL.

She fought for many years with that old pain in her body and was a strong fighter until the end. Her body lay broken for many days and the only thing functioning was her mind and heart but she made it known that she would miss us but she had to go. We miss her greatly with each passing day, but knowing that she is happier now then she could have ever be here comforts us greatly. We hope to reunite with her soon on the other shore where happiness is constant and pain is no more. Rest now, sweetheart, you've earned your robe and crown. "We Miss You Sweetheart"

Written By her loving Family

LUCY KIRK

With joyful thoughts and memories of Sister Lucy Kirk, who the Lord conveyed to Heaven on April 27, 1999. She was baptized on October 11, 1936 and she was a faithful member of Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church of Delbarton, WV for sixty three years. Sister Lucy, along with her sister, Sister Ada Kirk and Elder Tommy Adair, Sr., confessed a hope in Jesus Christ and were baptized together. These three served the Lord faithfully while blessed to live long lives on his footstool and are now together rejoicing and praising the God they loved and served.



As a child, I witnessed many time Sister Lucy on her knees in prayer and after prayer, rejoicing and praising His high and Holy name. She took everything to the Lord in prayer. When you talked to her, she prayed about it and was blessed to give good counsel. She would tell you that she talked and prayed to the Lord and things would be OK. Many nights when she couldn't sleep, she would spend the night praying for everybody in our neighborhood that they would receive rest. She read the Bible from beginning to end many times and continue to read until the last three months of her life here.

The Sardis Church and our community have again lost another loving prayer warrior who spoke our names and needs before the Lord.

Sister Lucy was born February 19, 1904 in Martin County, KY to the late Michael and Vasthie Harvy Horn. She was proceeded in death by her husband, Millard Kirk; daughters: Ruth, Oretha and Lucy; sons: Bill, Joe and Frank; sisters: Minnie Jane Alley, Rosie Hinkle, Elizabeth Parsley, Pearl Jarrell, Ada Kirk and Vada Dempsey; brothers: Francis, William and Garfield Horn and great-great-grandson, Wyatt Millard Kirk.

Survivors include daughters, Vorice Varney of Greensboro, NC and Minnie Moore of Delbarton, WV, who came to live with and care for her, and sons: Lacey Kirk and Paul Kirk of Delbarton, WV, Forrest Kirk of Newark, DE, Charles Kirk of Huddy, KY and "Ted" Rush F. Kirk of Wyandotte, MI. Also, she is survived by twenty two grandchildren, thirty four great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Chafin Funeral Home with Elder Joe Evans officiating. Burial was at the Adkins Cemetery at Delbarton, WV.

Sister Lucy had a sealed envelope addressed: From Lucy Kirk - "Don't open this till the day I pass on". On April 26, 1973, (twenty six years and one day before the day she "passed on", she wrote the following letter to her children): When I die, just dress me common, have short talk over me and pretty singing. Children get ready to live with me in Heaven. Everyone try to be jolly for I'll be out of trouble and sickness. I love everyone dearly and my loved ones. - MOMMY - P.S. Want my grand children to sing this song, "Gathering Buds."

Never again will your names fall from her sweet lips in prayer. She is at home with Jesus giving Praise to the King. Thank you, Lord, for that blessed hope and the escape of being among the number of "prayers" on that day. The loss and grief is undescribable, but we receive comfort and peace in the Hope we will meet again just as she wrote in her letter, "Just get ready to live with me in Heaven.

Written by Sisters in Hope,
Joan Evans and Barbara Klein

NORMA LACKEY

With much sadness and heavy hearts, we will try to write the obituary of our beloved wife and mother, Norma Lackey, who departed this life on March 30, 1999. Norma was born on October 2, 1935 at Laurel Creek, WV. She was the youngest daughter of the late James and Mary White. She was preceded in death by six brothers: Daniel, Robert (Ollie), Johnny, Aaron, Frank and Joseph White and four sisters: Otellia (Pebo) Lackey, Gracie Newsome, Edna Smith, and Zella White. She is survived by one sister, Mary Lackey of Lenore, WV.



Norma was married to Raymond Lackey on June 18, 1951 and to this union was born six children. Three of her children preceded her in death, two sons, Robert Lackey and Raymond Lackey, Jr. and one daughter, Jean Lackey. Left to mourn her passing is her husband of 48 years, Raymond Lackey and children: George Lackey and wife, Sharon, of Dingess, WV, Naomi Tomblin and husband, Willis, of Jackson, OH and Anna Ruth Hartley and husband, Henry, of Lenore, WV.

She is survived by two granddaughters, Felicia Walls, of Oak Hill, OH and Amelia Hartley of Lenore, WV. She is also survived by two great-grandsons, Devon and Zachary Walls of Oak Hill, OH.

Norma was baptized in August 1971 at Laurel Creek, WV and was a member of Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church at Laurel Creek. She was sick for several years before her death and was very ill several months before death. She loved for the members of the church to come to her home and have church. She loved to hear them sing the hymns she loved so well. When she was in the hospital shortly before her death, when the members of the church would visit the first thing she wanted to do was have prayer. This always eased her pain. We know she suffered here on earth but we are comforted to know she suffers no more. Her favorite song was "Gone Away With A Friend" and we believe that is where she is now.

Written by Husband, Raymond Lackey and Daughter, Anna Ruth Hartley

ERNEST LOWE

Ernest Lowe was born on June 21, 1905 and he passed away on August 28, 1999 in a Richmond, VA hospital. He was a resident of Richmond. Ernest was the son of Richard "Dick" Lowe. He was originally from Lower Johns Creek (Sycamore Creek). He had resided with his daughter, Lorain, and her husband, David Epps, for the past several years.

He is preceded in death by his wife; one son, Ervin H. Lowe and two brothers, Guy Lowe and Adrin Lowe. He is survived by one son; Ernest T. Lowe of Richmond, VA. and three daughters: Lorain (Mrs. David Epps), Louise (Mrs. Dupissley), and Cassie Mae (Mrs. Talmage Nichols) of Alexandra, VA., fourteen grandchildren, twenty great grand children, one step grandchild, and two step great-grandchildren.



Ernest was a member of the Big Branch Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized in 1936 by Elder Bud Coleman and Elder Johnnie Nichols. He attended church until he moved away, but he never forgot his home church.

He wrote this letter to Elder Johnnie Nichols of Big Branch Church on November 4, 1968:

Dear Brothers of the Big Branch Church,

I was very glad to hear from you. When the mail man walked up in the yard and I looked at the name on the letter, I said "My words have come true, God is Love, He answered my prayers." I hope to visit you as soon as I can. It may be a few months, but I hope in the Lord for the time when we can all be together in a good old meeting, praising and singing the good old songs. Just meeting you all will be a good meeting. Bless the old Church that is Love.

In Hope, Ernest H. Lowe

EULA V. LOWE

Sister Eula was born March 15, 1914 in Martin, KY and deceased December 28, 1998 in the Charleston Area Medical Center. She was the daughter of the late Elias and Edna Maynard Jude. She was also preceded in death by two sons, Tommy and Lacy Lowe, five brothers, and four sisters. Survivors include three sons: Charlie and Elias Lowe, both of Oak Hill, OH and Andy Lowe of Pilgrim, KY; four daughters: Dinah Runyon Dotson of Hardy, KY, Judy Lowe of Baltimore, MD, Delma Newton and Sarah Goff both of Canada, KY; a special grandson, Tommy; a great-grandson, Cody Phillips of Canada, KY; one brother, Ferrell Jude of West Virginia and a host of relatives and friends.



Sister Eula joined the Church October 12, 1975 and was baptized by Elders Lloyd Sesco and David Crigger and placed her membership with the Mt. Pleasant Church. After losing her son, Tommy, she started making preparations to meet him again. After much praying and asking forgiveness, she made the most important decision of her life and that was to serve the Lord. Before she was baptized, she dreamed Little Tommy was watching on the other side and was rejoicing and clapping his hands. She also saw Sister Geraldine at the water holding a yellow towel in her hand and that dream came true.

Sister Eula has been sick for many years, but all that has come to an end for her. If her hope was real in Christ, the best is yet to come. Farewell, Sister Eula, in hope that we will meet again.

Written by Sister Geraldine Crigger

LOUIE IRVIN LOWE

God has not promised skies always blue, flower strewn pathways all our life through, God has not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain, but God has promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love, and he promised Dad an eternal home in Heaven.

On November 9, 1998, he kept that promise, as Dad reached his hands upward to tell everyone gathered around him that Heaven was right there. God reached out and took those hands, and together they walked across the River Jordan. While hand in hand, God told Dad that your work here is done, come, I have prepared a place of many mansions.

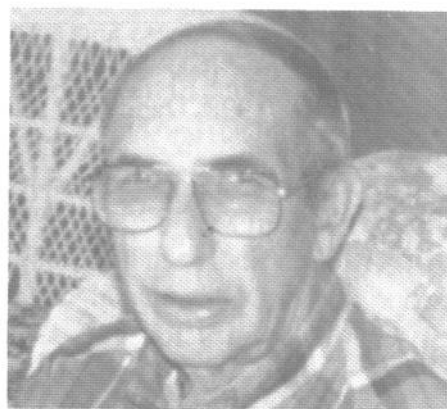
This day he awaits his wife and partner of Forty-three years, Betty Lowe; his son, Austin and wife, JoAnn; four daughters: Hyllis Moore, Raynell Chapman and husband, Link, Remona Ray and husband, Ricky, and Naomi Marie Fletcher and husband, Jimmy.

A special friend, Larry Scalf, who comforted Dad with many days of thoughtful conversation. A friend to us all, we are so thankful. The many grandchildren, who he touched in his own special way: Joseph, Alexander, Andrea, Katie, Sidney, Tyler, Libby Paige, Nathan, Heather, Cody, Chrissy, and Ashton and Haley, each of them who he has held in his spirit and soul.

He is awaiting his special brother and sister-in-law, Dean and Darlene Lowe. Dean walked Dad into the waters of Johns Creek to help baptize him on July 18, 1998. He placed his membership with the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. There was never a more beautiful day and the flowers and fields never smelled better, a day that truly was from God himself, a day that angels rejoiced with us all. The three sisters and their husbands, who stood by and gave so much comfort to him, Alma and Charles Thompson, Margie and Claude Elkins, and Maudie and Travis Thompson. We feel so blessed to have all of them, including the nieces and nephews, that words can not express our feelings, please remember a special thought of Dad! Dad was reunited with his mother and father, Amos and Elsie Lowe who preceded him to their Heavenly home.

Blessed are we who called him Husband, Father, Grandpa, and Brother, for there shall be a morning when we will be standing on the banks of the River Jordan, and as our eyes look across, there will be Dad, running to us with those out stretched hands, welcoming us to our Eternal Home, never to part again. Missed so, but with our hearts full of joy.

Written by his son, Austin Lowe and Family



HENRY SHERMAN MAY

With love, sadness and sorrow, I will try to write the obituary of our dear sweet Daddy, Sherman May. On November 8, 1998, Daddy left this world for a Home where there will be no more pain and heartache. He was born August 20, 1915. He was the son of the late Elder Henry and Mary (Hannah) May.

Mommy had been gone only fourteen and a half months when we lost Daddy. Daddy married our Mommy, Florence (Lackey) May on October 12, 1940, and to this union thirteen children were born. Two sons, James Thomas and Willis preceded him in death. Eleven children are left to mourn his loss, six sons: William Henry "Bill", Westmont, IL, Clyde Ellis, Louisa, KY, Blackburn, Kermit, WV, Julius Ray "Buckeye" and Sherman Jr., Lenore, WV and Ronald Lee, Holden, WV and five daughters: Wanda Jean Moore and Wilma Stollings, Williamson, WV, Eunice Aldridge, Lenore, WV, Glendine Station, Moneta, VA and Connie Hodge, Delbarton, WV. He was also blessed with twenty nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. One grandson, James Ellis, preceded him in death. Daddy also leaves behind two brothers; William May, Breedon, WV and Blackburn May, Dingess, WV and four sisters: Wilda Dillon, Radnor, WV, Lola Lackey, TN, Causby Stanley, Prichard, WV, and Martha Jane Runyon, Dingess, WV. He was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Jefferson May, and two sisters, Pearl Dillon and Georgia Vance.

Daddy joined the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May, 1945 and was baptized by Elder Willie White. He was later given off in the arm when Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church was organized. Daddy loved the Church and he attended every chance he had as long as he was able. Space will not permit me to write what a good Christian life Daddy lived. Thank you, God, for blessing us with such a good and caring Daddy. I will always treasure each and every memory. I Love You Daddy and I Miss You So.

Written by his daughter, Eunice Aldridge



ANDY MAYNARD

It is with very much sadness that we will try and write the obituary of one that will be missed by all of us. Andy York Maynard was born December 19, 1924 to the late Robert and Jessie Cline Maynard. He passed from this life March 12, 1999 making his stay on earth 74 years 2 months and 19 days.

Andy met and married one of the beautiful Johnson girls December 21, 1946 and to this union was born two wonderful daughters; Geraldine who married Billy Meade and Priscilla who married Tommy Bevins, and one loving son, James Robert, who was married to Kathy Newsome



Maynard, preceded Andy in death November 14, 1989. Two Grandchildren preceded him in death; Christina Lynn Maynard and James Andrew Maynard. He leaves behind four sweet grandchildren: Gerri Collins, Lorri Hall, Jessica Bevins and Chris Maynard and three great-grandchildren: Kayla and Drew Hall and Alyssa Collins. Two brothers preceded him in death, Elmer and Tennis Maynard. He leaves to mourn his passing one brother, Wayne Maynard of Vamey, KY and one sister Mazola Reed of Meta KY.

Andy felt the Lord had saved his soul and he wanted to follow the Lord's commandment, go home and tell what the Lord had done for him. He joined the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church in July, 1981. He tried to do everything he could to help the Bent Branch Church as long as he was able.

Andy loved little children, especially the little great-grandchildren, and they loved Poppy so very much and brought a great joy to his life. Chris, being the only grandson, was very close to Poppy and they enjoyed each other and grew closer and closer as the years passed by.

Thank God for all the wonderful memories we have of Andy. We all have a special one that stands out in our mind. Maybe one of the many family reunions we have had together here at home, in South Carolina or Tennessee. The one that is my most cherished memory is when we would get together in South Carolina. There were six of us brothers-in-law: myself, Clarence, Fuzz, Andy, Oscar and Joe. We all had two things in common, each one of us picked one of the beautiful Johnson girls and I feel we all made a good choice. The other thing we had in common we all liked to go fishing. We got to spend some time together on the Santee Cooper Lake in South Carolina. The fishing trip I think of a lot is the one Andy, James Robert and myself enjoyed so much and was the best one we had in South Carolina together. It sure kept me and James busy taking the fish off Andy's line as they would come flying through the air toward us. So let us thank God for the good times and cast our thoughts toward a heavenly family reunion where we won't have to separate from each other. We feel that as one by one we have to separate in this life, God is moving our family reunion up on high. So, as we had to plan and make preparations for each family reunion here on earth, we have to plan and make the right preparation for that family reunion beyond this earthly life. If we make it to Heaven's land God has already prepared for all the children of God, a family reunion that will never break up, just a life of joy and peace forever and forever. Thank God for our wonderful family here on earth. Let us continue to enjoy our lives together and love one another as Andy and Jeanette has proved their love toward each other, as the vows said until death do us part. Love is the link in the chain that binds us together.

Thank God for the good memories that Jeanette and the children have of Andy and memories are a gift of God and will become more precious as the ages roll on and give you strength to bear the lonely hours. Granny needs your help and caring now more than anything else in this old world. If Andy could speak back to you he would say, Trust in Jesus with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength and help each other and prepare to come on over home. We would like to say thank God for friends and by your help and kindness it has helped ease the pain of our loss. When we march pass the casket, let us say sleep on Poppy we hope we can all be together again over in Heaven's land.

Written by Bro. Don Little and the Family.

DWIGHT MAYNARD, SR

By the help of our Lord it is with much sadness and a broken heart that I write the obituary of our dear husband, father and grandfather, Dwight Maynard Sr. Dwight departed this life March 3, 1999 while a patient at Kings Daughter Medical Center; Ashland, KY. He had been critically ill for ten months. Most of the last year he spent in the hospital.

Dwight was born August 8, 1926 at Zebulon, KY to the late R.D. and Fannie Smith Maynard. He was preceded in death by six sisters. He was a disabled truck driver and a World War II veteran. He was also a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church.

He was married to Ernestine Maynard for 51 years and to this union was born three children: Dwight Junior, Charles Ray and Patsy all of Goody, KY; two grandsons, Kevin Maynard of Indiana and Justin Maynard of Thousand Oakes, CA; one great-granddaughter, Kaylee Rae Maynard, who he was blessed to see and hold. Dwight leaves behind one brother, R.D. Maynard Jr., Romulus, MI and three sisters: Iwan Charles and Emogene Taylor, both of Raccoon, KY and Billy Sue Smith, Pikeville, KY.

Many nights as I sat by his bed I would hear him praying and crying to the Lord; asking the Lord to take care of his family. He always said that the Lord was taking care of him. As sick as Dwight was he never complained. He would just smile and say O.K. when the doctors and nurses had to do test on him. Dwight loved to read his Bible. He read it through several times. He loved to fish and camp. We spent much of his retirement years doing what he loved to do, fishing and camping at Jenny Wiley State Park. Children, if you want to see your dad again, you need to make preparations for the reunion by getting in touch with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Written by wife, Ernestine

EVA MAYNARD

With much weakness, I will pray that the good Lord will guide my mind as I write the obituary of my cousin and sister in the Lord. Eva was born September 16, 1915 and died May 25, 1999. Eva was blessed to stay here 83 years, 4 months and 9 days. Eva was the daughter of Vernon and Polly Burgett Maynard. Her Papa, as she called him preceded her in death in 1971 and her Mama in 1978. Her sister, Nartha Salyers, preceded her in death in 1970 and her brother, Julius, in 1975.

Eva lived a lonely life here. Everyone that knew her loved her and helped her any way they could because she had so much love for people and especially her Lord. She talked so much of how good he was to her. The first Sunday in June, don't know what year she gave that little hand to follow the Lord in baptism. Johnnie Nichols and Ed May led that little body out in the water. Eva took her membership with the Big Branch Church filling her seat faithfully until the Dewey Lake took their home at the mouth of Brushy. They was forced to move to Georges Creek in Lawrence Co.

Eva's grandmother, Bell, and grandfather, Flem Maynard, were faithful members at the Big Branch Church and her great-grandfather, Jorden Maynard was a deacon at the Big Branch Church. Eva and I talked a lot on the telephone.

The week before the Lord called her home she called and said Mintie, "I am starving to see you." The next morning (Friday) I got in my truck and drove to see her. We talked for hours about the Lord and the good old times and the children the Lord had called home. When I left she said I hope to see you again. The coming Wednesday the Lord called and Eva answered; left to mourn her loss is four nieces and one nephew.

Lord, I could write on and on but I'll close, thanking the good Master for leading me one more time. So sleep on, Eva, the good Master will be back soon and bring that spirit and your little weak body will never be sick. Just think, a body just like the Lord Jesus Christ most glorious body.

Written by a broken hearted sister in the Lord, I hope. Oh, what that hope means to me.

Mintie Blackburn

HESTER MAYNARD

It is with great sadness that we write of our dear mother. There is so much we could say about her for we believe that she lived her life in a true testimony of what a wife, mother, sister, and friend should be according to God's Holy Word. Mommy treated everyone she met as if she had always known them. Her parents, William and Dixie Reed, raised her up to respect others and treat all with kindness. So, it is no surprise to us that our mother was so very special, and she tried to raise us in the very same manner. Although Mommy did not give her life to the Lord until later in her life, she always taught us to respect and fear the Lord.



She was born to Bill and Dixie Reed on March 16, 1937 and lived with her parents and nine brothers and sisters until she married our father, Paul W. Maynard. Unto this union five children was born: Yvonna Carol Maynard Staton, Paula Sue Maynard Khan, Linda Gay Maynard Trout, Clifford Eugene Maynard, and James Clay Maynard. Her youngest son, James, preceded her in death, and though she never got over the loss of one of her children, Mommy drew her strength from the Lord to accept His will. Through her children came her grandchildren, whom she loved dearly: Jenny Lynn Staton Wilson, born to Garrett and Carol Staton; Sarah Jane Trout, Samantha Kate Trout and Jamie Erin Britten Trout, born to Charles and Linda Trout; Tarha Yishmeen Khan, born to Ansar and Paula Knan; Mike and Bionca Kennedy, brought to the family through the union of Clifford and Lisa Maynard and Ashleigh Marie Maynard, daughter of James and Louise Maynard, who latter remarried and brought to our family Thomas Sebastian Marcum and Meghan Marcum from the union of Eddie and Louise Marcum.

She has left behind a family who loves her and will always carry her memory with us until God calls us home. Although we miss her here in this life, we know and cling to the promise of a blessed hope, that we will see her again. Titus 2:13-14 (Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.) God has promised in His Word that if we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved.... Acts 16:31. So, it is with God's promise that we believe we will see our mother again.

Written with Love from her children.

MARY (EVANS) MAYNARD

Mary (Evans) Maynard was born May 21, 1922. She was the daughter of the late George and Vicie (Hensley) Evans. She was married to Richard Maynard, a deacon of the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized on March 17, 1957, by Elder Mose Maynard. She was a faithful member for 42 years. She was preceded in death by sisters; Elsie Brumfield and Hattie Brewster and a brother, Asa Evans. Surviving are sisters Rebecca Brumfield and Nelson Neal and brothers, Albert Evans and Patterson Evans.



She went to sleep November 25, 1998. She was a second mother to a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Being children, we did not understand why we got up at 6:00 a.m. and Church did not start until 11:00 a.m. Now, being grown and hopefully brothers and sisters in Christ, we understand why it is needful to be faithful in being at Church when the door opens. Greatly missed is her ready smile and wonderful laugh. Brothers and sisters, be of good cheer. Sister Mary on her way to her death, prayed to God Almighty until she lost consciousness. Her hope was in God. We feel that we will meet her in a better country, by the Grace of God.

Sadly missed by her family

MIRTTIE MCCOY

Mirttie McCoy, 97, of Williamson, WV died Sunday, February 28, 1999 in the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital at South Williamson, KY. She was born September 1, 1901 at Happy, KY, the daughter of the late Jim and Suzanne Mullins Combs. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mosey McCoy; children: Money, J.T. and Nettie McCoy; sisters: Maggie and Jeanette Combs, Lunny Terry, Gypsy, Birdie, and Woody Combs.



She was a homemaker and a member of the Little Rosa Baptist Church. She was baptized November 14, 1964 by Elder Lloyd Sesco and Elder Brown Lowe. Survivors include sons, Ford and Wheeler McCoy of Williamson, WV; thirteen grandchildren and twenty three great-grandchildren. Her funeral was 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at the Weaver Funeral Home Williamson, WV with Elders Elbert Sesco and Elder Steve Robinson. She was buried at the Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Maher, WV

BERTHA M. MULLINS

It is with sadness and joy that I try to write my Mom's obituary. Sadness, because I miss her so much, but joy, because I believe she is with Jesus and she will suffer no more.

Mom was born on December 28, 1917 to the union of Robert Lee and Pricy Newsome Sowards, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Deacon Noble Mullins; two infant sisters; her beloved brother, Elder Ivory Sowards and four grandchildren. Mom leaves behind to mourn her passing four sisters: Mrs. John (Pearl) Powers, Mrs. Paris (Monnie) Tackitt, Mrs. George (Lexie) Johnson and Mrs. Homer (Bolina) Scaggs.



Also, six brothers: Ira (Nina) Sowards, Archie (Dorothy) Sowards, Tivis (Lee) Sowards, Gene (Marlou) Sowards, Robert (Linda) Sowards, and Romeo (Mary) Sowards. Mom, also leaves behind five children: Glenn (Bev) Mullins, Ron (Marcia) Mullins, Don (Joan) Mullins, Doug (Kathy) Mullins and Wilma (Don) Booth, and sixteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Mom married Dad on August 21, 1936 and they were married for 52 years and 5 months, until Dad's death in 1988. Mom and Dad joined the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church in January, 1970 and were baptized on the same Sunday, together. Mom loved the old time singing, shouting, preaching, praying way of the old time Baptist. She loved to go to church and the Lord would bless her to shout; what a beautiful, spirit-filled praising of the Lord would ring through out the church. Mom still belonged to the Ypsilanti Church and wanted Elder Gene (Red) Johnson, Moderator of the Ypsilanti Church, to preach her funeral; and I am glad Brother Red was able to do so. Mom had a second home church, the Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church, Elder William A. Adair, Moderator. She loved the Southern Home Church and wanted Elder Chris Watts and Elder Billy Adair to take part in her funeral. They were blessed to do so.

Mom and Dad had old time Regular Baptist funerals and that is what they wanted. They were part of her.

Mom had a stroke in October of 1998 and never recovered. My wife, Sister Kathy Mullins, and I moved in with Mom to care for her. We became so close to her and every night she would kiss us good-night and tell us she loved us. She said the Lord came to her one night and told her she was going to Heaven. When I would ask her what she wanted, she would say, I want to go to Heaven. On the morning of March 31, 1999, the Angels came and carried Mom home to be with Jesus and her family that went on before. Mom loved her children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren so much and always told them about our blessed Saviour and the way to Heaven.

I've had many dreams of Mom and Dad together and how happy they were. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is the only way we will ever see Mom again. We love you and miss you so much Mom, but I believe we will meet again in the sweet bye and bye. Rest on for a little while, for we are not far behind.

Written by your son and brother in Christ,
Brother Doug Mullins

MARY (HARRISON) NICHOLS

This is in loving memory of our precious mother and mother-in-law, Mary Victoria (Harrison) Nichols. She was the daughter of William Attison Harrison and Montana (Smith) Harrison. Mom was born on August 18, 1915 at Whitepost, Pike County, KY. She passed away on January 5, 1999 in St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, WV making her stay on earth 83 years, 4 months and 18 days.

Mom was married to Thomas Roy Nichols on November 23, 1935. To this union was born five children, three of whom are still living: Dorthea Deskins of Hatfield, KY, John Thomas Nichols of Vermilion, OH and Estil Nichols of Sheffield Lake, OH. She also had nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, E.H. Harrison of Kermit, WV and Edward Harrison of Hatfield, KY.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, two sons, and six brothers: Elder Ireland Harrison, John, Donnie, Jerry, Warren, Homer and a sister, Virgie Jude.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in December, 1964. She was baptized by Elder Ireland Harrison and Elder Fay Scott. She took her membership with the Little Rosa Church in Chattaroy, WV. Mom was a faithful and obedient servant to the Lord and the church. She was a wonderful mother and a sister in the church. We were blessed to take her to church and to take Communion with her. Mom always talked to me about the Lord. She always gave good advice to her family. Mom loved going to church and she went as long as she was able.

After Dad passed away, mom spent most of her life looking after the sick and people that needed her help, until she was unable to look after herself. She spent the last five years of her life with her daughter, Dorthea Deskins. She enjoyed the people who come to visit. She liked to break up beans, do the dishes, and take care of her room. But most of all she enjoyed her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren visiting with her. They were all a great joy to her.

A few months before her death mom told us of a dream she had. She dreamed she walked down the bank of the river Jordan and waded across the river to the other side, as she was going up the other side, she met her husband leading their two children coming to meet her. The children were crying out "That's my mommy. That's my mommy." Mom was saying, "That's my babies. That's my babies." I believe with all my heart mom has gone to Heaven to live with Jesus. She will live in our hearts forever. She loved Jesus, she would spend hours reading her Bible. We all love her so much.

Sadly missed by her family,
Brother Estil & Sister Sue Nichols
Dorthea Deskins & Bro. John Nichols

TAYLOR RAY

With the help of the Lord we will try to write the obituary of our Brother in Christ, Taylor Ray. He was born on July 10, 1913, and departed to be with Jesus on June 24, 1999. He was preceded in death by his mother, daddy, six brothers and four sisters. One brother, Curtis Ray, of Pikeville, KY is still living and will surely miss Brother Taylor.

Brother Taylor worked hard all his life as a general laborer. His pleasant and gentle nature made a host of friends within and without the Church who will greatly miss him in this life. He was a member of the Apple Orchard Church of Old Regular Baptist where he was a faithful member until his death and will be sorely missed by these Brethren and Sisters.

We believe Brother Taylor is at rest around the throne of God.

In Loving Memory,
Brother Paul Maynard and Brother Charles Lowe

OAKIE ROBINETTE ROBERTS

It is with happy and loving memories and a heavy heart that I will attempt to write the obituary of my mother, Oakie Robinette Roberts. Mom was born on September 6, 1926 at Red Jacket, WV. She was 72 years old when she left this world and went to be with our Lord Jesus on September 3, 1997. Mom wasn't only my mother, but also my sister in the Lord and a best friend to me. Mom belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church called Tabitha. She loved the old church and all of the brothers and sisters there. I miss my mother but I have the hope of seeing her again when I leave this world. Mom left behind six daughters: Susan Wade of Port Charlotte, FL, Thelma Spry of Chauncey, WV, Virginia Curry of Concord, NC, Rose Casterline of Columbus, MS, Mary Padgett of Orange Park, FL and myself, Micky Preece of Louisa, KY. Also, she left behind thirteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.



Mom loved her family dearly and sacrificed much for us all. She talked of going to be with the Lord quite often and looked forward to going to a better land where there was only peacefulness and happiness all around and of being with her Saviour. She talked of going to a land where she would never be sick again and know no sadness.

I believe she will be waiting there for me when I leave this world below. I miss mommy so bad, but I believe she is in a better country where there is no pain, no suffering and only happiness and joy. I hope to meet her there someday.

Written with a heart full of love for her
By her daughter and Sister in Christ, Micky Preece

LOIS MARIE ROBINETTE

With precious thoughts and loving memories we write the obituary of our dear sister, Lois Robinette. Lois was born to Ferrell and Bessie Allen on April 25, 1929. Her father preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death is her husband, Landon Robinette and her two brothers George Thomas Allen and Donnie Clifton Allen. Left to grieve for her is her mother, Bessie Allen Robinette and two sisters, Elon Smith and Hattie Peters.

She was married to Landon Robinette on June 1, 1946. God blessed this union with two special children, Janet Sue Williamson and Eddie Dale Robinette. Also left to grieve for her are her son-in-law, Billy Williamson, her daughter-in-law, Patricia Robinette, three granddaughters, Angela Faye Scroggins, Natalie Marie Steward, and Deonna Bartley. She leaves behind five great-grandchildren: Kyle, Blake Aileah, Zack, and Casey, who will miss her so much.

Lois gave her heart to the Lord in February, 1983 when she joined the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to go. Lois was employed by the U.S. Postal service for twenty-two years to operate the Varney Post Office. Her and her husband, Landon, treasured visits of friends and neighbors who often met there not only to do business, but also to inquire of one another's well being and enjoy friendly conversations of neighbors who help neighbors.

On January 24, 1999, the angels came to her hospital room and took her quietly and peacefully home to be reunited with Landon and to sing praises to God forever. She had been ill for several years and this illness has robbed her of much of her joy in this life. She was ready to go to be with Jesus. She loved her mother so much and had cared for her in her home for several years. Her struggles are over in this world and she is finally at peace with our Heavenly Father. She is singing with the angel band. We will miss her so much, but we know that she is resting in the arms of Jesus where her joy has just begun.

Lois will be sadly missed by her family, the members of the church, and a whole host of friends and neighbors who have loved her dearly.

Written by her sisters,
Hattie Peters and Elon Smith



ROLAND ROBINETTE

With a sad and broken heart, but with the help of the Lord we will try to write the obituary of our dear sweet "Dad" and "Husband", Roland Robinette. Dad was born September 3, 1931 and he left to be with the Lord December 28, 1998 and our loss is Heaven's gain. Dad left to mourn him his loving wife Lucy (Young) Robinette; two sons and daughters-in-law, Condar and Belinda Robinette, and Ronald and Priscilla Robinette; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Roger May, and Bertha Jean and Danny Reed.



Six grandchildren: Angela Reed, Kimberly Reed, Jennifer Rollins, Terry Reed, Jr., Ronald Robinette, Jr., and Joshua Robinette. Also a granddaughter-in-law, April Reed and a grandson-in-law, Brian Rollins. One great-granddaughter, Shyla Nichole Rollins, whom he never saw. One brother, Earl Robinette and four sisters: Lizzie Blackburn, Lucille McCoy, Eunice McCoy and Allie Mae Walters.

We would like to talk a little about Dad and his short stay here on earth. He was a kind and compassionate man who took care of his family and worked hard all of his life. Anyone who needed him, he was always there for them. Dad always thought he would retire and mom and him would go places and do things together. Dad enjoyed life and his favorite hobbies were hunting and fishing, but God had other plans for him. Back in 1993 he was diagnosed with cancer. The doctor's said he would live no longer than four months. After thirty eight radiation treatments he was doing much better. On Father's Day, 1993, at a memorial meeting at Robinette Cemetery Dad gave his life to the Lord. He told us that God had extended his life for five more years and that he did.

Dad had good days and bad but the last four months of his life were very painful. We never heard anyone pray as much and always for the Lord's will to be done. Sometimes he would be in so much pain that he told us to call the brother's and have them to pray for him.

A while later he would start feeling better and he would say, "see what the Lord can do." He prayed that one day the Lord would let him preach and before he died his prayer's were answered. The morning just before we took him to the hospital for the last time he preached to us at home. God gave us such a wonderful blessing the day before he passed away. Dad told us one at a time good-bye and he loved us, then sent us out of the room and told us not to worry. We could hear him praying if it be your will Lord just take me home and watch over my family.

He became quiet for a while and then started talking again. He told the nurses and a very dear friend of ours, Carletta Robinette, to get his family back in there. He told us of a beautiful place he had been but God sent him back to tell his family what he had seen. He preached about thirty minutes then he got up and sat on the side of the bed and I said, "Well, Dad, the Lord has blessed us once again" and he said, "he sure has and blessed us good." I'm going back to that beautiful place, It may be an hour or two or a day or two. I can not take you with me but I can tell you how to get there. You have to read the Bible, pray and pray hard, and love everybody. For a while he was like his old self but the next morning he went back to that beautiful place to be with the Lord.

I hope Dad knows what a blessing that was for all of us and we thank God for so many blessings. Dad said, "I hope this does my family some good." Well Dad, it done all of us some good. So everyone who don't have the Lord in your life repent and get God on your side. So, sleep on Dad we will meet again in that wonderful place called HEAVEN.

Written By: his loving family
Lucy, Bertha Jean, Condar, Linda, and Ronald

SUSIE SMITH

Susie Smith, 78, of Pikeville, KY died Wednesday, December 2, 1998 at her residence. Born November 22, 1920 in Borderland, WV she was the daughter of the late Elijah and Edna Maynard Jude. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Smith and one son, Nick Smith. Survivors include seven daughters: Mary Ray of Meta, KY, Mae Gallagher of Ypsilanti, MI, Lida Shimko of Ypsilanti, MI, Thera Helmick of Monroe, MI, Pat Stanley of Ypsilanti, MI, Linda Stanley of Sycamore, KY and Glenda Lyons of Lower Johns Creek, KY; two sons, Raymond Smith of New Orleans, LA and Vernon Smith of Chicago, IL; two sisters, Eula Lowe of Sidney, KY and Lora Ward of Kansas; one brother; Ferrell Jude of Crown, WV; twenty one grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.



Sister Susie was a homemaker and a member of the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church at Brushy, KY. She was baptized by Elder Bud Coleman the third Saturday in June, 1941.

As a friend of the family, I would like to add a few words to this obituary. Susie and Arnold were always the best of neighbors. We lived near each other for many years. When we took my mom to the doctor when she was sick, Susie and Arnold were always ready to help us to get her in and out of the car.

I never had to ask for their help, they were always at the steps waiting to give us a helping hand. I would sometimes leave clothes hanging on the line when I would go somewhere, but if it ever looked like rain, Susie would always take them off the line and put them in the house for me. She loved to garden as I do. We used to share our garden seeds and vegetables.

I would like to say to the children: Jim and I love you and we still miss you. We are proud of you all, you are great kids and the best of friends.

Iva Jean Blackburn

ATHEL STANLEY

It's with much sadness, I'll try to write the obituary of my dear late husband, Athel Stanley who was born on May 17, 1917, and passed away on May 24, 1996. He was the son of Floyd and Minnie Walters Stanley. He married Edith Lowe Stanley on April 13, 1940. They spent 56 years together. He was preceded in death by one son, Dewey; one granddaughter, Susan Bowens and one great-granddaughter, Samantha Leah Damron. He is survived by his wife, Edith Stanley; two daughters, Etta Lue and Jettie and three sons: Gary, Harold, and Danny.



Athel was baptized in June, 1960 by the hands of Elder Lloyd Sesco and Fred Bevins at the Old Regular Baptist Church on Sycamore Creek. Athel had many strokes and was bed-fast for nearly two years. He also had heart problems.

With the help of my dear Lord, we took care of him the best that we could. He was a hard working man. He worked for the gas company and sawed lumber at the sawmill. He was also a good farmer. While on his deathbed, I heard him shout the Praise of God so sweet. I hope to meet Athel again in Heaven, so we can shout and sing his praise together around God's great throne. He's gone, but not forgotten. We miss him very much.

Written by his loving wife, Edith Stanley

CHARLIE STANLEY

It is with much pride that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear precious father, Charlie Stanley. Daddy was born February 28, 1909, the son of the late Mont R. and Josephine Price Stanley. He died June 30, 1999 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital making his stay here 90 years and four months. Three brothers preceded him in death: Wade, Ireland, and Montie and two sisters, Liza Ray and Fannie Clark. Two brothers, Oscar Stanley, Forest Hills, KY and D. W. Stanley, Pikeville, KY and one sister, Josie Nichols, of Pikeville, KY are left to mourn his passing.



Sixty two years ago on July 20, 1937 he married our Mom, Greetis Hinkle. To this union seven sons were born: Landon Ishmael, James Isaac, Clayton, Kenneth, Clifton, Raymond and Reaford, and six daughters: Anna Lou, Fannie, Fayette, Phyllis, Carol and Patsy. He had 23 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. His son, Reaford and two grand children, Vernetta Maynard and Rodney Darrell Stanley preceded him in death.

Dad gave his hand to become a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church the first Saturday in August, 1990. He was baptized at the hands of Elder Elbert Sesco and Elder Danny Runyon. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Varney, KY.

There is not enough words that can express the loss we feel, but surely our loss is Heaven's gain. Truly, we do have more to go to Heaven for than we had yesterday. The home place is not the same, but his presence is still felt there. And as the poem reads, So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

Written in honor of our dad by his devoted daughter, Patsy

ELIZABETH STANLEY

I will try and do my best to write the obituary of my mother, Elizabeth Stanley. She was born February 9, 1909, at Laura, KY. She passed away October 1, 1998 at the Fairfield Medical Center, Lancaster, OH.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church August 19, 1934 and was a faithful member of the Mary Elizabeth Church, Hatfield, KY for several years. After she moved to Ohio she still attended the Union Communion Meeting, until she became unable to attend due to health reasons.



Mother was married to Leonard Stanley until 1974 when the Lord called him home. She had ten children and was preceded in death by two infants and one daughter, Margie. Her surviving sons and daughters are: Burl of Florida and Inez, Leonard Jr., Rose, Bob, Dave, and Don all living in Ohio. We all miss her so very much, but we know she is better off and won't have to suffer any more. Even with the Alzheimers eating away at her mind, she could still quote Scripture, and raise her little hands in praise to the Lord and sometimes shout or try to sing Amazing Grace.

I'm sure there are some still living, who can still remember how happy Mom could get in Church, especially in the Union Communion Meetings.

"Mom, we all miss you so much, but we hope to meet you again someday.

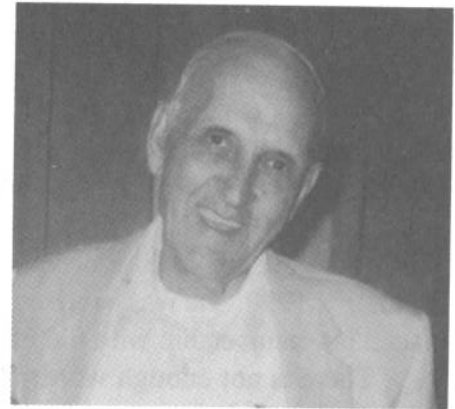
Written by her youngest daughter.
Rose Baldwin, Baltimore, OH

LONZA THOMAS

It is with loving, beautiful memories that I try to write of my dad, Lonza Thomas. Dad was called away on June 20, 1999 by his Father in Heaven. The Lord blessed him to live here on earth 85 years. He was born February 10, 1914 at Haysi, VA. He was a son of the late Lemons Thomas and Francis Thomas Parrigan.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Toy Thomas. Survivors are his loving wife, Polly Burgett Thomas; sons: Bobby Lee Thomas of New Camp, KY, Cecil, Ferrell and Scotty Thomas of Turkey Creek, KY; daughters, Genola Smith and Brenda Blackburn of Turkey Creek, KY. Also, he is survived by brothers: Willie Parrigan of Louisville, KY, Alfred Parrigan of Stone, KY and Walter Parrigan of Haysi, VA, a sister, Dolly Anderson of Elkhorn City, KY, eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for 44 years. Dad loved his church and was a faithful member. He loved being with his brothers and sisters at church. Dad grew weak and tired of carrying his load and God saw this and he came one night and took his load away and walked him into a land of Paradise. Daddy is looking at great beauty now, where there is peace, joy and happiness. My heart aches at times and it is so sad and lonely for mom. Our home will never be the same, but we know it will be better when we all get home and can sit down at the table with Jesus. We will miss you, Dad, for as long as life endures. You will always remain in the hearts of many.



Written by daughters, Genola Smith and Brenda Blackburn

DANNY ALLEN THOMPSON

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear baby brother, Danny Allen Thompson. Danny was a constant source of joy for me and Myrtle as he made his home with us until his death. Danny was born on Sept 15, 1945 and died May 18, 1999 making his stay here on earth 53 years, 8 months, and 18 days. He was the son of Dave and Lydia B. Thompson who preceded him in death. Two other brothers, Clarence "Tootie" Thompson and Ray Thompson, who were both members of the Regular Rosa Baptist Church, as was Danny, also preceded him in death.



Danny leaves behind three living brothers: Emerson, Lee Roy, and Benny Joe Thompson; three sisters: Myrtle Thompson, Vernia Glandon, and Edra R. Trent, and a niece who was like a sister to Danny as she was raised by him and us. He leaves a host of brothers and sisters in the Church, family, neighbors, and friends that he made along the way. Danny loved each and every one of them so very much and would tell them often that he loved them and he meant it with all of his heart. Danny was a good man before he joined the Church; he was always willing to lend a hand to help anyone who needed him, but one day Danny needed someone else in his life. He needed the man called Jesus who would take him to Heaven when his life was over, so he started praying to Jesus and asking forgiveness of his sins. Jesus came into his heart and forgave him and he was baptized in April of 1980 in the Rosa Regular Baptist Church. He belonged to the Church more than 19 years and was always ready to go no matter what he was doing or how he felt. Church always came first. I can understand why because he had someone in his heart who loved him so much that he could carry him over the mountains and valleys of life and at the end he could take him to Heaven where he would never have to be carried over the mountains and valleys anymore because up there Jesus will be walking with him right by his side. I believe Jesus was there to carry him over the river to Heaven the night he died.

Danny went to church sometimes when he was not physically able to go, but he knew Jesus would take care of him. Danny had been sick since birth and in September 1998, he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease, a sickness that kills the nerves and muscles of the body. Even that didn't keep him from going to church. He walked on a walker and he went to church on Saturday and Sunday which was two days before he died. On Sunday morning he awoke really sick, and I said "Baby, we had better not try to go to church today because you are not able to go." His reply was, "Yes, I am going to church." I knew how determined he was to go so I called Elder Jerry Thompson, Moderator of the church who is also Danny's nephew, and asked him to pray for Danny because he was really sick. I went ahead and got him dressed for church and Jerry came to the house to see about Danny before we left for church. They sat at the kitchen table singing songs. We went to church. I have been in church many times with Danny, but I have never seen him so well blessed as he was that Sunday. He wasn't sick then because I believe Jesus let him see a glimpse of where he was going to take him. Danny seemed to be floating on air and he didn't have anything holding him up. I believe Jesus was holding him up in his big open arms and telling him that it was going to be all right. "Danny, just come on over with me to your new home." I believe he has his new home now and doesn't need anything from down here. He can sing with the Angels and he will never grow old up there. He loved to sing, "In the land where we will never grow old" so very much.

He sang it all the time. Some of his sisters and brothers of the church, friends, family, and neighbors came to the home on Sunday evening and sang with Danny until nearly dark. He was right there singing as loudly as he could. He really enjoyed them very much, but the next day, Danny became worse. We took him to the hospital and he died the following Tuesday night. It is sad and lonely here for Myrtle and me because he was always here helping with anything we were doing and always with us when we went anywhere, but the dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ needed an Angel and he chose Danny. We understand Jesus knew what to do because he does everything well, but Danny will always be in our hearts and on our minds because we loved him so very much. I hope someday we can go to Heaven where we will always be together.

Written with love and gratefulness,
His sister, Edra R. Trent

ETHEL VARNEY

Ethel Varney, 95, of McCarr, KY died Tuesday, August 24, 1999 in Williamson Appalachian Regional Skilled Nursing Facility at South Williamson, KY. She was born December 1, 1903 at McCarr, KY the daughter of the late Ali and Jessie DeHart Farley. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Andrew J. Varney and six brothers and sisters.

She was a homemaker, a cook at the Blackberry Grade School for sixteen years, a Kentucky Colonel and member at Enon Regular Baptist Church for 67 years. Survivors are daughters, Kathleen Ward of Williamson, WV and Joyce McCoy of Ustus, FL and sons, Bob and Jack Varney of Warren, MI and Tom Varney of McCarr, KY. Also surviving her are brothers; R. L. Farley of Chesapeake, OH and Roy James Farley of Huntington, WV; sisters; Virginia Nichols and Jean Farley of Huntington, WV and Maxie Norman of McCarr, KY; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Two weeks before mother passed away, she asked Andrew and I if we had eaten supper. This was only a small portion of love she had shown for her siblings. Some two years ago, mother requested a long pink dress with sleeves extended to her wrist for her burial. Her wisdom for long sleeves must have come from the Almighty Father in Heaven. Mothers arms were in terrible condition; therefore, the best of cosmetic care provided by Rogers Funeral Home could not have covered the places on her arms.

Our mother lived at the foot steps of the Lord for 67 years. Now, she has gone home to a better place; the Bible tells us so. Mother loved her brothers and sisters of the Enon Regular Baptist Church. I had the pleasure of caring and cooking for mother for several years. Heavens gain has been my loss. There are many adjectives, but none can describe the loss of a loved one.

We thanks God for allowing mother 95 years on this earth. I close with this...Walking along alone as one step taken...Shuffles back the Sand...For yet another step to be...To be in Heaven with Mother.

Written by Tom Varney, son of Ethel Farley Varney

MARTHA ALICE WEBB

In loving memory of our mother Martha Alice Webb. Mother was born February 26, 1929. She went away from us October 12, 1998 making her stay here 69 years. She was the daughter of the late Hiram and Ona Jane Reed. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Wallace Webb, her eldest son, Robert Leon Webb and five brothers and two sisters. She is survived by three sons who adored her: Steve, Joe and Jim. Also, she is survived by one sister, Aunt Mae Daniels, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Mom was a homemaker, full of life, love and achievements. To understand how special she was you needed only to visit the hospital "standing room only" to see her. Always a crowd of family and friends and well wishers.

Mom's greatest achievement to herself was the giving of her life to Christ. The look on her face, the clapping of her hands when she was baptized would raise any ones spirit. She was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. Keep clapping those hands Mom. We love you and miss you.

Written by sons: Steve, Joe and Jim

ALICE BLACKBURN WILLIAMSON

Alice Blackburn Williamson was born October 12, 1909 and she died October 17, 1998. We will try to write the obituary of our dear mother, with the help of the good Lord. She was born to the late Dike and Ora (McCoy) Blackburn in Martin County, KY. Mom was best remembered by family and friends, with her smiling face as everyone greeted her at their door, with her Blair Products. Everyone enjoyed seeing her every month. Mom was a wonderful mother and grandmother, she will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.



Mom met and married our dad, Emzy Williamson on August 4, 1925. They were married 67 years before dad went to be with our Lord on May 29, 1998 and mom went to join him on October 17, 1998. Mom and dad were blessed with ten children; seven boys: Jim, Wendell, Curtis, Dike, Tommy, Virgil, and Gary Joe Williamson and one grandson she raised as her own, Darrell Gene Keese; three daughters: Calista Murphy, Beatrice Johnson and Ora Pearlina Robinette. She also had thirty six grandchildren, a great number of great-grandchildren, and many great-great- grandchildren and she cherished them all. She was preceded in death by her husband Emzy Williamson, two sons, Curtis and Dike Williamson and one daughter, Beatrice Johnson.

Mom was baptized in 1936 at the Pilgrim Home Church. She enjoyed going to church and her church family had great joy in seeing her. She was the kind of person that could light up everyone's heart when they were with her. Mom and dad went to the Pilgrim Rest Church to help establish another church in the Old Regular Baptist. They loved everyone. Mom got so she would tell us, she was just waiting, and we knew what she was telling us. When mom was at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, very sick, some of her grandchildren and us were standing around her and she started singing the song, "Great High Mountain," and she asked us why we were crying. We told her and she asked us if she did a good job. Then we all started laughing and crying at the same time. That memory will always be in our hearts forever; especially when it is sung at church and by us.

Mom's greatest prayer was for her boys to live in the eyes of the Lord; she prayed for it everyday and asked everyone to pray for them, too. We want to thank everyone for anything they did to help her in her the last few years that she was with us. We feel our loss of our mother as a heavenly gain. May the good Lord bless each one of her family members and hope they will all get forgiveness from theirs sins so we all can meet mom and dad in Heaven. We all can if we try.

Written by her daughters, Calista Murphy and Ora P. Robinette and her granddaughter, Cindy (Robinette) Elkins, Sisters in the eyes of the Lord

FLORA MAYNARD WILLIAMSON

After much prayer and the help of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, I will attempt to fulfill the request that was asked of me to write the obituary of my dear mother-in-law, Flora Maynard Williamson. She was born November 14, 1916, at Dix Fork, Canada, KY, the daughter of Richard (Dick) and Sarah Ann Stanley Maynard.

Flora was married to Ben Williamson on May 25, 1935, at the age of eighteen and to this union was born nine children, six sons: John R., Donnie G., Danny P. and David E. all of Huddy, KY, Paul R. of McAndews, KY and Larry B. of Pinsonfork, KY and three daughters: Christine Ford of Dayton, OH, Brenda J. James of Hardy, KY and Kathy A. Hackney of McAndews, KY. Also, she was mother to three stepsons and two stepdaughters whom she loved, cared for and raised as her own: Rell (deceased), Roscoe of Sidney, KY, George Drewie of Ocala, FL, Ruth Ratcliff and Bertha Holland of Wyandotte, MI.

She gave her life to the Lord, along with her sister, Trulie Mullins, the first Sunday of July, 1944 at the Dix Fork of the Old Regular Baptist, Canada, KY. She was baptized at the hands of Elders J.G. Thornsby and J.H. Hensley.



She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-five years and three brothers. She leaves behind to mourn her passing four sisters: Sally Cochran, Cora Evans, Helen Pinson all of Belleview, FL, and Trulie Mullins of Sidney, KY, thirty two grandchildren, thirty five great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren, a large number of nieces and nephews, the entire membership body of the Dix Fork Church and a host of friends and neighbors.

Flora died in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, KY, September 2, 1999. She claimed her crown. We will have to wait patiently for our turn to enter that Golden City that God has made for us all if we will only follow and serve him. I was told that she was the second oldest living member of the Dix Fork Church. She lived her hope everyday thorough her works and the deeds she would do for all, specially her children and grandchildren, she loved them dearly.

The whole family is in a state of disbelief that she is gone. They only had two months to the day to get used to the possible that they could lose their mother, the rock of the family. They tried so hard to keep her, but God loved her more. He needed a rose for his garden to brighten it up some more, so he picked the most perfect one he could find. He always has to have the best. God will help us all with our grief, if we will trust him with all our hearts and souls.

Flora was a special lady. She has been a friend and a great mother-in-law to me. She worried so much about Roscoe when he was so sick. She always said, "we all have to keep praying that God will heal him." Thank the Lord he heard our prayers. He is our "ALL and ALL", Brother Lacy Walters' song. He was her preacher. Flora was laid to rest September 5, 1999 at the Mt. View Memory Gardens, Huddy, KY beside her beloved husband. Sleep on, Flora, we are all on our way home behind you. It won't be long.

To all of her children and grandchildren: keep pressing on and serving the Lord. Mother and Maw Maw is just waiting up in Heaven for you. So, if we want to see her again we have to serve the Lord everyday in every way in the same way. Love him with all our heart and we will see her again. God has made us a promise, he will not break that promise. We don't want to call her back but all prepare to go to where she is, in that bright eternity.

Written with love by her daughter-in-law,
Sister Barbara (Roscoe) Williamson

OBITUARIES
of
FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

BARBARA JEAN HARRISON

It is with love and sadness and by the help of our Good Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear sweet sister-in-law in the flesh and a sweet sister in the Lord, Barbara Jean Harrison. Our grief and loss we can not express of someone so dear and special. A kinder and gentler soul I've never known. She left this world of trouble and sorrow, sickness and pain on the 10th day of February, 1999 at Charleston, WV at the age of 60 years, 6 months and 10 days. She was born into this world August 1, 1938. She was the daughter of the late Cecil and Anna (Artrip) Blevins. She married John B. Harrison (J.B.) on October 13, 1953. God blessed them with 45 years. They had a wonderful life together. Barbara and J.B. were blessed with ten wonderful children. She was so proud of all of them: Scotty, Matt, Nancy, Loretta and Jackie, all live in Virginia; Dixie, Larry, Sherry, Debbie and Fran, all live in Kentucky.



She was a member of the Antioch United Baptist Church on Wolf Creek. She joined the New Home United Baptist Church some 32 years ago and later took her letter to the Antioch Church. Barbara loved the Old Regular Baptist family and come to visit us ever chance she could even in her sickness she would still come out to church. She had a special love for The Old Mary Elizabeth Church and the Brothers and Sisters.

God blessed Barbara with such a beautiful voice which she loved to sing and give praise unto our Lord. Not long before she passed away she tried to sing some songs even though her breath was short. She did her best. One day her lungs won't have any cancer and she will be able to sing that new song.

I would like to say to the children, if you haven't made peace with God now is the time. If you want to see mommy again and to go where the family circle will never be broken again; be good to one another. Be good to daddy and look after him because he's so alone now and that is what mommy would want you to do. I feel our loss is Heavens gain. I believe Barbara has only gone away with a friend, someone closer than a Brother, more than dad or children and he holds her very soul in the palm of his hand. Let it read on mommy's tombstone, gone away with a friend.

She is resting from her labor here. So rest on dear sweet Barbara. I love and miss your sweet smiling face, but I know you're with Jesus waiting for that morning when all the saints of God will all get up, when the clouds open up and there stands Jesus. He'll say welcome home my child and then you'll get to walk down the streets of Gold. Then the Angels will step back and you can sing your song. We the family all love and miss you very much.

Written with love and your sister in Christ,
Jean Scott

WILLIAM F. (BUD) HARRISON

It is with a sad heart, but many loving and precious memories I will try to write the obituary of my dear sweet and loving bother in Christ and in the flesh a sweeter brother no one could of ask for. He was our big brother and one of the best friends that a sister could of ask for. God knows we needed someone to look after us when daddy went away. He knew mommy would need a helping hand through the years. Bud was one of nine children born to the late John and Zella Mae Fraley Harrison.



Daddy left us at a young age of 38 in 1945. Bud turned 13; he always felt he had to help mommy with the rest of us children and he did just that until God called him home on November. 3, 1996 at Williamson, WV.

He was a member of the Rock House Freewill Baptist Church for many years. But he loved and visited the Old Regular Baptist family. The Mary Elizabeth Regular Baptist Church was always very special to him. He would leave his Home Church and come and visit us. Bud was born October 6, 1932. He leaves behind two daughters, Lynn of Big Creek and Linda Sue of New York and two granddaughters to mourn his passing. Also, four brothers and two sisters whom loved and miss him so much. I believe our loss is heavens gain. So take your sweet rest dear brother for in Heaven there won't be any more pain or suffering. There won't be any more cancer, there will only be peace and happiness for ever and ever.

Bud, I believe you found that right road and that you will be there waiting with Jesus to welcome us home. I miss you so much, but as Brother Tommy Dials would say, God loved you more so he took you home so you won't have to suffer anymore. Written with much love and by the grace of God we will meet again someday.

Your loving baby sister, Jean Scott

SHERMAN JUDE

With the help of the good Lord, we will try to write the obituary of my dear, beloved Grandpa, Sherman Jude.

Pa Sherm was born on February 2, 1921 in Three Forks, KY, and departed this world on August 3, 1999. He was the son of the late Will and Charity (Jude) Jude. Pa Sherm had five brothers and three sisters. Two brothers that preceded him in death were Elmer Jude and Clinton Jude. Surviving brothers and sisters include Jim, Andy, and Willie Jude all of Pilgrim, KY, sisters Vinnie Jude and Azzie Howard also of Pilgrim, KY and Virgie Stacy of Hatfield, KY.



Pa Sherm was married to Spicie (Howell) Jude, who also preceded him in death. To this union two sons were born, Henry Lee and Kenneth B. Jude both of Pilgrim, KY and one daughter, Roberta Jude, who also preceded him in death. Survivors also include four grandchildren Lora (Jude) Hale, Pamela Jude and Mitchell Jude all of Pilgrim, KY and Michelle (Jude) Hinkle of Hinesville, GA. Three great-grandchildren: Breanna Hale, Kaitlyn and Jacob Jude all of Pilgrim, KY.

Pa Sherm was a member of the Antioch United Baptist Church for approximately 19 years. Due to his illness, he was not able to attend as often as he would have liked. He made all of our lives brighter and happier just by knowing him. I truly believe our loss is Heaven's gain. He will be missed by all those who knew him.

Written by Granddaughters,
Lora Hale & Pamela Jude

VERGIL EDWARD MAYNARD

With much sadness, but by the help of the Lord, we will try to write the obituary of Vergil Edward Maynard. A wonderful son, loving husband, thoughtful brother, and good friend to all who knew him. Vergil was born January 13, 1971, in Trenton, MI to Betty and Raymond Maynard and departed this life on December 21, 1998 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Vergil's short life on this earth was 27 years, 11 months, and 23 days.



Vergil received his name from his late Uncle Vergil Maynard and was given a nickname early in life. He was called "Bub" or "Bubby" by all the family.

Vergil graduated from Johns Creek High School in 1989 and went on to Kentucky College of Business graduating with an Associate Degree in Accounting in 1995. He was an employee of the Community Trust Bank in Pikeville, KY.

Vergil met a young lady named Renea Tucker Maynard in 1992 and on July 2, 1994 they were united in marriage.

Verg was very happy in his short life, but on March 25, 1996 he found something that led him to life everlasting, and was baptized at the Immanuel Baptist Church on March 30, 1996. Vergil was very active in the church. He worked with the Brotherhood of Pike Association of Southern Baptist, the World Changers Organization, and was on the audio visual committee at the church.

Verg loved life and everyone that surrounded him knew that. He loved to tell people what they needed to do to be saved.

Left to mourn our precious Vergil's passing are his companion, Renea Maynard of Shelbiana, KY, his parents Raymond and Betty Maynard of Varney, KY, his brother and sister-in-law Timmy and Stephanie Maynard of Pikeville, KY, and since his death a precious little niece, McKenzi Dawnelle Maynard born August 17, 1999. He also leaves a host of family and friends who will miss him very much. I believe if our Brother Verg could speak to us, he would tell us all to meet him over in a better land called HEAVEN where there will be no pain or suffering, a land of sheer delight, where former things are passed away and all things will be made new. Vergil, our beloved son, we love you and miss you so much, but we believe one day we will all be together again walking on the streets of gold.

Your Brother in Christ
Dale Williamson, by the help of the family.

VIRGIL T. MCCOY

On May 5, 1942 Virgil T. McCoy took his first breath. He was born in Martin County, KY. His parents were Shirlin and Lucy (Blackburn) McCoy. He was a grandson of Tom and Margaret (Blackburn) McCoy and Van and Roberta (Ratliff) Blackburn. Virgil grew up on Meathouse. He was raised to be a honest, loving and humble man.

Virgil T. began his adult life working in timber in West Virginia. He later came back to Martin County to work for Hub Cline at Wolf Creek Collieries. He worked as an underground coal miner for many years, until breathing all the dust destroyed his lungs. He became disabled and suffered several years before retiring.

Virgil moved to Delbarton, WV, where he had many fine buddies. Especially including Wallace Marcum, Jr. who cared for Virgil during his last hard years. Virgil was rich with friends. The pictures he had proudly on display in his home showed his love for all the friends and family. He was such a special person to everyone that knew him. He had a special gift to make people laugh. You could guarantee to have a smile on your face within minutes of his presence. Virgil T. could always find something good about every individual.

As his lungs slowly began to decline he spent more time in the hospital than in his home. And it was in the hospital were God spoke peace to Virgil's heart. In Williamson Memorial Hospital he was baptized. After that day many difficult, troublesome, and very lonely weeks went by in and out of the hospital. As his body got weaker his soul got stronger. He had to be put on a ventilator. Virgil became so troubled by all the medical equipment that it made it hard for him to talk to us. As time went by we began to understand some of the things he wanted to say by watching his hand motions. He would point at his fading heart then point to the sky. He did not have to talk to praise the Lord. He would move his lips and say "Home" and grin. We knew exactly what that meant, he was going to be with his Savior. Later he was flown to Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, KY. He pointed to his heart and upwards to his new nurse; she kept asking if he wanted the light off and he'd shake his head no. We knew what he was saying. He wanted to tell everyone that the Lord had came into his heart and he was going home. On March 25, 1999 God ended Virgil's suffering. He went to be in God's care to suffer no longer. His precious heart stopped and he took his last breath. Missing him are many loving brothers and sisters: James Clarence McCoy, Inez, KY, William Raymond McCoy, Hode, KY, Almond and Mack McCoy both of Pilgrim, KY, Thomas McCoy, Pikeville, KY, Lora Goble and Mildred Blackburn both of Debord, KY, Ruth Howard of Pippa Passes, KY. He was preceded in death by both parents and brothers, Money R. McCoy and Van Avory, McCoy and four other infant brothers and sisters.

Also crying are 20 nieces and 15 nephews. Even though he never had children of his own he never did without a child's love. The joy in his eyes was priceless when he was around them. Other hearts are also aching including Wallace Marcum, Jr. and many friends and co-workers.

Each of us are reminded of him often. Fond memories of his loving heart, his charm, all the smiles and all the stories about the old times is all we have left now. We can hear him in our voices. Sometimes saying things just like he did, sounding just like him. We hear his favorite songs. His jokes still make us laugh. And laughing is a good way to remember him.



Life is sometimes compared to a race, so many roads and too much trouble. For fifty six years Virgil traveled in it. Now his race is over and proudly he has won.
I Corinthians 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

Written by two of his loving nieces,
Patricia Faye McCoy & Freda Louise McCoy

VERNON RAY

By the help of the Lord, I write this obituary of my father for my mother and family. Vernon Ray was born June 4, 1933 and died September 20, 1999, making his stay on this earth 66 years 3 months and 16 days. He was the son of the late Perry and Lousinda (Sesco) Ray. He was married to Mary Ann (Gibson) Ray on March 24, 1955.



He was a retired coal miner and a loving husband and father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann (Gibson) of Hatfield, KY, one son Gerald Thomas Ray of Hatfield, KY and one daughter, Sherrie Smith of McVeigh, KY. He had five grandchildren: Mathew Thomas Ray, Jeffery Ryan Ray and Buna Ann Ray of Hatfield, KY and Justin Ray Lowe and Jason Michael Lowe of McVeigh, KY. He was also preceded in death by one son, Jeffery Lee Ray (age 26), one daughter, Verna Kaye Ray (at birth) and one grandson Jeffery Lee Ray Jr. (at birth).

It is with a sad and a great feeling of emptiness without him that I attempt to write the obituary of my Daddy, Vernon Ray. Daddy's life was full with love for Mommy and the family God gave him. I believe we can meet and be with our Daddy and Husband in Heaven, but we must live our lives so Jesus will accept us and walk with us while we are here on earth, as my Daddy did. Our loss is Heaven's gain, but the hurt is so great. God help us to be good and do the right things in life as Daddy would always tell us, "Now you heard what I said." And I'll always remember those words as I do something wrong or make a mistake. Because Daddy would have been there to help me through whatever it was. He was always there for me and his grandchildren. And his grandchildren were his world. We will all meet in Heaven someday. But he will be sadly missed and have a very special place in our hearts. We will always have the special memories of our Daddy and Husband for he was a very special person. He could always put a smile on our faces and joy in our hearts. But I will always love my Daddy whether he is here on earth or in Heaven with the Good Lord. I'll always be thinking of him and wish he was here with us to fill our hearts for a little longer. I will always be Daddy's Baby and I will be till I meet him at Heaven's Gates. I'll remember him when the snow falls or the spring rain comes. But his pain is finally over, he suffered long enough. I would have liked to have taken all the pain away. But we all will greatly miss him and will always love him.

Written by: With all my love For all the family, Sherrie Smith

My uncle let me know a long time before his death that he trusted in God and when pain overtook him he and his companion embraced and prayed to God for help.

Elder Billy Williamson, Assistant Moderator of the Pilgrims Home Church

GROVER C. ROBINSON

Grover was the son of the late Oliver & Edna Burgett Robinson. Grover was born May 17, 1934 in Martin County, KY and died May 14 1999. He is survived by: Brother Ben Robinson of Taylorville WV, Brother Steve Robinson, Jr. of Delbarton WV, Robert Robinson of Turkey Creek KY, and one sister, Fay Dotson of Ocala, FL. Grover was a member of the Indian Bottom Freewill Baptist Church, near his home place at Welch, WV. He was a disabled coal miner, with lung disease with which he suffered very much and in 1997 was diagnosed with cancer which was most likely the cause of his death. I talked with Grover on several occasions when it seemed he couldn't go another mile he was so sick, but seemed to be so patient. He loved to come to Meathouse and visit with his family and friends there. According to the family members they were with him during his last days and he would say he was ready to go.

I want to say to the family of Grover, I love you all. Life is so short and precious, every breath we breathe comes from the Lord, so pray that all would be ready to go. "It's not God's will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." So, Bro. Steve, Bro. Ben, Robert, Fay and all of Grover's family, we all share your hurt and sorrows with love that can only come from the Lord.

May God bless you all!
Elder Sabert Nichols

RACHEL MARIE PARSONS RUNYON

With precious thoughts and loving memories we will try to write the obituary of our loving and precious sister, Rachel Runyon. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, friend, and most important a devoted worker for the Lord! Rachel left this world to be with our Lord Thursday, March 11, 1999 at 1:20 p.m., at Central Baptist Hospital following a long illness, which she endured with much patience.

Rachel was born February 10, 1946 in Pike County, KY. She was blessed to live here on God's Footstool 53 years. Rachel was the daughter of the late Birchie Parsons and Emma Canada Parsons Muncy, and the step-daughter of the late Cecil Muncy. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pisco Freewill Baptist Church since April 28, 1996, where she remained a very faithful member until God called her home.

Rachel was married to Loyd Runyon and to this union was born two children, Adam Lee Runyon of the home and Eva Alice Runyon who preceded her in death. Leaving to mourn her loss is her husband, Loyd Runyon and son, Adam Runyon of Varney, KY, one stepson, Bruce Runyon of Front Royal, VA, and two step-grandchildren. Also two brothers, Joseph Lee Parsons of Varney, KY and James Muncy of Lexington, KY, two sisters, Alice Kinney and Mary Young of Varney, KY. Rachel also leaves her Church family and a host of friends and relatives who miss her with each passing day.



Rachel gave much to so many with her love and kindness. She was always here for us. We can't say enough about how special she was and always will be. We know her pain and suffering is over; and she is resting in the arms of Jesus, and rejoicing with her baby, mommy, maw, and the angels upon the streets of gold. She has now found her payday at the end of the road! We will always remember you and love you forever! May God help us and be with us until we meet again in Heaven. Thank you Lord for our precious sister!

Written with much love by your sisters, Mary and Alice
sister-in-law, Ledna and Sister in Christ, Tammy

ELDER JOHN "QUINCEY" STANLEY

With God's help I will try to write a short obituary of my dear husband, friend and companion, Quincey Stanley. He was born August 21, 1920 and departed this life April 19, 1999. He was the son of Joe and Lizzie (Thacker) Stanley. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Bessie (Gannon) Stanley; three brothers: Frinnie, Willie and Joseph Ferrell Stanley; and one sister, Eula Marie Stanley.



He is survived by his present wife, Thelma (Lowe) Stanley. We were blessed to have six good years together before God called him home. He is also survived by six children; four sons: Darrell Stanley of Winchester, KY, Grafton Stanley of Belleville, MI., Carl Stanley and Larry Stanley of Canada, KY; two daughters, Jemima Hall of Harold, KY and Wanda Turner of Huntington, IN; three step-sons: Larry Lowe and Michael Lowe of Turkey Creek, KY and Daniel Lowe of Faith, NC; one step-daughter, Dottie Rollins of Turkey Creek, KY, who he treated like his own. He is survived by two brothers, Landon Stanley and James Stanley of Canada, KY, two sisters, Mary Stanley of Sidney, KY and Ruby Mammo of Kennebee, MI, fifteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, twelve step-grandchildren and thirteen step-great-grandchildren.

Quincey was an Elder of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He united with them in 1979 and was ordained an Elder in 1984. He attended church faithfully until sickness would not allow him to attend the last few months. He loved the Church, he loved God's people.

He was a retired member of the United Mine Worker's of America Local Union 5737 from Eastern Coal Company, a World War II Army Veteran; where he received the Purple Heart, Silver Star, two bronze medals and several other recognitions to his country in time of conflict.

I would like to say to his family, "be good to each other. Dad can't come back to us, but if we live for God and do His will, we can go home to be with him where there will be no more parting."

Written by his wife with love,
Thelma Lowe Stanley

R.L. TAYLOR, JR

Our good friend and neighbor, R.L. Taylor, Jr., widely known throughout Pike County, KY. as "Junior Taylor", of Johns Creek, died August 16, 1999, at the age of 71. He was born in Pike County, KY on July 6, 1928, a son of the late R.L. Taylor, Sr. and Dixie Scott Taylor.

On April 6, 1946, he was united in marriage with Nell (May) Taylor who survives. Two daughters, Nancy Taylor of Pikeville, KY and Kay Thacker of Key Largo, FL survive him. Two sons, Randall Scott Taylor and Michael Taylor, are deceased. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Virgil Taylor and Guy Taylor. One brother, Fon Taylor of Pikeville, KY and four grandchildren survive him.

Junior was a life long resident of Johns Creek, a coal operator for several years and a Magistrate of District Five. Quietly and without fanfare, he was always ready to lend a helping hand to his neighbors and many friends. Junior was a special friend of the Bent Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist.

Sadly missed by his wife, Nell Taylor



VENICE YOUNG

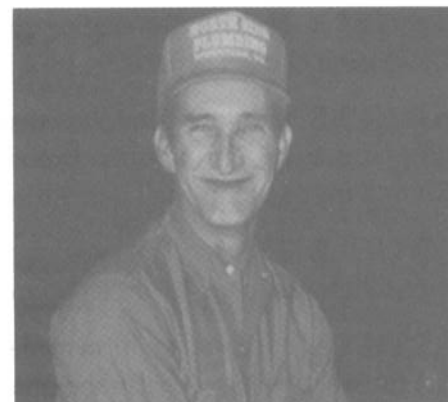
It is with a broken heart and with the help of God I will attempt to write the obituary of my dearly beloved brother, Venice Young.

Venice was born on January 3, 1947 and departed this life on February 6, 1999 making his stay here on earth 52 years 1 month and 3 days. He was the son of the late A. C. and Bertha Mae (Robinette) Young. He was married to Ruby (Smith) Young in August, 1968 and to this union was born four children, two daughters and two sons. One son, Linzy Young preceded him in death eight months ago. He never got over his death.

Left to mourn his passing is his wife of thirty years, Ruby Young of Varney, KY and two daughters, Linda Gail Hunt of Stanton, KY and Bertha Mae Horn of Inez, KY and one son, Venice Glenn Young of Varney, KY. He has two sons-in-law that he loved like sons, Stevie Hunt and Bill Horn. He has five grandchildren left to mourn his passing.

Venice comes from a big family; there are twelve of us. He is the first to be called away. He has seven brothers: James Young of Pikeville, KY, Jessie Young, Lenard Roger Young and Tracy Young of Sidney, KY, Ben Young of Varney, KY, Denzil Young of Canada, KY and Nelson Young of Nolan, WV. He has four sisters: Mavis Wallace of Varney, KY, Verlie Gail Harrison of Hatfield KY, Nina Blackburn of Canada, KY, and Toy Mae Varney of Sidney, KY. Also left to mourn his passing are a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Everyone who met Venice loved him. He always had a smile and a kind word to say to everyone. He was a good friend to all who knew him. He is going to be greatly missed by his family and friends.

I believe he's gone to a better place where there is no more suffering and pain. He told his daughter he was going home to Heaven. I believe that he is resting with Jesus. I could say a lot about Venice but time and paper wont let me.



**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 OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

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ENON: Marlin Blair, Roger Bevins, James Spencer
REBECCA: Paul Vance, John Wayne White, Edwin Hay
BENT BRANCH: Billy Sesco, Phillip Justice, Dean Lowe
SARDIS: Donald Joe Evans, Phillip Brumfield, Billie Brumfield
BIG BRANCH: James W. Blackburn, Landon Taylor, Gene Blackburn
MARY ELIZABETH: J. D. Walters, George Edminston, Ransom Marcum
BETHANY: David May, Arthur May, Monty Messer
ELK FORK: Joe Evans, Frank Sheppard, Kenneth Chafin
PILGRIMS HOME: Danny Runyon, Gary Young, Elbert Sesco
SALEM: George Jude, Condor Maynard, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
SIDNEY: Eldon White, Virgil Fletcher, Robert Jude
DIX FORK: Glen Williamson, David Crigger, Berlin Thornsbury
NARROWS BRANCH: Clyde Brown, Kelly Stanley, Bobby Scott, Jr.
LEANNAH: Clarence Robinson, Steve Robinson, Jr., Clarence Stacy
BUCK CREEK: Tony Howell, Wayne Herald, Jr., Vadis Blackburn
TABITHA: Dan Hensley, S. D. Hensley, Jack Robinette
LITTLE ROSIE: Harvey White, Marion Duncan, Oscar Stepp
TURKEY CREEK: Willie Blackburn, Eugene Taylor, Leonard Sesco, Jr.
SAMARIA: Chester Lackey, Larry Richard May, Larry May
ROSA: Buddy Glandon, Jerry Thompson, Charles Testerman
MUNCY VALLEY: Tommy Ellis, Jim Stumbo
LITTLE VIRGIE: Willie Stiltner, Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury
SOUTHERN HOME: Stanley Campbell, Sr., Chris Watts, Doug Mullins
PILGRIMS REST: Leon Robinson, Lee Roy Stanley, Raymond Maynard
OKEECHOBEE: Paul Barney, Gordon Akers, Glen Dixon
ELIZABETH: Randall Lowe, Virgil Fields, Gabe Lowe, Jr.
LITTLE TAVIE: W. H. Cochran, Jim Cochran, Lester Cochran

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	Moderator	Minutes Requested	Contributions	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Received by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Excluded	Total Membership	Starting Time	Meeting Time	Union and Communion
Mt. Pleasant	Frankie Scott	75	300					1	2		18	10:00/10:00	2	July
Apple Orchard	Thomas J. Dials	100	150					1			22	11:00/11:00	1	June
Enon	Richard L. Staton	75	100		3						15	11:00/11:00	1	June
Rebecca	Paul Vance	100	200		11			3		1	48	11:00/11:00	2	May
Bent Branch	Billy Williamson	150	150	2					4		58	10:00/10:00	3	August
Sardis	Joe Evans	150	200	5					4		78	11:00/11:00	4	August
Big Branch	Richard L. Staton	125	150		1			3			23	11:00/11:00	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	125	150					1			42	11:00/11:00	3	July
Bethany	Arthur May	75	200	2	4				3		42	11:00/11:00	4	August
Elk Fork	Joe Evans	50	75	1							16	11:00/11:00	3	August
Pilgrims Home	Elbert Sescio	325	350	4				4			108	10:00/10:00	4	August
Salem	Elbert Sescio	125	275	5	1				1		74	11:00/11:00	1	May
Sidney	Wallace Muncy	125	125	4							29	2:00/10:30	4	June
Dix Fork	Ernest Cochran	175	400	3				4			42	11:00/11:00	1	July
Narrows Branch	Bobby Scott, Sr.	75	150	1				1			35	11:00/11:00	4	July
Leannah	Steve Robinson, Jr.	125	150	1				4		1	39	10:30/10:30	2	July
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dials	100	150								23	10:30/10:30	3	June
Tabitha	Joe Evans	50	50	5					1		21	2:30/11:00	1	August
Little Rosie	Wayne Herald, Jr.	50	50						2		9	11:00/11:00	2	April
Turkey Creek	Leonard Sescio, Jr.	150	200	3				4			58	11:00/11:00	2	May
Samarina	Arthur May	100	150	2				13	1	1	37	11:00/11:00	1	July
Rosa	Jerry Thompson	100	150						2		37	200/10:30	3	August
Muncy Valley	Tommy Ellis	25	100	2							9	11:00/11:00	2	June
Little Virgie	Richard L. Staton	75	100								8	11:00/11:00	4	June
Southern Home	William Adair, Sr.	200	200	4					1		77	10:30/10:30	1	April
Pilgrims Rest	Billy Williamson	50	50					3			13	10:30/10:30	2	June
Okeechobee	James Barney	150	200		1			1			19	4:00/10:00	3	April
Elizabeth	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	75	75	1	5						26	10:30/10:30	1	June
Little Tavie	W. H. Cochran	100	75		1						13	10:30/10:30	2	July
TOTALS		3200	4675	45	28			23	42	3	1039			