

**MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH
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 7, 8 and 9, 2007**

**Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator
Elder Hobart Hamilton - Assistant Moderator
Brother Archie Prince - Clerk
Elder Edward Lee Smith - Assistant Clerk**

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FRIDAY
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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 Salem Church, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2007.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the Stand and welcomed the congregation. Brother Tommy said; "I have a love for this Association." I have been thinking hard about things, especially the last two weeks. I have related back to that same Spirit, back to the place when God came into my life. If you get that same Spirit then you will talk with your heart. The Lord has been with us this week. I hope we can start out shouting. I love everyone of you. There is nothing greater than God's love. Let us let God control us. I read in the scripture; *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

Elder David Crigger, having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory Sermon, came to the stand to preach the opening of the service. He preached as follows: If the Lord don't help me I am in serious trouble. The Lord Jesus learned obedience through the things he suffered. I have Jesus on my mind. There has been no one born like Jesus. He had a heavenly father and a earthly mother. Mary was of the lineage of David. Everything was just right for Mary to be Jesus' mother. God told Mary the Holy Ghost will overshadow you. Study the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. Jesus told us to go home and tell what great things God has done for us. God calls sinners to repentance. I want to go where God is, where the angels are and Jesus is. Love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, mind and strength. In the resurrection we will have a most glorious body. First clean up the inside and the outside will become clean. We will be perfect in the resurrection. I am looking for a great day when Jesus comes back. God is the only one who knows that day. The scriptures in the old Bible speak of Jesus. King Herod passed a decree to kill all the children two years old and younger. Jesus fulfilled every jot and tittle of the law. We cannot say we never sinned. We got in trouble on account of our sins. I have been in this forty years, I can go back in my life and I believe the same way now as I did then. God does not change. The devil used the scriptures on Jesus. He said unto Jesus, If thou be the son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, he shall give his angels charge concerning thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, it is written, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

God made it all for his good will and pleasure. Jesus said, I will go and prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also. He is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. His Kingdom is within you if you are saved. I hope to meet you over in God's country.

Brother David led in prayer.

Elder Wallace Sartin came to the stand to preach the Introductory Sermon stating that he is thankful the Lord has blessed us to meet here. The Bible tells us to pray with and for one another. I need your prayers. If there is any preaching done, God has to do it. God has appointed a day to judge the world. When that day comes that will be the end. The Church is going to go to Heaven. Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. The boar out of the wood waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it. I pray to God that you will visit this vine. The Church has seen trouble. For about 430 years not a prophet spoke. Except the Lord build a house, a man's labor is in vain. Christ was with the Church in the wilderness. The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come. His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk. Jesus said the Church is persecuted. If you live Godly, through life some day you will be persecuted. God will have the last say. When the children of Israel were being persecuted down in Egypt, God heard their groans.

Pharaoh charged all his people that every son that is born you shall cast into the river. When Moses' mother could no longer hide him, she put him in an ark and placed it in the flags by the river bank. His name was called Moses because he was drawn out of the water. When Pharaoh's daughter looked upon him, she wept, and she had compassion on him. She called for him a nurse. The maid went and called Moses' mother. Moses grew to be forty years old. I would rather suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. When Moses was forty years old he killed one of the Egyptians. Moses fled to Midian. If you are a child of God, act like a child of God, walk like a child of God. The priest of Midi an had seven daughters and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and helped them and watered their flock. The priest gave Moses his daughter for a wife. An angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. If God gets a hold of people they will know who it is. He said put off thy shoes from off thy feet for the place whereon thou stand is holy ground. The worst thing that can happen to you is not to have Jesus. Jesus knows about our pain and trouble. And God said unto Moses, I Am that I Am and he said thou shall say unto the children of Israel, I Am has sent me unto you. There is just one way. Jesus said I am the way. Moses threw the rod and it became a serpent. He pick it up by the tail and it became a rod again. The Lord told Moses to put his hand in his bosom and it became leprous as snow. He told him to put his hand to his bosom again and when he plucked it out of the bosom, behold it was turned again as the other flesh. Brothers, I believe in a clean Church. God knows our coming in and our going out. You don't have to tell God what you have done, he already knows. You must repent. You talk about a highway of holiness, the Church is clean today. There is nothing unclean in the Church. We want to love one another. This is a family. With this family, when death comes life just begins. I believe in commandment keeping. God has the power to save you. He can save any man or woman who wants to be saved. The world don't want the Church until death hits in their family and then the Church is the first one they look for.

The Church is the cleanest thing upon God's earth. Get dressed up to go to Heaven. A man preaches when the Lord preaches him. God is passing by and if you don't have the blood of the Lamb you will die. Brethren, God has the power. Except the Lord build the house, man's labor is in vain. God is no respecter of person. Love one another, forgive one another. Jesus came to save them that were lost. I am not ashamed of this Old Baptist family, the name came from Heaven. If you are lost and don't have the Lord, you can get him if you want. The best day of your life is when God calls you home to Glory.

Our stay here is a short stay. God is Great. The people of Israel went a three days journey and Pharaoh's army came after them. Moses took the same rod and said stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. He stretched it forth and the water parted. They crossed and the enemy followed and were destroyed. If you want to go to Heaven, put your trust in the Lord. My desire is that we will all be in Heaven.

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 Paul Matthews, New Salem Association
Elder Clyde Lewis, New Salem Association
Elder Claren Williams, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Carson Wright, 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 called upon Elder Jesse Hagans, of the Old Indian Bottom Association, to open the Service.

Brother Jesse came forward stating: First, I want to thank God that I feel I am part of a loving family. My heart is filled with joy. I felt the love when I came upon the grounds this morning. Pray for one another and for our children. I try to council my children. They are interested in this Old Regular Baptist family. We need to embrace them from time to time. I remember the old brothers and sisters taking us in their arms and showing they loved us. Take time out to instruct our children. I enjoy my brothers and sisters. I pray; oh, God, would you look over our troubles and how we get along? When I was in the fox holes I could hear the old mothers and fathers praying for me. Be mindful of what you do and say and how you treat one another. Oh, how I love God. I could hear them praying for the sons and daughters. I knew when my dad was in trouble; I could hear his moans. I could hear him cry out. Oh, Lord thank you for thy mercy. As a little boy I could fill that Spirit. We make mistakes. Let us look over one another's mistakes. We need to talk to our brothers more. We need to live meekly and humbly. When my children talk to me I try to teach them in love. When my son left home I thought my son would not talk to me anymore. I found a piece of paper in the bathroom. My son had written: Daddy, I love you. I want my brothers and sisters to pray for my children. Don't give up on your children. I am so thankful for this little band. Brother Jesse led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said: It has been good. I hope I don't say or do anything to change that. The brothers talk about the old path. I believe there is a true path. It is important how you act in this world. I had to look to the old brothers to see how to act. We are the windows that the world looks through. Remember what I said, remember to go back to the good feeling we got when God came to us. We read in the Bible, when they trusted God, they won the battle every time. His spirit is here today; follow that Spirit. The old way is what God set up.

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

Elder Billy Joe Robinson
Elder Randy Lackey
Elder Chester Cochran

(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 Letter from the Salem Church, was read and upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates were seated and the Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$5,595.00 received from the Churches. The amount reported in the Statistical Table included a donation from the Antioch Church. The \$5,595.00 was turned over to the Treasurer. By regular move and second, the report was received and the committee 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, and the entire delegation from the host church.

(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 Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 2007 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 Archie Prince, Clerk
Elder Edward Lee Smith, Assistant Clerk

(9) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday reported. The following Brethren were used:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Johnny Thornsberry, New Salem Association
Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association
Elder Ray Hamilton, Northern New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder Garland Deel, Union Association
Elder Buddy Carty, Northern New Salem Association

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

Elder Harold Sesco
Brother Steve Johnson
Elder Bobby Sesco, Sr.

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

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

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Danny Belcher, Ira Williams, Floyd Jude, Gary Varney, Herman West, Allen Thacker, Stephen Baldrige, Estill Hamilton, John Sanders, Terry D. Hall, Earl Hill, Curtis Carroll, Homer Compton, Chester Yates, Danny Robinette, Bill Elkins, Paul Huffman, Carson Wright, Bobby Robinson, Ronnie Hensley, Toy Looney, Roy Looney, Joey Gilliam, Wallace Mithell, Garland H. Deel, Lee Layne, Fitch Reed, Lloyd Carroll, Doug Stacey, Floyd Ratliff, Vernon Conway, Billy Hutchings, Clinton Thacker, Andy Counts, Hugo Caudill, Raymond Thacker, Luner Thacker and Phillip Hines. Letter in the hands of Elder Floyd Jude.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Ellis Holbrook, Clyde P. Lewis, John Paul Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Johnnie Stumbo, Omery Cumption, Glenn Frazier, Troy Branham, Leonard Hamilton, Randy Newsome, W. Lee Roberts, Deffort Thornsberry, Glenn Hall, Ronnie Halbert, Kermit Wright, Willard Hicks, James F. Hensley, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Milton Dye, Johnny Thornsberry, John B. Hamilton, David Robinson, James Tackett, Paul V. Damron, Dan Sammons, Ben Little, Abe Howell, Floyd D. Compton, Donald Lambert, David Hicks, Monty Iverson, Tony Roberts, Roger Hicks, Charles Sammons, Hershel Slone, Edgar Howell, Ezra Thornsberry, Paul Matthews, Delmar Frazier, John Justice, Jack Lucas and Litten Dye Letter in the hands of Elder Paul V. Damron.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Arvid Blevins, John M. Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Sam Franks, Stoney Blackburn, Basil Elliot, Harvey Tuttle and Wayne Sartin. Letter in the hands of Elder Arvid Blevins.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Acy Knipp, Luther Ramey, Jr., Creed Thomas, Bob Taylor, Ira Adkins, Jr., Jacob Seagraves, Matthew Tolliver, David Tolliver, Paul D. Moore and Willis Tolliver. Letter in the hands of Elder Ira Adkins, Jr.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Danny Hurley, Dewey Matney, David Lester, Kermit Lester, Danny C. Justus, James D. Stacy, George Thomason, Dave Gibson, John R. Justice, Doug Reed, Lawrence Estep, Will Matney, Ray Church, Roger McCoy, Thurman Hurley, Bill McCoy, Junior Coleman, Fred Bailey, Adison Mullins, Kevin A. Salmons, Gary Estep, Phillip Estep, Zeb Justice, Arthur Short, Roy Lester and Monroe Matney. Letter in the hands of Elder Dave Gibson.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Randy Combs, Claren Williams, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Delmer Jones, Jimmy Back, Dannie Caudill, Jesse Hagans, Cecil Watson and Jerry Wright. Letter in the hands of Elder Haston Whitaker.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our same faith and order desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Larry R. May, Edward L. Smith, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Richard Staton, Paul Maynard, Stanley Campbell, Freddie Maynard, Leonard Napier, Wayne Herald, Jr., Eddie Williamson, Randy Lackey and Archie Prince.

(14) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association, and for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association. A Letter of Correspondence was presented by the Antioch Church of the Union Bethlehem Association of United Baptist located at Wayne, WV. By regular move and second Elder Clarence Mathis was allowed to speak. Brother Clarence stated his love of the Sardis Association and thanked the brethren for the love shown to them in the last year. He ask the Sardis Association to consider taking in the Antioch Church. Motion by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. and second by Elder Rex Napier to seat the delegates and refer their letter to the Committee on Arrangements.

(15) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our Corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second the committee will meet at 2:15 p.m. today.

(16) On motion from Elder Richard Lowe, second by Elder Lester Cochran, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 8, 2007.

SATURDAY
September 8, 2007

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sardis Association Building where, about the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and stated he hopes everyone has come praying. Come with that same humble spirit he had talked about on Friday. Brother Tom thanked God for blessing us. He encouraged everyone to get out to the other associations and see how they do and how they get along. He said we need to hold close the memory of our elder brothers for the help and the advice they have given us. He asked everyone to pray for us. He said, let us humble ourselves down today. He then called upon Elder Danny Belcher, of the Union Association, to open these services.

Brother Danny came forth and stated the reason he was here. He said, I have a desire down in my heart to meet with a special people I have come to know. Is there not a spirit within man? I give all the credit to Jesus Christ. I was in a trouble that I could not get out of. There is something for man to do. I believe we have to draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto us. I found God to be nothing but Love. I found people that have been grafted into the vine. That vine is Jesus. We were grafted in. How do we understand the word of God? The spirit in man shows man that he must be obedient to God. God's spirit draws man. The spirit teaches us the way. I had no way to get back to God except through Jesus Christ. The Holy Ghost was sent to us as a comforter. You can obey God in this life. In the Old Testament the children of Israel did backslide against God. God grew weary, God made the sacrifice. I believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That is where we find peace. God's people have had their robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb. If you do not obey God you will not see what Heaven looks like.

I suffered and begged God to show me what to do. When I got to the end of my works I cried out to the Lord, have mercy on my ever dying soul. I know a fear set up within me. I put works with faith. The strife of men will be swallowed up when Jesus comes back. This is not a head religion but a heart felt religion. He spoke and there was light. He is the God of light. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in Heaven. How did I know about this family? God showed them to me. I was afraid of dying. It is impossible to please God without faith. I began to turn. There was no place left to go but to Jesus, doubting nothing from the head and the heart. Christ is coming back in power and glory. The Spirit of God is within us. You can judge the tree by the fruit it bears. Walk in faith. Jesus is our life. We have something to do if we serve God. Once saved, always saved; once alive, always alive. I got scared, but when God lifted me up I realized I have a home to go to. Humble yourself before God. I love God. I hope we can go home together.

He then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.

(2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.

(3) Elder Charles Jarrell, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand and read his letter. By regular move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes. At this time the Moderator released the Brethren, Sisters and friends to assemble in the Preaching room.

(4) Read a letter from the Antioch Church of the Union Bethlehem Association of United Baptist located at Wayne, WV stating their desire to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist as provided in Article 14 of the 2006 Minutes of the Sardis Association. After many questions and much debate a motion was made by Elder Gary Young and second by Elder Charles Jarrell to receive this church under watch care for one year and for Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, and Elder Hobart Hamilton, our Assistant Moderator, to appoint a committee to work with this church. A motion was made by Elder Richard Lowe and second by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. to receive their letter and to give them the right hand of fellowship under working watch care for one year. Elder Tom Dials and Elder Hobart Hamilton appointed all officers of the Sardis Association, Elder Elbert SESCO, Elder Leonard Napier and Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. to examine their practice and doctrine, go to their business meetings and report back to this Association.

Elder Tom Dials advised all present to visit this little church as much as possible and welcomed all to attend the committee meetings. Also, advised the Sardis Association Elders that they have the liberty to preach at the Antioch Church and that the Elders of the Antioch Church may preach at the Sardis Churches when called on. He advised our corresponding Associations that they could participate in the Antioch Church services as far as the Sardis Association is concerned.

The first date set to visit the Antioch Church is for 7:00 p.m. the fourth Saturday night in November. The directions to the church are as follows: Coming from Kentucky north of Louisa, follow route 23 to Louisa, Ky and turn right on Route 2565. Follow 2565 to the second light and turn right onto Madison Street. Stay on Madison Street into West Virginia. Go to Route 52 and turn left onto Route 52. Follow Route 52 about one mile and turn right onto Route 37. Follow Route 37 approximately ten miles to the intersection with Route 152. Make a left onto Route 152 and follow through Wayne, WV. After passing through Wayne at the bottom of the hill and before you cross the railroad tracks turn left onto Craig Road. Follow Craig road one mile and eight tenths to the church on the left.

(5) By regular move and second, the report of the Committee on the Historical Library of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, as given by Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., was received. The Pike County Public Library expects to have our documents on the computer by January 1, 2008.

Clerks Note: We need minutes for the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1897, 1898, 1900 to 1914, 1916, 1917, 1923 to 1927 and 1955. Also, any pictures and histories of the Sardis Association Churches are requested. If available contact:

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.	(606)631-3520
Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.	(606)353-7858
Elder Edward L. Smith	(304)429-1689
Brother Archie Prince	(304)486-5960

(6) The Clerk requested permission to print the obituary of Brother Walter Morrison in our 2007 Minutes at the request of his family. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(7) Read the Letters of Condolence from our Sisters, the Northern New Salem Association and the Philadelphia Association, and, by regular move and second, ordered them to be printed in our Minutes:

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

We, your Sister the Northern New Salem Association, would like to express to you our Condolence in the passing of your Beloved Elders, brothers and sisters since your last assemblage.

May the good christian life they lived, the light they let shine, their love and fellowship, comfort you with precious memories in all your tomorrows, as we wait for that glorious day in which we hope to join their company in a land of everlasting joy and peace.

Sincerely yours,
Elder Hillard Newsome
Elder Dennis Elkins—Clerks

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

We, your sister the Philadelphia Association, wish to express to you our Sister the Sardis Association, our condolence in the departure of your Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last assemblage.

May the memory of them comfort you, as you await that grand and glorious morning when the Lord shall leave Heaven with a shout and the voice of the archangel and the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first and those that are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet them, with the Lord, in the air and we will all enter that wonderful country that was prepared for the believers in Jesus Christ. Where there will be no more parting and no more sorrow, only joy and peace forever and ever.

Brothers in Christ,
Brother Charon Gilliam
Brother Gary Adkins

(8) 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 2008 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Arvid Blevins, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Murl Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association

Appointed a second Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 2008 Association:

Elder Roger Hicks, New Salem Association
Elder Delmar Jones, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association

These Committees reported as follows and were discharged by regular move and second:

Elder Albert Cable, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Richard Lowe, Alternate
Elder W. H. Cochran, Prepare Circular Letter

(9) The Committee appointed on Friday to arrange the preaching met and reported. By regular move and second the report was received and the committee was discharged. The following Brethren preached Saturday night and Sunday:

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Arthur Mathis, Sardis Association
Elder John Paul Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder Stoney Blackburn, Northern New Salem Association

SUNDAY

Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association
Elder James Branham, New Salem Association
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

(10) Read the request from the Pilgrims Home Church asking to put the Assistant Moderators' names in the Minutes next to the moderators' names. The request was granted by regular move and second.

(11) Called for the Sardis Association Treasurer Report. A move and second was made to receive the following report:

SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2007

Balance on hand 9-01-06		\$ 5,577.08
Add 2006 Income:		
Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 5,090.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 650.00	
Interest Income	\$ 13.73	
Rent Income	\$ 1375.00	
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00	
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 5,470.00	
Food Fund Contributions	\$ 6,955.00	
Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$ 5,238.92</u>	
Total 2006 Income		<u>\$25,292.65</u>
Total Available for 2006		\$30,869.73
Less 2006 Expenses		
Equipment Cost	\$ 1,972.44	
Minute Expense/Mailing	\$ 4,883.18	
Clerk Expense	\$ 49.59	
Building and Land Expense	\$ 5,254.23	
Electric Expense	\$ 3,594.83	
Water Expense	\$ 490.84	
Telephone Expense	\$ 598.65	
Insurance Expense	\$ 862.13	
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 5,936.12	
Bank Charges	\$ 11.58	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	
Total 2006 Expense		<u>(\$23,703.59)</u>
Balance on Hand 8-31-07		\$ 7,166.14

(12) By regular move and second it is ordered that the General Communion Meeting be held at the Sardis Association Building on the second Saturday in March, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and each proceeding year if desired by the Association and that the Little Rosie Church be the host.

(13) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2007 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

(14) Received the report of the Building Committee and, by regular move and second, ordered 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:

Elder Paul Maynard	Brother Daniel Stanley	Elder Randall Lee Lackey
Brother Les McGuire	Elder David May	Brother Charles Canada
Brother Archie Prince	Elder Leon Robinson	Elder Harold Sesco
Brother Ervin Thacker	Elder Chester Cochran	Brother Clyde James
Brother Tony Williamson	Brother Cecil Setser	Brother Ernest Sesco

(15) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 3200 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300.00 for his expense.

(16) 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, KY, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 2007: Bobby Scott, Sr., Thomas J. Dials, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Hobart Hamilton, Kenneth B. Jude, Daniel Stanley, Eddie Williamson, Charles Jarrell, Gary Napier, Leslie McGuire, Edward Lee Smith, Leonard Napier, Bobby L. Scott, Lacy Walters, Archie Prince, Eldon Maynard, Ernest Sesco, Leon Robinson, Neil Thornsby, Virgil Fletcher and David Crigger. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 2007: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Eddie Williamson, Edward L. Smith, Leslie McGuire, Kenneth B. Jude, Leonard Napier, Gary L. Napier, David Crigger, Marion Duncan, Daniel Stanley, Bobby L. Scott, Lacy Walters, Archie Prince, Chester Cochran, Eldon Maynard, Virgil Fletcher, Lester Cochran, Lacy Fletcher, and Wallace Sartin. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Rose of Sharon Church, 5665 Carleton S. Rockwood Road, S. Rockwood, MI, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2008: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton, Charles Jarrell, Daniel Stanley, Archie Prince, Marion Duncan, Ron Hamilton, and Kenneth B. Jude. Letter in the hands of Elder Richard Staton.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the New Mt. Olive Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2008: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Eddie Williamson, Leslie McGuire, Gary L. Napier, Leonard Napier, Daniel Stanley, Kenneth B. Jude, Lacy Fletcher, Frankie Scott and Albert Cable. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Pine Grove Church, Hurley, VA, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2008: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Chester Cochran, Eddie Williamson, Kenneth B. Jude, Leslie McGuire, Frankie Scott, Marion Duncan, Archie Prince, Freddie Cline, Charles Jarrell, Charles Testerman, Daniel Stanley, Marlon Blair, Ivan Blankenship, Wallace Sartin, Lacy Fletcher, Albert Cable and Leon Robinson. Letter in the hands of Elder Leon Robinson.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the host Churches at their permanent Association site at Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2008: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Eddie Williamson, Leslie McGuire, Kenneth B. Jude, Gary L. Napier, Leonard Napier, Marion Duncan, Charles Jarrell, Daniel Stanley, Frankie Scott, Wallace Sartin, Leon Robinson, Lester Cochran and Lacy Fletcher. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran

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

(18) Requests received from the Pilgrims Home Church asking to host the 2008 Association and from the Pilgrims Rest, Apple Orchard, Bent Branch and Big Branch Churches asking to co-host the 2008 Association. By regular move and second the Requests were granted.

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2008, to:

Brother Archie Prince
3475 Whites Creek Road, Rt. 1 Box 96F
Prichard, WV 25555

The Sardis Association Building is located on KY Route 881 at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, KY. 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.

(19) The Sardis Association is truly humbled by the multitude of Brethren, Sisters and friends, along with our Beloved Host Churches and the Building Committee, who have worked and prayed, preparing for this the One Hundred and Fifteenth Session of the Sardis Association. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Brother Roy Lee May, a Paramedic from Bethany Church, who set-up and handled an Emergency Medical Station and to Phillip Elliott, DHL Ambulance for use of medical equipment; to Everett and Diane Hannah of Hannah Lumber Co., at Varney, WV, for their continued support ; to Velocity Market at Zebulon, KY;

to Kentucky Fried Chicken at Pikeville for preparing the chicken; to Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Connie Canes and Mike Lyons of the Pike County Solid Waste Department; to Neil McGuire of Pepsi Cola Co. at Pikeville who handled the soft drinks; to Prater Creek Ice for ice and use of the ice machine; to the Campers for being excellent guests and for their donation; to Brother Gerald Fields for all the trips to pick up food and supplies; to the Sisters of the Pilgrims Home Church for working in the kitchen during and after the emergency and to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of the Pilgrims Home Church who staff the Concession Stand.

A special "THANK YOU" to Sister Jamessa (Mrs. Bobby L.) Scott, the nurse, who used so much kindness and professionalism in her care of Brother Tom SESCO, who became ill Sunday morning before Church services began.

We cannot thank enough all who have helped throughout the year with the upkeep and cleaning of the Association Building and helped make this one of the most enjoyable Associations ever; through their hard work and prayers. We need to give God the Glory. Let us thank God for blessing us with the joy, the love and the peace experienced at this Association. Pray that the brotherly love may continue and peace will remain in the Sardis Association.

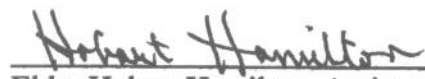
(20) By regular move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises was omitted and it is ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.


(21) On motion from Elder Elbert SESCO, second by Brother Bobby L. Scott, 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, 2008.

(22) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Billy Howard, of the Antioch Church of the Sardis Association. Prayer was led by Elder Roger Hicks of the New Salem Association..

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


Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator


Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator


Brother Archie Prince, Clerk


Elder Edward Lee Smith, 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."

Item 8. By regular move and second, it is ordered that Item (15) of our 1999 Minute be reprinted as follows:

"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.)"

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

About the hour of 10:20 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, stated he was very pleased that the Lord has given us the strength to get up one more time. He said he is thankful for the way the Lord has blessed us. We really appreciate the Lord that gives us that great Spirit. This family is going home to Heaven. I am glad today we are going home. We are living in hope, that hope is Jesus Christ. Let nothing get between you and Heaven. He, then announced the arrangements.

Elder James Branham, of the New Salem Association, came forth thanking God for being able to be here. He said, I have already been paid. I thank Jesus for all his blessings. We should never get tired of saying, thank you Lord. I want to say, thank you Jesus. All we need is Jesus. I want to tell you about Jesus. I am a stranger in this part of the country, but I am not a stranger to the Old Regular Baptist. All you need this morning is Jesus. I need his presence, I need him to move on me. When the Spirit moves it will make me feel like a young man. When Jesus came into the world he had nothing. I am glad I am poor. I want to glorify him until the day I die. When I was a sinner I knew who to call on. He heard my cries and came into my heart. I am looking for Jesus to come. We are part of that bride, that little lamb. When I get to Heaven I will be satisfied. I am glad Jesus died for me. Aren't you glad you chose the good part?

Elder Edward Lee Smith led in prayer.

Elder Danny Belcher, of the Union Association, followed Brother James stating that he had a long night and that every time he woke up the word Grace came to him. He preached as follows: By grace are ye saved through faith, not of works, lest any man should boast. If we remember our experience, we remember that last prayer and how thankful we were. We repented in that prayer because we knew we were sinners and the lake of fire would be our home. When I was out in sin, I would get scared and try to do better, but in a few days I would be doing the same things as before. We cannot save or keep ourselves. We become a worse sinner every time we try to keep ourselves. Please don't look to me, but look to God for a blessing. I have faults, I prayed to the Lord to give me mercy. God is a merciful God. I tried to justify myself, but the only justification is through Jesus Christ. He was with God from the beginning. We are a special creation. We were made in his image and in his likeness. God gave us everything that we needed before he created man. Everything we touch was made for us. Everything was done for us. We can not give him enough thanks. There is a spirit in man that gives him understanding and teaches him what he is by nature and what he could become by the Spirit of God. You sisters, if you were going to have company you would clean up the house to make it presentable. Jesus stands at the door knocking. He wants you to come to him. I wanted eternal life; I wanted peace; I was a miserable soul; I was afraid to die. I tried to be a better person, but I got worse. The preacher told me I was getting in good shape. It was me who did not understand and needed to step out in faith. He showed me what was to come and showed me a special people. The spirit said to come. We are with the children of God. We are in a holy place and among people full of grace and love. We had a change of heart, a change of mind, we are made a new creature. We are his children. We are inside Jesus Christ. We are in the body. Right now, I have no doubt. If I have to go now it will be a happy exchange. If God blesses a preacher he will bless the crowd.

God says, come whosoever will come and taste of the Lord and see that he is good and very good. Our hope is in Jesus Christ today. We are going somewhere. We make mistakes because we are in nature. We have a desire to be out to God's house. The visible kingdom is more important than Satan will ever tell you.

We are under grace. You can come and be true children of God. You must confess your sins before this sinful generation. Preaching is a mystery. God knows all about me. God must preach through me. I must be willing to give to you what is given to me. It is impossible to please God without faith. You must repent of your sin. You must lay down the things of this life and work hard to please God. Preaching is not learned by works. You must have faith. Jesus continually told them about faith. It is through faith by grace. Every time I get a little contrary that rod comes. I told God I would do anything he ask. I was called to preach and I ran. I went to the doctor; I thought I was dying with cancer. After two days of examinations I was told there was nothing wrong. I had much fear of preaching; this is a holy place. I wanted the doctor to say I had cancer because I had so much fear. The doctor pointed up and told me what I needed was wisdom. I told God I tried to run, now I would do whatever he wanted me to do. Obedience is required at the hands of all men. We become workmen after God saves us.

Every man and woman is drawn by God. Satan will tell you that you have plenty of time. You must believe with the whole heart, mind and strength. You are made ready out in the field. You must be baptized with fire and the Holy Ghost; then you are a child of God and can be baptized in to the visible kingdom. Jesus died for our sins so we could come unto him and be saved. The man with one talent did not use his faith. If you want to go to Heaven, obey God. When I was called to preach I just said a few words. It is not learned of me. Give the glory to God.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, our Assistant Moderator, followed Brother Danny. He asked all to pray for him. He said he approved what he has heard preached. When we feel the Spirit we know it comes from above. The Sardis Association has been blessed. It is wonderful that if someone talks mean you can hug their neck and tell them you love them. Brother Hobart stated that Friday morning he could not read, that everything looked double. After Elder Stoney Blackburn prayed for him he could see. Later Friday evening he could not see. On Saturday Elder Ray Hamilton laid his hand on his eye and he could see again. Brother Hobart preached that if everyone will pray for him he will get through his medical test all right. Dying is not so bad if you are ready to go. The rich man was unhappy in hell. Lazarus was comforted in Abraham's bosom. I try not to repeat my mistakes. Jesus sat at the Pharisees table and a woman came up behind him and started washing his feet with her tears and dried them with the hair of her head. Simon thought Jesus should know what type woman she was. Jesus said, Simon, I have something to say to thee. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors. One owed five hundred pence and one owed fifty. They had nothing to pay with. He forgave both. Which one loved him the most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. Jesus said, Simon, this woman whose sins are many, I freely forgive. Thy faith has saved thee. I recall saying, God help me.

I support my brothers in faith. I am proud to be part of you. I am thankful you honored me by letting me serve you as an officer. Sometimes being an officer scares me and sometimes it brings me joy. When the peace of God comes into your heart, it is the most wonderful moment of your life. There comes a time when you say, I have done everything I can do, the Lord will give you peace. You need to let your light shine, it will be noticed. God will always be with you. He put us here for a purpose and that is to give him glory. If we pray hard enough he will give us some increase. We can help by visiting our churches. We want your children and grandchildren; we want them here. Jesus is passing by the hearts of men and women.

I respected the brothers and sisters when I was young. I begged the Lord to add me to the church so I could sit down and have fellowship with them. The Lord is wonderful.

If you don't have the Lord you are missing everything. When we get to Heaven we won't have to worry because all that will be left behind. The Lord will bring the soul back to unite with the body. I am thankful to be here. God has commanded men everywhere to repent.

Elder Thomas J. Dial came forward to close out this wonderful Association stating he is thankful for the Spirit felt here this weekend. We need to realize what we really experienced. We need something that will get us up in the morning. There was a certain man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves. A Levite and a priest came by and passed on the other side. A Samaritan came by and saw him and had compassion on him. The Samaritan bound his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and took him to a safe place. He told them to take care of him and he paid them. When I was a boy I realized I was out in sin. I knew I had something to do. I found myself dead in trespasses and sin. I got sorry when I realized I did not have what I needed. I had a good Samaritan to come along and help me. He had what I needed. He had some wine, he had some oil. There is enough for everyone in the world. You must lay down the things contrary to God's will. I had to die that death, I had to repent. Once in a while I can feel that Spirit. When in the Spirit I want to go home. Jesus said, I am the living bread which came down from Heaven, if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever. I have something on the inside that lives forever. You can reach out and get a hold of him. He cleaned this old boy up. I am going up to meet him in a cloud of glory.

"And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband." I was glad to get a drink of that living water. One drink is all you need. I got hold of a fountain that never runs dry. Mother Jerusalem is talking about cleaning up the inward man. The children of God will bear good fruit. Jesus is the only way to get to Heaven. We can't win the battle by ourselves. We need everybody. We need to help one another. If you don't know the Lord in the pardon and remission of your sins you are dead. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever would believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." All we have to tell you is about Jesus. What is inside makes me feel like a child of God. That little baby was sent down for us. Jesus came down and died on the cross and made a way. We have to give our whole life to him. I would like to be able to show you how much Brother Tommy loves you. I found a little Lamb that came into my life. He took up his abode in me. The government of the Church rest upon Jesus' shoulders. That little Lamb gave me some blood. He gave me one drop and that one drop cleaned me up. "Who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed for he shall grow up before him as a tender plant and as a root out of a dry ground." I believe he is revealed to everybody. He is our life today. I am looking for a home in Heaven. If I can get on the inside I will be satisfied. Jesus died for you. Grace is the gift from God. Turn your life over to him. God abodes in your life.

Elder Milford Lowe dismissed this service.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

My Precious Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association:

I am humbled by the confidence you have placed in me by choosing me to write the Circular Letter for the 2007 Association. It is with a prayerful heart and I believe by the Guidance and enlightenment of the hand of God that I submit this letter for your approval. Also, I would like to thank all the Sardis and corresponding churches and associations who have received me with love and fellowship.

A few years ago I began to wonder about grace and what it means to us as Christians. When I was chosen to write this letter, grace was the first thing which came to my mind. To be able to define grace we first need to understand where grace came from, how we obtain grace, and how grace works in our lives. As the old song we often sing about grace says:

*"Grace led my roving feet to tread the heavenly road and
New supplies each hour I meet while pressing on to God.
Grace taught my soul to pray and made my eyes o'erflow:
T'was grace that's kept me to this day and would not let me go."*

WHAT IS GRACE?

We've all heard about grace at some time in our lives but after experiencing grace in my life, I am beginning to realize what a truly, wonderful gift grace is. To try to define this priceless gift is almost impossible but with the help of grace I will try.

Grace is the unmerited favor of God. Unmerited means that the grace of God has been given to us freely, a GIFT from God. Grace cannot be earned by works but through God's love and mercy we have been able to obtain this wonderful gift.

WHERE DOES GRACE COME FROM?

When Jesus Christ came into this world and then died on the cross he fulfilled the law and instituted the Grace Covenant. Through the blood of this precious lamb a door was opened for the gentiles. A people (a people such as you and me) who were lost, without a savior, and without a hope now have both a savior and a hope of eternal life.

The Gospel of John tells us where grace came from: "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." (John 1:17) Something as wonderful as grace could only come from God. About two thousand years ago in a manger in a small town called Bethlehem, on a night we call Christmas, grace came to us. John 1:14 tells us about this appearing of grace: "And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17) There is nothing that has changed the world more than the appearing of our Lord and Savior and we as Christians patiently await another great day, a day when we will see him coming back again on a cloud of glory to take his children home.

HOW DO WE OBTAIN GRACE?

The apostle Paul makes it clear how we obtain grace when he wrote to the Church of Corinth. Paul says, "I thank my God always on your behalf for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ."

(I Corinthians 1:4) Paul also says, "That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kingdom toward us through Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 2:7) Through this Amazing Grace we have been able to obtain salvation. " For by grace are you saved through faith and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God.

Not of works lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8, 9) So, we don't have anything to boast about but we certainly have something to rejoice about. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God". (Romans 5:1,2) So we can truly say as Paul says, in I Corinthians 15:10, "By the grace of God I am what I am.

HOW DOES GRACE WORK IN OUR LIVES?

Paul preached about how the Lord opened the door to the gentiles. (Acts 14:26) Paul also says, "Therefore it is by faith that it might be by Grace to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed, not to that only which is of the law but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all." (Romans 4:16). Paul goes on to say, "That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:7)

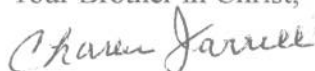
In Romans 12:6, Paul says, Having then gifts according to the grace that is given us, some have been given the gift of prophecy, some ministry, some teaching, some exhortation and many more precious gifts of grace God has given us. So, is it any wonder that our brothers in Christ possess so many wonderful and amazing gifts of grace? What a blessing it has been in my life to have experienced the many times God has blessed his children to exercise their gifts whatever the gift is.

Grace is also a great teacher. "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **TEACHING** us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust that we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:11,12 13) It was the grace of God that taught me, a sinner, what I was and what I needed to do to obtain salvation. It was grace that led me to Christ. It was grace that enabled me to repent and cry out for mercy. It is grace that will take me home to glory. No matter what the situation we find ourselves in, no matter how hopeless it looks, no matter how hard it seems, Christ made it clear to Paul when he was troubled that, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness."(Corinthians 12:9) The word grace appears 122 times in the New Testament. So, as you can see I have only begun to scratch the surface in writing about this amazing grace.

So, now in closing, "Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. Let our speech be always with grace seasoned with salt that we may know how we ought to answer every man."(Colossians 3:16 and 4:6)

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may find grace to help in time of need."(Hebrews 4:16) So by His help we can grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever, Amen. Submitted by and with the help of Grace.

Your Brother in Christ,



Elder Charles Jarrell
Southern Home Church

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

APRIL, 2008

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Buddy Carty, Richard Staton, Leon Robinson, Billy Joe Robinson, Sabert Nichols, Odes Williams and David May.

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, Richard Staton, Elbert SESCO and Wayne Herald, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Gordon Akers, Charles Jarrell, Chris Watts, Richard Lowe, Ron Hensley, John B. Hamilton and John H. Hensley.

MAY, 2008

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion 3:00 p.m. following the regular Saturday service. Ministers called: Creed Thomas, Hobart Hamilton, Jack Robinette, Robert Haney and Monty Iverson.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Leon Robinson, Danny Runyon, Stoney Blackburn, Jack Robinette, Don Little, Harold SESCO, Sam Franks and Chester Cochran.

JUNE, 2008

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Don Little, Richard Staton, Jerry Overstreet, Teddy Honaker, Jack Robinette and Billy Joe Robinson.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday at 4:00 p.m. after business meeting at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Sam Franks, W. Lee Roberts, Albert Cable and Wallace Sartin with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Spencer Hall, Milford Lowe, Dewey Jude, Ben Scott and the assistant moderator attending.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Stoney Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Johnny Thornsberry, Kenny Newsome and Dale Williamson.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Homer Muncy, Jr., Chuck Hall, Clyde Jacobs, Gary Blevins, Wallace Sartin, Richard Staton, Arthur May, Jack Robinette and Albert Cable.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Ben Scott, Homer Muncy, Jr., Albert Cable, Lacy Walters, David Crigger and Thomas J. Dials.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: Arthur May, Albert Cable, Jack Robinette, Elbert SESCO, and Billy Joe Robinson.

JULY, 2008

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Frankie Scott, Glen Hall, Thomas J. Dials, Herman West, Charles Edwards and Danny Hurley.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Murl F. Caudill, Wayne Herald, Jr., Chris Watts, Eric Williamson and Ben Scott.

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: Thomas J. Dials, James Tackett, Wayne Herald, Jr. and David Lester.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Murl F. Caudill, Don Lawson, Thomas J. Dials, Gary Blevins and Raymond Stapleton.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Paul Hamilton, Sabert Nichols, Jimmy Dye, Daune Smith, Billy Joe Robinson and Leon Robinson.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Arthur May, Thomas J. Dials, Kenneth B. Jude, Albert Cable, Gayle Brown, Herman West, David Lester and Danny Hurley.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Lacy Walters, Elbert SESCO, Eric Williamson, Willie Blackburn and Gary Young with Moderator attending.

AUGUST, 2008

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Leon Robinson, Paul Maynard, Arthur May, Harrison Runyon, Billy Joe Robinson and Albert Cable.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening after the 1:00 p.m. business meeting. Ministers called: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Edward L. Smith, Willis Bartley and Harold SESCO.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Gary Young, Leon Robinson, Bobby Scott, Sr., Elbert SESCO, Leonard Hamilton, Eric Williamson and Danny Runyon.

ANTIOCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following the regular Church service. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edward L. Smith, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Robert Haney, Leon Robinson, David Crigger, Harrison Runyon and Wayne Herald, Jr.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Edward L. Smith, Greg Stanley and Albert Cable.

OCTOBER, 2008

CHARITY: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Billy Adair, Stanley Campbell, Duane Smith, Arlice Peaden, Eric Williamson, Danny Runyon and Billy Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 2008

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Odes Williams, James Barney, Arlice Peaden, William Adair, Sr., Bruce Forsyth, Jim Miller and Thomas J. Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (March 30) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Danny Hurley, Creed Thomas, Murl F. Caudill, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone bring covered dishes.

APRIL, 2008

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco and Billy Joe Robinson.

MAY, 2008

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the second Sunday in May at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Harold Sesco, Albert Cable and Dale Williamson.

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the White family on Sunday following the second Saturday at the Church. Ministers called: Steve White, Larry R. May, Randy Lackey and Albert Cable with the Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Richard Staton and Dale Williamson.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May (Frale) Harrison and son, Charles E. Harrison and family at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., David Crigger, Lacy Walters and Harold Sesco.

CHARITY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Charity Church on the third Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Bruce Forsyth, Richard Lowe, Chris Watts, David May, Buddy Carty and Roy Caudill.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Brother Daniel Stanley at Dix Fork in memory of Brother Albert Stanley and Brother Rush Coney Williamson on the third Saturday at 4:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers welcome.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Paul V. Damron, Hobart Hamilton, Jimmy Amos and Stoney Blackburn.

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

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and Trixie Blackburn, his wife, and all the deceased on that cemetery at the old home place on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on Sunday following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Thomas J. Dials, Milford Lowe, Lacy Walters and Kenneth B. Jude.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Wallace Sartin, Larry R. May, Jack Robinette and Albert Cable with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending. Everyone is welcome.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley and Hinkle Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek on the fourth Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Eric Williamson, Richard Staton, Billy Williamson and Gary Young.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork on Saturday before the last Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters and Edward L. Smith.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran, David Crigger, Charles Edwards and Albert Cable.

JUNE, 2008

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the first Sunday in June (June 1) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Elbert SESCO, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Brother Lacy Fletcher's home for brother Joe Fletcher, his wife, Hazel Fletcher, and son, Roger Fletcher, Lacy Orville Fletcher, Orville Spence, infant baby of Jeff and Mary Spence, Sammy Spence, Mary Alice Spence, Estill Spence, Ernest Spence, Pauline Spence and others buried on the cemetery on Orville Road on the odd Sunday (June 1). All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Cemetery next to the Church for all deceased members of the church on the second Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Gary Adkins, Raymond Smith, Sam Franks and Eddie Waldon.

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Southern Home Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Larry R. May, Danny Carty, Robert Haney, Gary Young and Billy Williamson.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Willis Fletcher, Chester Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Jerry Runyon, Ben Scott and Thomas J. Dials.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Muncy Cemetery, also Elder Homer Muncy, Sr. and all others buried on the Ruby Muncy Cemetery as well as Sister Garnet (Lowe) Maynard who is buried on the cemetery near the mouth of Lackey Branch. This will be at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Ben Scott, Albert Cable, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial of Elder Bill Jude, Sister Sally Jude and other family members at the church house on Sunday after the second Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Estill 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 Sunday after the second Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco, John Paul Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on Sunday following the third Saturday in June (June 22) at 11:00 a.m. and for all those buried on the John Gilford Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Gary Young, Lacy Walters and Elbert Sesco.

SIDNEY 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: Ben Scott, Milford Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr.

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: Billy Joe Robinson, Albert Cable, Gary Young and Danny Runyon.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery in memory of J. B. and Mazie Blackburn, Casher and Opal Blackburn, Cody Stanley, Rush Stanley, Ermal Deskins, George Smith, Geraldene Blackburn, Linda K. Deskins, Delores Johnson Blackburn and Leona Stanley on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY on the fourth Saturday in June at 3:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers welcome.

ANTIOCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Mathias Cemetery in the head of Buffalo Creek in Wayne County on Sunday following the fourth Saturday in June at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Billy Howard, Paul Matthews and all Old Regular Baptist ministers. Everyone welcome. Dinner to be served.

JULY, 2008

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Dewey Jude's Family will be held on the Jude Cemetery in the head of Big Peter Cave on the Sunday after the first Saturday in July. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott, Milford Lowe, Raymond Smith, W. H. Cochran and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the church house for all those buried on the Reed Cemetery and Reed Family members buried on the Runyon Cemetery and Mountain View Memory Garden on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Duane Smith, Chris Watts, Richard Lowe, Gary Young and Richard Staton.

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

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. 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: Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Albert Cable, Ben Scott and Wayne Herald, Jr.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Narrows Branch Church for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY and Clyde Brown who is buried on the Hill Crest Cemetery at Kenova, WV, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Danny Belcher, Edward L. Smith, Wayne Herald, Jr. with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

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

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, Robert Howell and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Butler Fletcher, Billy Joe Robinson and Thomas J. Dials.

AUGUST, 2008

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on the first Saturday in August (August 2) at 4:00 p.m. in memory of all buried on the Jeff Robinette Cemetery. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco and Danny Runyon.

MEMORIAL MEETING of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton, Joseph Staton, Mont Staton, Jerry Staton and Mary Staton will be held at the Elizabeth Church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Lonnie Staton, Milford Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. and Wayne Herald, Jr.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon-Prince Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Daune Smith, Arthur May, Wallace Sartin 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: John Paul Hamilton, Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters, Kenneth B. Jude and Leonard Hamilton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Apple Orchard Cemetery, the Pine Grove Cemetery in Lennox, GA, the Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL, the Joe Taylor Cemetery and Joe Taylor family buried at Maher, WV, the McCealy Cemetery at Maher, WV, Bent Ridge Cemetery, Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland, KY, Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, Ft. McCoy Cemetery in Ft. McCoy, Florida and Hennon Scalf Cemetery on Curry Branch and Sister Hester Maynard and all that are buried on the Williamson Cemetery on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Ivan Blankenship, Duane Smith, Wallace Sartin, Clifford Williams and Richard Lowe.

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., Greg Stanley and James Tackett.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the deceased on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, WV. This meeting will be held at the cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Albert Cable.

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, Harold Sesco, Clifford Williams, Danny Runyon and Ben Scott.

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: Elbert SESCO, Bobby SESCO, Larry R. May, David Crigger, Steve White and Wayne Herald, Jr.

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: Leon Robinson, Daniel Newsome, Elbert SESCO, Duane Smith and Harold SESCO with Moderator and Assistant 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 Rell and Mary M. Maynard and deceased family. Ministers called: Bobby SESCO, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Danny Runyon and Harold SESCO.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. for all those buried on the Alfred Young Cemetery. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton, Jack Robinette and Hobart Hamilton.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the McCoy Cemetery including John and Margret McCoy, Oscar McCoy family, Tolbert McCoy family, also Johnnie Nichols, Sr. family and Lowe family of Gulnare, KY, Sister Victoria McCoy Maynard and Brother R. C. Maynard, Sr. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson and Leon Robinson.

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: Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., Hershel Jude, Floyd Jude and Thomas J. Dials.

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: Gayle Brown, Kenneth B. Jude, Wayne Herald, Jr., Roger Bevins and Edward L. Smith.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Will and Charity Jude and all family members buried at the head of Peter Cave on Sunday following the third Saturday. Minister called: Ben Scott, Lacy Fletcher, Butler Fletcher, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude. Church will be held at the cemetery.

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: Floyd Jude, Raymond Smith, Wallace Sartin, Roger Bevins and Kenneth B. Jude.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, David Crigger, Wayne Herald, Jr., Edward L. Smith, Robert Haney and Leon Robinson.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Henry Taylor Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Kenneth B. Jude and Roger Stepp. Dinner will be served nearby.

MT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the John L. Blackburn Family at the home of Elder Dewey Blackburn, 4450 West Tunnel Road, Sharpsburg, KY on the odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Teddy Honaker, Richard Staton, Hillard Newsome and Don Blake Little.

SEPTEMBER, 2008

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Wallace Sartin, Steve White, Larry R. May and Albert Cable.

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 in memory of Shirlen McCoy, his wife, Lucy McCoy, Van Ivory 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 Wolf Creek are included. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Richard Staton, Wayne Herald, Jr., Milford Lowe, Billy Joe Robinson and Ben Scott.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of Brother Ira Robinson, Brother Malcom Muncy, Elder Steve Robinson, Jr, Brother Ben Robinson and Brother Bill Howard on the first Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Thomas J. Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ervin Morrison and all else buried on the Maynard Fork Cemetery on Wolf Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Minister called: Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr.

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: W. H. Cochran, Charles Jarrell, Ellis Holbrook, Paul Maynard and Bobby Scott, Sr.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Ruby Honaker Hunt, her husband, Mont, their daughter, Lorene Hunt, Charlie Honaker and others family members on Sunday following the third Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at the home of her son, Johnny Honaker, which is located approximately three fourths mile up Sunshine Lane at Kimper, KY. Ministers called: Teddy Honaker, Richard Staton, Leon Robinson, Greg Stanley, Paul Maynard, Tim Robinson and all other Regular Baptist ministers who are able to attend. The family invites everyone.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, William (Tom) Fraley and his wife Inis Fraley Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: David Crigger, Frankie Scott, Wallace Sartin, Lacy Walters and Billy Joe May.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Sabert and Larnie Nichols on the third Sunday evening at 3:00 p.m. in memory of Garnett Maynard and all deceased on the family cemetery. Ministers called: David May, Richard Staton and Harold SESCO.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Albert Cable, Jack Robinette, David May and Wayne Herald, Jr.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude, America Jude, his wife, their three sons, Ambrose, Matthew and Russell, three great grandchildren, Mark Jude, infant son of Kenneth B. Jude, Dollie Jude and Tan Stacy, husband of Pauline Stacy on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Wayne Sartin, Dewey Jude and Milford Lowe.

OCTOBER, 2008

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Ben Scott, W. H. Cochran, Albert Cable and Raymond Smith.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Lloyd Brown, Wayne Herald, Jr., Harold SESCO, Travis Bentley, Greg Stanley and Bobby Scott, Sr.

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: Monty Iverson, Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Greg Stanley, Ralph Slone, Jr., W. Lee Roberts, Eric Williamson and Gary Young.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Gary Adkins, Teddy Honaker, Ellis Holbrook and Murl F. Caudill.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church 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 and Albert Cable.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Danny Belcher, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Richard Staton and Ronnie Combs.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Albert Cable, John R. Justice, Steve White, Harold SESCO, Richard Staton, Zeb Justice and Phillip Estep.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the fourth Saturday for John Jude and Belle Jude, his wife; Annie (Howell) Jude, wife of Warren G. Jude; J. T. Jude, son of Warren G. Jude and Annie Jude; two daughters, Mary Ann and Betty Jane, children of Henry and Connie Jude. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Sabert Nichols and Clifford Williams.

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: Stoney Blackburn, Lloyd Brown and Hobart Hamilton.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

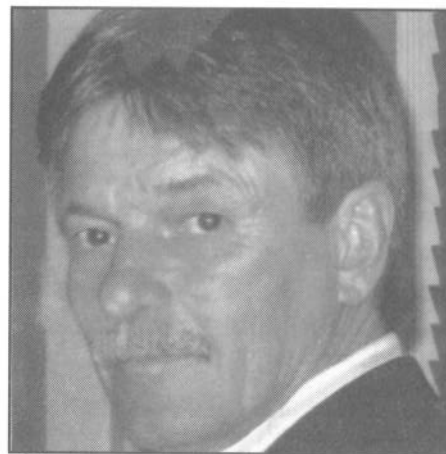
CHURCH	DAY AND TIME
Bent Branch	Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Bent Branch/Pilgrims Home at Bent Branch	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Charity	Easter at 10:30 a.m.
Charity	Christmas at 10:30 a.m.
Elizabeth	Every odd Sunday
Elizabeth	New Years Eve
Leannah	Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Leannah	Azzie Howard Birthday July 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Leannah	Every third Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Sabert Nichols Home
Little Rosie	Every third Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.
Little Rosie at Sardis Association Building	General Communion second Saturday March 5:00 p.m.
Little Tavia	Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Mary Elizabeth	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Okeechobee	Every odd Sunday
Pilgrims Home	Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.
Pilgrims Rest	Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.
Salem	Easter on March 23, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.
Salem	Christmas Meeting on December 22, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.
Samaria	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
SARDIS ASSOCIATION AT BUILDING	Every odd Saturday at 6:00p.m.(None March 30, 2008)
Southern Home	Every third, fourth, and odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Southern Home	Communion first Saturday evening in October
Southern Home	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Rosa	Every first Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.
Rosa	Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.
Turkey Creek	New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.
Turkey Creek	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Turkey Creek	June second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Floyd Jude, Bill Blevins, Ray Hamilton, Arvid Blevins, Wayne Herald, Jr.

OBITUARIES
of
BRETHREN AND SISTERS

ELDER GARY ADAIR

Elder Gary Adair, my brother in Christ and my carnal brother, was called home to be with Jesus on February 13, 2007.

He was born July 23, 1952, making his stay here on earth fifty four years. He was the son of the late Brother Johnny Adair, Sr. He is survived by his mother, Sister Helen Boyd Adair Hayden, and step dad, Brother Roy Hayden of Greensboro, Georgia. Elder Gary married Terri Young on April 13, 1974 in Ocala, Fl. Four daughters were born into this union: Nicole Mowery and Nancy Coyer of Ocala, Fl, Faith Oliver of Pittsville, Al and Kayla Adair of Augusta, Ga. Brother Gary was blessed with thirteen grandchildren. Brother Gary leaves behind his wife, children, grandchildren, a brother, Brother Johnny Adair, Jr. of Greensboro, Ga. Sisters: Sue Adair of Dothan, Al, Nancy Brooks of Vero Beach, Fl and Sandy Reid of Daytona Beach, Fl.



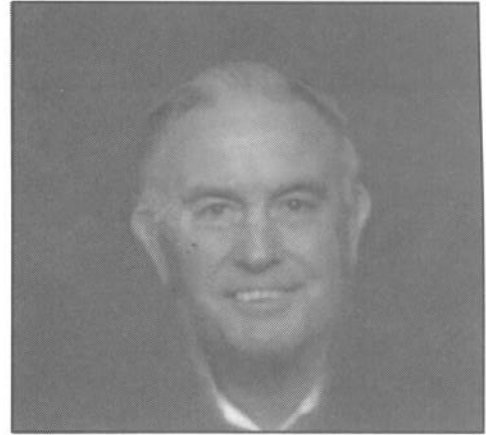
Even though we know he is in a better place than we are, we still miss him so very much. Brother Gary joined the Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church of Sparr, Fl in December, 1988. He was baptized by the late Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. and Elder William Adair, Sr. He was set aside in March, 1993. Brother Gary was ordained on July 2, 1993. Brother Gary loved to travel among the churches and preach with the brethren about the amazing love of Jesus. As his health began declining he wasn't able to travel as much as he wanted. However, he would still council and preach endlessly by telephone. Several years ago, Brother Gary felt the Lord had instructed him to help organize a Church in Georgia. Brother Gary obeyed and was instrumental in organizing the Charity Old Regular Baptist Church in Greensboro, GA. He served faithfully as assistant moderator until his death. His labors for the Lord and his church were unwavering. Brother Gary was a wonderful inspiration to me and others around him. I loved to hear him preach about angels unaware and the woman at the well. I witnessed him struggling along with his medical problems until the very day God called him home. In our last conversation he talked about attending this years Sardis Association meeting and how he wanted us to visit Brother Leo Sloan's church. Brother Gary and I were close and I can't express the sense of loss I feel. So many times I have caught myself wanting to pick up the phone and talk to him. He was loved by most who met him and he never failed to mention Jesus and the good things he had done for him. To me, this world is a lesser place without him. As sure as I can be, he is singing with the angels and shining like the sun in the morning. His faith and obedience, I pray, will be an example to his children and family. To reunite with Brother Gary on the shores of Zion, just call on the name of Jesus and seek his forgiveness. He is a merciful God and quick to forgive.

Written by Brother Johnny Adair, Jr. and his family

ELDER CONDOR LEE MAYNARD

It is with a heavy heart and a lot of tears, that I will attempt to write this obituary of my loving father, Condor Maynard, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on October 19, 2006. He was born on December 29, 1941 to the late Rell and Mary Maynard of Hatfield, KY.

He is survived by his wife of forty five years, Violet(Camburn)Maynard of Wellford, SC. He has one daughter, Eleanor Roach of Landrum, SC whom loves and misses him dearly. Also, three sons: Condor Jr, David and James; all of Wellford, SC. Five grandchildren: Brian, Josh, Nick, Mary, and Hunter, who also love and miss their "poppy" dearly. Every time they go to church, they always ask, "where is Poppy?"



I am so thankful that my dad left such a great impression on them about the importance of serving Jesus and going to church. He is survived by one brother, Cifford Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY and two sisters, Nancy Ellen Yates of Huddy, KY and Rita Ann Pinson of Sidney, KY.

Two sisters in law, Eva Maynard of Ramsom, KY and Leona Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY. He leaves two very special friends, Elder Gary L. Young and Elder Albert Cable.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Maynard and two brothers, Tommy Dale Maynard and Vergil Maynard.

He was a wonderful man who loved preaching and telling people about the Lord Jesus and spending time with his church family, whom he loved and respected dearly. He joined the Old Regular Baptist family at the Salem Church on the first weekend in September of 1995. He was baptized that same day. He was later ordained as a minister at the Salem Church. Some years later he took his membership to the Turkey Creek Church where he was a faithful member until the Lord decided he needed him in Heaven.

I miss dad very much, but I know, his work here on earth was finished and one day I'll see him again around God's throne. I will be able to tell him how much I miss our evening talks and how much it meant to be able to know that he was only a phone call away whenever I needed him or to just hear a encouraging word or prayer.

It is with great sadness and tears that I have written this. Dad, you're just resting now, when God calls his children home, we will be together again. I will always remember that, "our loss is Heaven's gain". Daddy, we love and miss you very much. I will see you in Heaven some sweet day.

With love, Elanor, Jr, David, Sam, Violet, Troy, Jessica, Brian, Josh, Nick, Mary and Hunter.

Written by daughter, Elanor Roach

VERA JOYCE ADAIR

With loving and precious memories we will attempt to write the obituary of our dear sweet mother, Vera Joyce Adair, precious wife, loving mother, and a wonderful grand mother.

Mom was born December 10, 1931 in Sharon Dale, Ky and passed on January 3, 2007, in Colorado Springs, CO. She was a member of the Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Sparr, FL. She is survived by her husband, George W. Adair, Sr; daughters; Rita (Drew) S. Adair-Funderburk and Carole I. Adair-Puleo, of Colorado Springs; son, Bruce (Glenda) K. Adair, of Menifee, CA; grandchildren, Crystal (Brent) Puleo-Robson, April (Keith) Puleo-Pennington, Matt Funderburk of Colorado Springs, Candice Funderburk, Yorba Linda, CA, Sean Adair and Rebecca Adair of Menifee, CA and great grandchildren: Ciara Robson, Justin Robson, Demetrius, Roman and Isela Duran-Pennington, all of Colorado Springs.



She was preceded in death by her parents Franklyn Benjamin Chapman and lone Olive Peterman-Chapman; sister, Gloria Chapman-Slone; brother, Morgan Chapman and son, George Adair, Jr. Mom often told the story of when she was a little girl, how she would tell whoever would listen that she was going to marry our Dad when she grew up and they did on October 21, 1946. They celebrated sixty years of marriage together.

Searching through pictures, trying to put our memory board together.... many thoughts wonder in.... all of the blessings throughout the years.... hard times, good times, laughter, celebrating holidays, special occasions, helping each other in need, births and most of all the closeness we all share. We have always been there for each other because of my mother's teachings. She loved the Lord and would read to her grandchildren, some of you know how our mother trusted in Him because no matter what time it was, when anyone was in need, she would call everyone for prayer. She loved to crochet afghans (and give them away), quilting, painting, puzzles, board games, family outings, music and oh how she loved to fish. We would watch her get everything ready and then she would pull on her white cotton gloves so that the worms wouldn't bite her!

She always had an extra plate for anyone that walked through her doors; always making sure that there was enough to go around, and then some. Grand kids always had their favorite dish, what a joy that brought to her. My mother loved all of her grandchildren even our two newest additions that she only got to enjoy for a short while. She never complained about the hours or days spent watching and caring for all of them, they were her heart. She watched her children and all of her grandchildren come into this world and we were all there with her when she left. What a sad and glorious day, we know the good Lord has a special place for her in his kingdom."It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone, part of us went with you when God called you home, our Family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but one day the chain will link again when the Lord calls upon each name" We thank the good Lord for giving our family many things to be thankful for and especially helping us to honor her with loving thoughts.

Thanks Mom, we all love and miss you very much.

Written by her loving family

SALLY CANADA

It is with great sorrow and a heavy heart that we will try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Sally Canada, ninety two years of age, who passed away March 30, 2007 at the Markey Cancer Center in Lexington, KY. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Canada and four children.

She has five surviving children: Charles(Annette), Anna Lea(Freddie), Rosa Dean(Leon), and Paris(Nell) all of Varney, KY and Connie(Mike) of Zebulon, KY. She has seventeen grandchildren, twenty five great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

We feel blessed to have had her all these years; but it is still so hard to let her go. Even though she has gone to Heaven to be with daddy and we will soon join them. It's just so long for a while mommy. We will soon come and be with you and daddy. Sleep on, mommy, you have your new feet that you can walk on now like you have been wanting. We love you and we will dearly miss you, but we will see you soon.

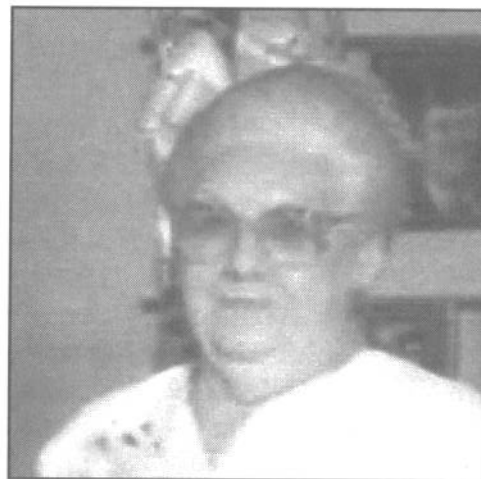


Written by Your children

ELIZA ELLEN CHAPMAN

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of Eliza Ellen Chapman; loving wife, Mother, and Mama.

She was born December 5, 1927. She was the daughter of Lee and Hannah Bryant of Virgie KY. Her husband of fifty five years, Tilden Chapman Jr., her parents, six brothers and two sisters preceded her in death. To the union between Mommy and Daddy was born twelve children. Three preceded them in death: Donnie Chapman, Russell Chapman, and Gary Chapman. Mommy passed away May 16, 2006 at South Williamson KY. She leaves behind to mourn her loss; four sons: Larry Chapman of Columbus OH, Phillip (Irene) Chapman of Ypsilanti, MI, Benny (Sandy) Chapman of Hardy, KY and Randall (Pam) Chapman of Hardy, KY; five daughters: Gloria (Earl) Adkins of Ypsilanti, MI, Sherry (Bobby) SESCO of Hatfield, KY, Noreen Chapman of the home, Jennifer (Robert) Moore of Hardy, KY and Beverly (Keith Burgess) Chapman of Hardy KY.



She was blessed with twenty loving grandchildren, twenty two great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews and many friends who she loved so much.

Mommy gave her life to the Lord on February 2, 1997 at the Salem Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the hands of Elder Bobby SESCO and Elder Elbert SESCO. She was a faithful member and filled her seat until she got too sick to attend but her heart was always at her Little Church on the Hill. She loved and always thought about her brothers and sisters of the church. She would tell us to tell the Church to remember and pray for her. Mommy loved us so much, so we must go on and miss her, honor her memory and cherish the love we know she had for all of us. All she ever wanted was for us to be happy and content in this life and pray for all of us to get ready so we could meet her and Daddy in Heaven and walk down that street of gold together and never be apart again.

I remember, no matter how sick she got or how much pain she was in or how hard it was to breathe, she would say, "Just Trust In The Good Lord, He Will See Us Through, You Pray For Me and I Will Pray For You." Even at the end that is what she would tell us and how much she loved us. With that never ending Faith I believe God has seen her through and he will bring her out of her grave and give her a new body likened unto his. She will have new legs so she can walk through those Pearly Gates into that Mansion that he built for her, with a street of Gold and Walls of Jasper.

Can't you see her walking now, no more crippled with pain. She will have new lungs where she can sing that new song, I've been redeemed both soul and body. She will be able to sing and shout his praises and never run out of breath or have to use her oxygen again. She will have a new heart, one that will never wear out and stop beating. He will put his power in it and it will beat and love forever.

She will have a new body that will never get tired, hurt, or have to lay down in death again. She will be alive, forever and an eternity being able to look upon our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that has made it possible for her to rest from her labors and live with him forever.

I want to go, so I can see Mommy and Daddy and My Lord and Savior and live in that land where we will never die. Don't you want to go? Please get ready to go where they are. That is what Mommy always prayed for. That all of her children would get ready and go where she is. So, we could all live together forever and never have to be apart again. And be with our Precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that died on that cross so that we could have life everlasting. Please get ready so when it is your time to go you can come and see an eternity of love everlasting that will never end.

So love her, miss her and honor her always, but be happy for her, that she got what she wanted; to walk, talk, sing and live forever and walk down the street of gold with our Lord. With a heart that's hurting.

Written by her broken hearted children

ARTHUR M. CLINE

With A heavy heart and the help of the Lord, I am going to write the obituary of my Dad, Arthur M. Cline. He was born on February 10, 1923. He went to be with the Lord on December 5, 2006.

He was united in marriage to Nealie Cline on June 12, 1943. They were blessed to have five sons and two daughters. Dad has been greatly missed by his family and his friends.

He was a member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church. Before he passed away our family was blessed to attend Dads baptizing. When thinking of my Dad, I think of the scripture in the Bible; *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.* PSALMS: Chapter 116 Verse 15.



Written by his son, Gelenious Cline

TEDDY "POPPY" CLINE

He was born December 18, 1937. He went home to be with the Lord on December 16, 2006. His parents were the late Silas and Lavennie "Ven" Cline. He was the brother of Larry (Linda), Gary (Pamela), Eddy (Ileen) and Mark (Linda) Cline and Aracoma Justice.

On October 19, 1956 he married Verna Faye Glanden, the woman with whom he would spend the next fifty years of his life. Together they had four children: Sherry (Rigo) Garcia, Myra (Eugene) Lilly, Barry (Susan) Cline, and Kristin (Clark) Blackburn. He was the grandparent of Nicolas (Lisa) Queen, Cortney (Burton) Reed, Preston (Shena) Lilly, Joseph Lilly, Jordan Cline, Barry (Sylvia) Cline, Jr., Olinda "Sissy" Cline, and Karissa Blackburn. He was also the great grandfather of Oliver, Benjamin, and Ella Reed, and Kaden Lilly.



He was called Poppy by most who knew him. He worked hard most of his life. When he was still just a child, he quit school and went to work with his dad to help support his family. After he married he worked many years for other people, but later he went into the mining business for himself. First with Freddy Cline, then with his brothers. Working in the mining business so long took its toll on his lungs. Black lung took its hold on him and he was forced to retire.

Poppy loved his brothers and sisters very much. He always wondered about them and if any of them were sick or in the hospital, he always wanted to make sure he and mom checked on them every day. He always wanted them to come to our house for Christmas. This past year, a couple of weeks before he died, we asked him if he wanted just us or if he wanted his brothers and sister to come for Christmas. He weakly stated, "brothers and sister".

He never was one to state his feelings aloud as we were growing up, but we knew that he loved us. Later on though he would always say he loves us when we would hang up the phone or when we would visit. When it would be a while between visits he would always call and ask where we have been. I wish we had more time.

My children adored him. I am sure my sisters' and brothers' children felt the same. Whenever they spent any time with him they always left with plenty of Poppy stories. It is the same with his nieces and nephews. They all have many fond memories of him. He touched so many lives.

For as long as I can remember, he loved the Rosa Regular Baptist Church. I guess we always knew that this was the church in which he would eventually take membership. He would always say things like, "There ain't no better singing!", and "You don't hear no better preaching!" He was never really comfortable any where else. He and mom visited other churches, but the Rosa church felt more like home to him. Our family will always be grateful for the way the members embraced dad in his hour of need and our whole family in daddy's final hours.

Poppy will be greatly missed by many, but we can have comfort in knowing he is home with the Lord and that we have that blessed hope of seeing him again some day.

Written by his daughter, Myra Lilly

AUDREY BLACKBURN COCHRAN

Audrey Blackburn Cochran was born May 30, 1917, the daughter of the late John L. and Esta Blackburn. God called Sister Audrey home Friday, August 10, 2007 at the Pikeville Medical Center with her family gathered around her. She married Elder Ernest Cochran December 30, 1936. They shared their love for sixty six years and to this union was born seven children: Joy (Edward) Smith, Stoney Cochran (deceased), June (Walter) Ferguson, Gail (Dan) Bailey, Judy (Jack) Walters, Ernie (Deanna) Cochran and John (Dana) Cochran. Her memory will live on through her thirteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.



She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Stoney Cochran; husband, Elder Ernest Cochran; son in law, Dan Bailey; two brothers, Ted and Bun Blackburn and three sisters: Beatrice Billiter, Gladys Brown Justice and Easter Brown.

Sister Audrey joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Bent Branch, August 13, 1941 and she placed her membership at the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church and was a faithful member for sixty five years, eleven and one half months.

Sister Audrey traveled with Brother Ernest during his ministry. They not only traveled to visit churches in the Sardis Association but to the churches in the corresponding associations. She always cooked dinner for the visiting congregation at the Dix Fork Church. I have heard her talk about visiting church members staying all night with them years ago during the union/communion meeting and during association time and there would be so many they would sleep on the floor. Even though she had been sick for the past several years she still wanted to prepare food for our church meeting. This past church time was not any different. She had to be taken by ambulance to the doctor the week before church time but she wanted to go to the store on Saturday to shop for church. She was unable to get out of bed but she told Joy what to prepare. Sister Audrey loved God and the Church.

Sister Audrey wanted to stay at home after Brother Ernest passed away. She loved her children. She wanted to have a place for her Children to come home to. Even though we did not live close by, we always tried to come home as much as possible. She was always so happy when the children and their families came home; they were her life. As we would be coming up the walk she would always be standing in the kitchen window, have dinner on the stove and greet us with a big smile and hug.

We children loved mom, she was so special and a big part of our and our families' life. She will be missed so much by all of us and the ones who knew her.

Mom traveled through life with a dignity and hope. Her hope has now been realized and her life will light our pathways to Heaven.

Mom is gone now and you will have her memories, but Jesus made a way to meet her again. Paul wrote "there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Paul also wrote, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I believe Sister Audrey has earned her Crown and is at rest today with God just waiting for that resurrection day.

Written by her children and Elder Edward Lee Smith.

LUTHER COCHRAN

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of Brother Luther Cochran. He was a brother in the flesh. Brother Luther was born February 16, 1925. He was the son of the late John H. Cochran and Octavie Stanley Cochran.

Brother Luther grew up in Pike County, KY, at a place called Canada. In the year of 1946 he met and married the love of his life, Gerldene Parks. To this union four daughters were born. One preceded him in death, leaving behind Sandra Whitt Edwards, Teresa (Robert) Brannan and Rebecca (Robert) Haning. He, also, raised one adopted daughter, Mary Ann (Dickie) Elliot. He had six grandchildren: Mike Whitt, Mark (Julia) Whitt, Tina Whitt, J. C. Brannan, Beth Brannan and Eric Lee Shull. He had nine great grandchildren: Sydnee Moore, Payton Whitt, Brady Whitt, Jacob Whitt, Jeramy Brannan, Jaycee Brannan, Kenda Brannan, Jacob Brannan and Dakota Woodall. He also leaves behind four brothers: Bill (Edna) Cochran, Harold (Emma Jean) Cochran, Eugene (Connie) Cochran and Chester (Martha) Cochran ;two sisters, Gracie Slone and Mary (George Ed) Smith; four sisters-in-law: Sally, Audrey, Donna and Loretta. He, also, had four brothers who preceded him: Earl, Ernest, Julius and John, Jr.



In the year of 1971, on the second Sunday, he gave his hand to become a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Beaver, OH and was baptized by Brothers Paris Tackett and Cecil Boggs. He took his letter to the Dix Fork Church at Sidney, KY. Later he came in a arm to establish the Little Tavie Church in Point Pleasant, WV. He served as treasurer for many years and did a wonderful job.

Brother Luther was employed at the Kaiser Aluminum Plant before retiring. He also served in the United States Navy and was sent to the Phillippines during World War II.

Brother Luther will be missed by many people, but we feel our loss is his eternal gain. So, sleep on, Brother Luther, until that great morning when Christ will return to get his bride, then we can be together again where we won't have to worry about nursing homes and hospitals. For if the spirit be in you that raised up Christ from the dead, it will also quicken our mortal body and fashion it like his most glorious body. So farewell for a while, dear brother, we love you.

By a unworthy brother in hope
Elder William H. Cochran

LONA COLLINS

With sadness, precious memories and a great abundance of love we write the obituary of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother Lona [Pinion] Collins. She was born September 25, 1934, a daughter of the late Mary and Henry Pinion. Lona was married for fifty eight years to Lonnie Collins. To this union was born eight children. She had six sons and two daughters. Elivs Gene Collins, age thirty four, preceded her in death on November 19, 1991.

She is survived by Lonnie Ray Collins of Frenchburg, Harold Collins of Pikeville, Jack [David] Collins and Don Collins of Meta, Chris Collins of Kimper, Patsy Pansion of Kimper, and Linda Kirk of Zebulon. She also had a step son, Chad Collins, of Phyllis. She was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Pinion, and one brother, Dan Pinion.



Only twenty five days after her death her brother, Boney Pinion, passed away. She is survived by thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was such a special person. She always had a loving smile and the kindest of hearts. She had a great love for her husband and all her family. She loved to look at the many family photos that she valued so much. On her sleepless nights she often looked through the pictures giving her comfort through the night. She always wanted to be able to attend church. When she became so ill and was confined to the hospital, she talked about joining the church. When the brothers of the Old Regular Baptist Church visited her at the hospital she made it clear she wanted to be a member and just wanted to walk out into the water to be baptized. It was not to be. Her condition got worse and while in the hospital she was baptized on June 30, 2007 and became a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. She seemed to hold onto life until her wish was done she passed from this life July 4, 2007. We were truly blessed to be a part of this warm and wonderful person's life. She is missed so much but she will live in our hearts, memories, and our photos forever.

Written with much love: The Family

KENNETH CORDELL

Brother (Otto) Kenneth Cordell, Sr. was born on November 15, 1933 in Wilbur, Ky, Laurence county. He was called home on April 6, 2007.

Brother Kenneth married Ethel Jean Tilley on December 9, 1957. To this union, six children were born. Eric Scott Cordell, who preceded his dad in death, Francis Gene Cordell of Register, GA Otto Kenneth Cordell, Jr. of Girard, GA, Jesse Lane Cordell of Walterboro, SC, Patricia Diane Cordell of Vero Beach, FL and Sharon Sue Mincey of Sylvania, GA. Brother Kenneth and Sister Ethel have sixteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is also survived by a brother, Jack Cordell.

Brother Kenneth loved farming and raised wonderful gardens. He loved cattle and anything to do with farming.

Brother Kenneth was a member in good standing at Charity Old Regular Baptist Church in Greensboro, GA. He will be missed dearly.

Brother Kenneth loved the Lord and the Church. He was loved very much by Sister Ethel and she misses him constantly.

Written by his brother in Christ,
Johnny Adair Jr. Clerk, Charity Old Regular Baptist Church

BARBARA CURRY

It is much sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of Sister Barbara Curry. She was born October 3, 1953 to the late Samuel D. and Geraldine (Fouch) Hensley. She departed this life on April 30, 2007 to be with Jesus.

Sister Barbara was baptized in August, 1999 by Elder Jack Robinette and Brother Alex Hensley. She was a member of the Tabitha Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Emza (Zeke) Curry and two brothers; Samuel Daniel Hensley Jr. and Oliver Hensley. She leaves behind three brothers: Brother Alex (Gloria) Hensley of Mud Fork, WV, Brother Avery (Carrie) Hensley of Hillsboro, OH and Elder James (Kathy) Hensley of Pecks Mill, WV and two sisters; Nioka Cline of Cow Creek, WV and Arlene Hensley of Whitman, WV. Other survivors are: sister in law, Donna Hensley of Chapmanville, WV and a brother and sister-in-law with whom she lived, Everette (Kathrine) Curry of Delbarton, WV.



A host of nephews and nieces will miss her very much. Sister Barbara will be greatly missed by all of our family and friends and I hope we all can meet again in Heaven some sweet day where we will never be apart again.

Written by her brother, Elder James Hensley

VIRGINIA HENSLEY

It is with a sad hear that I will try, by the help of the Lord, to write this obituary of my beloved sister in the church. Sister Virginia Hensley was the wife of Elder John Henry Hensley.

Sister Virginia was born June 9, 1941 in Williamson, WV. Sister Virginia departed this life on Wednesday August 1, 2007. She was a member of the Tabitha Old Regular Baptist Church.

Sister Virginia will be missed by her loving family. She was a faithful and loving member of the Church. Sister Virginia was the daughter of the late Arnold and Ethel Gillman Starr who preceded her in death.

Also, preceding her in death was one daughter, Jessie Cox Hensley; a grand daughter, Salina Chafins; one sister, Leotta Gillman and three brothers: Arnold, William and Ceford Gillman.

Survivors include her husband, Elder John Henry Hensley. Sister Virginia had two sons; John Henry Hensley, Jr. and Gene R. Hensley. Sister Virginia had six daughters: Ethel Sowers, Cynthia Dillion, Unona Jessie, Henrietta Adkins, Martha Adkins and Virginia Reed. Sister Virginia had four brothers: James, Chester, Mosco and Kenneth Gillman. She also had twenty four grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

Sister Virginia's soul is at rest in the arms of Jesus and Brother John and she will be united one day in the resurrection.

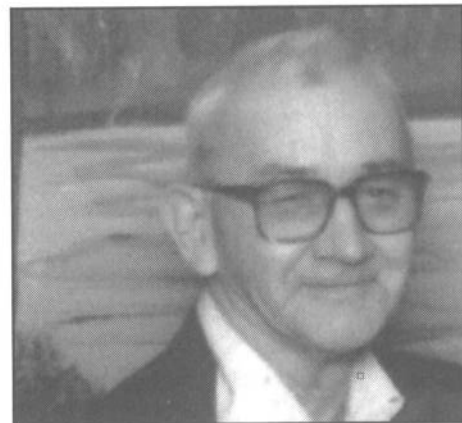
Written with love and precious memories
Elder Albert Cable for Elder John Henry Hensley



BILL HOWARD

Matthew 25: 21 "His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful Servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Bill Howard, age eighty eight, of Upper Wolf Creek (Pilgrim), KY passed away Sunday, April 29, 2007 at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, KY. He was born November 18, 1918 in Pike County, KY. He was the son of the late Willie Howard and Sarah Ann Lowe. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by two brothers, Clinton Howard and John L. Howard; two sisters, Judy (Blackburn) Howard and America Howard; two grand children, James Lester Howard and Janet Howard Phillips.



Mary (Jude) Howard, Brother Bill's wife of sixty eight years died ten days after the death of Bill Howard.

Survivors include four sons: Glen (Orgie) Howard of Pilgrim, KY, Billy (Nancy) Howard of Inez, KY, Melvin (Sandina) Howard of Inez, KY and Ernie (Sarah) Howard of Pilgrim, KY. Also, surviving are five daughters: Marie (Tom) Lawson of Inez, KY, Carrie (Donnie) Preece, Judy (Milton) Newsome, Rowean (Lotchie) Preece and Amy Lucille (John) Edmonds, all of Pilgrim, KY, as well as nineteen grand children and seventeen great-great grand children.

We feel that God added Brother Bill to the Church. He was taken into the Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church on Meathouse on the second week of May, 1971. He remained a faithful member for thirty six years. He always filled his seat every Church time until declining health would no longer enable him to get out. When he could no longer go to church they brought the Church to him. Elder Gabe Lowe, as well as other Elders and members of the community, held church at his home every Thursday night for several years. Both Brother Bill and Sister Mary liked to hear good preaching. I know from experience that it seemed like the Spirit would fill the very rooms of their house during meetings.

Brother Bill was a devoted Christian who loved the Lord. He had great love toward everyone. We feel that there came a time when Bill took heed to the Call. He worked out his Salvation with fear and trembling before the Lord. He repented and was cleansed by the blood of Jesus. He experienced a new birth in Christ years ago. He worked to increase that measure of faith that God hath dealt to every man.

Brother Bill let his light shine out to all who knew him. He piled up some stones as he passed through this life for others to follow if they want to go to Heaven when this life is over.

Brother Bill will be sadly missed by his family, his Church, friends and all who knew him. We feel that his soul is at rest in the Paradise of God. First Thessalonians 4:13 "But, I would not have you to be ignorant, Brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not as others which have no hope;" 4:14 "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

Written by: Family and Elder Homer Muncy

MARGIE BLACKBURN JUDE

"To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted"; (Ecclesiastes: Chapter 3, Verses 1 and 2)

As we sit here with sad, broken hearts we can feel the tears begin to fill our eyes as we attempt to write the obituary of our beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend, Margie Jude. When we remember the suffering that she faced the last few days of her life Phyllis, her daughter, recalls having read the following words: "God saw her getting tired, a cure not meant to be, so he put his arms around her and whispered , come with me." Our family is able to find solace in these words and know that our mother has gone home to be with God.



Margie was born September 23, 1933 to the late Jobe and Trixie (Caines) Blackburn. She departed this life on November 9, 2006; making her stay seventy three years, one month, and sixteen days. She was preceded in death by James Jude, her husband of forty three years, two sisters, Mae Hickman and Eunice Robinson and one brother, John Rush Blackburn. She is survived by one brother, Cletis (Bo) Blackburn (Rosalie) and two sisters, Bertha Duncan (Marion) and Thelma Moore (Eugene).

One precious memory we have of Margie is how she would recall having met James. It was at the June meeting when she and her cousin, Ida Mae Blackburn Evans, had gone to get water for the church and on their way back a nice looking, young man from Peter Cave asked, "May I carry the water for you?"

Needless to say, he carried the water and stole her heart. James Edward Jude and Margie Blackburn were wed on February 3, 1956. The young couple then moved to West Virginia where James ran a bulldozer for the Hammer Lumber Company. After a few years they returned to Martin County where they ran a grocery store for more than thirty years. Whenever someone would enter the old country store they would be greeted by Margie or James with kind words or an update on what was happening in the community. The store became a focal point for the local community to gather and visit.

To this union was born two children, Raymond (Rainbo) and Phyllis. Raymond married JoAnne Wilson and they were blessed with two children, Douglas Edward and Amy Elizabeth. Douglas married Kathy Hinkle and they have three children: Hope, Casey, and Jaleesa, and one grandson, Cory. Amy was blessed to give her grandmother two great grandchildren, Victoria Elizabeth and Braxton Eli. Margie would beam with joy when her great grand children came to visit, but when they got too loud, as only a one year old and a three year old can, she sighed with relief when they left.

Phyllis married Don Young; unfortunately, they were not blessed with children. Phyllis came to believe that God knew she would be needed to care for her mother extensively the last few years of her life and planned accordingly. As the end grew near a role reversal began to emerge as Margie's needs became greater. Margie became the child and Phyllis became the mother. Margie would look at Phyllis and ask "Can I sit in your lap?" as if she were a child and, of course, Phyllis always answered "Yes, you can baby." Many a night Phyllis cuddled with her mother through the long, dark hours until morning light.

One glorious Sunday on October 29, 1995 Margie took off her old coat and put on a new one. She was baptized by Elder Wallace Muncy and Robert Jude. Margie had always been a good, moral member of the community, but when she accepted God into her life those that knew her could see a new woman, striving to follow the path toward her heavenly home. She was radiant as she showed love to everyone. She took her membership to Sidney Church and she filled her seat faithfully as long as her health permitted.

It was at the Ashland Community Hospice Center in Ashland, KY that she finished her journey here on earth; on Thursday morning November 9, 2006. After reading Psalms 23 to her Phyllis sang, "Just One Rose Will Do"; a song that her dad, James, often sang. As Phyllis sang, Margie took one last deep breath and we knew that God had wrapped his arms around her to carry her home. It was at that moment that we knew that our lives here on Earth would forever have a void, a place where our beloved mother once filled. For we knew, as many people before us have come to realize that when you lose your mother you have lost the best friend you have here on Earth. However, we have precious memories of her that will be with us forever.

Our family would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who kept our precious mother in their thoughts and prayers during her long illness.

Written by Phyllis Young, her daughter
and JoAnne Jude, her daughter-in-law

MARY ANGELINE LOWE

It is with great sadness and peace, also, that we attempt to write an obituary of mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother, Mary Angeline Jarvis Lowe.

She was born November 30, 1902 to the late James Daniel and Elizabeth Baker Jarvis. She was married to the late Pry Lowe August 14, 1918. To this union was born four children. She has one surviving son, Elder Milford Lowe of Varney, KY. Preceding her in death were Clinton B., Hester and Lloyd Lowe. Preceding her in death were three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She has ten surviving grandchildren. She has many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren surviving her.



Also, many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors that she loved to mourn her passing.

"Ma," as she liked to be called, was a faithful member of the Leannah Regular Baptist Church since she was seventeen years of age. She loved the Lord with all her heart, never forgetting him as long as she knew anything. She loved to sing and to hear good gospel singing.

Ma loved to garden, preserve food, to cook, quilt, sew and crochet. Ma loved to feed friends and neighbors and to dig herbs. Milford said that when he was a child and the family was sick, mom would go to the hills and gather herbs to treat them with. She was a Country Midwife for many years. She delivered many of her grandchildren. She was very proud of this when people would come to her and tell her that she had delivered them. Ma would tell all that did not know the Lord, that it is time to invite him into their life and come to see her in her new home.

We would like to say thank you to the Nursing Home, Funeral Home, Leannah Church, the Preachers for their loving words, the singers and also for the flowers, food, prayers, and anything you have done for us during this time.

The Lowe Family

NONA DIALS MILLS

Sometimes we have the privilege of meeting some people that have a large influence on the community in which they live. One such lady is Nona Dials Mills, a wife, mother, grandmother, and educator.

She was born November, 16, 1915 in Martin County, KY, the third child in a family of twelve, to the late Peter and Wilda Pauley Dials. Nona was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Williamson Mills; sisters: Oma Muncy, Gladys Hale and Effie Dials and brothers, Jerome Dials and Ellis Dials.

She is survived by son, Joe Larry Mills and his wife, Dottie Young Mills and their sons, Barry and Brittain; son, Harry Arvin Mills and his wife Sandra Moore Mills and their children: Jennifer, Gretchen and Bentley. Four great grandchildren: Caitlin, Grace, Jamie, and Brody; her sisters, Mary Ellen Moore and Hattie Mae Cassell; her four brothers: Burgess, John, Acey, and Elmer, survive Nona.



Nona was a school teacher and teaching her students was never a job but a passion to make sure no one is left behind. Many hours was spent making sure her students, fortunate to experience her passion for learning, could have the educational tools for success in their chosen endeavors.

Sister Nona was baptized on July 1, 1956 and took her membership at the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church where she remained for fifty years and eight months. She attended regularly until she got sick. She was a devout Christian and regularly turned to prayer for answers and direction in her life. A life that was spent leading by example is one for us to cherish. Her life on this earth has been spent honoring her God, her family, and her community.

The family is saddened by her departure but take great comfort in the example that she has provided for each of us. One of Nona's favorite saying was "life is precious; spend every minute of it as if it was your last". Part of our sadness is that we have no more time to share with sister Nona in this land. Though God has called Sister Nona home we take comfort in her example of how a life of minutes on this earth should be lived from start to finish. Sister Nona has gone home to a better place and we are left with minutes of memories of a sister we loved dearly. Rest on, Sister Nona, your pain is gone; you can see clearly, you are at peace in that new home.

Written by Brother Tom Dials

WALTER MORRISON

Walter Morrison was born in Fleming County, KY on April 16, 1915 and died on May 31, 2007.

He married Gladys Maynard on April 10, 1933 and from this union was born five children, seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

He lived most of his life in Worthington, KY working for the C & O Railway and Dayton Malleable Iron Company.

Dad joined the South Fork Church of the Old Regular Baptist on March 5, 1967 and was baptized by Elder Tracy Hatfield and Garland Mullins. He lived a faithful life in the Church, serving as a Deacon and member for forty years. He enjoyed inviting people to Church, listening to the preaching and making sure he was there early to hear the singing.

Our Dad was a simple man, unfamiliar with books of learning but wise in so many ways. He could solve complex problems in his head, smell a distant rain before the first drop fell and he practiced faith with every seed planted in his fertile garden. He was a provider who built a sturdy home with his own two hands and instilled pride in who we were and where we belonged.

We cherish his memory and are grateful to those who were so kind to him; members of the Church who visited him and sat with us during hospital stays; Elder Gary Blevins, Buddy Carty and Tommy Dials, who not only preached his funeral, but were also his friends; the ladies of the Church who fed him delicious Sunday dinners and so many others who brightened his life



Written by his children: Walter, Jr.
Linda, Sharon and Dennis

DARLENE RAY

It is with much sadness and a very broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear mommy, Darlene Cecelia Ray who entered into eternal peace, Sunday, October 5, 2003 at the Pikeville Medical Center. Mommy was fifty nine years and seventeen days in age. Mommy was born September 19, 1944 to the late Dames Ira and Gertrude Bell Valentine Mahan.

Mommy was married to my daddy, Phillip Dean Ray and to this union was born four children: Deana Marie Anderson of Pikeville, KY, Rachel Ann Johnson of Virgie, KY, Phillip Dean Ray, Jr. of Spurlock, KY and Trudy Lynn Ray of Pikeville, KY. Mommy also had two other sons Larry Randall King of Colorado and Lee Randall King of Maryland. Mommy leaves eleven grandchildren. Mommy had one brother, Richard Ball of Virginia and two sisters, Myrna Calhoun of Arizona and Grace Mahan of Maryland.

Mommy was a homemaker and a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. Mommy was sick for a long time, her body grew tired and she was ready to go home. Mommy, I miss you in my life but I know you don't have to suffer anymore. I love you, mommy, and you are always in my heart.



Written by your daughter, Rachel

PHILLIP DEAN RAY

It is with much sadness and a very broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear daddy, Phillip Dean Ray, who entered into eternal peace Saturday, March 3, 2007 at the Pikeville Medical Center. Daddy was sixty seven years, four months and three days in age. Daddy was born October 5, 1939 to the late John and Martha Delia Adkins Ray.

Daddy was married to my late mommy, Darlene Cecelia Ray and to this union was born four children: Deana Marie Anderson of Pikeville, KY, Rachel Ann Johnson of Virgie, KY, Phillip Dean Ray III of Spurlock, KY and Trudy Lynn Ray of Pikeville, KY. Daddy leaves eleven grandchildren.

Daddy leaves four sisters: Ruth Murtha of Louisville, KY, Judy Capshaw of Clyde, MI, Jacqueline Williams of Fairhaven, MI and Virgie Elliott of Wasilla, Alaska. Daddy was preceded in death by two brothers, Johnny Ray and Jimmy Lee Ray. Daddy was a retired coal miner and a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church.

Daddy had been fighting cancer for ten years and he was tired and ready to go home. Daddy I love you and I will always miss you.



Written by you daughter, Rachel

ANNIS REED

In sadness of this earthly moment, I will attempt to write a few words of a faithful, beautiful soul, loving wife, devoted mother and faithful servant that quietly entered into Heaven in the arms of the Lord Jesus Christ on May 13, 2007; leaving pain and suffering behind.

Mother was born October 15, 1925, in Greenup County, KY the daughter of Addie Harlan Scaggs and Nancy Bayes Scaggs. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Thurman Scaggs.

She married Ralph R. Reed on May 17, 1943, in Greenup County. He preceded her in death in 1988. Two sons, Ralph Richard, Jr. (1991) and Thomas Michael (1997) preceded her in death.

She is survived by daughter, Brenda Reed Ballenger of Sarasota, FL and son, Joseph H. Reed of Orlando, FL. Nanny is also survived by eight grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren and many cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Annis was a member of Southern Home Church of Old Regular Baptist, Citra, FL. She will be remembered with some sadness; but also with an overwhelming joy to have known her and witness her strong Faith in God and love of family.



Written by her daughter, Brenda

RUSH ALBERT ROBINSON

Rush Albert Robinson, age seventy five of Warfield, KY passed away Monday, October 9, 2006 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. He was born July 16, 1931 in Pike County, KY, the son of the late Thomas and Tinie McCoy Robinson.

He was a retired coal miner and car salesman at Williamson-Ward Chevrolet and he was a member of the Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church.

Rush is survived by his wife of fifty two years, Lutie Robinson; three daughters: Sandy Chapman of Lenore, WV, Vicki Brewer of Kermit, WV and Cheryl King of Louisville, KY; six grandchildren: Sara Chapman, Savannah and Connor Brewer, Jay, Nick and Jerrica King. He is also survived by one brother, Bill Robinson of Inez, KY and one sister, Betty Jean Bradford, of Indiana. He is sadly missed by his wife, daughters and grandchildren.



JORDAN ISAIAH RUNYON

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my precious grandson, Jordan Isaiah Runyon. He was born January 19, 1999 and died Friday, October 13, 2006 at Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH.

He was preceded in death by his great grandfathers, James Greene, Sr. and Frank "Dean" Arnold; his grandfather, Kenneth Reitmire, Sr.; great uncle, Roy Gene Greene and uncle, Ronnie Harris.

In addition to his parents Jason and Penny Runyon, he is survived by his sisters, Shelby and Cassidy Runyon; great grandparents, Ruby Greene, Wilma Hill, Leda Lee and Gladys and Robert Chancy; grandparents, Jamie Greene, Janet Greene (David Jeffers), Jerry (Vickie) Runyon, Evelyn Reitmire, Esther Goble; father, Kenneth Reitmire Jr.

Our loss is surely Heaven's gain. He is sadly missed but not forgotten by his family and a host of friends.



Written by his Ma maw, Vickie Runyon

BERTHA (LAYNE) SMITH

Bertha (Layne) Smith, ninety five of Trenton, MI formerly of Big Creek and Pikeville, KY passed away at her home on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. Bertha was born in Pike County on February 10, 1912 the daughter of the late Thomas Turner Layne and Rebecca (Ratliff) Layne. She was also preceded in death by her husbands; Shade Smith and Ras Smith; one son, Charles Smith; five sisters: Virgie Ray, Myrtle McCoy, Pearl Conley, June Willis and Vernie Layne.



Bertha was a member of Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church on Brushy Creek, KY. She had a love for her Church, brothers and sisters in the Church but was unable to attend services for many years although she never forgot her Lord.

Bertha was a retiree of the G. C. Murphy Company of Pikeville, KY. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting. She was stricken by a stroke and for the last twenty two years she had been making her home with her daughter, Deanna and son-in-law, Clell Haynes in Trenton, MI. She loved getting cards and letters from friends so she didn't let a stroke stop her from writing. She learned to write with her left hand so that she could continue to keep in touch with her friends.

Left to mourn her passing are her two daughters, Lillian Freeman of Westland, MI and Deanna (Mrs. Clell) Haynes of Trenton, MI; one sister, Pat Layne of California; six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

LEONA BLACKBURN STANLEY

No words can adequately express our sorrow of the loss of our sister, Leona Blackburn Stanley. Early on Sunday morning, July 1, 2007, her soul took its flight to her Heavenly home from Pikeville Medical Center at Pikeville, KY, after a short illness. She very peacefully left this world to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in her eternal home. She was born at Canada, KY, on July 25, 1920 to the late James Ballard and Mazie Smith Blackburn.

Leona was united in marriage to the late William Coda Stanley on February 14, 1942. He preceded her in death on January 22, 1987. To this union were born three children.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a brother, Willie Casher Blackburn; her father-in-law, Marvin Stanley; mother-in-law, Emma Brown Stanley; brothers-in-law: George Smith, Vemon Crigger, Rush Stanley, Ermal Deskins, Melford Howell, Trimble Stanley, Victor Stanley, Kelly Stanley, Bill Crigger and Clarence Stanley; sisters-in-law: Minnie Stanley Crigger, Opal Crigger Blackburn, Bessie Stanley Gannon and Mary Etta Stanley; several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Survivors are two sons, Trimble Lee (Charlene) Stanley of Stoutsville, OH and Danny Ray Stanley of Sidney, KY, Patsy Lou (Emzy) Rogers of Shelbiana, KY; eight grandchildren: Debra Lynn (Richard) Roosa, James William Stanley, Matthew Cody Stanley, Angela Gail Stanley, Dana Leigh (Mike) Sykes, Lacy DeNell (Daniel) Anderson, Trena Coleman and Terry Edward (Glenna Marie) Rogers; fourteen great grandchildren: Michael David Foster, Amber Lynn Roosa, Haleigh Nicole Roosa, Richard Reubin Roosa, Scott James Roosa, James Trimble (Shannon) Stanley, Anna Marie Stanley, Tyler Deloach, Kodi Leigh Ann Miller, Brayden Michael Sykes, Ashton Carter Sykes, Christopher Matthew Coleman, Terry Weston Rogers and Sydnee Brooke Rogers; six sisters: Sylvia Smith, Darlene Crigger, Dolly Deskins, and Arminda Stanley,



all of Sidney, KY, Jean H. (Ralph) Williamson of Falston, MD and Yvonne Howell of Columbus, OH; twin brothers, Paris (Phyllis June) Blackburn of Columbus, OH and Wayne (Fay W.) Blackburn of Sidney, KY; three sisters-in-law: Agnes Stanley of West Virginia, Mildred Stanley of Hardy, KY and Mrs. Victor Stanley, (address unknown); one brother-in-law, James Gannon of Forest Hills, KY and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Her son, Danny Stanley, had a fiancée, Debbie Childers, of Williamson, WV, who died July 16, 2007.

Knowing that she must make preparations for her eternal home, Leona joined the church and was baptized on the first Saturday in June, 1950 by Elder J. G. Thornsby and Elder Henry C. Maynard. She took up membership with the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church at Sidney, KY, where she remained for fifty seven years a faithful member until God called her home. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Leona was an excellent wife and mother and she raised her children in fear and admonition of the Lord. In all her ways she acknowledged the Lord and we feel that he directed her paths. Everyone who knew Leona loved her. She never bragged or boasted but was content with whatever life had to offer. On Sunday evening her son, Danny, said he could not even find one fault with his Mother. Many good memories will remain with the family who loved her so much. Although we loved her, God loved her more. He just took her to be a flower in his beautiful garden where her soul shall never die and she will never grow old. We feel her soul is resting in the Paradise of God waiting to be revealed in that last day. We pray her family will grow closer in love and that God will look over each one of them through life's journey. Her seat in the Dix Fork Church will be empty, but many good memories will remain with the members of the Dix Fork Church and the Big Creek Community.

When Jesus comes back to get his church, we feel that Leona will rise to meet him in the air and so shall she ever be with the Lord. Sleep on, Leo, and when you awake in his likeness, then you will be satisfied. You will be able to sing that new song of redemption, no sorrows, tears, or pain and all will be Peace and Joy forever more. This is not "Goodbye" but only "Farewell" for a little while.

To her family and friends; "Sorrow not as others who have no hope, but rejoice and be glad that she died doing the will of her heavenly father."

Nightly services were held at Rogers Funeral Home prior to Funeral Services, which were held at the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church at 11:00 AM, July 4, 2007. All services were conducted by Old Regular Baptist Ministers. Leona was interred by her late husband on the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY. Family and friends served as pallbearers. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry Ky., was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Written by Brother Wayne and Fay W. Blackburn

CORA STEPP

In loving memory of Sister Cora Stepp and with the help of the good Lord I will try to write a few words in her memory.

Sister Cora was born December 24, 1915 to James and Etta (Walters) Frances in Big Creek, KY. She was the wife of Deacon, Ira Stepp, who preceded her in death. She went to be with Jesus December 26, 2006, at the age of ninety.

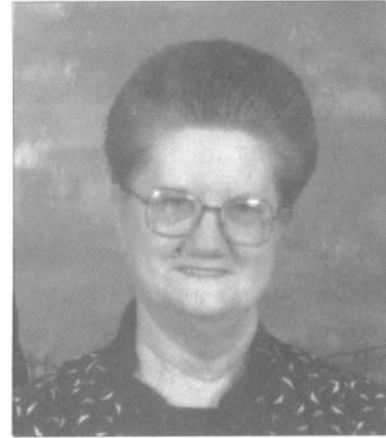
Sister Cora was a homemaker and a member of the Okeechobee Regular Baptist Church. In 1976 she came from Greenup, KY to Sebring, FL, where she lived until her death. She is survived by her daughter, Sheala Woods of Sebring, FL; sons, Harold L. Stepp of Avon Park, FL and Arlie C. Stepp of Lewisburg, TN; sisters, Irene Coleman of Kentucky and Helen Reed of West Virginia, twelve grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Sister Cora was a sweet, loving and caring person. You were always made to feel welcome in her home. There is no doubt in my mind she loved and lived for the Lord and has gone to be with Jesus. We miss her greatly but I know our loss is heavens gain.

Written by Sister Manda Gilman

ZELLA JUSTICE STILTNER

Zella Justice Stiltner, our beloved sister, mother and grandmother passed away at her home in Kimper, KY on May 10, 2007. She was born December 27, 1920, the daughter of the late Johnny and Annie Hunt Justice. Zella was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Willie Stiltner; six brothers: Leo, Kyris, Virgil, Gomer, Eulon, and Olan Justice and five sisters: Annis Bowling, Bunia Plymale, Gay Scott, Lola Scott, and Arlene Clapper.



Zella was blessed with ten children, six girls and four boys, all of which are living. Lena and Paul Slone of Kimper, KY, Jessie and Faye Stiltner of luka, MS, Shirley and Bob Cooksey of Bumsville, MS, Phillip and Hazel Stiltner of Kimper, KY, Christine Curtis of Kimper, KY, Chester and Judy Stiltner of South Point, OH, Judene and Jerry Anderson of New Market, TN, James and Josephine Stiltner of Kimper, KY, Shelia and Otis Hess of Sidney, KY, and Connie and Tony Rench of Rome, GA. Through the ten children, she was blessed with twenty five grandchildren, fifty six great grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren.

Zella was a member of the Little Virgie Old Regular Baptist Church. Her presence was greatly missed as her health began to fail and she could no longer attend. She always wanted the brothers and sisters to know that her door was always open if they ever needed anything.

The prayers that were spoken for this little woman had a power unlike many. The prayers she begged and pleaded for with the Lord while there in the bed will never be forgotten by those that could hear them. She prayed for her family, friends, loved ones, and enemies more than most know. She just asked for the mercy that only the Lord could give her, but no matter how many times you asked she would say, "I feel very well." "How are you?" was the next words that rolled off those sweet lips. She was always worried about the well being of "you."

Those little hands are hands of stone. She worked so hard to raise the family she so cherished. Grandpa never wanted to turn loose of "Mother's" hands, and I know why. Those little hands were filled with so much love, so soft, so warm, and so tender. When she did not have a hand to hold she wanted a handkerchief or napkin, just as long as she could hold on to something.

Among her favorite songs were "Beulah Land, One Rose Will Do, Treasures Money Can't Buy, Rank Stranger, and Will You Miss Me." A few things are certain; her Beulah Land has been sought, her one rose is planted, she has all the treasures money can't buy, she is no rank stranger and Lord how we miss this wonderful lady named Zella.

Written by Grandson, James Edward Stiltner II

LASSIE JEAN WALTERS

It is with a broken heart that I try to write the obituary of my loving wife, Lassie Jean (Stepp) Walters. She was born September 8, 1929 at Hatfield, KY, the daughter of the late Andy and Hazel(Gillman)Stepp and departed this life May 31, 2007 at Pikeville Medical Center, living seventy seven years, eight months and twenty days.

She was united in marriage November 28, 1953 to John D (J.D.) Walters and to this union was born one son, Eddie Dean Walters of Sidney, KY. She is survived by her husband, J.D., one son, Eddie Dean (Helen Jean) Walters.



Also, surviving are two grandchildren: Eddie Dwayne Walters and Robin Suzanne Walters of Sidney KY; three sisters: Verna Deskins and Louise Walters of Hatfield, KY and Martha Taylor of Pikeville Health Care Center of Pikeville, KY and a host of family and friends to mourn her passing.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by two sisters, Myrtle Bevins of Hatfield, KY. One sister and one brother died in infancy.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church for forty eight years. She was a faithful member as long as her health permitted her to do so.

She always had a smile on her face for everyone she met and enjoyed going to church and the fellowship of her brothers and sisters. I want to say to all the family; those that do not know Jesus in the pardon and remission of sin repent and be born again and you can meet her again when this life is over.

If she could speak, I believe she would tell you to serve Jesus while you have life and opportunity and then you can fall asleep in the arms of Jesus when He calls for you.

Sleep on dear one until we meet again. We love you so much but God loved you more. He saw you had suffered enough and he called you home to be with him. I believe with all my heart that she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus.

Written by those who loved her dearly J. D. And Family

ARMENTIE JUDE MAYNARD WARD

Sister Armentie was born September 26, 1914 in a small house with very few fancy things but with a loving mother and daddy. As everyone in the early 20th century they survived with what God gave them. Sister Armentie grew to become a loving sister in the Lord and continued, until she went home to God, to show the love and kindness that God had born in her. She was a member of the Buck Creek Church where she attended faithfully as long as she could get there. She would come to church with oxygen and on a walker but she said, "I love to come to the Buck Creek Church and hear the Brothers preach the Word".

Sister Armentie was preceded in death by her brothers, Harrison and Jeff ; her first husband, Clark Maynard; three sons: Oscar Maynard, Lacy Maynard and Jessie Maynard and an infant daughter, Sadie.

She is survived by her husband of fifty three years, Elmer Ward; daughters, Patty Vaughn and Easter Copley; sisters: America Maynard, Ollie Maynard, Vina Stacy, Gladys Stacy, and Janie Smith; Brothers and Sisters in the Church and many loving friends.

Sister Armentie always filled her seat in the Buck Creek Church and when she got sick and could not go she asked me if she some of the Brothers would care to come to her home and have Church because she was lonely to hear some old time preaching. We did and she rejoiced with her then frail hands and humbled voice. I feel it was a blessing to have known Sister Armentie and worship with her the God she loved so much and the one she went to sleep in the arms of. Rest on Sister Armentie until the great God above delivers us out of the cruel grave and takes the Church to that Heavenly Home where you will suffer no more.



Written by Thelma Maynard, Daughter-in-law
And Brother Tom Dials

K. H. (HI) WILLIAMSON

It is with sadness we attempt to write the obituary of our husband, daddy, granddaddy and great granddaddy, K. H. Williamson. Daddy was born June 14, 1917 to the late Caudill and Vicie Jane (Francis) Williamson. He was married to the late Sophia Edith (Hale) Williamson and to this union was born three children: Doris(Milford)Lowe of Varney, KY, Phillip Lloyd (Ilene) Williamson of Oakford, IN, Phyllis(Barry)Lawson of Bean Station, TN. He is survived by his wife of twenty six years, Pearl (Taylor) Williamson.

Dad left behind a beautiful group of grandchildren: Scott Williamson (former wife, Valeric Williams) sons, Vance and Blake, Phil Williamson (Janet)Williamson sons, Ben and Jake. And a special grandson, Patrick Lawson, six step grandchildren and many step great grandchildren.

Preceding Dad in death were his siblings: Leonard, John B., Marshall, George, Jonah Ester Williamson, Cordelia Stanley and Vada Muncy; a grandson, Scan Patrick Lawson; a stepson, Leroy Ross and stepdaughter, Janet Bowling.

Dad was a member and deacon of the Pilgrims Home Church for about sixty years. He served the Lord by living each day for the Lord, serving the church, working on the building and feeding the people who visited the church. Dad assembled with the church as long as he was able.

Dad was a retired merchant and from the N & W Railroad after thirty three years of service. He loved gardening, fishing, and spending time with his friends and family. This community, the church and his friends from his railroad days will greatly miss him. Dad left this world in a quiet and peaceful manner. He is now resting in the arms of Jesus. We Miss you Dad.

Written by his Loving Family



SHARON KAY YOUNG

Sharon Kay Young of Brushy Creek, Varney, KY, age forty nine passed from this life July 3, 2007 at the Pikeville Medical Center. She was born April 1, 1958, a daughter of Byrd Lowe and the late Claude Francis Lowe. She was a homemaker and member of the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church since June 23, 2007.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Donnie Lowe. She is survived by her husband, Gary R. Young, whom she married August 6, 1976, one son, Gary Michael Young(Anita) of Brushy, KY; one daughter, Heather Cool(Brad) of Danville, KY; two brothers, Moses Lowe and Darril Lowe both of Brushy, KY; three sisters: Alice Lowe and Alfredia Sammons both of Brushy, KY and Mary Thompson of Allen, KY; four grandchildren: Teddie Young, Jacob Young, Logan Cool and Joshua Cool; five step grandchildren: Sarah Cool, Adrienne Howell, Brett Howell, Payton Collins and Madison Collins. Sister Sharon Kay Young was laid to rest at the Young family cemetery July 6, 2007.

The memories of sister Sharon will always be with us. It is not good bye, just farewell for a little while. She endured the winters of pain over and over again, but now in her peaceful rest the Joys of spring in God's peaceful garden will always be with her. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her. A special smile from a special person we will cherish until we meet again.

Written for the Family by Brother Foster Blackburn.



OBITUARIES
of
FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

GEORGE ADAIR, JR

With heart felt sadness we will attempt to write the obituary of our sweet brother, George Adair, Jr., loving son, brother and uncle.

He was born December 25, 1947 in Delbarton, WV in the family's old home place and passed on December 8, 2006 in Colorado Springs, CO. He is the son of George W. and Vera Joyce Adair (Mom passed on in January, 2007). Surviving are his sisters, Carole Adair Puleo and Rita (Drew) Adair Funderburk of Colorado Springs, CO and his brother, Bruce (Glenda) Adair, of Menifee, CA; nieces and nephews, Crystal (Brent) Puleo Robson, April (Keith) Puleo Pennington, and Matt Funderburk, of Colorado Springs, CO, Candice Funderburk of Yorba Linda, CA, Sean Adair and Rebecca Adair, of Menifee, CA and his great nieces and nephews: Ciara Robson, Justin Robson, Demetrius, Roman and Isela Duran Pennington, all of Colorado Springs, CO.



From his humble beginnings and throughout his life he did not like to burden anyone (he even drove himself to the hospital while having a heart attack) or ask for much. He was a kind, unselfish, giving, and non-judgmental person. He was in the U.S. Air Force and retired from Boeing Aircraft Corp. His passion was music and the arts and he loved his family and friends. His artistic nature included helping his sisters and Mother with their interior decorating. He volunteered on the phones for the Jerry Lewis weekend long Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

We know you slowed down some and that you were tired from your long struggle with your health but you never gave up still trying to do what you could for others. Your nieces and nephews only saw their Uncle George laughing and smiling and sharing in their fun whenever they came. My sweet brother, I am glad we could be there for you and with you in your last minutes here on earth. Dad struggled and it broke Mom's heart to know that one of her children left before she did.

You are sadly missed and hope the good Lord will join us together again someday. Until then, I thank the good Lord for the kindness he has shown to us as we wrote of our memory of you.

Written by his loving family

VERNAL DIALS

With heavy hearts, we try to write the obituary of our loving papaw. Vernal Dials went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born July 14, 1913 in Martin County, KY, he was the son of the late Mosey and Tilda (Jude) Dials. Papaw was blessed to have spent fifty eight years with the love of his life, the late Kizzie (Fletcher) Dials. In that time, God blessed them with ten children, lots of grandchildren and even some great grandchildren.

Papaw was preceded in death by his loving wife, Kizzie Dials; a daughter, Barbara Sue Rose and a son Tony Jackson Dials. Also, preceding him in death were two grandchildren, Glen Ray Moore, Paula Kay Dials and a great grandson, Ralph Christopher Ray Moore.

He leaves behind two sisters, Mary Preece of Inez, KY and Mae Kazee of Louisa, KY.



Also, four sons: Woodrow (Darlene) Dials of Columbus, OH, Paul Richard (Ora) Dials, Martin Dials and Gary Dials of Little Rockcastle, KY; four daughters: Tilda (Ralph) Moore, Betty McCoy, Bonnie (Emmons) Chaff ins and Phylis (Richard) Goble of Little Rockcastle, KY and seventeen grandchildren, several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Papaw was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Everyone was always welcome to his home for dinner, a knife trade or just some good conversation. And for each that knew him, they can always cherish the precious memories they have. He will be sadly missed here on this earth, but we believe he will be welcomed into Heaven with open arms.

Written by the Family

MARY HOWARD

Proverbs 31:1 “Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.”

Mary (Jude) Howard age eighty three of Wolf Creek (Pilgrim), KY passed away on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, KY. Mary was born April 9, 1924 in Martin County, KY. She was the daughter of the late Tom Jude and Amy Jude. In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Howard. They had been Married for sixty eight years. Two grand children James Lester Howard and Janet Howard Phillips, also, preceded her in death.



Survivors include four sons: Glen (Orgie) Howard of Pilgrim, KY, Billy (Nancy) Howard of Inez, KY, Melvin (Sandina) Howard of Inez, KY and Ernie (Sarah) Howard of Pilgrim, KY; four daughters: Marie (Tom) Lawson of Inez, KY, Carrie (Donnie) Preece, Judy (Milton) Newsome, Rowean (Lotchie) Preece and Amy Lucille (John) Edmonds, all of Pilgrim, KY, as well as nineteen grand children and seventeen great grand children.

Mary was a christian woman during her last years here on earth. She joined the church in the year 2000. She was baptized by Elders of The Tri-State Zion Association of the United Baptist. She then took her Membership at the Little Anna Church of the Tri-States near her home on Upper Wolf Creek. She was a faithful member until death. We feel that her Soul is at rest in the Paradise of God. Mary always made anyone feel very welcome at her home. She liked to see and talk with people. The Elders, as well as members of the community, always felt welcome to come to her home for church services over the years. She loved to hear the Gospel.

A mother makes many sacrifices down through life in raising her family. And this was true of Mary. She will be sadly missed by family, friends, her Church as well as all who knew her.

A few verses from Chapter 1 of the Book of Ruth would seem to be appropriate: 16 “And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God”: 17 “Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: The Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.”

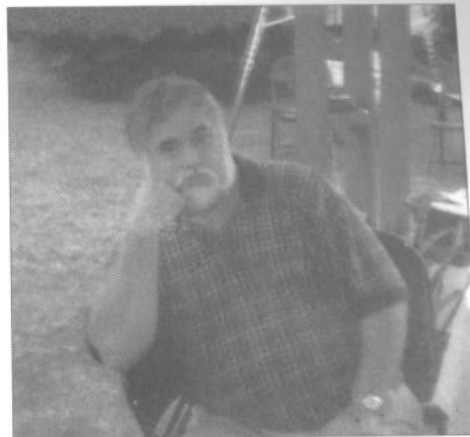
Written by: The Family
And Elder Homer Muncy

VIRGIL MAYNARD

With much sadness and a heavy heart we attempt to write the obituary of our special love one, Virgil Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY.

He was the son of the late Rell and Mary Maynard, born August 4, 1949 in Pike County, KY, died December 28, 2005 from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Virgil was preceded in death by his parents, Rell And Mary Maynard and brother, Tommy Dale Maynard. Virgil united into marriage to Leona Gail (Taylor)Maynard on May 1, 1970 and was married for thirty five years and six months and born into this union were two sons; Virgil Jerome(Sharon) Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY and Ronnie(Melanie) Maynard of Beech Creek, WV.



He also was blessed with four grandchildren: Ronnie Patrick Maynard, Welsey and Tiffony Whitt and baby Kasey Rae. He was survived by two brother, Clifford(Diana) Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY and the late Condor(Violet) Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY; two sisters, Nancy Yates of Huddy, KY and Rita Ann Pinson of Sidney, KY and special sister-in-law, Eva Maynard of Ransom, KY and a host of nieces, nephews, family, friends and Church family whom he loved dearly.

Virgil was baptized into the Turkey Creek Freewill Baptist church by Pastor Jimmy Stanley and Tommy Blackburn, Jr. in November, 2003. He was a great friend to the Old Regular Baptist Church and a retired coal miner and logger. Virgil was a humble man and loved and was loved by all who knew him. He was a wonderful husband, father-in-law and grandfather, brother and uncle. He always was ready to help within the church and outside the church. He loved the Lord dearly, he always had a smile and enjoyed his family and going to church and being with his other family at church. He was a friend to all who knew him.

Virgil went home to be with the Lord almost two year ago. It has been hard here without him and we all miss him so much. He was always there and we could always depend on him no matter what. We miss him more and more every day.

We know he is in heaven now and he has touched our savior's hand and has rejoiced with the loved ones gone on before us. The angels in heaven rejoiced when he entered in. If he could see us now, he would say if you don't know the Lord you are missing out on wonderful mission and he would say let Jesus be your guide because his word will show you the way so please don't cry.

We will meet again someday. We love you, Virgil, and miss you so very much but we all will be together some day, I just wish we had one time to give a farewell kiss and hug to you and say we love you.

Written by Ronnie Maynard(Son)

JOSIE STANLEY NICHOLS

It is a sad occasion as I attempt to write the obituary of Josie "Ma" Stanley Nichols. She was born August 21, 1914. When she was nineteen years old, she met and married Elbert M. Nichols, a son of Johnny and Louise Morrison Nichols. They were married on July 12, 1934. To this union was born five sons and four daughters. They are: Charles Nichols, Jack Nichols, Robert Nichols, John Nichols, all of Maynard Fork of Pikeville, KY and Lonnie Nichols of Ypsilanti, MI. The daughters are Jennifer Juanita Toppins of Maynard Fork of Pikeville, KY, Connie Rose Owens of Morehead, KY, Mary Lou Rice of Millers Creek, KY and Emma Grace Robinson of Greasy Creek, KY.



Ma loved going to church. Even though she joined the Southern Baptist Church, she enjoyed going to the Regular Baptist memorial meetings and Associations. Ma and Pa never owned a vehicle, so they had to go when someone took them.

Ma was an old-timer. She loved the old time ways. She never did cut her hair or wear pants or shorts. I remember when I was young, she put on pants with a dress over them when she picked berries or worked in the fields.

Ma made it good till she was ninety years old. Then a stroke put her in bed where she lay for a year and a half. She passed away on July 9, 2006 and was buried on July 12, 2006. That would have been her and Pa's seventy second anniversary. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

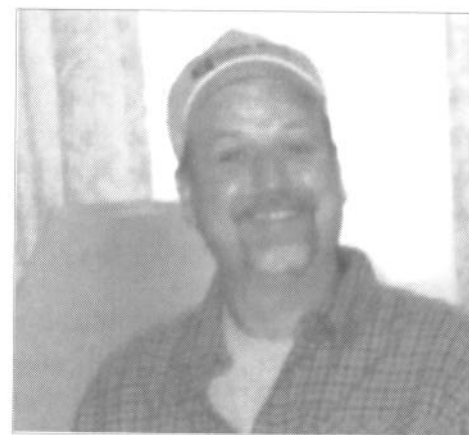
Written with Love, Jack Nichols

ROCKY RANDALL REED

It is with a very tender and broken heart that I will attempt to write a few words about my beloved third son, Rocky Randall Reed who lost his battle with cancer. We all know that he fought with great patience and dignity.

Rocky was born November 13, 1959 in Williamson, WV making him forty seven years old when he gave up the battle, quietly went to sleep, never to wake up in this sinful world again on November 22, 2006.

Rocky was the third son of G. C. and Sarah Hazel Reed of Turkey Creek, KY. He leaves behind three beautiful children: Josh, Billie Jo, and Adam. Three sisters: Judy Thompson, Tracy Chandler and Patsy Runyon and two brothers, Kenneth and Paul Reed who can barely bear the loneliness without him. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews who all loved their Uncle Rocky. I only hope that the rest of us can fight the battle as humbly and with the patience that Rocky did. May God bless us all is my prayer.



Written by his Mommy, Sarah Hazel Reed.

RALPH ROBINETTE

With the help from God I will try to write the obituary of our brother, Ralph Robinette. Ralph was born February 19, 1943 in Pikeville, KY and passed away on August 30, 2007 in White Lake Township, MI. The son of the late Tobie and Stella Robinette. Ralph was preceded in death by his brothers: Reford, Irvin and Elmer Lee Robinette.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra S. Robinette; his sons, Michael and Jeffrey Robinette; his brothers, Raymond Robinette of Canada, KY and Tobie Robinette, Jr. of Ypsilanti, MI; one sister, Jettie Gibson of Pikeville, KY. Ralph also leaves behind many other family and friends.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, September 1, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Donelson, Johns and Evans Funeral Home, Waterford, MI. The Rev. David Bauer officiating. Interment to follow at Ottawa Park cemetery.



Written by the family of Ralph Robinette.

WOODY ROBINSON

It is with a humble heart and GOD'S amazing grace that we attempt to write the obituary of Woody Robinson, a friend to all that knew him and also the Apple Orchard Church. Woody lived next to the Apple Orchard Church for several years and we knew that he watched out for the church to see that everything was okay when we were not there. He also was good about keeping the grass mowed along the road in front of the church. Woody always made you feel special when you were around him but the children that came around always got his special attention.

Woody Robinson, age sixty, of Beattyville, KY formerly of Brushy, died June 1, 2006 at his home following a year long battle with cancer. He was born in Pike County, KY, August 12, 1945 a son of the late Johnnie and Georgia Hanners Robinson. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Maureen Prevost Robinson.

He was survived by one sister, Minta Maynard of Brushy Road, one brother, Johnnie Robinson, Jr. of Michigan, one son, Steven (Karen) Robinson of Louisville, KY, one daughter, Rachel (Ronnie) Charles, of Ashland, KY, three grandchildren, and a special friend and care giver, Betty Griffith of Beattyville, KY.

Woody always kept his problems to himself, even throughout his sickness. One day while several of the brothers were working around the church, a few days before Woody passed away, he came by, as sick as he was and told the brothers how he had made funeral arrangements and how he wanted his funeral taken care of.

I felt Woody was the kind of person who would work harder to do a favor for someone for nothing but a thank you, than if it were a job for money. Woody we love you and hope to meet you someday on GOD'S Golden Shore. You will be sadly missed.



Written by your cousin and friend,
Brother Bobby Fields and Brother Johnny Thacker

DAVID LEE SCOTT

Trusting in God to help and guide me, I will try to write this obituary of my much missed and loved brother.

David was born August 7, 1947 at Hardy, KY. He was the son of Ethel and Clayton Scott. David was preceded in death by his much beloved wife, Doris (Defalco) Scott in 2001. They were married in 1969. He was also preceded in death by his dad, Clayton Scott; two brothers, Tommy and Jimmy Scott. He is survived by one son, Tim Scott; one daughter, Gina Klassen; his mother, Ethel Scott, one brother, Frankie Scott and four grandchildren.



David passed away at this home in Brighton, MI on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at the age of fifty nine. In all the days of my life I never thought or dreamed I would be writing David's obituary but little do we know just what will come next in this life but with God help we will press onward.

David and I served together in Viet Nam in 1966 and although we were stationed in different parts of the Country we were blessed to see each other twice during that time. By the grace of God we both came home but David was unable to keep the terrible memories of that place from his mind. From then on his life was troubled. Through all his troubles down to the very end he always went above and beyond to help others in their time of need, putting aside his own health problems. David's good deeds did not go unnoticed. He leaves behind family and many friend and I would not be afraid to say strangers that will remember how he helped them not asking for anything in return.

During the last week of his life my wife and I were blessed to be with him. We thank God that we were able to hear him say. "I have been praying and feel that God has forgiven me". David was able to talk to us right up to the last five moments of his life. As we stood there in his room, he stated twice of a light shining so bright in the room that he was unable to see outside. How wonderful it is to know that God remembers, too.

It's so hard to say fair well to David but this we must do. So until we meet again in another country where there won't be any trouble or sorrow, just peace and joy There we won't have to take a parting hand anymore. Sleep on brother and take your much deserved peaceful sleep.

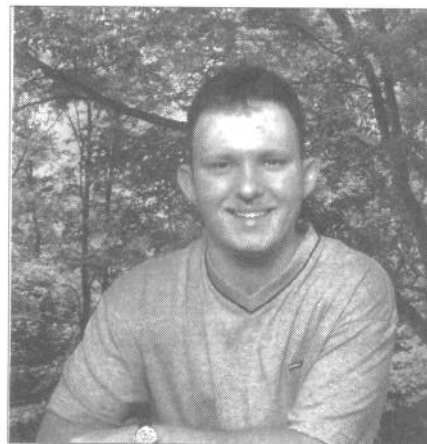
Written by his brother Elder Frankie Scott

BOBBY SESCO, JR.

With the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of my beloved son, Bobby Sesco, Jr. Bobby was born November 13, 1975 to Bobby and Sherry (Chapman) Sesco. Bobby was preceded in death by his grandparents, Leonard and Elsie Sesco and Tilden and Eliza Chapman.

He is survived by his parents Bobby and Sherry Sesco of Hatfield, KY; one sister, Alicia Walters of Varney KY; one brother, Randall Sesco of Varney, KY; one brother-in-law (but really a brother), Stephen Walters and two sons, Andrew Karl Sesco of Monroe, MI and Joshua Curtis Sesco of Slaters Branch, KY. Also, his many cousins and aunts and uncles who loved him so dearly.

Bobby grew into a fine young man. What I always loved about Bob was when we would talk, he always would talk about how much he loved someone. He just had a heart that when he met someone he just automatically loved them.



Sometimes through his adult life when he would get a lot on his mind and he didn't know how to work it out he would come to me and say, Dad, would you pray with me and lay your hand on me. He believed the only way we could pray was to get on our knees before the Lord. It would seem to make him feel so much better. He always found his answer.

We don't know why that things work out the way they do, but I know one thing we will never face another trial any worse. We always knew that Little Bobby had a lot of friends. Friends and family always meant so much to him. We know now that he also meant that much to them. We are so thankful for all of them.

Bobby loved his two boys so much. When he talked about them you could see him light up and there would be a shine on his face that glowed. That was all he talked about, one day they would grow up to be strong young men and be proud that he was their Daddy.

To the ones that loved him: a friend, a cousin, brother, sister, or whoever it may be, I want to let you know that the last days of his life he had been searching for peace. The last two weeks we had never seen him so happy. But the night the news came, we felt like we had died, too. The morning before his services started I was laying in my bed, I had not been asleep but when I opened my eyes I felt that he was calling me to go to the accident sight and look at the truck. I got up and walked around the house two or three hours, maybe, but I just couldn't get it off my mind. I didn't know what to expect. When we got to the garage we talked to someone that was there that tragic night. We found one of the answers we had been asking ourselves. An amazing testimony was given. I didn't know until later, my brother told me, he saw Bobby standing at the truck when we was driving in view of the truck.

When I touched the truck I found all the answers. All the time I was there I felt Bobby in my heart and I felt the Lord all over me and all around the truck. At the accident they told us when they turned Bobby over he had an open Bible held in his hand, just held there as if he was reading it and as the truck threw him out the Bible never left his hand. When his Daddy talked to him in a dream, he told his Daddy, Jesus was there with him that day. I believe Jesus held that Bible in Bobby's hand to show us that he still had his hand on Bobby so we could have some comfort in his death.

We always knew Bobby was a gift from God. When he was born he had no soft spot so the doctors had to do surgery and make him one. His chances were 80-20 to live or be normal. When I carried him to the surgery room it was the hardest thing I thought I would ever have to do; was hand my baby over not knowing if I would get him back. So, Bobby and I went to a little chapel they had in the hospital. He was only nineteen and I was eighteen and we neither one knew how to pray. But when I left that chapel I knew that God only loaned him to us to love, protect, teach and guide him through this life. So, I had to give him back to the Lord. But our merciful God gave him back to us again. He had a normal life. He was able to play any sport and was very good at all of them. He won so many awards in all of them. In school he could always get 100% if he just listened to the teacher. Isn't he a loving God to give Bobby his life and brain back to him when the doctors didn't think he would?

I believe that God always had his hand on Bobby because through his life he had so many accidents, struggles and depression that he fought his whole life. It seemed like every time he got hurt or had an accident it would be to his head and sometimes it would be severe. But the Lord would always heal the cuts, bruises, knots and the dents that some places would leave. But these injuries made his depression worse. But his Daddy and I would talk to him, pray with him. Randall and Alicia would do things to get him out of the house and spend time not dwelling on things. It took us a long time to get him out of this but with the help of the Lord he made it through it. Then all he wanted to do was help people. He told his Daddy he wanted to be a light for his Sissy and Bub. The last few weeks of his life he was. As we watched him light up every time he went out and helped someone who needed it or just go up to someone to hug their neck and tell them he loved them. He asked me a few days before, "Mommy, do you really know how much I love you?" I said, "yes, son I do." He said, "I mean really how much you mean to me." I said, "son, there are a lot of things in this life that I doubt but that was never one of them. I have always known how much you loved me." He hugged me so tight I thought he would never let me go.

Just a few days ago I woke up in the morning and I heard a voice say "How can you be so sad when you have been given such a great gift?" That is the kind of God we have. One that will give us comfort and let us know that he still has his hand around our child. That he has him with him and is still taking care of him. And to let us know that he did give Bobby to us as a gift, but it was time for him to take him home and give him the peace he searched for, for so long.

I just want to thank God for giving him to us for thirty two years to love and cherish. Our lives were blessed beyond measure just being allowed to be part of his life. He got up one morning and told me that he had slept all night, the first time in years. He was so happy, he said, "Mommy I have finally made it." He said he had something to tell us but it would be Sunday. We lost him on Thursday before he could tell us. So, with all the witnesses we have been given we can have the hope that he was going to give his life to the Lord that Sunday.

So, Bobby we are sad, but we know God's mercy knows no bounds. We feel peace in our hearts and we feel you are in the arms of Jesus. I know that God is going to join together all his children one day and I wonder what they are doing in Heaven today. We'll find out one day. So rest for awhile and we believe we'll see you around the throne of God walking down that street of gold.

And to all Bobby's friends; I know he would want you to join him in Heaven with Jesus and I know he would want you to get ready and repent and give your lives to Jesus. He said it was so beautiful there. So get ready and go see him.

We love you so much: Daddy, Mommy, Sissy and Bub

CONDOR STOTRIDGE

With a very sad heart I will try to write the obituary of our sweet and dearest daddy in the world. Daddy left his Menifee County home in the early hours. We found him in a ditch at 8 a.m. and he passed away at 9:15 a.m. at the St. Claire Hospital in Morehead, KY. Daddy lived eighty four years, five months and twenty four days. Daddy was born August 10, 1922 in Pike County, KY. He was the son of the late Willie and Dixie Maynard Stotridge. Daddy was a retired coal miner from McCoy Elkhorn Coal Company and a member of the Big Woods Community Church at Wellington, KY.



In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by Sophia Stotridge Adams and Grady Stotridge Scalf. Survivors included his wife of fifty eight years, Pricy Maynard Stotridge; two daughters, Lunna Stotridge (John Ray) of Pikeville, KY and Lisa Stotridge (Todd Smith) of Wellington, KY; two sons, Michael Stotridge of Wellington, KY and James Stotridge (Carolyn Stotridge) of Pikeville, KY. He is also survived by his hospice nurse, Leslie Stamper, whom he loved so much; three granddaughters: Tonya Elizabeth Maynard, Shelly Ann Stotridge of Pikeville, KY and Wendy Michelle Maynard (Chris Corum) of Betsy Layne, KY; four grandsons: Ross Stotridge (Deborah), Chris Stotridge (Trish), Jason Maynard and James Stotridge II, all of Pikeville, KY. Daddy's five great grandchildren were his pride and joy. He loved to play with them. They are Jacob Michael Stotridge, Kaelyn Bess Stotridge, Kevin David Martin and Lacy Nicole Stotridge all of Pikeville, KY and Hailey Elizabeth Corum of Betsy Layne, KY. Funeral services were held at the Big Woods Community Church with Jess Brewer officiating. He was buried at The Stotridge family cemetery at Wellington, KY. Menifee Home for Funerals of Frenchburg was in charge of the arrangement. Pallbearer were Todd Smith, Chris Stotridge, Ross Stotridge, Jason Maynard, Kenneth Stotridge, II David Cordell and Chris Corum. Members of Big Woods Church were honorary pallbearers. Daddy, we all love and miss you so bad; we love you so much and we know you're happy in Heaven. Love, your darling wife, Pricy and your children, who miss you with all our hearts: Lisa, Lunna, Mike and James. We will see you in heaven someday soon.

MYRTLE MAMIE THOMPSON

It is with much sadness and a broken heart that I will try and write the obituary of my dear sweet sister, Myrtle. Myrtle was my sister by birth, but to me she was more than a sister. She was my second mom and my best friend. We were so very close. Where you saw one of us, you could know for sure that the other one was close by.



Myrtle Mamie Thompson was born September 2, 1922 and departed this life May 1, 2006, making her stay here eighty three years, four months, and one day. Myrtle was the daughter of Dave Thompson and Lydia B. Thompson, who preceded her in death. Also, four brothers preceded her in death: Clarence "Tootie" Thompson, Ray Thompson, Danny Allen Thompson and Lee Roy Thompson. She was preceded in death by one sister, Vernia Glandon.

Myrtle left behind to mourn her death two brothers, Emerson Thompson and Benny Joe Thompson; one sister, Edra Thompson Trent; one niece, Teresa Blackburn, who she helped to raise; sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. She loved them so very much. Myrtle had many friends and neighbors who she loved so very much. Myrtle didn't get to go very much in life. She devoted her life to her family; taking care and serving them. She took care of our brother, Clarence "Tootie" Thompson, for about twenty nine years. He was paralyzed from the waist down after being wounded in World War II. She loved her family so much and helped to take care of all of us. She is missed so very much but the Lord knew she was tired and he needed another beautiful person to add to his throne in Heaven. Even though Myrtle was never a big sinner, she had to repent and believe to get right with God. She joined the church and wanted to be baptized but was never well enough. I have no doubt about her salvation. Before she died, she told us about what a beautiful place she had seen and been to. I believe she is resting in the arms of her dear sweet Savior until the great judgment day.

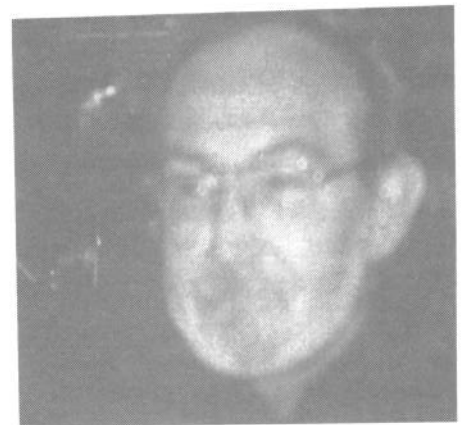
Myrtle, I miss you so very much and some day I hope we will meet again in Heaven where we will live together forever.

So sadly missed by your caring little sister,
Edra Rose Thompson Trent

JAMES LEONARD YOUNG

In loving memory of our uncle and Dad, who is truly missed every day. He was born June 3, 1945 and departed us in October 29, 2006 at his home at age of sixty one years old.

He was the son of Coodler and Elkiel (Sesco) Young. He leaves behind two sons, Jamie Young and Brandon Young; two grandchildren, Tray Young and Brooke Young. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elkie S. Young and father, Coodler Young; one niece, one aunt and two uncles. He is survived by one brother, Paul Young, Jr.; two sisters; Joyce (Young) Roberts and Lois (Young) Tackett, five nieces, eight nephews, six great nieces and six great nephews.



Our uncle, Dammer, as everyone knew him, was truly a well liked person and very loved person. He was a person that if he had nothing good to say he would say nothing at all. He never complained. He made the best of what was there and respected everyone. Our uncle Dammer, as we will always remember him, can never be replaced and will be sadly missed every day by his family and his friends.

Written by his niece, Dianna Hamm

**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 rises, 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. We believe that a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and a woman only. Also, we believe in receiving members into our fellowship that follow the natural dating relationship that leads to holy matrimony between a man and a woman only: thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother and children. Ephesians 5:22,23 and 28, St. Mark 10:6,7,8 and Romans 1:26 and 27.

ARTICLE 16. 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.

**CHURCH DELEGATES
TO THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2007**

MT. PLEASANT: Lacy Walters, Dewey Blackburn, Frankie Scott
APPLE ORCHARD: Eldon Maynard, Bobby Fields, Cecil Setser
ENON: Marlin Blair, Roger Bevins, James Spencer
BENT BRANCH: Michael Lowe, Ray Blackburn, Charles Thompson
BIG BRANCH: Gene Blackburn, Terry Blackburn, Donald Preece
MARY ELIZABETH: James Vanhooose, Thurman Stacy, George Edminston
BETHANY: Arthur May, Albert Cable, Dewey Chafins
PILGRIMS HOME: Elbert Sesco, Danny Runyon, Paul Bevins
SALEM : Bobby Lee Scott, Ernest Sesco, Randall Sesco
SIDNEY: Wallace Sartin, Kenneth B. Jude, Virgil Fletcher
DIX FORK: David Crigger, Wayne Blackburn, Neil Thornsbury
NARROWS BRANCH: Greg Scott, Bobby Scott, Sr., Rosco Williamson
LEANNAH: Bill Preece, Hayes Robinson, Clarence Robinson
BUCK CREEK: Lacy Fletcher, Marion Duncan, Vadis Blackburn
TABITHA: Rex Napier, John Henry Hensley, James Hensley
LITTLE ROSIE: David Staten, Harvey White, Steve White
TURKEY CREEK: Ron Hamilton, Talbert McCoy, Benny Prater
SAMARIA: Bernard Aldridge, Alton May, George Lackey
ROSA: Ivan Blankenship, Charles Paynter, Freddie Cline
LITTLE VIRGIE: Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury, Leon Robinson
SOUTHERN HOME: Richard Lowe, Cecil Farley, Charles Jarrell
PILGRIMS REST: Foster Blackburn, Ervin Thacker, Gary L. Young
OKEECHOBEE: Randy Gilman
ELIZABETH: Dewey Jude, Randall Lowe, Mack McCoy
LITTLE TAVIE: Chester Cochran, Gary Napier, Lester Cochran
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CHURCH	STARTING TIME	MODERATOR	ASSISTANT MODERATOR	MINUTES REQUESTED	CONTRIBUTIONS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEETING TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
Mt. Pleasant	11:00/11:00	Frankie Scott	Lacy Walters	75	175								14	2	July
Apple Orchard	11:00/11:00	Sabert Nichols	Leon Robinson	100	200	16				1	1	2	35	1	June
Enon	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Hobart Hamilton	75	200							1	8	1	June
Bent Branch	10:00/10:00	Billy Williamson	Dale Williamson	150	450	2	1				2		29	3	August
Big Branch	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Danny Runyon	100	200	3							24	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	11:00/11:00	David Crigger	Lacy Walters	100	200							1	27	3	July
Bethany	11:00/11:00	Arthur May	Wayne Herald, Jr	100	250		1		1				47	4	August
Pilgrims Home	10:00/10:00	Elbert SESCO	Danny Runyon	275	550	8	4			3	4		100	4	August
Salem	11:00/11:00	Elbert SESCO	Danny Runyon	100	300	2	2	1		1	1	1	62	1	May
Sidney	2:00/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Kenneth B. Jude	100	250						2		36	4	June
Dix Fork	11:00/11:00	David Crigger	Lacy Walters	150	300	1				1		3	30	1	July
Narrows Branch	11:00/11:00	Bobby Scott, Sr.	Lacy Walters	100	150								25	4	July
Leannah	10:30/10:30	Billy J. Robinson	Paul Maynard	100	200	3					3	2	29	2	July
Buck Creek	10:30/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Wayne Herald, Jr.	100	200	1	2				2		25	3	June
Tabitha	2:30/11:00	Rex Napier	Albert Cable	100	200					1	2		19	1	August
Little Rosie	11:00/11:00	Wayne Herald, Jr.	Thomas J. Dials	40	90							1	11	2	April
Turkey Creek	11:00/11:00	Hobart Hamilton	Richard Staton	150	300	5							54	2	May
Samaria	11:00/11:00	Larry R. May	Arthur May	75	200	1						1	38	1	July
Rosa	10:30/10:30	Hobart Hamilton	Gary Young	75	200						2		29	3	August
Little Virgie	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Leon Robinson	50	150						2		7	4	June
Southern Home	10:30/10:30	William Adair, Sr.	Chris Watts	150	250	1					2		69	1	April
Pilgrims Rest	10:30/10:30	Billy Williamson	Gary Young	60	180	2				1	1		12	2	June
Okeechobee	4:00/10:00	Stanley Campbell	Randy Grlman	50	75								9	4	April
Elizabeth	10:30/10:30	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	Hershel Jude	100	150	1							18	1	June
Little Tavie	10:30/10:30	W. H. Cochran	Chester Cochran	100	125						2		16	2	July
Charity	5:30/10:30	Charles Jarrell	Paul Barney	20	50						2	1	6	3	October
Antioch	7:00/10:30	Clarence Mathis	Billy Howard	75	150			1					19	4	August
		TOTALS		2670	5745	46	10	2	1	8	34	10	798		