

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH  
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 12, 13 and 14, 2008**

**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**  
**September 12, 2008**

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled in the Business Room of the Sardis Association Building at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, with our host, the Pilgrims Home Church, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2008.

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, It is time to continue. It starts when we meet. It all starts with love. I hope you can go home and say you felt love. God is ready to bless us. If you don't get blessed it is your fault. We want you to feel love. We don't want a sister or brother from any association to go away and say they did not feel love. I love you so much. This is such a fearful place to face such a wonderful congregation. We are just one family. We are not going to have trouble; it has been good here this week. I am thankful to be here.

Elder Richard Lowe, having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory Sermon, came to the stand to preach the opening of the service. He proceeded as follows: I feel the very least among you brothers and sisters. I don't fear you, because you have shown me love. I know I have passed from death unto life because I love the brethren. It is all about love. I fear God this morning. I want Jesus Christ to be glorified and the Church to be edified. There is a hell to shun and a Heaven to gain. I believe we are just children; little boys and girls trying to get to Heaven. The word was with God and the word came to his own and his own received him not, but as many as received him, he gave them power to become the sons of God. I am so thankful I have been made a child of God. We should be thankful. Christ came not to condemn the world but to call sinners to repentance. Sinners need to repent. We ought to love one another. God is love. The angels of God cannot die. There are angels of satan that will die, die and never die. Jesus came and suffered death for you and me. He came and died for the sin whole world. He is a savior to the whole world. He talks to his children. He talks to me. Paul asked what should I do. The Lord told him to go to Damascus. Jesus died on the cross and the Roman soldier came. Jesus Christ is the best thing that ever happened to me. The Roman soldier was supposed to break his legs. Jesus had already given up the ghost. The soldier pierced him in the side and blood went toward the former sea and the hinder sea. Jesus is a special savior to them that believe. They wrapped Jesus's body in grave clothes and put upon his face a napkin. Early in the morning Mary came to the tomb. God had already rolled the stone away. The grave clothes were in one place and napkin in another. Mary was going to anoint the body of Jesus. Mary met Jesus and did not know who he was. This is the first resurrection. Then she recognized Jesus and he said, "Mary, touch me not, for I have not yet ascended." Go and tell the brothers. We live by experience. Parents keep praying for your children. Pray. It is all about love. What a good God we have.

Brother Richard led in prayer.

Elder Albert Cable came to preach the Introductory Sermon stating that he has already felt the presence of the Lord. He preached as follows: I love his sweet Spirit. I spent the night asking God to help me. I hope and pray he will set me upon the mountain. I want to praise God and give him the glory. I have prayed to God if it be his will to give me something to say. If there ever was a time people should call upon the Lord, it is now. He was a perfect sacrifice. Paul said, "I laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was in me." I hope and pray if there is one that does not know the Lord, now is the time to rise up and call upon him. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, in you all. He sang the song, "Oh, Sinner Man." He asked, how will it be with you when the Lord comes?

He said, without the blood being shed we would all be lost. Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuaded me to be a Christian. And Paul said, I would be to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and together such as I am, except these bonds. Without the shedding of blood there would be no remission of sin. We are justified by the resurrection of Christ. I can't preach without the Lord. Paul said we preach not ourselves but Jesus Christ, and him crucified. Adam transgressed God's law. God took skins and made coats to hide their nakedness. The next place there was shedding of blood is when Cain slew Abel. That was the blood of Abel. The Lord told the congregation of Israel to take a lamb and kill it and apply the blood to the two side posts and on the lintel. The death angel will pass over the houses where the blood is on the door post and the lintel. The blood has to be applied to the heart today. You are bought with a price, that being the precious blood of Jesus Christ. I can see that blood coming out of Egypt and it being applied to our souls today. We are bought by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. We could not be justified if not for the resurrection. When Jesus was hung upon the cross a fountain was opened up. Jesus Christ made an offering for us and if people will call upon him there is a better place to go. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. When the soldier pierced Jesus in the side, blood and water came forth. He made a way for not only me, but to all that would come to him.

Christ is the first resurrection. Blessed are they that have a part in the first resurrection. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. It is far, far better felt, than told. Give God all the praise and glory. There is an inner man and an outer man. The inner man is ready to go, the outer man is waiting for a change. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain; but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him and to every seed his own body. We are redeemed by the blood. If you are bought by the precious blood of the Lamb, you will live in the house of the Lord forever. If Christ had not risen we would be found false witnesses of God. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life. It took the precious blood of Christ. It took him hanging upon the cross. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Christ is the only one worthy to open that little book and loosen the seals. Call upon the Lord while he may be found. He is just a prayer away. Remember that precious blood and the resurrection.

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 Bert Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association
- Elder Ben Little, New Salem Association
- Elder George Baker, Old Friendship Association
- Elder Carson Wright, Union Association
- Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association
- Elder Scott Hamilton, Northern 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 W. Lee Roberts, of the New Salem Association, to open the Service.

Brother W. Lee stated that he was very thankful today and glad to meet the brothers and sisters. We know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that is born of God is born of love. There is no hatred in him. Jesus said, "If you believe in God, believe also in me." I go away to prepare a place for you. I am thankful that one drop of blood that fell from the cross fell upon me. There are ways that seem right but the end thereof is death. He is the way, truth and life. We would not be here if it were not for him. I have felt the Lord today. Let prayer and intercession be made today. I believe my name is written in the Lamb's book of life. I believe I will hear it called.

He then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and asked everyone to continue to pray. He said to look to the good Lord for our help. We need to show our love to our sister Associations.

(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 Pilgrims Home Church was read, and upon regular move and second, the Letter from the Antioch Church was referred to the Committee on Arrangement and all other 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 \$5,915.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and after turning this amount over to the Treasurer was discharged by regular move and second.

(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 Danny Belcher, Union Association  
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 2008 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 William Adair, Sr., Sardis Association  
Elder Randy Combs, Old Indian Bottom Association  
Elder Johnny Thornsberry, New Salem Association

#### **SATURDAY**

Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association  
Elder John B. Hamilton, New Salem Association  
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association  
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Chuck Hall, New Salem Association

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

Elder Richard Staton  
Elder Danny Runyon.

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

(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, Robert Osborne, Estill Hamilton, John Sanders, Terry D. Hall, Curtis Carroll, Homer Compton, Bill Elkins, Carson Wright, Bobby Robinson, Billy Hutchings, Lloyd Carroll, Jerry Overstreet, Fred Moore, Harvilla Adkins, Jimmy Dale Potter, Fitch Reed, Danny Robinette, Bobby Hamilton, Hugo Caudill, Paul Huffman, Floyd (Buck) Ratliff and Sherd Mullins. Letter in the hands of Elder Floyd Jude.

**NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: Clyde P. Lewis, John Paul Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Chuck Hall, Omery Cumpston, Glenn Frazier, Leonard Hamilton, Randy Newsome, W. Lee Roberts, Deffort Thornsberry, Ralph Slone, Jr., James Branham, Elisha Branham, Milton Dye, Johnny Thornsberry, John B. Hamilton, James Tackett, Darrell Calhoun, Ben Little, David Calhoun, Litten Dye, William Adkins, Clois Hamilton, Charles E. Hamilton, Clyde Newsome, Manderville Hall, Phillip Hamilton, Homer Isaac, Gary Hampton, William White, Teddy Honaker, Kenny Newsome, Monty Iverson, Paul Griffey Arnold Adkins and Quillen Lawson. Letter in the hands of Brother Clois Hamilton.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: John M. Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Dennis Elkins, Stoney Blackburn, Dewayne Graves, Scott Hamilton, Bill Blevins, Lavon Isaac, Basil Elliot, Claud Hale, Hank Forgey, Milford Prater, Doug Johnson, Thurman Jones, Mike Fortner, Hillard Newsome, Scottie Little, Eddie Wallen, Delmas Hall, Larry Newsome and Wayne Sartin. Letter in the hands of Elder Scott Hamilton.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following delegates: Luther Ramey, Jr., Creed Thomas and Lowell Adkins. Letter in the hands of Brother Lowell Adkins.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** Represented by the following delegates: Danny Hurley, Dewey Matney, David Lester, Danny C. Justus, James D. Stacy, George Thomason, John R. Justus, Doug Reed, Roger McCoy, Lawrence Estep, Junior Coleman, Kevin A Salmons, Arthur Short, Gary D. Justus, George Baker, Denver Hunt, Curtis Lester, Everett McClanahan, Glenn Anderson, Roy Lester, Zeb Justice, Will Matney and Monroe Matney. Letter in the hands of Elder Danny C. Justus.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Randy Combs, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Jimmy Back, Delmar Jones, Dannie Caudill, Clay Haynes, Luke Haynes and Marvin Thornsberry. 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: Edward L. Smith, Archie Prince, W. H. Cochran, Eddie Williamson, William Adair, Sr., Leonard Napier and Bobby Scott, Sr.

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

(15) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our Corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second the committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. today.

(16) On motion from Elder Richard Lowe, second by Brother Willis Fletcher, Jr., the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 13, 2008.

**SATURDAY**  
**September 12, 2008**

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 with no electricity in the building and said that we may not have natural power, but there is power here with us today. God does not need for us to have any trouble. There is a good feeling here. The Lord is here with us today. Watch every word we say and everything we do. All I want to do is to be able to go home in the morning. Let us just rejoice all day. This is a three day worship service. We owe it all to God. Sometimes that little Spirit picks us up. I love everyone of you. By my love and kindness have I drawn thee. I love this old time way. Let us stay on the old path. I am waiting on that day. What I feel right now is worth more than anything I can eat. What a great God he have.

He then called upon Elder Dennis Elkins, of the Northern New Salem Association, to open these services.

Brother Dennis came forth and asked for prayers. He stated he felt too little. He sang the song, "The Door of Mercy." Brother Dennis preaching was overshadowed by the praising of God by many brothers and sisters. God truly blessed his people to give him the honor and glory he so richly deserves. Brother Dennis preached "that we need to live upright before God and call upon him this morning. God wants us in everything we do to edify him." Surely God looked down upon this little band today and was well pleased for today his name was held high above all others. Brother Dennis 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 W. H. Cochran, 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 the report of the committee appointed to work with the Antioch Church, to examine their practice and doctrine, go to their business meetings and to report back to the association. This report reads as follows:

**THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION**  
**of**  
**OLD REGULAR BAPTIST**  
**180 Brushy School Road**  
**Varney, Pike County, Kentucky**

November 24, 2007

During the 2007 session of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist The Church of Jesus Christ the Antioch Church of the Union Bethlehem Association of United Baptist located at Wayne, WV presented a Letter of Correspondence to the Sardis Association and during the Saturday proceedings the matter was handled as follows:



**Item (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.

**On November 24, 2007 the Committee consisting of the following met at the Antioch Church:**

Elder Thomas J. Dials  
Elder Elbert Sesco  
Brother Archie Prince

Elder Hobart Hamilton  
Elder Leonard Napier

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.  
Elder Edward Lee Smith

The Antioch Church having been seated and being in new business welcomed this committee and invited the committee to speak.

A motion came to the floor by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. for Elder Thomas J. Dials to serve as moderator and Brother Archie Prince to serve as Clerk of this committee. The motion was seconded by Elder Edward Lee Smith.

Elder Thomas J. Dials advised that the purpose of this committee is to protect the Sardis Association and to protect the Antioch Church. He stated that we need to show love.

Elder Hobart Hamilton stated that we are here to examine the doctrine and their church work. Also, he advised all that the Antioch Church is not on trial and that any questions should be presented orderly and with love.

Elder Tom Dials stated that we are here to help and not to hurt. He asked if members of the committee have any questions.

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. stated that when he asked questions it is not to harm anyone. He said he believes in everything being out in the open. We have a responsibility to report back to the Association on what we have done. He said we know that we pass from death unto life because we love the brethren. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Take away hope and you take away faith. There is a place to apply hope and there is a place to apply knowledge. There are two men in the race, the inward man and the outward man. The outward man is not yet delivered. He is still waiting upon deliverance. Man does not have eternal life in the flesh but must wait for the resurrection, therefore we cannot testify of something that we have not received yet in the flesh. By his Spirit we know that we are the children of God. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. When a preacher is in the spirit and says he knows he is going to Heaven, I would say, amen. This is where the knowledge is.

The brothers of the Antioch Church acknowledged that they agree with what Brother Bobby has stated.

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. said the pale horse and his rider are upon our trail. We must have the Spirit on the inside. Brother Bobby stated that he believes that the brothers of the Antioch Church agreeing is a good thing and we can report that back to the Association. It is good that we are in agreement with one another. He said your faith shall be tried. Faith is the substance hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. There are two hopes in the Bible. One hope is the one we have not seen. This is faith. One hope is the anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.

Elder Elbert Sesco stated that he is glad to be here. God's people can feel the Spirit. If we have a hope down in our soul, we have Jesus Christ. There is a wheel in a wheel. We are controlled by what we have in our heart. We are led by the Holy Spirit of God. You cannot separate Jesus Christ from being down in your soul. Nothing good dwelleth in this flesh, Jesus being anchored in our soul is our hope. I want Jesus down in my soul. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Jesus lets us know we are still in the race. I keep hoping and praying that I have a home with God. He will never leave us or forsake us. I hope I can go to Heaven. I love the brothers of the Antioch Church.

Elder Leonard Napier stated that he believes the partition of the Antioch Church has strengthened the Sardis Association. The brothers of the Antioch Church have stated that they are willing to live by the orders of the Sardis Association. I would like for us to report back to the Association that we are in 100% agreement.

Elder Edward Lee Smith said he would like to see us come together in love and peace. We need to talk to one another about things.

Elder Hobart Hamilton said some don't believe that two men are in the race. I have seen brothers troubled in the flesh and when the Spirit came along they became humble. He said brothers you need to protect your church. He advised the Antioch Church that if a brother preaches false doctrine to not put that brother back in the stand. This does not mean a brother we disagreed with on just one point of doctrine.

Elder Bobby Scott said the outward man is kept by the grace of God. He that is in you is stronger than he that is in the world.

Elder Hobart Hamilton said that there may be confusion about knowledge, but there is never a doubt about God.

The consensus from all that are present is that we are all in agreement on the points of doctrine brought out here tonight. There is a good feeling of all and the Spirit has brought satisfaction to us. We agree that this Church has a good solid practice.

Elder Thomas J. Dials dismissed the committee until the fourth Saturday night in March at 7:00 p.m.

**On March 22, 2008 the Committee consisting of the following met at the Antioch Church:**

Elder Thomas J Dials  
Elder Leonard Napier

Brother Archie Prince  
Elder Bobby Scott, Sr

Elder Hobart Hamilton  
Elder Edward Smith

The Antioch Church, in session and under unfinished business, welcomed the Committee and turned the meeting over to the Committee with Elder Thomas J. Dials standing as Moderator of the Committee. Brother Tom expresses his pleasure in being at the Antioch Church and in being with brethren and sisters who have traveled much among the Sardis Churches.

For a matter of record Brother Tom asked if this Church holds to a closed communion and the reply from the Church Moderator was yes. At this time Brother Tom asked if other members of the committee have any questions?

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. stated that he is well pleased with this Church, but don't know what might be asked by members of the Association. He said he feels home with the Antioch Church as much as with any Sardis Church and came tonight more to fellowship.

Elder Hobart Hamilton stated that he is well pleased with the way the brothers and sisters have represented this church. He said he likes their doctrine and feels that they are willing to do anything we have required of them. The spirit has satisfied me and the brothers and sisters of the Antioch Church have satisfied me. He advised the Antioch Church to do what they have been doing: to let the Lord direct them. This is a great big world and it is getting worse each day. We need to live so our families can follow after us. May God bless you. We need you as much as you need us.

Elder Leonard Napier stated that it is such an honor to us for you to be with the Sardis Association. We need to pull together.

Elder Edward Smith stated that we need the Antioch Church. We need everyone we can get. He said he is glad the Antioch Church is with us.

Elder Clarence Mathis, Moderator of the Antioch Church, expressed their appreciation to the Sardis Association. He said, "we have been treated well. Much better than we deserve. We are saddened from the loss of our brothers and sisters. Lord, help us as your people to look like Christians, act like Christians and be Christians."

Elder Tom Dials stated that no more questioning is necessary as far as he was concerned. He asked if there were any more comments?

Elder Billy Howard, Assistant Moderator of the Antioch Church, said, "I love that great love that was born down in my life. I love you brothers and sisters like I have been with you all my life." He quoted St. John Chapter 3 Verse 16. He said, "I am going home and I am with you forever whether you have us or not."

Motion by Elder Hobart Hamilton and second by Elder Edward Smith to let this conclude our visits as a Committee and we can report back to the Association.

Elder Tom Dials stated we are coming together. We are getting close to home. He dismissed this Committee from this meeting, but not as a working Committee, until such time as we need to come together again.

**On September 4, 2008 the Committee consisting of the following brethren met:**

Elder Thomas J. Dials  
Elder Leonard Napier

Brother Archie Prince  
Elder Edward Smith

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.  
Elder Elbert Sesco

Elder Tom Dials called the meeting to order. Brother Tom inquired for the opinion of the committee as to how this should be handled during the Association. The consensus of the committee is that our written report should be turned over to the committee on arrangements. He then asked if there are any issues we need to discuss.

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. asked if the complete minutes of the meetings of this committee should be printed in the Association Minutes? The members of the committee feel that the complete minutes of our meetings should be printed in the Association Minute for future reference.

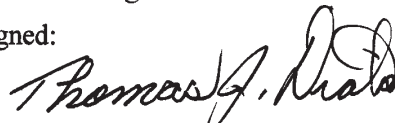
Elder Leonard Napier stated that he visited the Antioch Church during their Communion Service and that everything was very orderly.

Brother Archie Prince stated that the Antioch Church members have been good to visit the Regular Baptist Churches and have had good visitation and there has been a good spirit felt during the Church services.

By regular move and second it is ordered that this committee, after finding the Antioch Church orthodox and in good working order, recommend acceptance of the Antioch Church into full fellowship in the Sardis Association.

Elder Tom Dials dismissed this committee from this meeting.

Signed:



Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator of the Committee



Brother Archie Prince, Clerk of the Committee

By regular move and second, the recommendation of this committee was accepted and the committee was dismissed.

At this time, the Church Letter from the Antioch Church was read. By regular move and second the letter was received and the brothers and sisters of the Antioch Church were given the right hand of fellowship.

Elder Frankie Scott, having received special permission to speak, expressed on behalf of the delegates of this association, appreciation to this committee and thanked them for doing a good work.

(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 Archie Prince, was received. The Pike County Public Library can be reached on the internet at the address: [www.pikelibrary.org](http://www.pikelibrary.org) or [www.informationplace.org](http://www.informationplace.org). On their home page you should see LINKS. Click on LINKS. Click on Genealogy to access the Sardis Association files.

Clerks Note: We need minutes for the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1897, 1898, 1900 to 1914, 1916, 1917 and 1923 to 1927. 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) Read a request from the Buck Creek Church to rearrange the wording of Article 10 of the Articles of Faith to read:

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as are regularly baptized by immersion of a legal administrator of the Gospel and ordained coming under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the Church. 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 TO OUR SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

We, your Sister, the Northern New Salem Association, wish to extend to you our Sister, the Sardis Association, our condolence in the passing of your beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last gathering.

While working with us here in the vineyard of the Lord their fellowship was sweet. Now we are saddened by their loss, yet we are comforted by the hope in the Lord Jesus Christ that some glorious morning we shall see them again in that land of everlasting peace and joy

Respectfully 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.

Take comfort in the promise of that great day when we will all enter that home that was prepared for those that have washed their robes and made them white; where there will be no more tears or sorrow only everlasting peace and joy.

Brothers in Christ,  
Elder Gary Adkins  
Brother Charon Gilliam

(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 2009 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Brother Scott Little, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Leonard Hamilton, New Salem Association  
Elder Haston Whitaker, Old Indian Bottom 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 2009 Association:

Elder Danny Belcher, Union 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 Billy Howard, Preach the Introductory Sermon  
Elder Arthur May, Alternate  
Elder Leonard Napier, 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 Curtis Carroll, Union Association  
Elder Ralph Slone, Jr., New Salem Association  
Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association

#### **SUNDAY**

Elder Jerry Overstreet, Union Association  
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association  
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association  
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

(10) Read a request from the Leannah Church requesting to remove the name of Sabert Nichols from the list of Ordained Ministers. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(11) Read a request from the Turkey Creek Church asking the Association to change Article 12 of the Constitution to read:

ARTICLE 12: The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(12) Read a request from the Salem Church asking that the phone numbers of all our clerks be published in our Minutes. By regular move and second the request was granted.

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

#### **SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2008**

Balance on hand 8-31-07		\$ 7,166.14
Add 2007 Income:		
Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 5,745.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 575.00	
Interest Income	\$ 19.06	
Rent Income	\$ 1,000.00	
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00	
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 7,620.00	
Food Fund Contributions	\$ 7,537.59	
Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$ 3,562.59</u>	
Total 2007 Income		<u>\$26,559.24</u>
Total Available for 2007		\$33,725.38
Less 2007 Expenses		
Rental Property Expense	\$ 1,802.47	
Equipment Expense	\$ 1,631.82	
Minute Expense/Mailing	\$ 5,073.73	
Clerk Expense	\$ 60.87	
Building and Land Expense	\$ 3,106.22	
Electric Expense	\$ 2,992.40	
Water Expense	\$ 701.71	
Telephone Expense	\$ 602.39	
Insurance Expense	\$ 862.13	
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 7,154.93	
Bank Charges	\$ 1.08	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	
Total 2007 Expense		<u>(\$24,039.75)</u>
Balance on Hand 8-31-08		\$ 9,685.63

(14) By regular move and second it is ordered that the General Communion Meeting not be held at the Sardis Association Building due to lack of a host and support for this meeting.

(15) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2008 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

(16) 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	Brother Danny Reed	Elder Harold Sesco
Brother Ervin Thacker	Elder Chester Cochran	Brother Clyde James
Brother Tony Williamson	Brother Cecil Setser	Brother Ernest Sesco

(17) The Clerk requested permission to print the obituaries for Elder Sam Franks and Brother I. G. Jude in our 2008 Minutes in the members section since no formal request came with these obituaries. By regular move and second the request was granted.

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

(18) 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, 2008: Bobby Scott, Sr., Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Charles Jarrell, Gary Napier, Leslie McGuire, Leonard Napier, Archie Prince, Randall Scott, Bob Justice, Clarence Mathis, Clyde Perry, Lacy Fletcher, Arthur Mathis, George Saunders, Paul Maynard, Eddie Williamson, Billy Howard and Cecil Setser. 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, 2008: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Eddie Williamson, Edward L. Smith, Leslie McGuire, Leonard Napier, Gary L. Napier, Archie Prince, Chester Cochran, Lacy Fletcher, Charles Jarrell, Randall Scott, Donald Preece, Clarence Mathis, Clyde Perry, Arthur Mathis, Billy Howard, Paul Maynard, Cecil Setser and George Saunders. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Henry Road, Plymouth, OH beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2009 : Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton, Charles Jarrell, Archie Prince and Clarence Mathis. Letter in the hands of Elder Richard Staton.

**PHILADELPHIA:** When convened with the Little Mary Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2009: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Leslie McGuire, Gary L. Napier, Leonard Napier, Lacy Fletcher, Frankie Scott, Charles Jarrell, Randall Scott, Clarence Mathis, Clyde Perry, Arthur Mathis, George Saunders, Paul Maynard and Cecil Setser. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.



**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** When convened with the North Spring Church, Wolford, VA, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2009: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Chester Cochran, Leslie McGuire, Frankie Scott, Archie Prince, Freddie Cline, Charles Jarrell, Charles Testerman, Lacy Fletcher, Randall Scott, Bobby Scott, Sr., Clarence Mathis, Charles Paynter, Clyde Perry and Leon Robinson. Letter in the hands of Elder Leon Robinson.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** When convened with the Doty Creek and Little Home Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2009: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Leslie McGuire, Gary L. Napier, Leonard Napier, Charles Jarrell, Frankie Scott, Randall Scott, Leon Robinson and Lacy Fletcher. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

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

(20) Since no requests received to host the Association, the Pilgrims Home Church made a verbal request asking to host the 2009 Association and the Pilgrims Rest, Apple Orchard, Dix Fork, Bent Branch and Big Branch Churches requested to co-host the 2009 Association. By regular move and second the Request was granted for the Pilgrims Home Church to host the Association and allow any other church that wants to co-host to do so.

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2009, 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.

(21) The Sardis Association is so thankful for the many Brothers, Sisters and friends, along with our Host Churches and the Building Committee, who have labored so much for this the One Hundred and Sixteenth Session of the Sardis Association. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Phillip Elliott of DHP Ambulance and his staff; to Everett and Diane Hannah of S & E Clearing & Hydroseeding, 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 all the Sisters working so hard in the kitchen preparing delicious food, even with the power off, and to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of the Pilgrims Home Church who staff the Concession Stand.

We cannot thank enough all who have helped throughout the year with the upkeep and cleaning of the Association Building. Pray that God will continue to bless us as he has during this Association and that peace will remain in the Sardis Association.

Sometimes some of us are blessed for a moment or two. Sometimes some of us are blessed for a minute or two. Sometimes some of us are blessed for an hour or two. Only a day or two in our lives some of us feel the sweet Spirit of God so strong from before the break of day until after darkness falls upon us. We should mark in our minds and in our hearts the day, Saturday, September 13, 2008, as a day that God blessed, so richly and beyond measure, a little band of his servants here on a creek called Brushy in the mountains of Pike County, KY. Let us thank him, praise him, honor him and glorify him. We are so small and God is so great.


(22) 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.

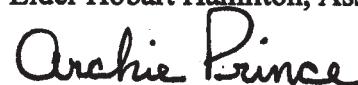
(23) On motion from Brother Johnnie Adair, Jr., second by Brother Todd Dials, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2009.

(24) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Hillard Newsome, of the Northern New Salem Association. Prayer was led by Elder Wayne Sartin, of the Northern New Salem Association.

(25) 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 14, 2008

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, stated, “how powerful the Lord is.” Our meetings started about a week ago. Every time the Lord blesses us to breath and to get up in the morning, it is a blessing. There are plenty of blessings in the storehouse. When he blesses us we know something about it. The Lord blessed us during the church work. In the morning I am looking for the day when it won’t break up. Look forward and get hold of Jesus. He then announced the arrangements.

Elder Jerry Overstreet came to the stand and asked for prayers. He said without the Lord we are nothing, ye less than nothing. He said, “Love has been here every day.” He sang the song, “The Blood is Still There.” He preached as follows: The apostle Paul said I know nothing except Jesus and him crucified. This way is paved with love. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. You will hear his voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation in the days of temptation in the wilderness. This day has life in it and more abundantly. One man’s disobedience brought death, one man brought life. There is no other way to be forgiven except through Jesus Christ. Today is the day of salvation. There is one Lord, one God; ye are one building fitly framed together which groweth into an holy temple in the Lord. This is the old Church today. Though I speak with tongues of men and of angels and have not charity I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. From the heart man believeth unto salvation. Peter said to Jesus, where else is there to go seeing you have eternal life? I will put my laws in their mind and write them in their hearts and I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people. We have such a good God. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. The Lord is such a consuming fire today. You can’t come to the Son unless the Father draws you.

Elder Leon Robinson led in prayer.

Elder Danny Belcher came forth stating, “I have found no matter how wonderful it is, it is no better for me than it is here today.” I thank my Lord because he loves me and he loves you. He preached as follows: If I go not away the comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart I will send him unto you. We are a little closer today, closer to our home land. Man must obey, he must believe from the depths of his heart, doubting nothing. When I go to do good, evil is present. Old satan comes along. For several days old satan has been pushed aside. I have felt the love of God. You know more by the Spirit, than you do by nature. The Holy Ghost was sent that we might have a witness. The word was with God, the word was God and dwelled upon this earth. From the opening of this Association the love of God and the Blood of the Lamb have been preached. Jesus came because of love, he shed that precious blood. God made a better way and his name is Jesus. We’re supposed to be like Christ. He is our keeper. We have to have th at keeper down on the inside and that takes care of back sliding. If your are made whole through the blood of Jesus it will last forever. Jesus made a promise and said, “If I go away, I will come again.” We are the children of God almighty. There are two men in the race. We must be drawn by the power of God. It is all about love but you must have the Lamb to have love. God sent his only son to die for us.

Jealousy caused Esau to want to kill Jacob. Jacob’s mother warned him. Jacob put his house in order. A house without order cannot stand. We need to love the creator not the world. We draw the world by our love and kindness. We are to show all men and all women that we love them. If you have not felt that love you need to get down on your knees and ask yourself, why?

Jacob went out to meet Esau and they embraced each others and exchanged gifts. In this life how can two men walk together unless they come to an agreement.

I believe that Jesus is the son of God. He died and went back to the Father. Jesus is making intercessions for us. He will present us to God. Satan will send messengers to us and bring confusion. There has been no confusion in this Association. Jesus said a new commandment, "Love one another." Jesus suffered and died so we could live again.

I was walking down the driveway and saw two sparrows lying on their backs. I asked God what this meant. He said for me to pick them up, there was not a feather out of place. God said this is your uncle and your mother, they won't be here long. They both died soon after that. If God takes note of a little sparrow how much more will he take note of one of his little children.

I hope every word is established of God. When my mother was sick I went to see her and she asked my sisters to leave the room. My mother told me to quit praying for her to stay on this earth. I told her I could not do that. She asked me to pray that God's will be done. When walking through the door I heard her pray "Lord, if it be your will, come and take me home."

God talks to me in a small still voice. You had better get ready. I give you a great warning. Get ready as fast as you possibly can. Sometimes I get down in the valley, wonder and have doubts. Sometime I must go back to the experience I had with Jesus and the doubt is removed.

You must have faith. By grace through faith are you saved. You must come through faith to get to that grace. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. That substance is Christ.

Elder Hobart Hamilton followed Brother Danny. Brother Hobart said about forty years ago he was struggling with the call. I met a man when in trouble that can teach you more in a moment than you can learn in a lifetime from the world. I want to go to Heaven, I want my children to go to Heaven, I want yours to go. Over in glory, anybody that will come is welcome. If you feel the Spirit of the Lord you better say, thank you. Everyone can be what they want, but I am an Old Regular Baptist and proud of it.

When I was in sin and far from home there were no Old Regular Baptist to talk to. Jesus has not changed. When I was living in Pennsylvania, one day Jesus came by. I cried and begged but I could not get better. I could not save myself. Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

I have love for everybody. I hope we can treat the world so good they will want to be part of us. We need to do things with a humble heart. You cannot get in touch with God by being high minded. I have had more since I began serving the Lord than when serving satan. You need to put things in God's hands.

God is so wonderful. You may want to talk mean to me, but I don't want to talk mean to you. When God's Spirit comes along the dread leaves.. I love this Church.

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus and climbed up a sycamore tree. He climbed up far enough to see Jesus. Don't think if you call upon the Lord he is going to go to someone else. I have felt so close to God's people this weekend. We need to think about things that will bring us together and keep us together. There will come a day when Jesus is coming to get his children. I don't know everything, but I know that I am not the man I used to be. I don't talk the way I used to, I don't go to the places I used to and I don't have the heart I used to have. God took all that away.

If brothers and sisters want to grow, ask God to help. If brothers and sisters want to understand the scriptures, asked God to help. Pray for one another. Pray for the other Associations. I know anybody born of the love of God, they are the children of God.

Jesus said to Zacchaeus come down. I will abide in thy house. Zacchaeus told Jesus that he gave goods to the poor. Repentance is the only way to Heaven. If you will repent and make things right with the Father and Son no one can take that away from you. You don't have to go to school to know about the Lord. I have felt God's love today. You might be poor, but if you get Jesus in your soul you are the richest man in the world. God commanded man to repent. If you repent, God will save you.

Elder Thomas J. Dials came next and said don't forget that good Spirit here today. God sent his son so you could live again. I had to become sorry. If you don't become sorry you will never go to Heaven. You must turn it all over to him. You must deny your very self and put Jesus first. I got in trouble over things I had done. I knew there was something I needed to be afraid of. Today is the day of salvation. Harden not you hearts. Some people tell you after you die you have a space of time to get right. But I tell you that is not right.

There is one leading us, one directing us. He has directed me many years. There is something in man that keeps man in order. You must get the man on the inside. The man on the inside must get a drink of living water. You must get cleansed. I got hold of a mother that cleaned me on the inside and it came to the outside. I believe the man on the inside gets the Holy Ghost baptism that will keep the man on the outside.

God had a cleansing process in the Old Testament for leprosy. God told Aaron to take two birds and cedar wood. Kill one bird in a vessel over running water. Take the living bird, dip it in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water and turn the living bird loose.

A man came into my life and burdened me. I had to give it all to him. I had to come willing to die. That blood is still there for our children. You must get in a condition that when he comes again that he will find a good people.

The plan of salvation is older than the hills. I am glad today. God told Noah to build an ark that it was going to rain. There is a plan. Can you see the little baby lying in the manger? They rejected him and they are still rejecting him today. There is life inside this Church. You must be born not of flesh but by the Spirit of God. I had prayed and prayed. I cried one night just one more time. If you don't have the Lord you need him today to have eternal life.

I heard of a place where there is no death. The street is of gold and the walls are of jasper. I am going down in the grave for a while but God is going to get us out and take us home to glory. Reach out and get in the right way. If you shut off God, you shut yourself off.

When he gave me something on the inside he turned me loose. He changed my life. He gave me blood and he gave me living water. Reach out and get hold of Jesus.

Service was dismissed by Elder Stoney Blackburn.

Your Clerks

## CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Grand Old Sardis Association,

I stand here in weakness hoping to address you and all our correspondence, having been chosen last year to write a Circular Letter. I want to thank the brothers that had enough confidence in me to make this choice. It is an honor and yet it is a task for me since I am not an educated man, and my knowledge and understanding is very limited. God knows my heart. I am trying my best not to let nature lead me. I trust I am being led by the Spirit of God. I have made many attempts and failed. Then one morning about five o'clock, I was lying in bed it seemed I heard a voice say "peace, write about peace." Then I thought about the old association and I said out loud, Lord let peace flow like a river. Then I thought, if we let the Spirit lead, it will bring peace. The Lord said, "my peace I give unto you; my peace I leave with you not like the world gives, give I unto you." The only way peace can come to the outside is if it starts on the inside. We read that Jethro, Moses father in law, advised him. He said, "I go in peace." When Moses gave a charge to the children of Israel, he said least there be a man, woman, family or tribe that they go from serving a true and living God and serve the other gods, although they will say, I will bless myself and I will have peace. The Lord will not spare him: the Lord will blot out his name from under Heaven. Again the only true peace is found in Christ Jesus.

Now we know with peace comes responsibilities. The verse of an old song comes to mind, "Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer." It makes me think sometimes the difference between trying things on our own and letting God do the leading. For instance, Peter and the fishermen who were with him, what they experienced. They went from shallow water into the deep then he came back into the shallow water and had given up. When Jesus entered the ship and told him to go back into the deep water, Peter said, "Lord, we have toiled all night and have caught nothing. But nevertheless on your word we will go again." The same crew, the same ship, the same water, but he moved on faith in the Lord. He was pleased with the outcome and it brought peace.

No doubt some will say that sounds good, but sometimes we need to be firm. And I agree that is why I say sometimes peace comes with responsibilities. There is a time and a place for all things. The Bible tells us to be wise as a serpent, harmless as a dove and bold as a lion. But we can be bold and humble at the same time. The Bible says, "open rebuke is better than a secret love," it also says, "faithful is the wounds of a friend, but the kiss of an enemy is deceitful." It also says, "words that are fitly spoken are like apples of gold and a pitcher of silver."

So, let's speak of some of the responsibilities. Paul writes, now I beseech you brothers mark them which cause division and offences contrary to the doctrine which you have learned and avoid them for they are such that serve not our Lord Jesus Christ but their own bellies, and with their fair speech they deceive the hearts of the simple, but the God of peace shall bruise satan under your feet. So, brothers we are not exempt from trouble but the Bible says if we do God's will, be not afraid! And if not, then be afraid for he bears not the sword in vain.

Some among us say, "there is no faith until you come to the church." I believe God gives us some things with conditions and some things without conditions. I like to take the book on it. It says "you must first believe." And that "he has dealt to every man the measure of faith." I believe without condition also he gives us grace without conditions because the Bible says "the grace of God that brings salvation hath appeared to all men." Teaching them to deny ungodliness and worldly lust, that we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.



Paul writes, 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. Not only so, but we glory in tribulations also knowing, in tribulations works patience and patience, experience and experience, hope and hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. So, since we are saved by grace through faith, I don't believe we could enjoy the benefits of grace without faith. Now brothers we must be careful in our housekeeping or we will let little foxes devour the whole vine. Another thing that bothers me is the pride among us today.

My mother told me of an old uncle and aunt. They only had one pair of shoes between them. They would have to take time about going to church. He would wear them on Saturday and she would wear them on Sunday. This is determination without pride. And it comes to my mind quite often when I was very young. I was at an old cemetery and there was a crowd of people gathered at a grave site. They were clothed very fine. Upon the hill was an old Baptist preacher standing by a grave, he was a poor man dressed very modest. One of the people came up to him and ask him to come to the grave site and hold prayer. As he started walking down the hill he began singing, I'm not ashamed to own my Lord. I don't think I will ever forget that. The old brother has been dead for years. Now having said this, don't misunderstand me, there is nothing wrong with dressing nice. But also remember, God hates a proud look.

Some talk about our hope. When I was a sinner I had a hope, but the spirit that God puts in all of us, let me know where that hope would take me. So with that hope aided by faith, I began to seek for a different hope. As I began to seek for shelter, as Paul writes when he fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope that was set before him, which hope we have an anchor of the soul both sure and stedfast and that which entereth into that within the veil. So when I am in the Spirit and come to the knowledge that I have an anchor to my soul and I am also anchored in Christ Jesus. That makes Christ Jesus my hope. That is as good as it gets in this life, because that hope brings good quality and the ability to withstand temptations of this world.

Right now I could write a book on changes that has come among the Old Regular Baptist family. Many are good and I will sadly say some are not good. God has blessed me to live here on this earth over eighty years. I guess I just get lonesome for that old time way because I sought for it and I believe I found it. I don't believe in side roads or detours.

The Bible says, "except the Lord build the house, the labor is in vain." Now don't think for one minute I am saying anything against the church or the association, though we must be careful. I don't believe there has ever been no greater institution on earth that has brought so much peace, love and comfort to mankind than she has.

God set her up and I believe she was in his mind from the beginning. He will come back to get her at a set and appointed time and present her to the father.

Now I must close, but I must say for fear we become partakers of someone else's evil deeds. Let's be careful what we allow preached in the stands. I hope this is received in the same spirit it was written. I love you all and whether this is received or rejected, I will still love you anyway. Farewell to all until we meet again. If not here, I hope in glory.

By an unworthy brother,



Elder William H. (Bill) Cochran

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

**APRIL, 2009**

**SOUTHERN HOME:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Buddy Carty, Richard Staton, James Barney, Terry Fuller 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, Danny Carty, Estil Nichols, Leonard Hamilton and Jimmy Dale Sanders..

**MAY, 2009**

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

**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 and Chester Cochran.

**JUNE, 2009**

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Don Little, Richard Staton, Jerry Overstreet, Teddy Honaker, Eric Williamson, Paul Matthews, 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., Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton and Wallace Sartin with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

**ELIZABETH:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Albert Cable, W. H. Cochran and Ben Scott.

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Stoney Blackburn, Leon Robinson, Eric Williamson and Dale Williamson.

**BUCK CREEK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Homer Muncy, Jr., Bobby Scott, Sr., Kelly Slone, 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, Lacy Fletcher, Kenneth B. Jude,, 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, 2009**

**DIX FORK:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Frankie Scott, Chuck Hall, Stoney Blackburn, David Lester, Bob Justice, Kenneth B. Jude.

**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, Danny Belcher, 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., Greg Stanley 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, Daune Smith, Billy Joe Robinson and Leon Robinson.

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

**NARROWS BRANCH:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening starting at 11:00 a.m. after business. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Lacy Walters, Elbert Sesco, Eric Williamson, and Gary Young with Moderator attending.

## **AUGUST, 2009**

**TABITHA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Leon Robinson, Paul Maynard, Arthur May, Harrison Runyon, Billy Joe Robinson, Chester Cochran, Hillard Newsome 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, Stoney Blackburn, Willis Bartley and Elbert Sesco.

**ROSA:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Leon Robinson, Bobby Scott, Sr., Elbert Sesco, Leonard Hamilton, Jack Robinette and Danny Runyon with moderator attending.

**ANTIOCH:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following the regular Church service. Ministers called: Leonard Napier, Paul Maynard, Paul Matthews and Billy Howard.

**BETHANY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Robert Haney, Harrison Runyon and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**PILGRIMS HOME:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Edward L. Smith, Kermit Newsome and Larry Puckett.

## **OCTOBER, 2009**

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

## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

### MARCH, 2009

**OKEECHOBEE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: James Barney, Arlice Peaden, William Adair, Sr., Bruce Forsyth, Allen D. Osborne, Hobart Hamilton, John Henry Hensley and Thomas J. Dials.

### APRIL, 2009

**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, Ivan Blankenship, Harold Sesco and Billy Joe Robinson.

**PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday (April 11) at the Church for all those buried on the Williamson Family Cemetery. Service will began at 6:00 p.m. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, Danny Runyon and Richard Staton.

### MAY, 2009

**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 Ben Scott with moderator attending.

**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, also those buried on the Hanners Cemetery 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 (Fraley) 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, Arlice Peaden, Jeff Dillon, 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: Billy Joe Robinson, 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: Eric Williamson, Duane Smith, Greg Stanley, Richard Staton, Billy Williamson and Gary Young.

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

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (May 31) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Clarence Mathis, Stoney Blackburn, Jerry Overstreet, Hillard Newsome, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone bring covered dishes.

**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 daughter of Ray and Sharon Spence(Katie Lynn Spence), infant son of Jeff and Mary Spence(Cory Matthew 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 (May 31). All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

## **JUNE, 2009**

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the first Sunday in June (June 7) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

**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, Jack Robinette, 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.

**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, Mike Justice and Eddie Wallen.

**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 21) 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, Richard Staton, Bobby Scott, Sr., Harold Sesco and Gary Young.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY on the fourth Saturday in June at 3:00 p.m. in memory of James Ballard and Mazie Smith Blackburn, William Cashier and Opal Crigger Blackburn, William Cody and Leona Blackburn Stanley, Geraldine Blackburn, Linda K. Deskins, Delores Johnson Blackburn, Elder Rush Stanley, George Smith and Ermal Deskins, We welcome all Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

**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, 2009**

**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, Randy Lackey, 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 the deceased members of the Reed and Lockard families on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Chris Watts, Richard Lowe, Gary Young, Stoney Blackburn and Jack Robinette.

**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: Chuck Hall, 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: Butler Fletcher, Billy Joe Robinson and Thomas J. Dials.

#### **AUGUST, 2009**

**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, Leonard Napier, 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: Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters, Stoney Blackburn, Greg Stanley and Dale Williamson.

**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, James Tackett, Roger Hicks, Billy Howard, 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 Monty Iverson.

**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: Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Fletcher, 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: Daniel Newsome, Richard Staton, Greg Stanley, Teddy Honaker, Duane Smith and Danny Runyon 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: Steve White, Eric Williamson, Paul Bevins and Gary Young.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on Saturday, August 15, 2009 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, 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: Dewey Blackburn, Paul Bevins, Albert Cable 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, Hobart Hamilton 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: 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., Dale Williamson, Danny Runyon, Billy Joe Robinson, 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: Frankie Scott, Teddy Honaker, Richard Staton, Hillard Newsome and Don Blake Little.

### SEPTEMBER, 2009

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

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meathouse, about a mile above the Leannah Church, on the first Sunday in memory of Shirlen McCoy, his wife, Lucy McCoy, Van Avory McCoy, and others buried on this Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife Ora Blackburn, and daughter Mae Blackburn and all others buried near the mouth of 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 Malcomn Muncy, Elder Steve Robinson, Jr, Brother Ben Robinson, Brother Bill Howard, Mary Howard, Willis Preece, Mertie Preece, Marie McCoy and Mary Lowe on the first Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Hobart Hamilton, Jerry Overstreet and Harold Sesco.

**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, Kenneth B. Jude, Leonard Napier, 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 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, Albert Cable and Lacy Walters.

**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 and David May.

**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, 2009

**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, Johnny Thornsberry, Bobby Scott, Sr. 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, Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials 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 Randy 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: Albert Cable, John R. Justice, Steve White, 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, Kenneth B. Jude 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, Richard Staton, Albert Cable and Hobart Hamilton.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>DAY AND TIME</b>
Bent Branch	Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Bent Branch/Pilgrims Home at Pilgrims Home	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Elizabeth	Every odd Sunday
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Leannah	Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Leannah	Azzie Howard Birthday July 31, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Little Rosie	Every third Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.
Little Tavie	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 Morning 2009 at 11:00 a.m.
Salem	Christmas Meeting on third Sunday Evening at 4:00 p.m.
Samaria	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m..
<b>SARDIS ASSOCIATION AT BUILDING</b>	Every odd Saturday at 6:00 p.m.(None May 30, 2009)
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 6:00 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., Lloyd Brown

**OBITUARIES**  
**of**  
**BRETHREN AND SISTERS**

**ELDER HENRY ADAIR**

With the help of the Lord, we will try and write the obituary of our beloved husband and father, Henry Adair. He was born June 24, 1920 in Delbarton, WV, in a little house on the hillside that is still standing there today. He passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family in the early morning on March 20, 2008.

In 1940, Dad joined the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the U.S.S. Maryland at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. During his six years in the Navy, he received the following awards before his discharge in 1946: the Asiatic-Pacific Area - 2 Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, World War II American Defense Service Medal and one star for the Philippine Liberation.



In June, 1944, while on leave in Long Beach, CA, he met Clara at a USO event and married his sweetheart on September 13, 1944. After his service tour ended, they lived in Long Beach, CA until he transferred in 1957 through his job at Pacific Bell Telephone Company to Sacramento, CA - retiring from the phone company after thirty five years. In September, 2007, Dad and Mom celebrated their sixty second wedding anniversary.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Rebecca Adair (Grubb), his brothers: Billy, Albert, Tommy, Johnny and Clarence and his sisters, Nancy Rowlands and Maudie Mayhorn. He is survived by his wife, Clara, who loved and never faltered in caring for him during his three year illness and their three children: Janet Adair-Brownle, Nancy Vlcek (and her husband Bill) and John Adair (and his wife Rebecca); his beloved brother, George, Sr., his sister-in-law, Margaret Adair and brothers-in-law, Mel Mayhorn and Mike Rowlands. He is lovingly remembered by five grandchildren: Darin Bolt (and his wife Stephanie), John Mertz (and his wife, Krista), Mark Adair (and Kristen), Brad Adair and Brooke Dobrowski (and her husband Jeff). He was also blessed with six great-grandchildren: Samantha Denna, Taylor Holt, Jacob Holt, Ella Mae Adair Holt, Abe Mertz and Kristopher Mertz.

Dad instilled in us the importance of "family" and love for one another. It is a legacy that also extended to his nieces and nephews, whom he adored. He left a lasting impression on those he met and he will be missed for his wonderful smile, wit, and love for his family. We all remember him as a strong-minded man with a strong spirit - especially when it came to his faith and love for the Lord Jesus. Dad was baptized on the first Sunday in January, 1970 and became a member of Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Ocala, FL. Even though he lived in California, he filled his seat faithfully at church as often as he could make it there and was ordained as a minister on April 4, 1998. He never faltered in going to Florida for the communion meetings and when called, he would always tell everyone that "there was no place like this little church, where he always felt when he walked through those doors that he was coming home." At the end of every meeting when the moderator called for remarks and announcements he always had something to say and usually it was, "This was the best meeting we've ever had because they just keep getting better."

Then he would always add, "This is what I come after." (Paraphrasing one of his cousins in West Virginia). When his family came to visit from Florida and he was still able to talk, they would ask him what he would like to do, he always replied, "We could sing a song and have prayer." He would sing along even if you couldn't tell the words he was saying sometimes. His mind was constantly on the Lord and he rejoiced when we sang the old songs he loved to hear.

Dad and Mom lived on the Sacramento River and they were surrounded by the river, trees and fields where the farmers around him planted beautiful rows of corn and other crops. Down the center of these fields is a paved road and he walked this road every day for almost forty years. He would don his straw hat and pick up his "walking stick" and start out on his four mile walk. His family all knew that on these daily walks, he talked, prayed and rejoiced with the Lord. He never missed those walks unless it was pouring rain or freezing cold. Oh, what a rejoicing that must have been when he was called home and started his walk on that Golden Road to Heaven!

Brother Henry's family and his faith in the Lord were his life and he would tell everyone to love the Lord and read the Bible. He never recovered physically from the stroke he had in March of 2005 and although he deteriorated in body, he never gave up loving the Lord or loving his family. We miss him deeply and daily grieve his passing. He was an example to us all and we have a blessed hope that we all will be together one day.

Written in loving memory by his Family.

### **ANTHA MOORE CLINE**

Sister Ann Cline was born June 22, 1918 in Martin County, KY to Larnie (Prince) and Wallace Moore. The angels came to take her home on March 29, 2008 at Orlando Regional Medical Center in Orlando, FL. She then got to meet, face to face, the one she served for so many years. She was married August 12, 1938 to Jeff Cline who preceded her in death. To this union was born five children, two of whom preceded her in death. They were Billy Watson and Hobart Ray. Surviving are two daughters, Shelby Grimes of South Carolina and Phyllis Fantone of New York and one son, Joseph Cline of Ocala, FL. At the death of her sister, Dolly, she became a mother to her niece and four nephews, two of whom preceded her in death. They were Gary and Randy Blackburn. Survivors are Sue, Charles and Ray Blackburn. She also leaves two sisters, Mae Kennedy and Fran Archer and one brother, Bait Moore. She had twenty eight grandchildren and twenty one great grandchildren.



Sister Ann was baptized on December 11, 1945 by Elders Willis Blackburn and Julius Burgett and placed her letter at Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. She and Brother Jeff brought their family to Ocala, FL in 1958. She brought her letter to Southern Home Church on the first Saturday in April, 1967, where she remained a faithful member until God called her away. Sister Ann worked diligently for the Lord, calling on members who were sick and having problems or many times just to talk. Then she would call the brothers and sisters to pray for the sick. If anyone in the church wanted to know how a brother or sister was doing they just called Sister Ann. Every member of the church still miss her frequent phone calls.

She was a wonderful cook and brought food to Church every Sunday. We all looked forward to her chicken and dumplings and fresh vegetables from her garden.

Sister Ann looked forward to attending the Sardis Association every year. She always left about two weeks early and visited with her special friend, Ovie Moore, who took her to visit friends and relatives. They also attended family reunions, memorials and several churches. She loved to hear all the different preachers at the Association and kept notes of who preached. Although she seemed to enjoy every minute of her visit, she was always ready to go home as soon as the Association was over and would leave for Florida in the first car headed that way. We all made sure we left room for Sister Ann when we planned our trips and it was a pleasure to have her along. She will be remembered by the many children and staff members at Wyomina Park School where she cooked in the lunchroom for many years. Everyone who met Sister Ann loved her sweet, humble ways. The little house with the garden by the four lane highway was well known in the area. If you happened by early in the morning, you would usually see her working in the garden, doing what she loved. In the winter, when her garden was gone, she worked on her beautiful handmade quilts. Her hands were never idle but she still had time to talk if you needed her. When Brother Jeff became disabled and could not even feed himself, she cared for him with such patience and tenderness. It seemed you could almost see the love they felt for each other as she lovingly went about the daily tasks of taking care of him. Brother Jeff always had a good sense of humor and his dark eyes would twinkle even when his sickness was so bad that he couldn't talk.

There are not enough beautiful words to describe the wonderful, faithful sister that we can no longer visit in this world, but by the grace of God we'll see her again. She constantly talked about her children and grandchildren and every Sunday put all of them on the prayer list at church. We still rewrite the names each Sunday that she always had on the list. Next to the Lord, her family was the most important part of her life. May God bless all of you to follow in her footsteps so that you can meet her in Heaven.

Written by her Sisters in Christ,  
Judy Young and Rebecca Jarrell

### ETHEL CLINE

It is with great love and abiding respect that we write the obituary of our dear mother. Ethel Cline, 92 of Gilbert, WV, passed away September 17, 2006. She was born December 25, 1913 at Kimball, WV. She was the daughter of the late John and Cosby Lane. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Dewey Cline; son, Arthur Cline and daughter, Juanita Cline. She leaves behind one son and daughter-in-law, Roy and Arella Cline of Baisden, WV and two daughters, Patricia Stanley of Baisden, WV and Drema Cline of Oceana, WV. She had fifteen grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren. To all of us she was "Mom!" She was happiest when we were all together. She made sure that this whole family came home at special times during the year. These are memories we will cherish forever.



Our mother had a great sense of humor. She loved life and was always ready to laugh.

She was a joy to be around. Her home was always open to her family, both her natural family and her church family. Although life here on earth was important to her, in the later years she often commented that she was ready to go.

Mom was a member of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church for sixty six years. She was baptized September 14, 1940. She had many brothers and sisters in the church whom she loved. Special friends included Judd and Dessie Mae Cline, Emerson and Elvie Thompson, Buddy and Sue Glanden, and Jerry, Phyllis, and Elizabeth Thompson. The death of our mother has saddened us, but we know that we shall be with her again in that morning when, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death," (Revelations 21:4). She will, until then, be sadly missed by her family and her brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Written with great love, admiration, and respect  
By the family

### MONA VIVIAN CLINE

It is with a heavy heart and the fondest of memories that we will try to write the obituary of our beloved Mom and Grandmother. Mom was born August 29, 1932 at War Eagle, WV. She departed this life on August 13, 2008, making her stay on this earth seventy five years, eleven months and fifteen days. She was the daughter of Melvin and Polly Scarberry Cline. She was married to Johnie F. Cline on July 20, 1946 at Pikeville, KY and to this union was born eight children. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of fifty three years, Elder Johnie F. Cline; two sons, Johnie F. Cline, Jr. and Larry Thomas Cline and two great grandchildren, Triston VanNatter and Tiara Jade Stacy. She left behind six children to mourn her loss: Paulette Cline, Karen Velez, Cherie Grubb, Kim



Buchanan, Lanny Cline and Leslie Cline; fourteen grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren and a host of family and friends. Mom joined Church on January 18, 1970. It was so cold that the ice had to be broken in order to baptize her. But what a glorious and wonderful meeting they had that day. She was a faithful and dedicated member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at Baisden, WV for thirty eight years. She loved the Church and worked continuously to help by cooking and feeding all that entered her door. She constantly worried about the financial status of the Church and she loved all of her Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

I stayed and took care of Mom the last eight months of her life. I brought her to my home in Dandridge, TN, where she spent the last three months. It was extremely tiring and hard to see her suffer, but I will never regret one second I spent with her. She was so humble and loving during her last months on this earth. Her faith in God helped her fight a long and courageous battle with cancer. She repeated over and over how good the Lord had been to her. Every time we entered the door she would call us over and tell us how much she loved us. During her last few weeks she told Carla that she had seen the Lord, that she needed a preacher to come and that she wanted to go Home to see Dad. We made a phone call to Brother Charles Testerman and

With loving respect for our Mom, Elder Hobart Hamilton, along with several members of the Rosa Church made the long journey to Tennessee to have a small service with her. She enjoyed that more than anything.

We miss Mom so much, but we know that she is in a better place and she is with Dad now. She was a wonderful wife and a loving mother. She loved each and every one of us with all of her heart. We feel that she is finally at rest with no more pain and sorrow. She will always be in our hearts and in our memories.

Although Mom is gone, the memories of her smile will linger on in our hearts forever. We believe she is at rest with Jesus, for the Bible says, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for they do rest from their labor and their works do follow after them."

Written with Treasured Memories by:  
Daughter, Paulette Cline and  
Granddaughter, Carla Mounts

### **DARLENE BLACKBURN CRIGGER**

Our sorrow cannot be expressed in words on the loss of our sister, Darlene Blackburn Crigger. Her soul took it's heavenly flight on wings of love from the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital on January 11, 2008, after a brief illness.

She was born at Canada, KY on April 22, 1918 to the late James Ballard Blackburn and Mazie Smith Blackburn. Darlene was united in marriage on May 15, 1937 to the late Charles Vernon Crigger, who preceded her in death on December 20, 1992. To this union was born three daughters.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her in-laws, Leonard and Rebecca Brown Crigger; her oldest daughter, Karol Dean Crigger Mullins on December 22, 2005; one grandchild, Baby Mullins; brother, Willie Casher Blackburn; sister, Leona Blackburn Stanley and brothers-in-law: William Coda Stanley, George Smith, Ermal Deskins, Melford Howell, Elder Rush Stanley; and one sister-in-law, Opal Crigger Blackburn.

Surviving are two daughters and their spouses, Beulah Crigger(Bennie Dale) Slone of Woodstock, GA and Kathy Lynn Crigger (Elwood Carol"Woodie") Larder of Sidney, KY; and one son-in-law, Arnold Mullins of Marysville, OH; five grandchildren: Kelly Renee (Kenneth Ray, Jr.) Mauldin of Marietta, GA, Stephanie Dawn Slone of Tampa, FL, Craig(Elizabeth) Mullins of Marysville, OH, Jason Michael Stacy of Durango, CO, and Joshua Matthew (Tomi Lee) Stacy of Turkey Creek, KY. Six great-grandchildren: Jacob Arnold Mullins, James Michael Mullins, Kenneth Ray Mauldin III, Thomas Benjamin Mauldin, Michael Joseph Mauldin, and Riley Olivia Stacy; five sisters: Sylvia Smith, Dolly Deskins and Arminda Stanley of Sidney, KY, Jean H. (Ralph) Williamson of Fallston, MD and Yvonne Howell of Columbus, OH; twin brothers, Paris(Phyllis June) Blackburn of Galena, OH and Wayne (Fay W.) Blackburn of Sidney, KY, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Realizing repentance is required at the hands of each person, Darlene made preparation for her eternal home. She made her confession of faith on the first Saturday in June, 1967 and was baptized by Elder Charlie Johnson and Elder Ernest Cochran.





She took her membership to the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until God called her home almost forty one years later. Darlene was even more blessed to see her three daughters and three sons-in-law take up the cross and walk with the Lord. She was very thankful for this blessing. Darlene's soul has just gone back to God that gave it. She can now enjoy the pleasures of that heavenly home where she will never grow old. She will just remain a flower in God's beautiful garden throughout eternity. We feel that she is just resting from her labors and waiting to be reveled in that last day when she will rise to meet the Lord in the air and so shall she ever be with the Lord. This will take place when Gabriel sounds his trumpet and Jesus will come back on the clouds of glory to gather his church. When she wakes in his likeness, she will then be satisfied. She will be able to sing that new song of Redemption and will praise her Lord and Savior forevermore. Darlene was a devoted wife and possessed all the characteristics of a good wife as expressed in the 31st chapter of Proverbs.

She was an immaculate housekeeper and excellent cook. One of her famous culinary talents was her stack cakes. She possessed many other good attributes as well. She was forever working on some chore or another for she liked staying busy whether it be gardening, canning, baking, mowing the lawn, working with her flowers or cleaning her house. Although Vernon bought Darlene many pieces of jewelry, he would tell you that Darlene's worth was far greater than any precious stones or gems. Darlene was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and mother-in-law. She raised her children to fear the Lord and keep his commandments, to be good and honest citizens and to love everyone. Beulah said that her Mother had always been her 'Rock'. Kathy said that her Mother had fulfilled all the roles of a good mother in raising her as God instructed her to do. She said that one of her special blessings from God was to have been the daughter of her mother who was such an inspiration to her. "So, Mom, enjoy your new home and I will see you there." If Karol were here, she would echo the same sentiments as Beulah and Kathy. Darlene always encouraged her children to let the Lord direct their life's paths. We feel the Lord directed Darlene's walks of life for it was apparent in her daily life. Everyone who knew Darlene loved her. She touched so many lives while she was here on Earth and was a very special person to each of us. Her death leaves a heartache that no one can heal, but her love left memories that no one can steal.

She loved to work in her church and she felt that every child of God had more to do than just fill their seats in church. We feel there is a void that can never be filled in our family and in Dix Fork Church, but many good memories will remain with us down through the coming years. We pray that her family will grow ever closer to each other in love. Darlene wouldn't want it any other way.

"This is not 'Good-Bye' but only 'Farewell' for a little while." Sorrow not as others who have no hope, but be exceedingly glad that she died doing the will of her Heavenly Father.

Nightly visitation and services were held at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, KY, on Sunday, January 13 and Monday, January 14, 2008 with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Funeral services were held at the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, Sidney, KY, on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Darlene was interred by her late husband on the Crigger Cemetery on Dix Fork Road, Sidney, KY. Family and friends served as Pallbearers. Roger's Funeral Home of Belfry, KY, was in charge of all arrangements.

Written by Brother and Sister-In-Law,  
Wayne and Fay W. Blackburn

## HAZEL EDMONDS

Hazel Edmonds, 91, of Sidney, KY passed away on October 23, 2007 in Dover, OH at the home of her daughter. She was born September 5, 1916 at Canada, KY. She was the daughter of the late, Patrick "Pat" and Victoria (Street) Smith. On October 12, 1935 she married Harold Edmonds, who preceded her in death on May 29, 1990.

She was also preceded in death by seven sisters: Octavia Thacker, Gertrude Thacker, Ethel Layne, Maxie Laferty, Grace Smith, Mary Thornbury and Tina Carpenter.

She is survived by her daughter, Anna Gale Warinner and son-in-law, Edgar Paul Warinner of Dover, OH. She has made her home with them for the past six years. Other survivors are her four grandchildren and their spouses and five great grandchildren whom she loved dearly. Grandchildren are: Paula (Donavan) Hochstetler, Rexburg, ID; Ed (Mary Beth) Warinner and children; Madisyn, Merideth and Edward of Lawrence, KS; John (Patina) Warinner and children, Sydney and Jake of Columbus, OH and Michael (Yvette) Warinner of Westlake, OH. She is also survived by one sister, Flossie Blackburn and one brother, John (Phyllis) Smith of Canada, KY, a brother-in-law, Stewart Laferty of Sidney, KY and brother-in-law, Fred (Helen)Edmonds of Lexington, KY. Several nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Hazel was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Old Regular Baptist Church of Sidney, KY where she has been a member for sixty nine years. She loved her church and all of it's members. She also loved making chicken and dumplings and stack cakes for the annual Association Meetings.

Mother's greatest joy, besides going to Church, was cooking for others. She was a great cook and enjoyed cooking and sharing her food with neighbors and friends. She always thought of others and their needs before her own. She was a unique Mother and person.. She was a cook for the Bevins School of Sidney, KY for several years. She was the happiest when she could do something for someone else.

Hazel has touched many lives and she had a great love for everyone. She loved working in her yard and garden and always had beautiful flowers in the yard and in the house. Thank you for your love, care and encouragement. For believing in our hopes and dreams and for your endless caring and prayers. She was a brightly burning candle, lit from within. She was beautiful inside and out. She was always a joy to be around. No matter how bad she would feel it was always, okay, honey or yes, honey. A loved one from us has gone, a voice we love is stilled, a place is vacant in our home, which never will be filled. Mother will be sadly missed by her family and friends. We loved you so much.



Written by her daughter,  
Anna Gale (Edmonds) Warinner

## ANNA JEWELL FORTNER

The Lord blessed my husband and me with a beautiful baby girl on December 11, 1982. We knew at the time of her birth she would be a special child. Special doesn't even begin to describe our precious baby. Our angel was given to us by God. She fell asleep in the arms of Jesus on February 17, 2006. Anna Jewell Fortner was twenty three years two months and six days old. Through out her life we begged and prayed without ceasing that when she died it would be fast and without suffering. God answered our prayers. God said "I give you your breath and you live and I take it and you die." This is exactly what happened to Anna. She is survived by her mother and father, Michael and Brenda Fortner; her brothers: Michael Okie Fortner, Stephen Ray Fortner, and Teddy Robert Fortner. She also had a sister-in-law, Beth Fortner; two nephews and one niece: Tyler Crabtree, Cameron Fortner and Cierra Fortner. Her grandmother, Rubel Kent and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



Anna lived such a wonderful life. It was our goal to keep her comfortable and happy. My husband said that God had given us a special job. It took the love and faith of both of us to raise Anna. It was truly an honor to be her parents. We, along with her three brothers and many other people, ache to see her sweet smile again. She was our baby, our love and our life.

Our lives have forever changed since Anna passed away. She touched so many people with her ability to love unconditionally. Her heart was pure and without sin. We know that those who are pure in heart shall see God. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of God. "

Anna's pain and suffering is over. I know she is well and dwells in the house of the Lord. We just hope that one day we will join our precious daughter, where all tears will be wiped from our eyes and our suffering will be no more. We have no doubt entertained Angels unaware.

Written by her mother and father,  
Brenda and Mike Fortner

## SAM FRANKS

It is with broken hearts that we write of the passing of our loving father, Sammy Lee Franks. Dad went to be with the Lord on Wednesday afternoon, July 9, 2008, following a brief illness. He was born on February 9, 1931 in Gum, AL the youngest son of Elbert M. and Virgie Dickson Franks. Dad was preceded in death by both of his parents; his brothers, Jesse and Jack Franks; his sisters, Nella Mae Dotson and Jewell Dean Schmitz and an infant son, Elbert Ray.



Dad retired from BASF Wyandotte Chemicals in Wyandotte, MI in 1974, where he worked as a millwright for about twenty three years. Although a shy and humble man many friends and co-workers knew him as a man of great strength, ability and faith who was always willing to share his generous spirit with anyone in need.

Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized at Little Ida Church in 1963. In 1965, he helped establish the Rose of Sharon Church and was a charter member. Soon after, he felt a calling to share the Word of the Lord and began preaching. In the fall of 1968 he was ordained at the Rose of Sharon Church.

After moving to Ohio in 1974, Sammy faithfully served the Lord as moderator or assistant moderator of several Old Regular Baptist Churches including: Little Tavie Church in Point Pleasant, WV; South Fork Church in Worthington, KY and Little Ettie Church in Beaver, OH. Until his recent passing, he was moderator at Little Pearl Church in Vinton, OH and at Little Flock Church in Ray, OH.

After a brief courtship, Sammy married the love of his life, Jewel Hamilton on October 3, 1953. They spent almost fifty five years in a loving partnership and were blessed with three sons: Elbert Ray Franks, who died in infancy, Dennis Lee Franks (Gail) of Stoutsville, OH, and Michael Joe Franks (Lori) of Grove City, OH. In addition, Sammy is survived by several grandchildren: Jason (Chris) Franks, Stacy Franks, Dennis "Lee" Franks, Jr., Zachary Franks, Nathan Franks and Edna Nicole "Nicki" Franks, as well as four step-grandsons: Grant, Matthew, Jeremy and Zachary Wilcoxon. Sam was also blessed with a great-grandson, Ashton Franks and two step great-granddaughters, Ellen and Gracie Gill and many nieces, nephews, and extended family to whom he was very special.

Dad was the type of father who led by example and always wanted more for his family than he had for himself. He had a great sense of humor, was very quick witted and often made light of himself for others' enjoyment. When we think of our father it is his unwavering faith, his smile, his humble attitude and his easy going demeanor that first come to mind.

Dad's peaceful demeanor, loving kindness and inspirational way of life will be sadly missed by not only his family, but also his many Brothers and Sisters in Christ and all who knew him. Dad always taught us that true strength and leadership come from denying our own desires and relying on the grace of the Lord to direct our lives. As dad would often say, "Boys, never forget where your strength and abilities come from." Those who knew Dad, realized where his strength came from. As we come to more fully understand the passage from Matthew 5 where it says, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted;" we better understand our dad's pain. We are thankful that he is now being comforted by Jesus. When there was conflict in the Church, Dad would seem to take it personally and pray for the Lord to restore peace. Dad so loved the Church, and his life was dedicated to keeping peace in the Church; it is our hope that others will heed the example that he set. Despite our faith, we naturally mourn and grieve our loss. We take comfort when we read in the Scriptures that even Jesus wept over the death of his friend, Lazarus. Dad was a great man of peace and patience, and a friend to many. We long for the reunion that we hope and pray will one day take place in Glory.

Respectfully submitted by  
His loving, grieving sons

## GARY ALLEN HOLBROOK

Gary was born August 10, 1946 and departed this life June 4, 2008. Gary was a Elder of the Old Regular Baptists Church as of 1993. Gary loved going to church and talking about the Lord to whomever that would listen. Gary's last few weeks on this earth reminds us of an old sonnet named Footprints. He was so very sick and so very confused as to all the changes that were taking place in his life so quickly and not accepting them very well. After almost ten years of taking sole responsibility of our Dad. (He did this to the best of his means and felt that now when Daddy needed him so badly that somehow he had failed.) We would like to remind everyone of the Footprints and dedicate it to Gary and his life in the following tribute.



One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him and the other to the Lord.

When the last scenes of his life flashed before him he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

This was the way Gary left this world content and seeing the light of home with open eyes and when ask by his brother-in-law "was he ready" and "was he making it?" He shook his head to indicate yes.

Gary has run his race to the best of his knowledge and we believe, after being with him at the time the Lord called him home, we feel that he made it and was happy on arrival.

## JACKSON AND LOVEADA HOLBROOK

It is with a heavy heart and a bittersweet attitude that I try to write the final tribute of my father and mother. Jackson E. Holbrook (Lovevada Tackett Holbrook) of Okeechobee, FL (previous places included in their journey, was Wyandotte, MI and Virgie, KY). Mother was the daughter of Elder Jonah Tackett (Daisy), (Elizabeth) of Virgie, Ky. She was born in 1923 and died in 1999. Her family all precedes her in death. Daddy was the son of John C. Holbrook (Elizabeth), (Cordilla). He was born in 1919 and died in 2008. He leaves three sisters of sixteen brothers and sisters.

Our parents were married in Virgie, KY in 1944 and remained so until my mothers calling in January, 1999. My parents loved the Lord and all their many Brothers and Sisters in Christ and at ever opportunity to share their love, they traveled many miles.



They stood firm on their teachings and beliefs and never failed to show it in their actions and speech. "The Lord is the way to Heaven and Peace."

Daddy was a WWII veteran who earned the bronze metal. Mother was a housewife and took her role seriously with all her tender care. To this union was born three children: Gary Holbrook of Okeechobee, FL, Brenda Allen of Okeechobee, FL and Jackie McCleese (Dean) of Vanceburg, KY. Their loving son Elder Gary preceded our father in death by three days in June of 2008, leaving their broken hearted daughters and sisters to grieve. A tremendous loss but yet a loving feeling of their tomorrows and home at last with no more pain nor strife in this place we call earth. The three of them have but to rise in that great day and celebrate with the Lord. We know the only way we can see them again, at their best, is to join the fight and cleanse our sins by way of the Son of God and through him a family we will remain and a bigger one attained forever and ever.

Our parents were baptized on the same day in 1951. Our father became a deacon in 1963. They had six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Our pain lessons with the knowledge and belief that all three are at the feet of our Lord.

### **I. G. JUDE**

Brother I.G. Jude was born March 7, 1937 to Elmer Jude and Becky (Jones) Jude. On September 5, 2008 at 12:42 a.m. God dispatched his band of angels to carry him home, making his time on earth seventy one and one half years. In many respects a short life but one that touched so many other people.

At a tender age of seventeen he was blessed to wed Laura Francis Scott, known to most simply as Pat. Though they had their differences they were blessed to have many wonderful years together. On June 29, 2008 they celebrated fifty four happy years together. To this blessed union was born seven children: Danny Jude married to Loberta of Louisa, KY, Diane married to James Sartin, Jr. of Tomahawk, KY, Dale Jude married to Johnnie of Pilgrim, KY, Della, who passed as a baby, Rick Jude of Tumwater, WA, Brian Jude married to Patricia of Berea, KY, and Ross Jude of Pilgrim, KY. From these children Papaw was blessed to see five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



He was preceded in death by: his mother; daddy; sister, Alice; adopted brother, Floyd; brother, Odius; brother, James; twin sister, Ida and daughter, Della. Along with his wife and children he is also survived by: his brother, Elder Albert Jude; sister, Emily Wilson and sister, Ruth Lowe.

Papaw started work at age twelve, times were tough and as a boy he was expected to work and earn money. Therefore, he left school and never learned to read and write. How he would desire to read the Bible later in life, but I believe this was God's way of drawing Papaw closer to the brethren. He started out brooding timber but after many years of labor in various jobs he found a home at Martin County Coal Company and was there until his health would not allow him to work anymore.

Papaw loved his family dearly but his great love was the Church. He along with my grandmother would travel long distances with loads of food to visit churches and hear the word of God. Papaw always wanted to be there early and many times he would arrive over an hour before anyone else from the church. He always told me that he didn't want to miss out on anything. After shedding many tears and traveling thousands of miles to hear the word, in 2002 Papaw finally realized that he needed a savior to rescue him from his sins.

On September 1, 2002 he was baptized into the New Hope Association of United Baptists and for four years he belonged to that association with my grandmother. But in 2006 God told him to go home to the Old Regular Baptists. On June 18, 2006, he joined the Old Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church. He was so happy and told me that he was finally at home with all the many friends that he had made in the Old Regular Church.

Papaw's love for the brethren could be felt wherever you saw him. When he wasn't in church he loved to call his brothers and sisters to talk about the glory of God and how much he loved Jesus. He would call to ask questions about scripture or to tell about the wonderful feeling that he felt after a good service. He always told me that he loved to go to hear the word because when he could feel that spirit he didn't worry about the pains in his body or the troubles of this world. He had a strong belief and never hesitated to tell you how he believed on the Bible but he always did it in a loving way. We will no longer get those calls from Papaw to talk about God or the glories of a blessed service. No longer will we see the smile on his face when his family would stop to visit. No longer will I take him to church two hours early so that we can sit and talk before every body else arrives. He has finally laid down his body of pain and suffering and gone to rest in the arms of Jesus. Peace and rest are his at last. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Written by Elder Wayne Sartin

### **LENA KIRK**

With sadness, precious memories, an abundance of love, and with the assistance of Lena's mother, Mabel, I will write the obituary of my best friend, sister-in-law, and sister in Christ.

Lena was born July 18, 1950, to Mabel and Charles Hall. Lena was married to Curtis Kirk and they have one son, Brandon Charles.

Lena was preceded in death by her dad, Charles Hall; two brothers, Larry and John David Hall and on sister, Brenda Springsteen. Lena is survived by her husband, son and mother.

Lena went to her mansion to be with God on January 5, 2008. She had a great love for everyone and had a kind heart. She loved her family and was very nurturing to her son. She was an outstanding daughter. She was constantly showering her mother with love and attention.

Lena helped her mother prepare many tasty meals after Church meeting on Sundays for the Church members or anyone else that would want to eat. Lena lived for the Lord and attended Church frequently, both Saturday and Sunday. She had been a member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church since November 22, 1986.

Lena is missed by us all, but we know she is in a better country now resting in the arms of Jesus.

Written by Sister Imogene Hall



## DIXIE LOWE

Dixie Lowe was born June 26, 1924 and died December 29, 2006. She is survived by son and daughter in law, Eddie and Paula Lowe. Grave side services were held January 1, 2007 at the Maynard cemetery with Roger Ford officiating. She was a member of the Pilgrims Home Church.



## BILL MAYNARD

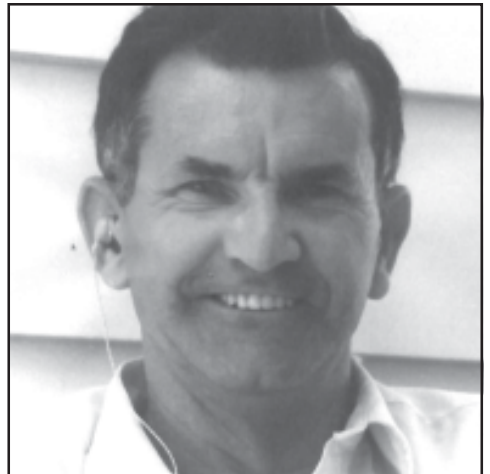
Bill Maynard was born March 10, 1921, in Martin County, KY and went home to be with the Lord, Sunday, March 25, 2007 at his home at Pilgrim, KY with his wife and children gathered round him. He was eighty six years old.

He was the son of the late Elijah and Virgie (Scott) Maynard. He was united in marriage to America Jude on January 31, 1940. To this union was born twelve children, twenty four grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Two children preceded him in death.

He is survived by his loving wife of sixty seven years, America Maynard; five sons: Cullen Maynard of Columbus, OH; Ersel Maynard of Fort Gay, WV; Hansel Maynard of Richmond, KY; George and Billy Maynard both of Pilgrim, KY; five daughters: Rosetta Harmon of Pilgrim, KY; Mattie Powers and Ruby Blackburn both of Columbus, OH; Grethel Ash of Inez, KY and Lois Wears of Pliny, WV; one brother, Robert Maynard of Pilgrim, KY; two sisters, Sarah Kirk of Inez, KY and Belle Smith of Delbarton, WV.

He was a retired coal miner and logger. He was a deacon in the Sidney Church of the Old Regular Baptist. He loved the Lord and enjoyed going to church. He was a faithful member until sickness made it impossible to attend.

He was a good husband and father. He taught his children many "Good" things that they won't forget. He is sadly missed at home by his wife and children. God saw that he was getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around him and whispered come with me. With tearful eyes, we watched him suffer and saw him fade away. Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating; hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best. You were the best Daddy! We love you and we won't forget.



Written by his daughter, Grethel Ash



## EUNICE MAYNARD

Eunice M. Maynard, 80 of Meta, KY died Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at her home. She was born in Pike County, KY September 30, 1925. She was the daughter of the late Mose and Stella Hunt. She was a member of the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tennis Maynard. She is survived by two sons, Virgil Maynard of Robinson Creek, KY and Clyde Maynard of Bent Branch, KY; three daughters: Emma Billiter, Shirley Bolden and Linda Justice, all of Meta, KY; one brother, Fred Hunt of Meta, KY; one sister, Imal Slone of Kimper, KY; fourteen grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 8, 2006 in the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church with Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Greg Stanley and Richard Staton officiating. Burial followed in the Maynard Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek, KY. Arrangements were under the direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon, KY. Visitation was in the funeral home chapel. The body was moved to the church at 10 a.m., Saturday to lie in state for one hour before funeral services.



## CLINTON MCCOY

It is with great sadness, we write the obituary of a dear husband, brother, uncle and friend. James Clinton McCoy was born May 6, 1924 to Pete and Pauline (Coon) Ratliff McCoy and passed away December 23, 2007, at Pikeville Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Thomas Jefferson (TJ.) McCoy; a brother, Russell Pete McCoy and a sister, Margaret McCoy.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife of sixty four years, Margie Mae Lowe McCoy; a sister, Bertha M. Blackburn; one niece, Diana (Daryl) Lowe; two nephews, Greg C.(Rebecca) Blackburn and Raleigh Pete (Bonnie) Blackburn; three great nephews; three great nieces and two great-great nieces. Also, a devoted sister-in-law, Edith Hanners and a host of friends.

He was a member of the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. We feel blessed to have had him all these years. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.



Written by:  
His family

## EDNA MARIE MCCOY

It is with much sadness and a very broken heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear sweet Granny, Edna Marie (Collins) McCoy. Granny entered into eternal peace on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville, KY, making her stay here on this earth, seventy five years, eight months and eleven days. She was born March 3, 1932 to the late Rebecca (Scott) Collins and the late Andy Jude. She was married to the late Money Richmond McCoy and to this union was born five children: Pearlie (Larry) Robinson, Ralph Jr. McCoy, both of Pilgrim, KY, Margaret (Ed) Mae Closkey of Marion, OH, Oscar (Bobbie Jo) McCoy of Blaine, KY and Zyndal McCoy who died at birth.



She was preceded in death by three brothers: Sheridan (Shird) Collins, Anthony Collins and Johnny Jude, eight sisters, Rosabelle Staton, Ruthie Collins, Nancy Collins, Charity Jude, Arnie Jude, Martha Jude, Florence Stacy and Rebecca Ferguson.

She is survived by one brother, Elijah Collins, and one sister, Dorothy Mae McCoy, nine grandchildren: Tim, Tarnara, Katrina, Lynette, Linda, Vina, Oscar, Billie and Matthew and thirteen great-grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Jacob, Tim Jr., Chad, Dustin, Jay, Steven, Robert, Matthew, Phillip, Aaron, Jessica, and Elizabeth, whom she loved very much, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Granny was a homemaker and a member of the Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized during memorial services the second Sunday in July, 1989. She loved that church and all its members very much. She loved going to church and listening to all the preaching and singing when her health permitted her to go. Her favorite time to go was when she could take communion with all her fellow brothers and sisters of the church. Granny never really had good health but when she was able to do things we always had a ball. I remember going four-wheeler riding and her climbing on the back laughing the whole time we rode. She loved it when we would go through water and climb hills, she would always say, "Let's do that again!" She not only loved to ride four-wheelers but she also loved to go fishing. I couldn't begin to tell you how many nights we would go sit on the bank at Johns Creek for hours at a time fishing, talking and just having a good time. To a lot of people she was known as my "Granny Clampett" and that she was to me. She was always ready, willing and raring to go when she was able. The years went by and so did her health; so we weren't able to go and do all the things we used to, but the memories I have I will hold near and dear to my heart forever.

We all know she's in a better place than what she was here on this earth having to suffer the way she did. There is not a day that goes by that we don't think about her and hope that when the phone rings that it will be her on the other end, but our loss is Heaven's gain. We love you, Granny, with all of our heart and souls and we miss you very much, but we shall meet again some day on Heaven's bright shore. God hath not promised skies always blue or flower strewn pathways all our lives through. God hath not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, or peace without pain. God hath promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, and light for the way. God hath promised grace for our trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, and undying love. God hath promised us all an eternal home in heaven above.

Written by your forever loving granddaughter,  
Katrina (Trina) Robinson Hale

## **RICHARD KENNETH MILLER**

Richard K. Miller, 76, of Miller, OH entered into eternal rest on April 2, 2008. He was born December 18, 1931 at Myra, WV. Richard was the son of the late John Lee Miller and Wynema Quentin Miller. Richard was a veteran and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He retired from the VA Medical Center in Huntington, WV.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter; Peyton Miller; a son-in-law, Dallas Bowen; three sisters: Ruby Jeffers, Pauline Grass and Kathleen Kingery and one brother, Robert L. Miller.

He is survived by two sisters, Mae Anthony of Greenwood, SC and Phyllis Ermalovich of Huntington, WV and one brother, Jack Reynolds of Hamlin, WV.

He was united in marriage to Betty Jean Mathis Miller on November 20, 1958, who survives. Richard is also survived by one daughter, Linda J. McLaughlin and her husband Jeff of Hillsboro, OH and two sons, Richard K. Miller, Jr. and wife Kim of Prichard, WV and John L. Miller and wife, Katherine of Huntington, WV. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren: Sara Catron; Jessica Hatfield; Joshua Wyrick; Kyle, Craig and Andrea McLaughlin; Cristana, Aimee, Randi and Scottie Miller; Danielle Miller; Taylor and Lindsey Brumfield and eight great grandchildren. Funeral Services were conducted at Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church in Wayne, WV where Richard was a member for thirty three years.

He is sadly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren. We are comforted in knowing he is resting under the altar of God and we shall meet him again in that Glorious Morning of the Resurrection.

Written by his wife, Betty J. Miller

## **WILLIS "BILL" PREECE**

Words cannot describe the anguish I feel in writing of the passing of our dad. Willis "Bill" Preece was born November 11, 1940 at home in Carcass Hollow on Wolf Creek, KY a place once known as McClure, in Martin County. He was sixty seven years old when he finally lost his battle with kidney cancer at home in the early morning of June 6, 2008. It was his third fight with cancer, after defeating it twice in the past year and a half.



He is survived by his wife of forty seven years, Nina Gail (Adams) Preece; son, Ricky (Mary)of Meathouse, KY; son, James Vernon (Carrie)of Columbus, OH and son Willis Daniel (Melania) of Elk Creek. He had three grandchildren: Melissa Dawn Harris of Prestonsburg, KY, Christopher A llen Preece of Lexington, KY and Jeffery Kyle Preece of Columbus, OH. He is also survived by his brothers: Rhodes Jasper ("R.J.") of Columbus, OH, Thomas Jefferson ("T.J.") of Louisa, KY and George Lotchie of Meathouse, KY and by his sisters; Tina Fields of Columbus, OH and Orgie Lou Howard of Wolf Creek, KY.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Harvey "Jeems" Preece and Zella Meade; by a sister, Lyda Mae; a brother, Stuart and two half-brothers, Harvey Fraley and Ezra Fraley.

Like most folks those days, dad grew up honest and hard working. He was never so happy as when he was busy. In the late 1950s he left for work in Columbus, OH where he stayed with a friend and married the girl next door. In 1973 homesickness got the better of him and he moved back home, bringing a wife and three young sons with him to Meathouse, KY, next to the Leannah Church. He worked in the coal mine for thirteen years before the last, and worst, of several serious injuries disabled him. For a former steel worker, tree trimmer and roof bolter, idleness was a burden on his mind. After years of feeling lost, he was found. Dad answered the call and, like his mother before him, joined the Leannah Church on December 1, 1996. He became a deacon on November 11, 2000.

His walk with Jesus lifted his spirits and filled his soul. His Faith took away his pains and gave him joy. All those aches and illnesses that plagued him for years no longer mattered so much. While he loved life very much, he said he was ready for what came after. With the mercy of the Lord, his suffering is now over and his soul rejoices in Heaven. He is in good company.

Our dad was a man who never judged, only guided. He practiced what he preached and was an example to all of us. His love for us showed in everything he did and we will miss him so very much. Dad, we love you and look forward to seeing you again.

Written by his son, Daniel Preece

### **ELKIE CATHERINE (MCGUIRE) ROBINETTE**

It is with a sad heart and with the help of the Lord that we write this obituary of our beloved mother, sister, sister-in-law and aunt, Elkie Catherine (McGuire) Robinette. She was born in Pike County, KY March 4, 1940 and departed this life on December 16, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center making her stay on this earth sixty seven years.

Catherine was the daughter of Forest and Effie (Williamson) McGuire, who preceded her in death; along with two sisters, Madgeline McGuire and Dolly Mae Robinson and one brother, Forest Leon McGuire.

Surviving are three brothers: Charles(Ella Jo)McGuire of Millers Creek, KY, Leslie(Gloretta)McGuire of Varney, KY and Ralph(Betty Jo)McGuire of Wellington, KY.

Catherine was married for forty six years to Reeford Robinette and to this union was born one son, Ricky Robinette. Reeford preceded her in death on August 6, 1996. She is survived by one son, Ricky Robinette (Sandra) of Varney, KY. Catherine is survived by two special brothers-in-law, Paul Robinette of Varney, KY and Raymond Robinette of Shelbiana, KY. She is also survived by two nieces, Penny Nichols and Raetta Colucci and four nephews: Neal McGuire, Brian McGuire, David McGuire and Chris McGuire. Catherine had six great nieces, three great nephews and a host of friends.

Catherine joined the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church November 13, 2007 and was baptized November 17, 2007. Her battle with cancer did not allow her to attend church as she wished, but those that were with her saw that she praised the Lord every day even until the end.



Catherine never ceased to let her family know how much she loved them and appreciated them. She will be sadly missed but we know she is enjoying a family reunion in Heaven.

Written by Catherine`s Family

### GRACIE COCHRAN SLONE

As I sit here today, I am trying to get enough strength to write an obituary of someone that was so close to me, my sister, Gracie. I have written many obituaries, but when it is family, it does not get any easier. This is about the eighth one I have written for a loved one.

Gracie Cochran Slone was born on February 27, 1920 in Pike County, KY at a place called Canada. She was the daughter of the late John H. and Octavie Stanley Cochran. At about the age of 17, she met and married William Herrion Donley and to this union, two children were born: Bonnie Donley and Patricia Donley. Her husband died at an early age of 23 of heart trouble, leaving Gracie with two little girls to raise. She had strength that most people would not understand. She



trusted in Jesus. She worked hard and pressed on. Later, she met and married Willie Mandrigues and from this union two children were born (one boy and one girl), Nancy Mandrigues Walls and Freddie Mandrigues. Again, tragedy struck as her husband, Bill as we all called him, died of a brain tumor leaving Gracie again with four small children to raise. She continued to work and later she married Jack Young. There were no children born from this union, but Jack had one young son, Blake and he was treated as one of her own children. I heard her say that she did her best not to make a difference between them.

Gracie was a very special woman. She showed so much love to others, especially to the children. She could always manage a smile. Then, Jack died of a heart attack. Later, Gracie married Rennie Slone, an older, sickly man, but her strength and devotion never wavered. She took good care of him until his death. Even though she and I were very close as sister and brother, I know there were many heartaches and tears I did not know about. It seemed her calling was to help someone or to wait on someone.

Then, she moved to Pt. Pleasant, WV, next door to me. She seemed so happy and there are so many precious, pleasant memories. For instance, I would be mowing the yards or the field and I would stop the mower and holler at her to get out here right now. When she came out, she would say, "What do you want now?", as if she was angry. I would tell her I wanted a big hug and she would act as if it was so much trouble. Oh God, I do miss her! When my wife made something special to eat, she would holler for Grace and bring it over to her. Gracie would call to ask when church was -- she was surely devoted to the church. Was she independent? Yes, she sure was. Was she stubborn? A little. Was she loving? She sure was. Was she perfect? Not quite, but her rating was high. I could write a book about this woman, but I know time and space will not permit it. So, I focused on the most important things.

On the first Sunday in April, 1949, she became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at a place called Dix Fork. She later moved her letter to a Church called Little Stone. When she moved to Pt. Pleasant, she brought her letter to the Little Tavie Church where she remained a faithful member until her death.

Many are left to mourn her passing, including her four children and their companions: Bonnie Donley, Patricia and Torn Douglas, Nancy and Rick Walls, Freddie and Neva Mandrigues.

Also, surviving are ten grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren and four step children: Blake Young, James Young, Dixie Williamson and Anna Jane Reed. Also, four brothers and one sister and their companions: Bill and Edna Cochran; Chester and Martha Cochran; Gene and Connie Cochran; Harold and Emma Jean Cochran; and Mary Magdalene and George Ed Smith. Sisters-in-law: Sally, Donna, and Geraldine Cochran.

Preceding her in death were: her dad and mother: John H. and Octavie Cochran; five brothers: Earl, Earnest, Julius, John, Jr. and Luther. Sisters-in-law: Eloise, Fay, Sela, Audrey and Vera.

So children, do not sorrow as others who have no hope. I believe if your mother could speak she would say don't weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children. Don't think that sickness or old age overcame her, but she overcame it all in Jesus. I hope to meet you all in a better world!

Uncle Bill,  
Elder William H. Cochran

### **ELON SMITH**

In the fall of 2005, Mom lost her appetite and was consistently tired. In April of 2006, she was diagnosed with advanced inoperable lung cancer. She was a real trooper while going through four months of radiation treatments. On September 29, 2006, she lost her courageous battle when pneumonia invaded her lungs.

Mom was born on December 13, 1926 to the late Ferrell and Bessie Francis Allen. On June 1, 1945, she married Kelsie Smith. Dad preceded her in death in June of 1990. They had five children.

Her surviving children are one daughter, Carolyn Hurlburt (Bill) of Hilton Head, SC; two sons, Mitchell Smith (Teresa) of Pikeville, KY and Johnny Smith of Varney, KY. She is also survived by four granddaughters: Kendra Tackett (Joey) of Lexington, KY, Rhonda Smith of Cynthiana, KY and Randi Starr Smith and Lisa Smith of Richmond, KY; two great grandchildren, Megan Roberts and Devan Justice; one sister, Hattie Peters (Bill) of Springfield, OH; and one daughter-in-law, Linda Smith (surviving spouse of Randall).

Her infant daughter, Linda Carol and son, Randall Smith, preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death was one sister, Lois Robinette and two brothers, George Thomas Allen and Donnie Allen.

She was a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Varney, KY. She enjoyed the fellowship with her many friends and family at the church and looked forward to coming back to visit. She was truly touched when she received a get well card signed by many members of the church. She prepared food when needed at the church and was always a willing hand in helping those grieving or in need. Her Christian beliefs and love for the Lord helped her through the hard times of life and certainly prepared her for her eternal home in Heaven.

In the early years, Mom did the bookkeeping for Dad in his logging business. She was a homemaker and a wonderful mother and grandmother. She loved to cook for us and her chicken and dumplings were the best. She once remarked that not being able to cook Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for her family was one of the hardest things to give up.



Her love for her family and friends was evident in all she did. Mom faithfully cared for her mother during her mother's extended illness. She was always there for us and will be dearly missed.

Mom's little smile was infectious and her great attitude during her illness was comforting to all of us. Her message to all of us was "love the Lord with all your heart and honor Him in all you do."

Written by daughter and son-in-law,  
Carolyn and Bill Hurlburt

### **SIMON STACY**

Simon Stacy, eighty four years old, of Hatfield, KY went to be with his Lord and Savior on June 5, 2008 at the Pikeville Medical Center. Dad was born April 1, 1924 and was the son of the late Isaac and Nellie Jane Stacy.

Dad first joined the United Baptist Church at Whitepost but when the church dissolved he became a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church on May 1, 2004.

Dad and Mom were married on March 17, 1943 making their years together sixty two when mom passed away on October 21, 2005.

Dad was preceded in death by his wife, Virgie Stacy; a son, Simpson Stacey; a daughter, Azzie Brooks; a grandchild, Margaret Stacy; two brothers, Wilburn and Albert Stacy and two sisters, Lucy and Betty Stacy.

Surviving are his sons: William, Thurman and Rush Stacy all of Hatfield, KY, Menifee and Donnie Stacy of Warfield, KY and daughters: Charity Evans of Genoa, WV, Spicie Machaiski of Huddy, KY and Armenda Stacy of the home. Dad has two brothers still surviving, Johnny and Stephen Stacy of Beauty, KY; two sisters, Rachael Jarvis of Blacklog, KY and Rebecca Jarvis of Wolf Creek, KY; twenty six grandchildren, twenty one great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Dad leaves behind a host of friends and family.

Dad enjoyed squirrel and deer hunting and loved the outdoors. Dad loved working in the garden and talking with anyone he met.

Visitation was at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Mary Elizabeth Baptist Church with nightly services at 7:00 p.m. The funeral was on Monday, June 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Church. Elders officiating were David Crigger, Lacy Walters and Dewey Jude. Burial followed at the Stacy Family Cemetery at Hatfield, KY. We put Dad beside his life long love, our Mom.

Serving as pallbearers were the grand children. Dad will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Written by Armenda Stacy



## JOANNA RAY WILLIAMSON

It is with great sadness that we attempt to write the obituary of our dear sister and aunt. JoAnna was born on March 27, 1932. She was the daughter of the late Joe Ray and Vada (Williamson) Ray Muncy of Varney, KY, making her stay here on earth seventy six years and one month.

JoAnna was married to Ralph Williamson for fifty eight years. She was baptized in August, 1982 and was a faithful member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church of Varney, KY. Preceding JoAnna in death is her infant son, Palmer; her beloved stepfather, Bascum Muncy, her brothers, James(Goldina) Ray and Emery Ray (Lillian) Muncy and her sisters: Maudie (Harold) Thompson, Luola (Tom) Young and Ruth Stepp.

JoAnna is survived by her husband, Ralph, one son, Ralph Thomas (Kim) and her grandchildren: Blake Thomas, Hollie Nicole, Dylan and Riley Palmer of Milan, MI. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Jay Dee (Evelyn)Muncy of Amesville, OH; Eddie (Janice) Muncy of Columbia, TN; Claude (Judy) Muncy and Freddie (Geraldine) Muncy of Varney, KY; Mildred (Floyd) Woodson of Berea, KY and Mary Lois (Hursell) Stevens of Sidney, KY. JoAnna also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.





**OBITUARIES**  
**of**  
**FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH**

**JOSEPH VIRGIL BURNIS**

I am writing the obituary of a dear friend, Joseph Virgil Burns. He was a kind and joyful man with a loving heart and we miss him dearly. He was sixty six years old when he passed away on November 6, 2007 at his home.

He was born on September 8, 1941 in Pike County, KY. He was the son of the late Bud and Mary Burns. His wife Linda Chaffins Burns also preceded him in death. He was preceded in death by three sisters: Lakey Robinette, Maxine Young, and Luna Bevins all from Hatfield, KY.

He was a former coal truck driver and served in the military in the United States Army and he was baptized and belonged to the Bells of Joy Church and a friend to the church.

He left behind two sons, Joseph Gregory Burns of Flushing, MI and Mitchell Burns of Kincheloe, MI. He left behind one grandchild, Brandon Thomas Burns. He was survived by one sister, Hattie Bevins of Hatfield, KY.

We loved him dearly and he was a friend I will always remember. I thank God for letting me have those special times with him. We will miss him very much he was much loved by everyone.

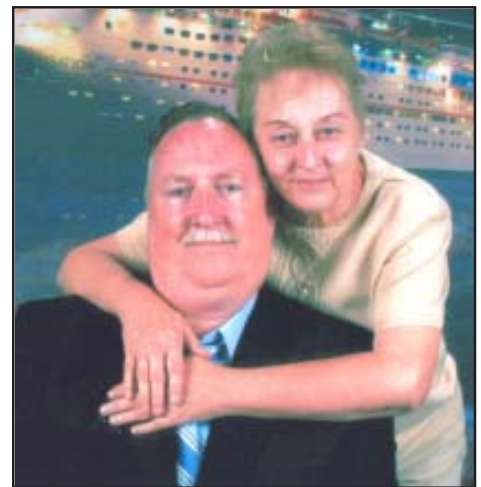
Written by the family of Ronnie Walters

**NORMAN STANLEY CROSSLEY, SR.**

With help from the Lord I will attempt to write the obituary for my Dad. Dad and Mom were house-sitting for me at my home while Kia and I went out of town for the weekend, never imaging that would be that last time I would see or talk to him.

Dad was called home early in the morning on August 23, 2008. I have all confidence he is in the hands of a merciful God, O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory! Corinthians 15:55.

Dad was born in Chicago, IL on February 20, 1947 to George and Verna Crossley. Dad and Mom married May 12, 1966 and from this union five kids were born: Scott (Linda) Crossley, Norman Crossley, Jr., Jimmy (Linda) Crossley, Patty (Kevin) Crossley-Cobb and Brian (Nakia) Crossley. Dad was also blessed to have three grandchildren: Cody and Christa Crossley and Dylan Cobb. Dad also has five step grandchildren: Billy, Christina, Natalie, Lee and Faith and many nieces and nephews who loved him very much.



Dad was preceded in death by his mother Verna; sister, Verna-May and step mother, Ann. Dad was a over the road truck driver and loved to see the beauty of Gods creation while he traveled the country, he was disabled most of my life. He always wanted to go back out on the road, even though he was not able to work, it did not stop him from spending time and enjoying life with mom, his kids and grandchildren. Dad always had a smile on his face, last year we were blessed to be able to go on a cruise to celebrate Kia's thirtieth birthday. Dad was like a little kid in a candy store; he had a wonderful time and could not wait to go again. Dad lived a full and happy life.

When Kia and I were married at the Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church ten years ago, Dad stood next to me as my best man. On Thursday August 28, 2008 I stood over Dad to read his obituary and all of his boys carried him to the cemetery behind the church. I have comfort in knowing that we can one day see him again. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28.

He would not want to come back to this cruel world; I know its not good bye, its just see you later. Dad was a man of honor, he didn't always tell us he loved us but we knew it. Dad loved to work with wood and make all kinds of things; he would rather make it for someone and give it to them than sell it. He never really thought his work was good enough to sell....many people thought it was beautiful.

Dad raised us boys to have dignity, honesty and trustworthiness. Dad also lived a life in front of us as an example of how to treat our wives and raise our children. We may not have had everything in the world while growing up, but I know the memories we have we can hold near to our hearts. Pray for us! And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. Isaiah 35:8

Written with Love and Admiration,  
Brother Brian and Sister Nakia Crossley

### **ERNESTINE GILLISPIE**

With great sadness in my heart and the help of my loved ones I am going to try to write the obituary of my dear aunt, Ernestine. She went to rest January 12, 2008 at 8:25 a.m. at the Pikeville Health Care Center after a prolonged illness.

She was retired from the Pike County Board of Education. Ernestine was born in Meta, KY November 29, 1946. She was the daughter of James E. Gillispie and the late Alice Ray Gillispie. Besides her father, she is survived by one brother, James T (Joyce) Gillispie; one niece, Lisa Marie (Steven) Daniels; one nephew, James Michael Gillispie; two great nephews, Zachary Tyler May and Mathew Sterling Daniels and two great nieces, Alicen Marie May and Madison Hope Gillispie. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and a host of family and friends.

Ernestine will be greatly missed by us all.



Written by: Her niece, Lisa Dani

## WADE HENSLEY

I will try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary of Wade Hensley, the son of Colbart and Maxie Francis Hensley. Wade was born May 31, 1931. The Bible says a man that is born of a woman is a few days and full of trouble, he comes forth like a flower and is cut down and continueth not, the scripture was never more truer than in the life of Wade Hensley.

Sometimes we judge or misjudge too quickly or too harsh, but it is no new thing. When Samual went to the house of Jesse to anoint a king, the first one he saw, he said, surely this is the one to be anointed, but God spoke to him and said you are looking on the outside, I look on the inside. So, lets try to look on the inside of Wade Hensley's life.



Wade was born in a large family. At the age of fourteen the home place caught fire and Wade was left to get the sibilings out. Though he helped most, four burned to death while Wade watched helplessly. No doubt it left hurt inside of him, wondering if he could have done more, and wondering why. Then later in life he entered the military service at a young age and married the love of his life, a neighborhood girl named, Kosetta Varney and to this union five children were born, three girls and two boys. By this time I guess Wade began to think things were working out good, then his youngest son was killed in the mines. No doubt this was hard to accept. I have never lost a son, I can only imagine. Then a little later on his other son was killed in an automobile accident. So here comes hurt again. Then a little later on his son-in-law, that he loved like a son, was drowned. It seemed like heartache followed this man. Then a little later on his wife was diagnosed with cancer, then a little later on he was diagnosed with the same disease. So don't you think he should be a little angry or act real quite at times? But according to his own words and his own vision he saw you could not fight life, you just have to accept it, and the only cure for heartaches is to go where it cannot come so he made a confession to some of the brothers that he felt the Lord had forgiven him. So if he took refuge in Christ, had obtained that hope his trials and heartaches are over.

Wade leaves behind to morn his passing, his wife, Kosetta Hensley; daughters, Connie (Eugene) Cochran, Francis (Patrick) Brison and Maxie (Floyd) Anderson; sisters: Katheryn Blinton, Opal (Ed) Mann, Joyce (Tom) SESCO, Linda (Virgil) Hall, Ella (Joe) Hall and brothers: George (Brenda) Hensley, Jack (Peggy) Hensley, Ed (Libby) Hensley and Bud Hensley.

Preceding him in death are two sons, Estil Ferrill Hensley and Wade Jr. Hensley; son-in-law , Donald Hinkle; two brothers, Holbart, Jr. and Cecil Hensley; sisters: Janice Louise, Goldie, Viney and Billy Marina. He also leaves behind eleven grandchildren: Pam Swain, Michael Stanley, Peggy Cole, Chrystal Wallace, Kenny Hensley, James Hensley, Matthew Hensley, Nichol as Anderson, Steven Anderson, Samantha Anderson and Kayla Hall and eight great grandchildren.

Written by: Elder William H. Cochran

## MARGARET MAYNARD

Even though our hearts are broken, it is with the fondest memories that we write the obituary of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Margaret (Rutherford) Maynard was born on January 19, 1946, the daughter of Polly (Rutherford) Kimberlain and Bud Rutherford. She made her heavenly departure on June 18, 2008. This would have been sixty two years that the Lord blessed us to keep her.

On February 21, 1964, Margaret married the love of her life, Paul Maynard. To this union they were blessed with two sons, Paul Lester Maynard and Micheal "Bo" Maynard, as well as a daughter, Paula Ann.

She was preceded in death by her biological parents, Polly Kimberlain and Bud Rutherford as well as her stepfather, Henry Kimberlain and one sister, Juanita May.

Left to mourn her passing are: husband, Paul Maynard; sons, Paul (Lisa) Maynard and Bo (Deana) Maynard; a daughter, Paula (Joey) May; brother, Dot Lee Rutherford; sister, Melissa Bridgeman; and five grandchildren who are: LaTasha and Tyler Williamson along with Haley, Austin and Cheyenne Maynard.

As the "preacher" said, "Let us not dwell on the sad times but lift her up and remember the good times". Memories are what makes a family, pleasant as well as unpleasant. The pleasant memories with Margaret were abundant and are what fill most everyone's heart who knew her. Probably what the majority of anyone who knew her would say is that she always had a nickname for everyone. Big Paul or "Daddy" as she always called him remembers most how she loved the church and her children as well as grandchildren. Each of the grandchildren has received a special nickname that has always stuck with them from the oldest to the youngest. Tasha has always been La La; Bubby Tyler she called Tiger Joe; Haley, she would call Paulette or Haley Bug followed by Austin being known as Little Bo and the baby Cheyenne as Little Indian.

A few other things that anyone that knew her would know that Margaret loved Elvis Presley and as you can see today by her clothes, many of the flowers present, even her wish on how for us to dress today is that she loved the color red. The color red is a great expression of the life she lived; vibrant and full of energy. She was like a fire that couldn't be put out.

Margaret was always a woman of many words. She would always speak her mind. She never missed a ball game when her kids were younger and you can bet she was the loudest fan in the stands. Many times the boys would say that she could be heard on the field. But that's what made her MOM.

Paul Lester or "Bubby" as she called him can recall his fondest memories as the many years she drove all the neighborhood boys to ball games with no license and how when his dad was at work she would walk him all the way to Johns Creek to the ball field just so he wouldn't have to miss a game. And neither did she, ever miss a game. "Bo" as she would always call her youngest son remembers mom as being self-less. She never thought of herself and many times did without so we could have what she thought we needed or wanted. To him, she was the most giving person and seemed to have eyes in the back of her head because even though he was hundreds of miles away, she always knew when something was wrong. This motherly intuition gave Bo comfort in knowing she would always pray for his family.

Her only daughter Paula or "Sissy" as she called her says mom would always introduce her as "her baby who has two babies."



To Paula, her mom always had a funny story to tell on everyone such as how she came up with the nickname of "Hog Head" for her son-in-law, Joey. Margaret was the type of person who if she thought it, she said it. Such as her last time in the Harley store when she told all the girls they were getting a little fat.

Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She loved each and every one of them. Tasha recalls all the times she would pick them up from school and take them on shopping trips. Also, she remembers the good times helping ma maw clean house and their special trips to the Mexican restaurant where they shared many special secrets. In closing, Margaret Maynard was a woman of many words. She was beloved to all that knew her and she was always will be our fondest memories.

Written by her family

### **CONDAR LEE ROBINETTE**

On August 17, 2008 the Lord called home a wonderful son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him.

Condar Lee Robinette was born on January 21, 1957 to Lucy (Young)Robinette and the late Roland Robinette. He had an older sister, Bertha Jean(Danny) Reed, one younger, sister, Linda (Roger) May and one younger brother, Ronald (Priscilla) Robinette.

On June 14, 1975 Condar married the love of his life, Belinda Jean (Hinide) Robinette. Together they had two wonderful children, Jennifer Lynn (Brian) Rollins and Joshua Lee (Bethel) Robinette. Condar took great pride in his family and had five granddaughters in whom his world revolved: Shyla Nicole Rollins, Aleah Summer Rollins, Alyssa Faith Robinette, Isabella Grace Robinette and Rebecca Hope Robinette.



Together, Condar and Belinda were baptized and took membership at Canada Freewill Baptist Church on October 23, 2005. Condar loved his church and his church family dearly. All who knew Condar knew that he loved to sing. No one will ever forget his favorite hymn, #134, "I'll Have A New Life." He loved to sing to anyone, any where, at anytime. No matter how bad he felt or how tired he may have been, he ALWAYS felt like singing!

Condar worked as a heavy equipment operator for many years. He later worked as a self employed coal truck driver until he retired in 1995 due to illness. Condar worked hard at everything that he did. No matter what the task was he gave it his all and took pride in his work.

Although our lives will never be the same without him, we know that we will get to be with him again in Heaven where we will be able to sing with him forevermore.

Written By:  
Bethel Robinette (daughter-in-law) and  
Jennifer Rollins (daughter)

## FREELON TAYLOR

Freelon Taylor was born near Threeforks, KY on January 24, 1926 and passed away on December 28, 2007 in Lawrence County, KY.

He was the son of Will Taylor and Cordellia Jude Taylor. He grew up in the head of Peter Cave area. Times were hard for everyone when he was growing up as the "Great Depression" of the 1930's had the nation in it's grip.

When Freelon grew up, he married Gracie Jude, who was a daughter of Meg and Ambrose Jude. To this union was born two daughters; Gladys and Lois and five sons: Vadis, Lonnie, Freelon, Jr., McKinley and Cecil.

Freelon and his family lived on Meathouse until about the early 1970's. Freelon and Gracie had attended the Leannah Church for a number of years. They then moved to an area of Lawrence County towards Yatesville, KY.

The oldest son, Vadis passed away in 1995 and was brought back to the Annie Church on Wolf Creek. Gracie passed away in 2005 and was brought back to the Leannah Church and was laid to rest on the Muncy Cemetery where other family members were buried. Freelon and Gracie had returned for Church Services on the Muncy Cemetery as long as they were able to do so.

In addition to Vadis and Gracie, Freelon was preceded in death by his parents and also by a brother, Tom Jude and two sisters, Alpha Adams and Pearlie Hill.

He is survived by six children as well as one sister, Versie Muncy of Lovely, KY and a number of grand children.

Written By: Elder Homer Muncy

With help from Versie & Madge Muncy



## ARCHIE DANIEL "ALDEN" WILLIAMSON

Alden wasn't really in his name - was never put on his birth certificate. It should have been, since we always called him that. Papa Caudell had an ancestor with the name "Alden" and he wanted Archie to be named Alden, so we just put it in ourselves. Archie was born to Elder Jonah Ester Williamson and Stella Ray Williamson, one of ten children. All the rest of us were rough and tough, but Arch from the time he was a little boy had such a sweet nature - it was as if he was just born with a certain innocence. The rest of us thought nothing of fighting with each other and other people for that matter if we felt we had to.

When Bobby and Billy were little boys they could really get into knock-down, drag out fights, but I don't think any of us can remember fighting with Arch. Well, with the exception of that one time I had just mopped the floor and I told him to not walk across it, but being a little boy, he did. I hit him over the head with the mop and he hit the floor and passed out cold.



When Arch came to, I was crying and begging him to forgive me and told him he could hit me if he wanted to- so he did -knocked the souce out of me! I was actually kind of proud of him. But you really couldn't call that a fight.

Growing up with Archie was a lifetime of laughing, smiles and such great kindness. He was one in a million to all of us from the time he was little, it seemed we did the fighting for him. Me, in grade school, when Arch was made to stay in recess after recess because he didn't have his homework. And every day like a good little boy, he would sit there while we were all outside playing until one day I decided enough was enough. So, I just marched myself inside and confronted his teacher and took his hand and said, "He is not staying inside another day"! The amazing thing is she never said a word.

Billy taking on a bully in high school who had been tormenting Archie. I think he might have put that kid in the hospital! Me again, taking on the bus driver when he threw Archie off the bus for singing a "little ditty" to some girl on the bus. Arch was just trying to fit in and he meant no harm and I knew that. But he and I both ended up getting expelled by Mr. Dotson.

Archie was such an easy target and so many times Billy and I would jump in and try to protect him. He was our sweet little brother and we didn't want anyone messing with him. But, there came a time when we had to step aside and allow him to fight his own battles. He got a little tougher and the world left its mark on him, but Arch somehow managed to retain that sweetness of spirit. Daddy always taught us to not be a respecter of people, meaning that God did not want us to treat anyone different. And no one did this better than Archie. There are probably only a few homes of the old timers that Archie hasn't spent a night with or at least eaten a meal at their homes. But from the time he was a little boy, he had special people that he would visit and eat with. He spent many nights and ate many meals with Effie and Frosty McGuire, as well as Vida and Johnny P. Gibson - he just loved being with them. When Daddy was so sick and in the hospital, unable to take care of his personal needs, Arch was right there. Daddy said he didn't think any of the rest of us would have taken as good a care as Archie did.

Anyone that knew Archie knew that he had problems. Like the rest of us, he wasn't perfect. I think this world was just a little too harsh for him sometimes. I do know this about our Brother, he didn't have a problem loving people and he knew how to be a good friend. He had some wonderful friends that were there for him - good times and bad. He knew that he could count on them. I'm so very thankful that God put each of you in Archie's life and gave his life such purpose and meaning. Mom was so concerned about Arch. Just weeks before her death she told us girls to lookout for Archie, because she knew he was not well. Shar, Bea, Ella, Shelia, Bobby and Billy would all try to look out for him without infringing on his life and his privacy. They took him meals, and just sat and talked with him. But I know that each of us are going to feel that we let him down and that we could have done more. John and I had distance and time that separated us from Arch and I know that we will feel that we failed Mom and Arch. But we have to realize one thing - we none failed when it came to loving him. He was our sweet, sweet brother and the hole that is left cannot be filled and we recognize that he was THE BEST OF US!!

Shelia and I called on your birthday Arch thinking we were calling way too late, but we both decided that was okay, because you had called us many times in the middle of the night - maybe just to sing an old time song. You were so thrilled that we called and told us about what you had done, about seeing your brothers and sisters. You sounded like you had a special day - you were just so incredibly sweet, telling us that you loved us and then saying, "You know I love Everybody".

Arch, we are not going to say goodbye, we are just going to say what you always said to us: "Be Purty". Short passage of Bea and Shelia. Just a short passage of our brother's life: Archie Daniel Alden Williamson. Arch was born on June 1, 1949, to Jonah Ester and Stella Ray Williamson. Our talks are over, Arch. No more will we talk to one another on the phone whether you were home or calling me from your cell. No more will I bring you supper, a steak for your birthday dinner. No more will we trade out Ralph Stanley CDs or old time tapes where we would listen to the Great Speckled Bird and Hug Me Closer Closer Mother. Remember how you loved those Terry Gibson songs! No more will we sit on your porch or mine, me you and Clayton and laugh so hard at each other. That's what I will forever remember, your laughter and your sweet ways, your kind, loving heart. I will keep on blowing at you as we pass by Moms and yes, no more will we tell each other of our fears and of the things that hurt us in this world. Down through the years, you were not only my brother, but my best friend. Rest in peace in God's arms, Dear Brother, Dear Arch. WE'LL LOVE YOU FOREVER

Written by Anna Sue: Letter to Archie



**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, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant 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 baptized by immersion of a legal administrator of the Gospel and ordained coming 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 2008**

**MT. PLEASANT:** Lacy Walters, Dewey Blackburn, Frankie Scott  
**APPLE ORCHARD:** Paul Maynard, Paul Walters, Randall Scott  
**ENON:** Marlin Blair, Richard Staton, James Spencer  
**BENT BRANCH:** Dean Lowe, Ray Blackburn, Michael Lowe  
**BIG BRANCH:** Gene Blackburn, Mitchell Robinson, Donald Preece  
**MARY ELIZABETH:** J. D. Walters, Thurman Stacy, George Edminston  
**BETHANY:** Arthur May, Monty Messer, Eugene Lackey  
**PILGRIMS HOME:** Vernel Sesco, Les McGuire, Bill Church  
**SALEM :** Willis Fletcher, Jr., Alonzo White, Stephen Johnson  
**SIDNEY:** Butler Fletcher, Eugene Moore, Virgil Fletcher  
**DIX FORK:** David Crigger, Walter Bogar, Daniel Stanley  
**NARROWS BRANCH:** Greg Scott, Bobby Scott, Jr., Rosco Williamson  
**LEANNAH:** Larry Robinson, Hayes Robinson, Billy Joe Robinson  
**BUCK CREEK:** Lacy Fletcher, Todd Dials, Vadis Blackburn  
**TABITHA:** Rex Napier, John Henry Hensley, Alex Hensley  
**LITTLE ROSIE:** Steve White, Harvey White, Timmy Robinson  
**TURKEY CREEK:** Harold Blackburn, Albert Smith, Cecil Thomas  
**SAMARIA:** Bernard Aldridge, Randy Lackey, George Lackey  
**ROSA:** Charles Paynter, Charles Testerman, Freddie Cline  
**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury, Leon Robinson  
**SOUTHERN HOME:** Richard Lowe, Cecil Farley, Charles Jarrell  
**PILGRIMS REST:** Foster Blackburn, Lee Roy Stanley, Reford Billinger  
**OKEECHOBEE:** Randy Gilman  
**ELIZABETH:** Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe, James Lowe  
**LITTLE TAVIE:** Chester Cochran, Buster Hall, Lester Cochran  
**CHARITY:** Paul Barney, Johnny Adair, Jr, Roy Haden  
**ANTIOCH:** Arthur Mathis, Clarence Mathis, Billy Howard

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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						1		13	2	July
Apple Orchard	11:00/11:00	Leon Robinson	Billy Joe Robinson	100	200							1	31	1	June
Enon	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Hobart Hamilton	75	200								8	1	June
Bent Branch	10:00/10:00	Billy Williamson	Dale Williamson	200	500	1							31	3	August
Big Branch	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Danny Runyon	100	200						1		23	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	11:00/11:00	David Crigger	Lacy Walters	100	250						1		26	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	10					3	1	106	4	August
Salem	11:00/11:00	Elbert SESCO	Bobby SESCO, Sr.	100	200						1		61	1	May
Sidney	2:00/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Butler Fletcher	100	250								36	4	June
Dix Fork	11:00/11:00	David Crigger	Lacy Walters	150	300	2	2				1		33	1	July
Narrows Branch	11:00/11:00	Bobby Scott, Sr.	Lacy Walters	100	175						1		24	4	July
Leannah	10:30/10:30	Billy J. Robinson	Paul Maynard	100	200						1	3	25	2	July
Buck Creek	10:30/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Wayne Herald, Jr.	125	250								25	3	June
Tabitha	2:30/11:00	Rex Napier	Albert Cable	100	200								19	1	August
Little Rosie	11:00/11:00	Wayne Herald, Jr.	Thomas J. Dials	40	90								11	2	April
Turkey Creek	11:00/11:00	Hobart Hamilton	Richard Staton	150	300	3					1		52	2	May
Samarina	11:00/11:00	Larry R. May	Arthur May	75	175						1		37	1	July
Rosa	10:30/10:30	Hobart Hamilton	Gary Young	100	200						1		28	3	August
Little Virgie	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Leon Robinson	75	150	2							9	4	June
Southern Home	10:30/10:30	William Adair, Sr.	Richard Lowe	175	350	4					2		71	1	April
Pilgrims Rest	10:30/10:30	Billy Williamson	Gary Young	75	225								12	2	June
Okeechobee	4:00/10:00	Stanley Campbell	Randy Gilman	50	50								9	4	April
Elizabeth	10:30/10:30	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	Ben Scott	100	150							3	15	1	June
Little Tavie	10:30/10:30	W. H. Cochran	Chester Cochran	100	125						1		15	2	July
Charity	5:30/10:30	Charles Jarrell	Paul Bamey	25	50	1							6	3	October
Antioch	7:00/10:30	Clarence Mathis	Billy Howard	75	150						1	3	15	4	August
		TOTALS		2840	5915	24	2				18	11	788		