

**MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH
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 9, 10, and 11, 2016**

**Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator
Elder Hobart Hamilton - Assistant Moderator
Brother Archie Prince - Clerk
Elder Edward Lee Smith - Assistant Clerk
Elder Todd J. Dials - 2nd Assistant Clerk**

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THE DAY IS PAST AND GONE

*The day is past and gone,
The evening shades appear,
Oh, may we all remember well,
The night of death is near.*

*We lay our garments by,
Upon our beds to rest,
So death will soon disrobe us all,
Of what we here possess.*

*Lord keep us safe this night,
Secure from all our fears,
May angels guard us while we sleep,
Till morning light appears.*

*And if we early rise,
And view the unwearied sun,
May we set out to win the prize,
And after Glory run.*

*And when our days are past,
And we from time remove,
Oh may we in Thy bosom rest,
The Bosom of thy love.*

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FRIDAY
September 9, 2016

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 and co-host Churches: Apple Orchard, Turkey Creek, Dix Fork and Little Tavie, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2016.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said, what a glorious morning that will be when he takes our soul home. I believe in a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. If you have a hope that is not Jesus Christ, you better get rid of it. Welcome to the Sardis Association. We are glad and thankful to see another year. I am thankful we can get together and worship him. This is a three day worship service. Give him a little time and worship him. I feel the spirit of God. I hope he continues to bless us and hold us up. We love you. We are so sorry that several of our members have passed away. Remember the family of Elder Bill Cochran.

Elder Chester Cochran, having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory Sermon, could not be here because of the funeral of his natural brother, Elder Bill Cochran. Our tradition is that the moderator of the host church open this service but, since he was unable to be here, the assistant moderator, Elder Danny Runyon, came to the stand to preach the opening of the service.

He proceeded as follows: As I watched the older brothers come in it brought back memories. I thought about old Brother Woody Pack. You don't forget about those old brothers who treat you like a son. I want to sit down with Jesus one day. I want to see the one who came to my rescue. I didn't know much but I wanted Jesus to come down in my life. I didn't know anyone to tell my condition, I was a sinner. We are all equal in the sight of God. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Jesus don't care where you live or what you have done. Jesus stands with outstretched arms. Jesus is the anchor of your soul. Jesus said, me and my father will come in and take up our abode and go no more out. This man Jesus has got all power in Heaven and earth. Jesus holds these old brothers up.

Jesus has giving them the strength to be here. Some wonder what makes a brother get up and go. First seek ye the kingdom and you shall find it. Don't let life pass you by before you have a little talk with Jesus. I have found him to be the easiest man I have ever talked to. I am thankful to be here. Be good to one another and try not to hurt one another. There is no better time to make peace with Jesus.

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. led in prayer.

Elder Harold Sesco came to preach the Introductory Sermon stating: I hope you will pray. I know I can do nothing without him. I am glad I have him to trust in. I met a man years ago who is never too busy to listen. My desire is that I might say words that would cause someone to repent. I love to climb that ladder that Jacob climbed. I am not in this for money. I want to say something to draw people to the Lord. If people will come to him with a broken heart and contrite spirit he will hear them. He said, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. I tell men and women if they miss out on Heaven it will be their own fault. Jesus said, come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved. I love men and women, but I don't like the way they live. The kingdom don't come by observation, but dwells in our heart. We need to preach what we believe. I believe he will gather us all one day. We need to be good to one another. We need to be good to men and women. I want to be in peace with him. He is the rock in a worried land and a shelter in the time of storm. I am glad that the call went out. When he died on the cross it broke down the middle wall of partition, some of his blood flowed to the former sea and some to the hinder sea.

Every good and perfect gift comes down from God out of Heaven. Jesus said I am the bread that comes down from Heaven. If we hunger for righteousness we shall be saved. Bless the Lord, how good he is. I am glad I met this man, he is the lily of the valley, the bright and morning star. I am glad I met him, he will go with us to the end of the world. Our children may become sinners, but we believe they will remember how they were raised. I believe there are God's people everywhere. God's spirit will visit people everywhere teaching them. Jesus told Peter upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. It has been tried by fire, in the lion's den and out on the sea. He said I an alpha, I am omega, I am the beginning and the end. He has all power in Heaven and on earth. Without God I can do nothing. Glory to the Lord. Today, the Lord knows all about us. He knows when the end is going to come. I believe we are close to the end. The devil is a deceiver today. God is not mocked. Seek the building not made with man's hands but the one that is made by God. I believe when the Lord comes by we can see a little clearer. A prophet said even when I feel good, evil is present. If the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead be in you it will quicken your mortal body, we will put on immortality. We will have a body that looks like him. Sometimes it is hard to quit preaching. We won't need no preacher when we get over there. Pray to the father and he will send you another comforter. We may have a lot of sorrow, but in that morning our sorrow will be turned to joy. I want to see Jesus. He will come by to men and women if they want him to.

I believe we can have a little talk with the Lord. First seek ye the kingdom of Heaven and all these things will be added to you. The Lord will gather us all together on a cloud of glory. To get to Heaven men and women must believe in Jesus. He is the way, truth and life. All things you need will be added to you.

Elder John Paul Hamilton led in prayer.

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 Arnold Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Gary Blevins, Philadelphia Association
Elder Steve Baker, Old Friendship Association
Elder Roger Coleman, Union Association
Elder Ray 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 Tom called upon Elder Phillip Estep, to open the Service.

Brother Phillip came forth and said I need your prayers and need God's help. I am thankful to be counted as one in your presence. While sitting there one word came to me, obedience. A Prophet said, obedience is better than sacrifice. It takes the Lord to bless me and guide me. I obeyed the Lord this morning. I feel we can see some things. The question was asked, how long has there been a church? A people obeyed the Lord in Adam's day. Adam obeyed God and it pleased God. Let's move out and obey the Lord today. If you have hope you can feel it on the inside. I was out in the woods yesterday. My wife told me I looked different today. I worked as a farmer yesterday. I do the work of the Lord today. Don't expect silver and gold, but a blessing of the Lord. You can see the fruits on the outside. There was a man called Noah. God had given up on this world. There was violence in the land. God did something about it. Don't look to the preacher today.

The church is a home for the saved today. You can't worship the Lord with musical instruments. I have been made to sing in my heart today. Noah found grace in God's eye and obeyed God. Noah made the ark out of gopher wood. He did not mix different kinds of wood. Today we do not mix and mingle with the world. We are a holy nation, separate from the world. Noah obeyed the Lord and was blessed. Let's get back to the still voice on the inside, it will lead you and guide you.

Another people obeyed the Lord. In those days came John the Baptist preaching repent ye for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. A people separated from the church of England and came here. God has his eyes on sinner men and sinner women. You must become separate from all these other religions. Thanks be to God. I began forty six years ago and am still here. When people are buried their eyes are toward the eastern skies. All in the graves will hear his voice and come forth. Jesus separated himself from the Sadducees and Pharisees. Jesus went to show the death, burial and resurrection. The one way to come back is to believe in Jesus. The salvation that I believe in will keep you.

Brother Phillip led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said, I am glad to hear the introduction. We must be obedient to the law on the inside of us.

(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
Brother Ron Hamilton

(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, all Letters were received, the delegates were seated and the Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$4,730.00 received from the Churches 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 Arthur Short, Old Friendship Association
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed it's 2016 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and, by regular move and second, the report of the Committee of Tellers was accepted and the Committee was discharged:

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

The Moderator, Elder Thomas J Dials, announced that this work having been completed the Sardis Association is seated and is now in working order.

(9) At this time the clerks requested the help of Elder Todd Dials with the clerk's duties. By regular move and second Elder Todd Dials was appointed to serve as an Assistant Clerk for the year 2016.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association
Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder Northern Gayle Brown, New Salem Association
Elder Earl Dean Yates, Union Association
Elder Ralph Cloud, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder A. B. Thacker, Union Association

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

Elder Harold Sesco
Elder Richard Staton

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

(13) The Moderator called for the Letters from our Corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters and attached correspondence 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, Garry Varney, John Bill Sanders, Bill Elkins, Carson Wright, Sherd Mullins, Terry Hall, Roger Coleman, Estill Hamilton, Ted DePriest, Jimmy Potter, Jr., Eddie Lane, Earl Dean Yates, Bobby Robinson, Jimmy Stacy, Jerry Overstreet, A. B. Thacker, Mike Johnson, Ralph Clevenger, Bill Owens, Toy Looney, Roy Looney, Lance Looney, Gobel Burke, Herman West, Harold Smallwood, Danny Robinette, Lloyd Brown, Russell Cole, Chester Allen, Paul Huffman, Douglas Stacy, Fitch Reed, Tommy Blackburn and Robert Osborne. Letter in the hands of Bill Owens.

**LETTER OF CONDOLENCES TO OUR SISTER
THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION
FROM THE 2015 UNION ASSOCIATION**

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

While this year has brought sorrows in the deaths of our members and yours, God has manifested great joy through His spirit and His promises. His grace and comfort has renewed us and our steps are stronger because of the witness of His love that continues to grow within His people. Do we not truly walk after the things of the spirit because we are of Christ, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18). Thank you God for that wonderful comfort!

With Great Respect and Love
Elder Danny Belcher- Clerk
Elder Barry Lucas - Assistant Clerk
Brother Kevin Stanley - Second Assistant Clerk

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Northern Gayle Brown, Philip Hamilton, Clyde P. Lewis, Logan Kiser, Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, James C. Tackett, Squire Hamilton, Teddy Honaker, Johnny Thornsberry, Clement Caudill, Tony Roberts, Jimmy Dye, John Paul Hamilton, Glenn Frazier, Preston Lewis, Thomas Roberts, Chester Johnson, Mike Brown, Daniel Samons, John Tucker, Harvey Tackett, Roger Hicks, Clarence Potter, Jr., Jack Adkins, Paul Griffey, David Robinson, Jeff Reed, James Waddles, Ronnie Halbert, Joe Hamilton, O.C. Holbrook, Paul Boggs, Doyle Thornsberry, Ray Moore, Freddie Murphy, Abe Howell and John Lewis. Letter in the hands of Elder Squire Hamilton.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Wayne Sartin, Faris Tuttle, Buddy W. Carty, Glen Slone, Wilbur Nichols, Scott Little, Scott Hamilton, Andy Fields, Harvey Tuttle, Ray Hamilton, Jack Dials and Claude Hale. Letter in the hands of Elder Scott Hamilton.

Letter of Condolence to Our Sister the Sardis Association

We your Sister, the Northern New Salem Association, wish to extend our condolences to you, in the loss of your Beloved Elders, Brothers, and Sisters since the association last convened.

We hope to see them again in the morning of that eternal day. We take comfort that they left behind a strong witness and we wait patiently on the coming of our beloved Savior.

Your brothers in Christ,
Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk
Elder Wayne Sartin, Ast. Clerk

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Gary Adkins, Farrell Howard, Carlis Tharp, Bob Taylor, Jimmy Stewart, Willis Tolliver, Paul D. Moore, Gary Blevins, Robert Adkins, Steve Boggs, Jeff Allen, Ira Adkins, Jr., Ted Parker, Glen Merritt and Rip Cale. Letter in the hands of Brother Ted Parker.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: David Lester, George Thomason, Edgar Baker, Jr., Larry Gibson, Arthur Short, Roger Baker, Steve Baker, Danny Hurley, Roger McCoy, Will Matney, Danny C. Justus, Joe Gibson, Phillip Estep, Kermit Lester, Charles Hunt, Allan Hunt, Charlie Gibson, Dewey Matney and James Stacy. Letter in the hands of Elder Larry Gibson.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

Letter of Condolence to our Sister the Sardis Association. We your Sister the Old Friendship Association wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy and prayers in the loss of your Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last meeting.

Our prayers are that we will meet them again in Heaven where there will be no more pain, sorrows and heartache. Where we can give God all the praise the glory for every more. For God is our God forever and ever, he will be our guide even unto death.

We keep you in our prayers.

Elder Arthur D. Short, Clerk

Brother Edgar Baker, Jr. Assistant Clerk

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Dannie Caudill, Ralph Cloud, Reuben Lycans, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Sam Derrickson, Chester Bowling, Luke Haynes, Nick Plowman, Murl Caudill and Delmer Jones. Letter in the hands of Elder Bert Caudill.

(14) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our Association desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Archie Prince, Edward L. Smith and Randy Lackey.

(15) 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.

(16) By regular move and second the Clerks were given the authority to arrange the business for Saturday's Session of the Sardis Association since no Queries or Request were received.

(17) On motion from Brother Alvin Thornbury, seconded by Elder Iven Blankenship the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 10, 2016.

SATURDAY

September 10, 2016

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 stating that words are beyond anything I can express. How wonderful it is to see you and visit with you. When we all get together in the same mind things will happen. We have got to pull together to make things go straight. There is something on the inside that keeps us straight. We need to pull hard together. I have my sights set on a better home. I have a home in Heaven that is eternal. Nothing is going to get in Heaven that is not perfect. It will be perfect in a perfect place created by God. God is perfect. I want to see him in the morning of that eternal day. If you don't have an experience you are in serious trouble. Remember the sick. Remember our children. Remember this nation. I am thankful that the Lord has blessed us to be here.

He then called upon Elder John Lewis, of the New Salem Association, to open these services. Brother John said, sometimes in life we push things away. We need to listen and harken to the Lord. The children of God come together. I have enough faith in God to do all things. Before you try to do anything pray and trust in God. If you don't have faith and trust in God your works are dead. When a man or woman goes through repentance he will clean that man or woman up. When I gave up on everything I had, I realized I didn't even have myself. Put your faith and trust in God, he will pull you through the storm. Sin sickness will take you down to a devil's hell. It is a peaceful sleep down in the grave. He will come back down one of these days. When God sends the death angel down he will get the ones he sent after. Draw your minds in, get in one accord. He is a jealous God and he will have no other gods before him. I want you to have the good gift down on the inside. I call upon him, I call upon him quite often.

Brother John led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

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

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

(3) Elder Greg Stanley, 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) 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 at the address: www.pikelibrary.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, 1896-1907, 1911, 1913-1915. Also, any pictures and histories of the Sardis Association Churches are requested. If available, contact:

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. (606)353-7858
Elder Edward L. Smith (606)834-9958
Brother Archie Prince (304)486-5960

(5) Read the Letters of Condolence from our Sisters, the Old Friendship Association, the Northern New Salem Association and the Union Association, and by regular move and second, ordered them to be printed in our Minutes.

(6) 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 2017 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Clyde Lewis, New Salem Association
Elder Steve Baker, Old Friendship Association
Elder Delmer Jones, 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 2017 Association:

Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association
Elder Scott Little, Northern New Salem Association

These Committees reported as follows and were discharged by regular moves and seconds:

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Sam Frye, Alternate
Elder Stony Blackburn, Prepare Circular Letter

(7) 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 Richard Staton, Sardis Association
Elder Jimmy Stewart, Philadelphia Association
Elder Sam Frye, Sardis Association

SUNDAY

Elder Albert Cable, Sardis Association
Elder John Paul Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

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

SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2016

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| Balance on hand 9-01-15 | | \$ 9,558.75 |
| Add 2015 Income: | | |
| Church Contributions for Minutes | \$ 5,290.00 | |
| Obituary Pictures | \$ 490.00 | |
| Interest Income | \$ 11.76 | |
| Rent Income | \$ 3,612.79 | |
| Advance Coal Royalty | \$ 500.00 | |
| Building Fund Contributions | \$ 4,851.48 | |
| Money Transferred from Roof Fund | \$ 49,528.08 | |
| Money From Bro. Bob Justice Estate | \$ 40,000.00 | |
| Food Fund Contributions | \$ 7,165.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | <u>\$ 3,545.00</u> | |
| Total 2015 Income | | <u>\$114,994.11</u> |
| Total Available for 2015 | | <u>\$124,552.86</u> |
| Less 2015 Expenses | | |
| Bank Charges | \$ 12.00 | |
| Equipment Expense | \$ 679.06 | |
| Minute Expense/Mailing | \$ 4,708.72 | |
| Clerk Expense | \$ 49.95 | |
| Building and Land Expense | \$ 63,933.93 | |
| Building Security | \$ 274.89 | |
| Electric Expense | \$ 3,761.31 | |
| Water Expense | \$ 51.27 | |
| Telephone Expense | \$ 850.00 | |
| Insurance Expense | \$ 890.80 | |
| Food and Supply Expense | \$ 6,081.98 | |
| Miscellaneous Expense | \$ 179.70 | |
| Purchase of CD from Community Bank | <u>\$ 36,800.00</u> | |
| Total 2015 Expense | | <u>(\$118,273.61)</u> |
| Balance on Hand 8-31-16 | | \$ 6,279.25 |

(9) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2016 and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his expense.

(10) 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:

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| Elder Paul Maynard | Brother Daniel Stanley | Elder Sam Frye | Elder Ron Gannon |
| Brother Charles Canada | Brother Ferrell SESCO | Elder Thomas J. Dials | Brother David Staten |
| Brother Archie Prince | Brother Danny Reed | Elder Harold SESCO | Elder David May |
| Brother Ervin Thacker | Elder Chester Cochran | Brother Clyde James | Elder Todd J. Dials |
| Brother Tony Williamson | Brother Ernest SESCO | Elder Richard Staten | Brother Bobby Scott, Jr. |
| Brother Dwight Maynard | Elder Edward L. Smith | Elder Hobart Hamilton | Brother Walter Bogar |

(11) 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.

(12) It is ordered, by regular move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, Old Friendship Association and Old Indian Bottom Association; that our Clerk prepare the Letters of Correspondence and File of Minutes; and that Brethren to attend these Associations as delegates be appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the host Churches at the Union Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 2016: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Arthur Mathis, Leonard Napier, Marion Duncan, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Wayne Blackburn, Randall Lowe, Edward L. Smith, Ron Gannon, Paul Maynard, Iven Blankenship, Mackey May, Eric Williamson and David Crigger. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 2016: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Leonard Napier, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Edward L. Smith, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Sam Frye, Wayne Blackburn, Richard Staton, Ron Gannon, David Crigger, Eric Williamson and Paul Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, 4982 Henry Road, Plymouth, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2017: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, Archie Prince, Danny Runyon and Ivan Neal Thornsby. Letter in the hands of Elder Stoney Blackburn.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the South Fork Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2017: Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Leonard Napier, Arthur Mathis, Richard Staton, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Stony Blackburn, Marion Duncan, Ron Gannon, Dwight Maynard, Paul Maynard, Gary L. Napier, Todd Dials, Wayne Blackburn, Eric Williamson, Danny Runyon and Lester Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Edward L. Smith.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Pine Grove Church and co-host Churches located at 3977 Old Guesses Fork Road, Hurley, VA beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2017: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Marion Duncan, Richard Staton, Stony Blackburn, Arthur Mathis, Ivan Neil Thornsby, Dwight Maynard, Ron Gannon, Iven Blankenship, Jonathan P. Collins, Mackey May, Sam Frye, Danny Runyon, Eric Williamson, Wayne Blackburn and Leonard Napier. Letter in the hands of Brother Archie Prince.

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, 2017: Thomas J. Dials, Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Chester Cochran, Arthur Mathis, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Dwight Maynard, Marion Duncan, Ron Gannon, Wayne Blackburn, Leonard Napier, Danny Runyon, Gary Napier. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

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

(14) Since no written requests were received to host the 2017 Association, the standing request of the Pilgrims Home Church was granted. The Bride of Christ, Apple Orchard, Turkey Creek, Dix Fork and Pilgrims Rest verbally requested to co-host the 2017 Association. It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2017, to:

Brother Archie Prince
242 Sundance Lane
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.

(15) 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 Twenty Fourth Session of the Sardis Association. We are so thankful for the attendance of our corresponding Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Velocity Market at Zebulon, KY; to Food City for preparing the chicken; to the Pike County Solid Waste Department for taking our garbage; to Neil McGuire of Pepsi Cola Co. at Pikeville who handled the soft drinks; to Al's Outdoor Power Equipment for their donations, to the Campers for being excellent guests and for their donation; to Elder Paul Maynard, Brother Daniel Stanley and Brother Johnny Thacker for all the trips to pick up food and supplies; to Jared and A. J. Maynard for transporting the chicken; to all the Sisters, Brothers, friends and YOUNG PEOPLE who work so hard in the kitchen preparing delicious food and serving it, and to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of the Pilgrims Home Church who staffed the Concession Stand. We thank everyone who had anything to do for this grand old Association.

We thank God so much for his mercy and grace and the great love and peace found at the Sardis Association.

(16) 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.

(17) On motion from Elder Arthur Mathis, seconded by Brother Calvin Howard, 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, 2017.

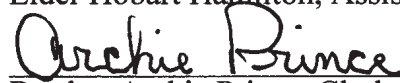
(18) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder John Paul Hamilton, of the New Salem Association. He then led in prayer.

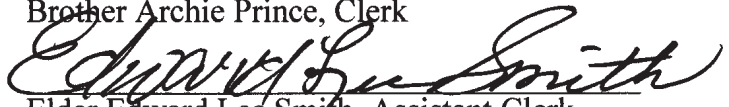
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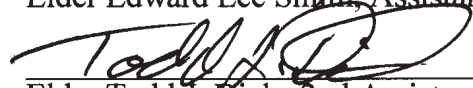
(19) This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.


Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator


Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator


Brother Archie Prince, Clerk


Elder Edward Lee Smith, Assistant Clerk


Elder Todd J. Dials, 2nd 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 13, 2015

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came forth and announced the arrangements. He said, "How wonderful it is to be with everyone of you today. How wonderful it is to be in the hands of God. You have to die dead to the love of sin. We are thankful you are here. We love you. You need to realize you need him. It humbles me down to think about my aches and pains and then to see the ninety six years olds come in. I am embarrassed that I complain. He then read a note from Brother Joe Worrix's widow. I sometime say that she is my mother in the Lord. We are born of the Blood of Jesus Christ. We are family. I admire the old sisters and brothers that can make it here." He then called upon Elder Albert Cable to come forth and introduce this service.

Elder Albert Cable came to the stand thanking God to be blessed another time. We hope love will continue among us. There is a special love when we are born again. I believe Jesus has gone away to prepare a place for them that love and serve him. I believe if we trust in God those blessings will come. Jesus Christ came down in this low ground of sorrow and hung upon a cross for our sins. John said, I come to bear witness of that true light that will shine in every man's heart. That light came and shined to Paul. That light is still shining today. I thank God for that true light. That light is the light of the Gospel.

Paul said, I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ for he is a rewarder of them that believe that he is and he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. I prayed and prayed and I thought I had gone too far. I waited patiently upon the Lord, and he heard my cries and he picked my feet out of that pit. *Therefore thus saith the Lord God, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation. Jesus said, thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church.* Thank God for that eternal rock. The church was with them way back in the wilderness. I can't preach water baptism. We are baptized with the fire and the holy ghost. I was buried with Christ Jesus and was raised in a newness of life. If you don't know the Lord for remission of your sins, you need to start praying. Your salvation has never been so near. You get love in a new birth by Jesus Christ.

At the end of his preaching there was much rejoicing and praising God.

Elder Arthur Mathis then led in prayer.

Elder John Paul Hamilton came next saying he hoped we continue to pray. I think the river has been flowing through here and I got a little of it. I was thinking over fifty years ago he came into my life. I want young people to understand that Jesus will come in and work with them. If we walk upright before men he will reward us. He took all my guilt and shame away from me.

We will give God all the glory and honor over there. I am glad he came to my house and I let him in. You open the door and let him in. When God moves it is done. What a great thing he has done for us. There is reality in serving the Lord. Think about the wonderful family he has given us to live with. Everybody will see Jesus, but only the pure in heart will see God. You have to repent and be born again. Repentance must be preached to everyone. We know what we were and what we are now. He has no respect of person, you must fear God and keep his commandments. When Jesus gives the increase everything is okay. Every part of our body is needful. We need to be humble before God. I am glad I am here today. He will bless us. I drove careful and God delivered me here. We know a God we want the whole world to get acquainted with. I am glad that river has been flowing through here. It is wonderful when you see the church begin to praise God. This is a happy way. We are on our way to the Glory Land. People need to understand sin will take you down to a lake of fire and brimstone.

God can do anything he wants to do. Jesus can't lie. One of these day Jesus is coming back to get his children. How sad it will be if you don't know him in that morning. We will be caught up together with them in a cloud to meet the Lord in the air.

I had a dream and was so sad. When working I looked up and saw Jesus. I ask the Lord to let me fly to him and I began to float to him. The Lord told me I had a race to run and I could fly home. I am glad he is mine and I am his. The Sardis Association is the first one I got to go to. Humbleness is strength in God. I love Jesus because he first loved me. The Bible says have a good report without as well as within. If you don't know Jesus, repent and be born again. Where the spirit of God is, there is liberty. The world says you don't have fun, if you get Jesus you will be happy. I love my savior God. He will set you free and you will be free indeed. I was made alive in Jesus Christ. Get Jesus in your life. I love everyone of you. It is a wonderful thing to be part of the body of Jesus Christ.

The congregation sang, "I'm Going To Die On The Battlefield."

Elder Hobart Hamilton came forth and stated that it seems with each song that was sung and the words that have been spoken by each one God is mindful of us. God has been with us throughout. If I am not blessed to preach a word, I am glad that I am here. If you belong to God, he will be with you throughout. Your soul and body will become one, alive with Jesus. In the end the body and soul will live forever. I am glad that someone told me to repent. We are having a wonderful time today. I do not think it will be long before the Lord comes again. How many are ready to go. Everybody has to accept responsibility themselves. If you are sincere about your life and don't belong to Jesus, get ready.

Elijah came unto the people and asked, how long halt you between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. Elijah said, I alone remain a prophet of the Lord. Baal's prophets numbered 450 men. He told them to build an alter and put on wood. How wonderful the Lord is. Every once in a while I need to feel him. God's people are a special people, and you need to be careful how you treat God's people. Well, the 450 took the bullock, built their alter and put on wood but put no fire under it. The fire of the Lord keeps us going. They called on their god and called and got no answer. I want to give God glory. By the hour of noon they got no answer, they cut themselves and blood gushed out. The old prophet of God made fun of them. He asked has your god taken a nap? There is nothing false about our God. The old prophet of God took the bullock and built an alter, put on wood and put it in order. He said fill 4 barrels with water and pour on it, and 4 more barrels, and 4 more barrels until the ditch around the alter was filled. He called on the name of his God. He said, Lord let fire come down from heaven and consume the sacrifice so that the people will know that thou art the Lord God. Fire came down and consumed everything. The old prophet had everyone of Baal's prophets gathered and slain. God's people will live forever. Sometimes I get a little worried about myself, but I do not worry about the Lord. You may be away from God's people but God is always present. There is no one in the house that I don't love. I love sinners. I don't love sin. Jesus said, I will come again and he will come again. No matter where we go we take the Lord with us. Wherever you go you can bow your head and pray.

I know a man that heard this boy when I was so sick I didn't think I could live. One dose of salvation will do you all your life. If you are a sinner get out of it. You can't get out by yourself. The Lord has to lead you out of it.

Elder Thomas J Dials followed him saying I don't know what to say. I feel unworthy to stand before you. It has been so emotional here today. We all need Jesus. The brothers have preached so wonderful. It take Jesus. Forty six years ago I believe he came in because of what I experienced. There has been a change made in me. My reason for living is different. There is an experience of grace that shows what God can do for you. With the experience of grace you know a little something.

God comes in and changes the inside and the man on the outside must be different. The outside man is kept in obedience to the inner man. It is hard to comprehend about dust getting up. It is hard to imagine the true power of God. You will not know his power until we are resurrected in the morning. When we are resurrected then we will know who delivered us. I want to live by his doctrine. If he says don't commit adultery, don't do it. It comes down to how bad you want to be in Heaven. I have a home that fire will burn down. I have a home that fire can't get to. It won't wash off. You have witnessed the power of God this morning. It causes us to forget about everything else. Can you imagine someone holding his hands out and stopping the sea. The wind can't blow anymore. He can stop the rain. God wants us to realize his power.

One old prophet prayed that it would not rain. It was dried up and it didn't rain for three and one half years. Understand that the power is in God's hands. God took this old man up and got him by the brook. He caused the raven to bring him food. What is the nature of the raven? It is its nature to eat rotten meat. I think you have eaten good bread here toady. God caused the little brook to dry up. If you are outside the church you are in trouble. The door of the ark was shut up and the people were in trouble. God sent the old prophet down to a little widow who had just a little meal and a little oil. She was going to bake bread and she and her son were going eat and die. Elijah asked her for a morsel of bread and a little drink of water. God changed things. She told him I have just got a little meal in a barrel and a little oil in a cruse. She brought him the bread. She followed what he said and every time she went back there was meal for a morsel of bread and there was oil in the barrel. The power of God is the greatest thing you could ever imagine. She followed what God had told her. The spiritual water will never dry up. If you get a little of that bread and a little of that water it will take care of you. If you get that water it will take you to Heaven.

The widow had a little child that died. When in trouble who do you go to? You go to God. She fixed Elijah a bed because she loved him. The love that God puts in us is his power. We must go through a mediator to get to God. The woman went to the old man of God because she knew he had the power. We have experienced the power of God. We have seen ones made well. We have no power. I want a power that will stick with me forever and ever. Elijah took her son and put him in that bed. If we want help we must follow God's people. I was satisfied until I got knowledge of grace. The old man spread out on the boy three times and prayed to God that God would bring him back to life. You must be born again of the incorruptible seed and live forever. He unbosomed his son, Jesus Christ, and sent him here. He was born of a woman who had never known a man but conceived. He was put in there. Jesus always existed but he came down here. He is king of kings and lord of lords and can never be destroyed. These brothers and sisters have died and received the power of God.

Here is the power of God. When we arise in his likeness we will know. We are going to rise in the morning. God is powerful enough to give you life. Just look at the sun, look at the rain that came down last night, look at the grass.

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.

He is coming again. When you die you are sealed for one place or the other. He is coming back to get his bride. How much does he love his bride? He was willing to die for us. He is going to get up. God loved us when we were in the world. You have to become willing to die. I was made alive with the blood of Christ Jesus. I will live again in the morning. The soul and spirit will be brought back to the grave. We will get out of these graves. This will be a spiritual body. You will be a perfect man, ready to go home in the morning. I am glad the spirit has spent a little time with us. In the morning you will realize the power of God. There is nobody that can keep you out of heaven.

Elder Stony Blackburn dismissed the service.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2016

I am thankful to have been chosen to write this circular letter. It is with much humbleness that I have spent hours in prayer to be led of God to express the words I feel the Holy Spirit has given me. This letter is to all my dearly beloved Brothers, Sisters, Delegates of the Sardis Association, and all the beloved delegates of the sister associations. I feel that the Lord has given me the thoughts to write about **His light**.

When I wake in the morning, I like to look outside to see what kind of day we are going to have. As the sun rises over the mountains, I am able to see the light of another day. As a natural man, I need this sun to live. Without the sun we would all die. (Genesis Chapter 1 Verses 1-5) **In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said. Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and morning were the first day.**

If we read further, through verse sixteen we see God continuing his creation by providing two great lights. (Genesis Chapter 1 Verse 16) **And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; the stars also.** The sun and moon provide many uses. As we walk the hills and hollers we can look down and see moist soil begin to dry or the snow melt away with the help of the sun. Even the tides obey the power of the moon. Many times at night we have had to walk by the light of the sky. The sun brings warmth and power for our very existence. We know that when spring comes the sun begins to warm the temperature. Grass starts to grow, flowers begin to bloom, and we see the trees begin to have renewed life. The leaves come back to dress the otherwise bare limbs.

Sometimes we use a lamp to bring us the needed light. However, there is a lamp and a light even more important than these bright vessels. Psalms Chapter 119:105, **“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”** The psalmist is proclaiming the word of God as the torch in an otherwise dark night. It shines on the roads providing guidance each direction in life we take. It is there to prevent falls and missteps that could lead us into danger. If this light is our guide we will go the right way and avoid hazards tripping us up. If we keep this light, the things in our way will be lit, so that they can be shunned. Without this light we would stumble alone. We could wander into danger or be lost, taking the wrong road. (John 1 Verse 1-5) **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not.**

Underground coal miners know all about complete darkness in the natural sense. These miners must have a light to even see the hand in front of their face. But we need a different light. As stated in John 8:12, Jesus said, “I am the light of the world”. So, despite how great the sun and all its abilities, it is God’s s-o-n that is proclaimed as the world’s great light. Jesus further explains that

whoever follows him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. This simply means if you choose to not follow Jesus you walk in gloom, shadows, and darkness.

As I mentioned earlier, there is an importance of the sun and its light. However, the importance of the light provided by God's only s-o-n is more important to the world. In other words, the world and everyone in the world needs Jesus as their light. Jesus did not remove darkness from the world but brought light to the world. This light shines to highlight the beauties of God's creation, but also will reveal the sins with ugly honesty. At one time or another, we have all been scared of the dark. We have avoided walking through dark alleys. We know that evil is drawn toward darkness.

Light can be bright and revealing. In fact, in Acts 9 we read that God shined a great light from heaven on Saul, as he traveled the road to Damascus. Saul was left blind. During Saul's blindness, he prayed in his darkness, the messenger, Ananias, was sent from God. Through prayer and laying on of hands the scales fell from Saul's eyes and his sight was restored. Saul may have been blinded by the light, but his path was about to be lit with a light that will never go out.

Light can also be soft and comforting. So is the word of God. It can ease the pain of a lonely room and soothe a troubled soul by providing a calm background. I can remember the soft light shining under Mom's bedroom door when I came home late at night and value her prayers. That light was spiritual, as well as natural.

One day I can remember praying and the Lord lifted my feet out of the miry clay and set them on a solid rock. Jesus is the light and now I feel as if I am just a little reflector of this light. (John 8:12) Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, **I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.** I was in darkness, a spiritual darkness, I prayed for a long time and felt the Lord had given me a new heart. The Lord heard me and became the light of my life. (Matthew 5 verses 14-16) **Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.** After I was born again I wondered what I would say and how I would tell the people I worked with. It did not take long until they noticed me. There were no longer curse words coming from my mouth. I was different. I did not write it on my back, by my reflector was shining from the Lord.

Romans 13:12, **"The night is far spent the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light"**. I am happy to be part of this old church family that still believes we need to be dressed in this armor. We further read in Revelations 22:5, **"And there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign forever and ever"**. Can you imagine a beautiful world without darkness? A place where we will never grow old.

I hope this letter is a blessing to each one who will read it from these minutes.

Elder Greg Stanley 

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

APRIL, 2017

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Robinson, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Mike Lowe and Elbert SESCO.

OKEECHOBEE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Richard Lowe, Faris Tuttle and Leonard Hamilton.

MAY, 2017

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion 3:00 p.m. following the regular Saturday service. Ministers called: Creed Thomas, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Runyon, Harold SESCO, Billy Joe Robinson and Robert Haney.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Danny Runyon, Stony Blackburn, Harold SESCO, Greg Stanley, Sam Frye and Gary L. Young.

JUNE, 2017

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jerry Overstreet, Danny Runyon, Sam Frye and Arthur Mathis.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Kenneth B. Jude, Sam Frye and Johnny Thornsberry.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following regular church service. Ministers called: Bruce Williamson, Mike Lowe and Daniel Newsome with Moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Gary Blevins, Richard Staton, Arthur May, Sam Frye and Albert Cable.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Albert Cable, Kenneth B. Jude, David Crigger, Stony Blackburn, Todd Dials and Thomas J. Dials.

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

JULY, 2017

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Frankie Scott, Jerry Overstreet, Thomas J. Dials, Sam Frye, Arthur May and Danny Hurley.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Sam Frye, Billy Joe Robinson, Hobart Hamilton and Stony Blackburn.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco and Sam Frye. Business on this day only starts at 11:00 a.m.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, A. B. Thacker, Edward Lee Smith and Jerry Overstreet.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Gary Blevins, Faris Tuttle, Arthur Mathis, Charles Edwards and Lacy Justice.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Paul Hamilton, Duane Smith, Billy Joe Robinson, Andrew Walters and Harold Sesco.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Jimmy Amos, Leonard Napier, Daniel Jacobs, Arthur May and Kelly Slone.

BRIDE OF CHRIST: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday after regular service. Ministers called: Gary Blevins, Lester Cochran, Jimmy Stewart and Ralph Cloud.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m. after business. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Edward L. Smith, Larry Thacker and Billy Joe Robinson with Moderator attending.

AUGUST, 2017

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Arthur May, Thomas J. Dials, Todd Dials, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Albert Cable. Church service on this Saturday only starts at 10:30 a.m.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion following Sunday Church Service at 10:00 a.m.. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis, Harold Sesco, Bruce Williamson and Ron Gannon.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Hamilton, Stony Blackburn, Arthur Mathis, Elbert Sesco, Lloyd Brown and Danny Runyon with moderator attending.

ANTIOCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following the regular Church service. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Billy Joe Robinson, Gary Blevins and Preston Lewis.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Paul Maynard, Sam Frye, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Wayne Herald, Jr.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Jimmy Amos, Hobart Hamilton and Harold Sesco.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

MARCH, 2017

TURKEY CREEK will hold a memorial meeting at the Enon Church House of James and Brooksie Spencer, Willis and Gretis Staton, Marvin and Lokie Rose, Elsie Rose and all the deceased members of the Enon Church the Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Duane Smith, Leonard Hamilton, Bobby Scott, Sr. and Hobart Hamilton.

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: James Barney, David Crigger, Terry Fuller, Ivan Neal Thornsby and Richard Staton. All corresponding brothers and sisters are welcome.

APRIL, 2017

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, Arthur May, Todd Dials and Billy Joe Robinson.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday at the Church of all those buried on the Williamson Family Cemetery. Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Ministers called: Andrew Walters, Bruce Williamson and Richard Staton.

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held on the odd Sunday in April (April 30) at the Sardis Association Building. Ministers called: Danny Hurley, Estill Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone bring covered dishes.

MAY, 2017

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church of 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: Randy Lackey, Tim Robinson, Harold Sesco, Andrew Walters and Duane Smith.

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., Albert Cable, Harold Sesco, Lacy Walters and Kenneth B. Jude.

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: Hobart Hamilton, Jimmy Amos, Mike Lowe and Stony 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: Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters, Gary Young, Larry Thacker, Elbert Sesco 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, Lacy Walters, Gary Adkins and Gary Blevins.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Sam Frye, Billy Joe Robinson and Albert Cable with 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: Duane Smith, Richard Staton, Danny Runyon and Gary Young.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Dix Fork Church of all buried on the Cochran Cemetery on the last Saturday in May (May 27), 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Sam Frye and Edward L. Smith.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday in May (May 28), 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran, David Crigger, Charles Edwards and Edward L. Smith.

JUNE, 2017

DIX FORK CHURCH will have a Memorial Meeting at the church house for all those buried on the Morris/Mullins Cemetery at the Double Hollows on Dix Fork the first Sunday in June at 11:00 a.m. All Old Regular Baptist ministers welcome.

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

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jerry Runyon, Leonard Napier, Lester Cochran, Clyde Perry and Chester Cochran.

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 as well as others buried on other area cemeteries. This will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Ben Scott, Albert Cable and Kenneth B. Jude.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Cemetery next to the Church of all deceased members of the church on our regular church time 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Wayne Sartin, Greg Sowards, Ralph Cloud and Albert Cable.

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.

BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the church house for Elder Sammie Moore and all the deceased on the Webb Cemetery on the third Sunday in June at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Leonard Napier, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Gary Blevins.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on Sunday following the third Saturday in June at 11:00 a.m. and of all those buried on the John Gilford Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork. Ministers called: Gary Young, Danny Runyon, Andrew Walters and Jimmy Amos.

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, Randall 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: Edward L. Smith, Stony Blackburn and Jimmy Amos.

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 and Sylvia Blackburn Smith and Ermal and Dolly (Blackburn) Deskins and Vernon and Darlene (Blackburn) Crigger who are buried on the Crigger Cemetery. We welcome all Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

ANTIOCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Mathis 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: Leonard Napier, Jimmy Stewart, Sam Frye and Edward L. Smith. Everyone welcome. Dinner to be served.

JULY, 2017

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: Ben Scott, Lonnie Jude, Todd Dials, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude 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 of the deceased members of the Reed and Lockard families on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Gary Young, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Paul Maynard and Lloyd Brown.

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: Albert Cable, Kenneth B. Jude, Lacy Walters, Bruce Williamson, James Tackett 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. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis and Sam Frye with moderator and assistant moderator attending. 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 on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. of all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY and Brother Clyde Brown and Sister Fern Brown who are buried on the Hill Crest Cemetery at Kenova, WV and all the Julius Scott heirs. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton and Frankie Scott with 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, Andrew Walters 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: Wayne Herald, Jr., Sam Frye, Albert Cable, Chester Cochran and Thomas J. Dials.

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Brother Joe Fletcher; his wife, Hazel Fletcher; and son, Roger Fletcher; Lacy Orville Fletcher; Orville Spence; infant baby of Jeff and Mary Spence; Estil Spence; Sammy Spence; Mary Alice Spence; Ernest Spence; Ollie Spence; Unice Jude; Ernestine Perry, and others buried on the cemetery on Orville Road. This meeting to be on the odd Sunday in July, 2017 (July 30). All Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

AUGUST, 2017

MEMORIAL MEETING of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton, Joseph Staton, Mont Staton, Liburn (Zeek) 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: Sam Frye, 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, Eric Williamson and Jeffrey Dillon.

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, the Bobby Fields Family Cemetery on Billy Lowe Branch, on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Richard Staton, Earl Dean Newsome, Harold SESCO and Hobart Hamilton.

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., Gary Adkins and Stony Blackburn.

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, Lacy Fletcher, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Albert Cable.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday of all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. Lowe and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, West Virginia. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Harold Sesco, Clifford Williams, Danny Runyon, Kenneth B. Jude, Lonnie Jude 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 Scott, Sr., Harold Sesco, Stony Blackburn, Larry Thacker and Lloyd Brown.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday of the deceased members of the Church and the friends of the community and veterans killed in action. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Greg Stanley, Robert Osborne and Richard Staton. Everyone Welcome. Dinner will be served.

BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Community Garden Cemetery located on Route 37 approximately 5 miles south of Wayne, WV (Maynard Memorial) on Sunday following the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Arthur Mathis, Clarence Mathis, Sam Frye and Leonard Napier.

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, Brother R. C. Maynard, Sr. and Elder Randall Scott on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Abe Howell and Jimmy Amos.

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: Wayne Herald, Jr., Albert Cable, Danny Hurley, Todd Dials 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: Arthur May, Gayle Brown, David May, Curt Carroll and Glenn Hall.

BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the church on Sunday following the third Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Chester Cochran, Gabe Lowe, Jr, Jimmy Stewart, Jerry Runyon and Albert Cable.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Will and Charity Jude, Johnny and America Jude, Mark Jude, son of Kenneth B and Dolly Jude, Henry Lee and Doris Jude, Mitchell Jude and other family members buried at the head of Peter Cave on Sunday following the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Lacy Fletcher, Billy Joe Robinson, Lonnie Jude, Randall Lowe, 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: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Wayne Sartin, Hobart Hamilton and Kenneth B. Jude.

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., Billy Joe Robinson, Randall Lowe and Kenneth B. Jude. Dinner will be served nearby.

SEPTEMBER, 2017

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday before Labor Day in 2017. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Edward L. Smith.

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, Albert Cable, Billy Joe Robinson, Lonnie Jude, Kenneth B. Jude and Ben Scott.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of all deceased members of the Leannah Church on the first Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Sam Frye, Lacy Walters, Harold Sesco and Richard Staton.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ervin Morrison and all others 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 of 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: Clyde Perry, David Lester, George Thomason and Bobby Scott, Sr.

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, Northern Gayle Brown, Paul Maynard, Arthur Mathis 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, Leonard Napier and David May.

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, Harrison Runyon and Frankie Scott.

OCTOBER, 2017

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday of all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Albert Cable, Doug Bailey, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Sam Frye.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday of all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Lloyd Brown, Harold Sesco, Duane Smith, Richard Staton, Sam Frye 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: Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Kelly Slone, Ralph Slone, Jr., Roger Coleman and Scott Hamilton.

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, Paul Boggs, Mike Justice 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, Jimmy Stewart and Sam Frye.

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, Richard Staton, Zeb Justice, Arthur Mathis and Phillip Estep with moderator attending.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the fourth Saturday of 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, Lacy Walters, Wayne Sartin, Todd Dials, 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: Richard Staton, Jerry Overstreet and Mike Lowe.

NOVEMBER, 2017

ANTIOCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Antioch Church on the fourth Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Jimmy Amos, Ralph Cloud, Kelly Slone and John Lewis.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

| CHURCH | DAY AND TIME |
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| Bent Branch Church | Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m. |
| Bent Branch/Pilgrims Home at Pilgrim Home | New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m. |
| Bride of Christ | Easter Sunday (April 16) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Gary Adkins, Russell Hicks, Arthur May |
| Leannah Church | Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. |
| Little Tavie Church | Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m. New Years Eve at 8:00 p.m. |
| Mary Elizabeth Church | Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m. |
| Pilgrims Home Church | Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. |
| Pilgrims Rest Church | Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Fourth Saturday Night meeting in April, 2017 will recognize the ones who came to Brushy and established the Pilgrims Rest Church as an arm from the Pilgrims Home Church in January, 1969 and the community that came together to make this possible. Ministers called: Earl Dean Newsome, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton and Jerry Overstreet with moderator attending. |
| Salem Church | Easter Morning, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. |
| Samaria Church | Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m. |
| Sidney Church | New Years Eve at 7:00 p. m. |
| SARDIS ASSOCIATION AT BUILDING | Every odd Saturday at 6:00 p.m.(None on April 29, 2017) |
| Rosa Church | Every first Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. |
| Turkey Creek Church | New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m. Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m except April 30, 2017. June second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Edward L. Smith, Ray Hamilton, Jimmy Amos, Freddie Murphy, James Barney and Lloyd Brown. |

OBITUARIES

of

BRETHREN AND SISTERS

ELDER DEWEY SPENCER BLACKBURN

Dewey Spencer Blackburn, age seventy eight, of Sharpsburg, KY, formerly of Pike County, KY, passed away Thursday, January 1, 2016 at his home in Sharpsburg with his wife by his side.

Dewey was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Old Regular Baptist Church. He was ordained a minister on May 13, 2000.

Along with his parents, Teddy and Ressie Taylor Blackburn, Dewey was preceded in death by all seven of his siblings; six brothers: George, Fred, John L., Joe, James and Roy and one sister, Janice Lee (Garrett) Collins.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Meade Blackburn. Dewey and Patsy were united in marriage by Elder Earnest Cochran on June 6, 1959. He is also survived by two sons, Theodore Eugene (Sherry Stiltner) and Jonathan Michael (Bridgette Keene), and two grandchildren, Makayla and Jack. His grandchildren were truly the apples of his eyes.



Dewey grew up in a large family. Brothers, sister- in-laws, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins; he loved them all and he always had a smile and hug for his family whenever they were around.

Dewey was a caring person. He cared for both his parents until their death and helped in the care of his sister and many of his brothers. Love for his family was easy for him and it was constant.

After working at Bruce Walters Ford, he opened Superior Body Shop on Winns Branch where he spent many years repairing cars and meeting people. He was a people person and would often lend a helping hand to someone in need.

Dewey loved being outdoors in *God's* creation. In his early years, he loved fishing and boats and his Palomino horse named Wendy. Dewey always loved raising a big garden. After his retirement, he and Patsy were blessed to buy a farm in Sharpsburg that he lovingly named Triple B. Farm. He truly loved the farm and God blessed him to spend the later years of his life working in his garden, taking care of his cattle, tending the fields and spending time alone with God under his favorite tree.

The greatest love in Dewey's life was his love for Jesus. He spent thirty eight years as a member and preacher in the Old Regular Baptist Church. He faithfully attended church, visited the sick and shut in and told others about Jesus. He loved his brothers and sisters in the church and enjoyed visiting and fellowshiping with them. They too were a very important part of his life. The Bible tells us that Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints. We believe that our precious loved one is now free from the pain and sorrow of this life and is with Jesus and the Bible tells us we can see him again.

He will be forever missed and loved by his family and many friends. Rest on, Brother Dewey, until we meet again.

Written by his niece,
Jonda Blackburn Patton.

ELDER WILLIAM HARRISON COCHRAN

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dad, William H. Cochran. William H. Cochran was the son of John and Octavia Cochran. He was born March 12, 1928. He grew up on a small country Road in Pike County, KY called Dix Fork. He met and fell in love with my mother, Sela S. Cochran. They were married and had three children: Brenda and John Sayre of Pt. Pleasant, WV, Billy Roger Cochran of Charlotte, NC and Lester and Sheila Cochran of Pt. Pleasant, WV.



They had eight grandchildren: John Sayre, Melissa Muncy, Ida Lynn Bowen, Roger Cochran, Nathan Cochran, Kristin Lawrie, Tony Jaloy Cochran, Dustin Cochran and many great-grandchildren.

After mother's death, in 1995, he married Edna Glassburn. Edna's husband had passed away and she was left with two sons, David Glassburn of Houston, TX and Paul Glassburn of Pt. Pleasant, WV. Fourteen years later Edna passed away.

Dad always put his faith and trust in God. He was a father to many and loved talking about the LORD. I remember people, including myself, asking him questions and he would always answer with scriptures to let us know it was coming from God, not man.

He traveled many miles and years to church. I was so blessed as his youngest son to get to travel with this wise old Brother in Christ and when it came his time to depart this life I was so blessed to be with him as he took his last breath here on earth. As he took his last breath I recalled him saying, "the last enemy I will conquer is death."

I could write a book on what I have learned from this wise old soldier, but I will just say this, he never believed in sugar coating the Gospel in any way. He fought a good fight, he kept the faith and I believe there was a crown laid up for him. He laid his armor down that day and I believe he is at rest until that great Resurrection day, the coming of our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST.

So, sleep on daddy and as I said nearly every evening when I left his bed side, I will say one last time, "I will see you in the morning, Daddy".

Written by his youngest son and Brother in Christ,
Elder Lester Cochran

Brother Bill wanted me to help write his Obituary. He was my Brother in Christ and a very dear friend. We have had some wonderful conversation on the phone talking about the Scriptures. God had given Brother Bill a special talent to be able to quote the Scriptures. Brother Bill was very strong in his Christian beliefs and he lived his life according to the Bible. Although his sickness had taken a toll on him he was still quoting Scriptures the last time I saw him. His voice was so weak you had to bend over to hear what he was saying. He loved the Old Regular Baptist Church and what it stood for and he was always ready to tell you what he believed.

I enjoyed his phone calls so much. While he was able to talk on the phone, I would usually get a phone call from him on Sunday evening or Monday morning wanting to know where I had gone to church and he would ask if we have a good meeting. I could keep on writing about Brother Bill but all that knew him know exactly what I am saying. Brother Bill has fought a good fight, he has finished his course and he kept the faith until the end.

He has now entered into his rest just waiting for that Great Resurrection day when Jesus returns bringing the soul and spirit with him and reuniting it with the body that is in the grave, but it will come out a new spiritual body just like Jesus most glories body. Rest on Brother Bill.

Written by his Brother in Church and natural friend,
Elder Edward Lee Smith

Brother Bill not only was my earthly brother, he was my brother in Christ as well. I have learned so much from Brother Bill over the years, he was ten years older than I and was always watching over me when I was a child. In time of need he was there for me. Even as an adult, when in my travel he was there to talk to and he would always discuss the scripture with me. So, brother sleep on until we meet again on that Great Resurrection day. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sadly Missed, Elder Chester Cochran

ELDER BILLY J. WILLIAMSON

He fought a good fight. He finished the course. He kept the faith and now his victory is won. Oh, what a blessing to be able to write about the life of such a great man. Billy was born on September 16, 1946 and left us November 6, 2015.

He was the son of Jonah E. Williamson and Stella Ray Williamson, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Fayette Muncy and Sharlene Cline; one brother, Archie Williamson and step dad, Ed Chaffins.

On July 16, 1966, he married Janet Robinette Williamson. He leaves behind two daughters, Angela O'Connor and Natalie Stewart; four grandsons: Kyle Belcher, Blake Scroggins, Zachary Scroggins and Casey Stewart. One son-in-law, whom he loved like a son, Rick O'Connor, three step grandchildren, Taylor O'Connor, Tyler O'Connor and Tori O'Connor. He also leaves four sisters and two brothers: Anna Robinette of Michigan, Elouise Cochran, Stella Robinette and Shelia Runyon all of Varney, KY, Johnny Williamson of Florida and Bobby Williamson of Varney, KY.

On March 19, 1983, he was baptized by Elder Hiram Adkins and Elder Milford Lowe and became a member of the Pilgrim Home Church. In 1985 he was ordained in the ministry and began his life work of telling people about the Lord and the wonders of Heaven.

When that smile came on his face on Friday morning, I knew he was seeing that place he tried so hard to tell everyone about. What a beautiful sight it was to see that smile on his face.

Billy graduated from Pikeville College in 1993 with honors and became a teacher and a student advocate. Billy was happiest when he could help someone in need. He touched so many lives through his work and his ministry. I can't put into words how his life touched so many people. He was a loving husband, dad, paps, son and brother; but his number one was the Lord and the church.

Billy had such a wonderful extended family. All his nieces and nephews were so special to him and he showed them that love by counseling them the same way he did his own children and grandchildren. He had such a gift with young people. He left such a great legacy and now he is at rest and forever satisfied.



Written by the Family

INDIA BEVINS

India Belle Honaker Bevins (Inky), ninety nine, of Pikeville, KY, passed away Monday, March 28, 2016. She had resided at Cedar Creek Assisted Living for the past eight years.

She was born May 8, 1916, at Honaker, VA. She was a daughter of the late Henry and Priscilla Hess Honaker. In addition to her parents, India was preceded in death by her husband, E.M. Bevins, her son, Jack Bevins and three sisters.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Pat Bevins; two granddaughters, Jenifer Bevins McCoy (Mike McCoy) of Pikeville, KY and Jan Bevins Childers (Steve Childers) of Norton, VA; a grandson, Chris Bevins (Lisa Bevins) of Jacksonville, NC; three great-granddaughters: Erin Austin, Meredith Metzger and Maura McCoy; a great-grandson, Nicholas Childers and a great-great-grandson, Jackson Austin.

India was the oldest surviving member of the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, which was founded by her father-in-law, Jonah Bevins.

India lived in South Williamson, KY for more than fifty years where she was a homemaker, seamstress and also worked for a period of time with her son, Jack, who owned and operated Bevins' Market and Deli.

For the past twenty two years India had resided in Pikeville, KY where she enjoyed taking care of her own lawn and tending to her flowers and vegetable garden. She could regularly be seen taking her daily walk thru her neighborhood and for the past eight years at Cedar Creek Assisted Living where she continued to be very active and walk the hallways and grounds daily. God has blessed her with good health and longevity for the past ninety nine years and now she has been rewarded with eternal peace, joy and comfort in His presence.



LILY (WELLMAN) CASTLE

It is with great sadness and so many memories, that we write this obituary of our dear mother. She was born January 25, 1918 to George B. Wellman and Bird Della Akers Wellman.

Mother passes away March 4, 2016 at Three Rivers Hospital in Louisa, KY making her stay on earth, God's wonderful footstool, ninety eight years, one month and eight days. She was preceded in death by her parents and all twelve of her brothers and sisters.

She married Kelly Castle on November 7, 1937 and to this union was born five children: Jeanette Pack, Carol Miller, Gary (JoAnn) Castle, Kelly Lee (Frances) Castle and David (Joyce) Castle. She had six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by our wonderful dad, Elder Kelly Castle, in 1996 and both of her sons-in-law and one grandchild, Roger Miller.

Mother and Dad had a wonderful life together. They had been in the church many, many years and enjoyed their fellowship with all the brothers and sisters so very much.

Mother set a great example for us to follow, she was humble, loving, kind and caring. She taught us to be understanding and most of all to love one another as God has loved us.

She was a member of the Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church and is missed and was loved by all of the members and her friends. We are so lonely here without her, but we believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her loving family



NEALIE CLINE

Nealie Cline, eighty nine, of North Spring, went home to be with the Lord and her family waiting there for her, Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, WV.

She was born August 1, 1926 at Baisden, WV. She was the daughter of the late Floyd and Virgie Davis Cline. In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Mack Cline; her two sons, Larry Arthur and Ray Vaughn Cline; seven brothers: Lawrence, Dewey, Elliot, Jason, Johnnie, Edward and Elmer Cline; five sisters: Liddie Justice, Lenora Solana, Stella Trent, Opal Sammons and Blonnie Dotson; two grandsons, David Arthur Endicott and Richard Cline.

Nealie enjoyed spending time with her family and going to church. She was a member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at Baisden, WV.

Those left to love and cherish her memory are: her three sons: Glenious (Janet) Cline, Danny (late Debbie) Cline and Ernest Cline, all of North Spring; her two daughters: Freda (late Clarence) Cline of Baisden, WV and Irene (Mike) Endicott of North Spring; her grandchildren: Darnelle (Sonja) Cline, Chet (Bev) Cline, Anthony (Maryann) Cline, Shawna (Russell) Walls, Liz (Terry) Bannister, Jimmy (Lois) Endicott, Ricky (Catrina) Endicott, Micky (Christi) Endicott and Chris (Christina) Endicott and Kyle Cline; twenty four great-grandchildren and her two sisters, Naomi Cline and Mary Cline, both of Mohawk, WV. Nealie also leaves behind a host of other dear relatives and friends.



LYDIA HELEN JEAN COLLINS

It is with a heavy heart and the precious memories that I will try, with the Lord's help, to write the obituary of my loving wife. Lydia Helen Jean Collins was born at Williamson, WV on October 21, 1972.

She departed from this earth on June 29, 2016 making her life span forty three years. She was the daughter of the late Jimmy Frazier and Delores Chapman Frazier. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Emerson Frazier. Those left to cherish her memories are her husband, Jonathan Paul Collins; her step-son, Jonathan Scott Collins; her daughter, Stephanie Cook; her son, Thomas Cook and three grandchildren: Jordan Blake Christian, Hayden and Kaiden Cook.

Lydia was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. She enjoyed going to church and fishing. I feel that she fought a good fight and finished her course and had kept the faith and henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness and not only for her only but for all of them that kept the faith.

The Bible says to let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. I think Lydia let her light shine so all could see. I feel by the hope in Jesus Christ that I have, I will meet her again in the great Kingdom of Heaven.

Her smile, her touch and her simple presents, I will greatly miss. But knowing that she has gone away with a friend puts a little ease to my pain.



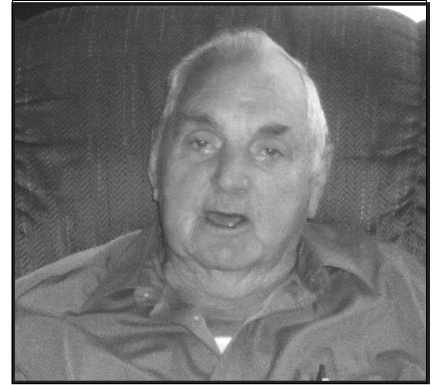
Written with tears and treasured memories,
By her husband, Jonathan Paul Collins

CECIL FARLEY

Cecil Farley, eighty seven, passed away peacefully at home on June 2, 2016. He was born March 10, 1929 in Hardy, KY to John Lee and Fern Smith Farley. He moved to Silver Springs, FL from Kentucky in 1955 and was a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Narrows Branch and will be sadly missed by his family, his church and his friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Alice Nelson Farley in 2005; a son, Cecil Raymond Farley and a daughter, Palma Renfroe.

He is survived by his daughters: Noreen Schoelch (Michael), Judy Maynard (Timmy), Marcia Olivarez (Joe), Cecilia Varney (Bruce); brothers: Jack Farley, Burl Farley, Steril Farley and Ray Farley; sisters: Mary Yates, Maxine Doan and Phyllis Killilla; thirteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and many other numerous family members.



AARON HALE

Aaron "Uncle A" Hale went to be with the Lord on July 31, 2016 at his home with family gathered around him. He was born March 11, 1924 to the late Julius and Mary Staton Hale. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Helen Taylor Jude Hale and his wife, Gladys Dials Hale; two sisters, Vicie Elkins and Eula Maynard Dillon; three brothers: Earnest, Arthur, and T. J. Hale.

He is survived by his stepson, Larry (Sheppy) Jude; stepdaughter, Kate (Marc Dupree) Jude and numerous nephews, nieces and other family.

Uncle A was born and grew up on Pigeon Roost at Fall Rock Branch in Martin County, KY. He was called to serve his country during wartime. He served with honor as a member of the United States Marine Corps during War World II in Guam and China.

After the war, he moved to Michigan for work. He worked for the Chrysler Corporation, Budd Wheel Manufacturing and Soss Manufacturing and was proud of his work as a mechanic.

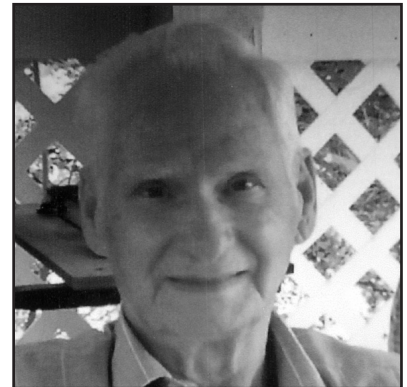
He later returned to Martin County to help care for his parents. Upon returning to Martin County, he found employment with Martiki Coal Corporation where he worked as a security guard until he retired.

Aaron accepted Jesus as his Savior and was a faithful member of the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. He enjoyed attending there and visiting other churches. He was especially fond of attending the Sardis Association meeting held in Pike County where he could fellowship with many of his brothers and sisters in Christ.

Aaron was a beautiful soul. His wisdom and strength of character set an example for those around him. Never one to complain, he was always concerned with the well being of others. He was especially concerned for those who had not given their life to the Lord.

Uncle A lived a long full life. He had many friends and family who loved him dearly and will miss him. We are grateful to those who visited him and prayed for him over the last few months. He loved his family and friends and it meant a lot to him when they visited. We are thankful to God for allowing us to be a part of Uncle A's life and for the impact his life had on us.

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." II Corinthians 5:8.



ALPHIA HANNAH

It is with a broken heart that I try to write this obituary of my sweet, loveable mother. Mom was an amazing person who I loved so much and miss her so bad.

Mom was born November 19, 1925. On July 2, 1949 she married Elder Isom Hannah. They had five children: Brenda K. Cable, Lenore, WV; Doris Ann Neeley, Kopperston, WV; Dwight Lee Hannah, Kopperston, WV; Tommy Hannah, Oceana, WV and Terry Glen Hannah of Illinois. Mom departed this life on July 4, 2016 at Logan Regional Medical Center with my sister and I by her bed side.

My niece, Amanda Lynn, stayed with mom at night. Mom would get so restless and Amanda would sing "Amazing Grace" to her and she would calm down. She loved Amanda so much. Thanks Amanda for everything you did for Mom. And I love you. When she would be sick at home she would call and get Albert to sing to her and have prayer and she would go to bed. My sister said she would rest good the rest of the night.

Mom leaves behind to mourn her loss: one brother, Harold Stacey of Mallory, WV; thirteen grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and her children who are all broken hearted.

We have lost someone so dear to us and we miss her so much. Mom loved her children so much. To my brothers, love each other and be good to each other. We don't have Mom to lean on anymore, so we have to lean on each other. Her troubles are over here on earth.

Written by her daughter,
Brenda K. Cable



RUBY MAYNARD HOWELL

Ruby Maynard Howell, eighty five, of Inez, KY was serenaded by angels and carried away to be with our Lord forever on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the Martin County Health Care Facility.

Ruby was born on May 22, 1930 in Martin County but she always celebrated her birthday on May 19. She was the daughter of the late William (Bill) and Roxie Blackburn Maynard. She was a member of the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of sixty six years, Toney Howell and one son, Roger Lee Howell; sons-in-law, John Chapman, Kenneth Campbell and George Pauley; one granddaughter, Ruth Pauley; five brothers: Jessie, Virgil, Jasper, Elias, and Wade Maynard; four sisters: Lassie Fletcher, Ollie Preece, Oretha Cline and Justine Hannah. Her sister Ernestine Hall Horn passed away one month after Ruby's death.

Surviving are daughters: Linda Pauley of Pilgrim, KY, Hazel Campbell of Inez, KY, Ernestine Pack and Joann Chapman of Louisa, KY; sons: Donald Howell of Inez, KY, Eddie, Sammy and Leslie Howell of Louisa, KY; fourteen grandchildren, several great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and friends.

My mom, our mom, was very wise, kind, loving, forgiving, praiseworthy and a woman of God.



She was a lady of many talents and was able to demonstrate the principles of wisdom in her home. She kept her home clean and in order. She loved planting beautiful flowers. I loved sitting on the porch with her, listening to her tell stories of her past and telling about how important it is for us to live our lives for the Lord and shun that awful place called hell. I loved walking in the yard with her as she talked about the beautiful flowers and garden and watching her eyes sparkle and see her sweet smile.

Mom loved giving her canned and garden food to others. She wanted everyone to feel welcome in her home and to eat her delicious food she could always quickly prepare. If anyone left hungry, it was their fault. She was always a giver and loved helping people.

I took her to church a month before she passed. She loved that old song, "I'll Fly Away". She called that her dad's song because he used to sing it all the time. I loved taking her to church. She always got such a blessing and loved being in the Lord's House.

Whenever Hospice was called in, one of the ministers they sent to speak to us, Jim from Ashland, KY, wanted to hear stories about mom and how she lived her life. I told him how she always put Jesus first and enjoyed church and serving him. She was a very hard worker and raised nine children, worked hard raising a garden, cooked three meals a day, kept her kids and home clean and was a good wife. She used to sit up all night rocking her babies if they were sick or crying. When her children were hurting, she was too.

A few days before she passed, Jim the minister from Ashland prayed for her and for us. He said he had to use Proverbs 31:10-13 because mom was definitely a virtuous woman. At her wake Elder Albert Cable and Elder Richard Staton said the beautiful songs they sang fit mom perfectly and they did.

Mom also loved riding around with dad up hollers and out in the mountains digging ginseng and herbs to make medicine. They enjoyed their time out riding around together. I can't think of anything mom could have done differently in raising us children. She did her very best with what she had to do with. No words can express the beauty and uniqueness of my (our) mother. She was a special jewel and shall be praised and missed deeply. We will always love her.

Written by her second child and definitely a mommy's girl
Hazel Howell Campbell

GLENNIS RUNYON KEENE

Glennis Runyon Keene, fifty six, of Pikeville, KY passed away Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Pikeville Medical Center. Glennis was born May 16, 1959 at Pikeville, KY to Martha Runyon of Johns Creek in Pike County, KY and the late Alfred Runyon.

She was a former Chiropractic Assistant for Dr. Steven Harrison for twenty years and a member of the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church.

Besides her mother, she is survived by her husband of twenty five years, Jimmy Keene of Pikeville, KY; one daughter, Laura Ashli Nichols Hinkle of Navarre, FL; three sisters: Nadine Webb of Sidney, KY, Marsha Lowe of Pikeville, KY and Melissa Lewis of Pikeville, KY.

She has two grandchildren that were the light of her life, Kaylin Melissa Bryant and Andrew Scott Bryant. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed at the Runyon-Maynard Cemetery at Piso, KY with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

Glennis was the feisty, spirited one of her sisters growing up. She often helped her dad work on cars or trucks when they were in need of repair or even helping shoe the horses when needed.



She would much rather work outside than bother with household chores. Her toughness continued even as she battled cancer. She was willing to let the nurses or doctors do whatever needed to be done to try and battle her illness.

She loved watching and supporting her niece and nephew and grandchildren in all their sports activities. She always brought fun and laughter to family gatherings. She is greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Lovingly written by her Family

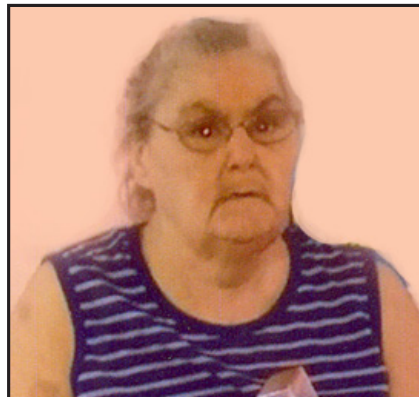
EDITH GAYLE LOCKARD

Edith Gayle Lockard, seventy one, of Turkey Creek, KY, passed away Saturday April 23, 2016, at Tug Valley Regional Medical Center.

Edith was born January 2, 1945, to the late Russell Elkins and Fannie Bevens Elkins. She was also preceded in death by a son, Cullen Lockard, Jr.; a grandson, Blake Musick and several brothers and sisters.

Edith was a homemaker and a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Cullen Lacy Lockard, Sr. of Turkey Creek, KY; sons, Edwin Eugene (Gina Lynn) Lockard of Morganton, NC and Brian Lockard of Morganton, NC; daughters, Jenny Lea Lockard of Turkey Creek, KY and Ashli Danielle Grim of Turkey Creek, KY; a brother, Phillip Elkins of Sidney, KY; a sister, Geraldine Robinson of Johns Creek, KY; grandchildren, Jonathan Lockard, Jasmine Lockard, Brianna Lockard, Taylor Lockard, Ilexandra Grim and Izaiah Musick; a great grandchild, Natalie Lockard and a host of other family and friends.



OLIVER D. LOWE

Scriptures state the journey a person takes between birth and the appointed time to depart from this world is short and only a few days. Though short is over time here on earth, in heaven we know our time will be an eternity of peace in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Daddy's journey ended on Friday, January 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. while surrounded by family and friends. He requested not to return to the hospital and remain at home with his family. He had struggled so long with COPD and emphysema that he knew he couldn't live much longer. He wanted to be where his wife of sixty eight years could be with him all the time. As he would say he wanted to be with his Rose.

Daddy was preceded in death by his parents, Ance Rell and Ida Mae Sesco Lowe; one sister Violet Lowe and one brother, Billie Lou "Bill" (Geneva) Lowe.

He is survived by his wife Dixie Rosalie (Rose) Parsons Lowe; one sister, Annie Justine (late Clifford) Coleman; one brother-in-law, Alec Jay (late Katherine) Parsons; three daughters: Bonnie (Waltust, Jr.) Reynolds, Carrie Ann (Bill-William) Freeman and Glenda France; one grandson, L. Bradley (Ashley) Reynolds; two granddaughters, Amanda France Hurley and Devon Reynolds Akers; three great grandsons: Jonathan Hurley, Greyson Akers and Gryffin Akers, and one great granddaughter, Kassidy Hurley.



Oliver Lowe and Dixie Rosalie Parsons were married on August 10, 1946 and remained married for sixty eight years. Daddy and mother made their first home on Maynard Fork of Gulnare, KY from 1946 until 1959. Here the three girls were born into their family. In 1959 Daddy was hired to work at Green Meadows Country Club as maintenance/green keeper north of Pikeville, KY. He soon moved the family along with his mother and father-in-law, John Henry Parsons and Ella Mae Nichols Parsons so he could be close to his work and be able to spend more time with the family. He also thought it would give the children a better chance to get an education. Then, in 1963 their only son was born. All of us girls were so proud to have a brother, but not as excited as Daddy was to finally have a son to carry on his family name.

Daddy worked very hard and long hours to provide a home and living for our family. He would always remind us of how important an education was and what it would do for you. He often bragged to friends and family of how proud he was the day that he and mother watched the last of four children receive a college education degree. Daddy and mother had instilled in us good work ethics to help us throughout our lives and we will always be grateful.

Because of his working so much he would try to include us children whenever he could. One of my first and most vivid memories was during the early years at Green Meadows. During the Summer months the greens would need watering a lot. He would ride us all around the golf course in an old green army jeep at night to water them. Of course we would run through the sprinklers to get wet. He would just laugh and say that mother wouldn't like us getting wet. Later on he delivered mail and then a paper route for the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times. When we were out of school or off for summer he would let us go with him. At the end of the route we would get a milkshake and sit at a table outside and read the comics. While out on deliveries we met many people who become friends. Daddy always took extra time to talk to the elderly customers who seemed to enjoy our visit. He would always ask if they needed anything which made a great impression on me.

As the years went by Daddy had many other jobs and we were older and didn't need a lot of attention. At one time he operated a service station then drove a powder truck and coal truck. He was working as a mechanic on coal trucks when he was injured and couldn't return to work. After several years he opened up a small engine repair shop where he worked on lawn mowers and plows, etc. Then on he was known as the lawn mower man. All the neighbors depended on him to keep their equipment running. He kept the shop going for over twenty five years until he lost most of his sight to macular degeneration.

Daddy had a great love for the Old Regular Baptist Church which extended to its preachers along with his many brothers and sisters of the church. He would be at church every meeting time and hadn't missed but very few when he became unable to see good enough to drive. His son-in-law would take him to church anywhere he wanted to go as long as he was able to make the trip. He would always call Waltrust, Jr. up and want to know where are we going to church Sunday. He loved to go to church and was a faithful member ever since his baptism in the mid 1980's. He took his membership at Pilgrim's Home Church at Varney, KY or called Brushy Creek.

Daddy had a multitude of friends accumulated from all his different jobs, coon hunting, and especially at church. One of his best friends who would call him every night for many, many years to check on his and mother's well being is Warren Baker. Baker as Daddy called him, was a friend met while coon hunting and trading dogs that became a lifelong friend. Baker always laughs and tells a favorite moment in time that his friend Oliver took grandson, Bradley Reynolds, coon hunting at fourteen years old and let him drive home for all the way from Central Kentucky to Pikeville because he had a nose bleed. He probably just wanted to sleep so he could be at church the next day.

Daddy loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren just as much as he loved his children. Daddy will be missed not only by his wife and family but all of his neighbors and friends. Daddy we will all be there with you some day.

Written by Bonnie Lowe Reynold

SENA (CHAFIN) MARCUM

Written in loving memory of Sister Sena. We loved our Sister Sena very much, but God loved her too, and he decided to ease her pain and take her home. Sister Sena was strong in her faith and church attendance.

She was born on October 5, 1955 at Lenore, WV and placed into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at her home at Lenore, WV at the age of fifty nine.

Sena was the daughter of the late Jess and Fredrica Pennington Chafin. Sena's survivors include: her husband, Everett Marcum; a son, Everett Marcum, Jr; two brothers, Ramsom Chafin of Trace Creek, WV and Jesse Chafin, Jr. of Delbarton, WV. She left four sisters: Ada Atkins of Williamson, WV; Alice Maynard of North Carolina; Shirley Starr of Williamson, WV and Melissa Hayes of North Carolina and one grandchild, Preston Skyler Marcum.

Sister Sena was a faithful member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church for more than thirty one years and was a homemaker.

Sena will surely be missed by her family and friends and will never be forgotten.

Written by her Sister in Christ, Sister Imogene Hall



FAYNELL (GROSS) MAY

Faynell Gross May was born February 26, 1923 and passed away April 17, 2016. She was the wife of Jimmy May, who was born October 3, 1916 and died August 3, 2011.

They raised fourteen children. Her survivors are: Esta Lee West, Effie Rita Hunt, George W. May, Kellis May, Lillian Rhodes, Woody May, Rhonda Irene May, David May, Bernie May, Arlene Chapman, Jonathan May and Joey May.

Two sons preceded her in death: James Samuel May and Don May. They have a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. They loved all their Brothers and Sisters in church and Mom loved everybody.

Written by Her son,
Kellis May



KAREN SUE MAY

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear wife, Karen Sue May. She was born March 3, 1948 to the late Andy and Edythe McCloud at Logan, WV.

Karen died September 28, 2015 at Pike Medical Center in Pikeville, KY at the age of sixty seven years old.

Karen and I united in marriage on January 7, 1966 and were happily married forty nine years and nine months.

She was a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church for forty one years where she attended faithfully until her health kept her from going.



Survivors include her son, Jeffrey (Heidi) May of Fort Gay, WV and one brother, Fred McCloud of Bowling Green, KY. She was preceded in death by a sister, Sandra K. Colgrove.

Written by her husband, Jeff May, Jr.

EDGAR EUGENE SCALF

Edgar Eugene Scalf, age ninety one, formerly of Canada, KY died in Lexington, KY on September 1, 2016.

He was the son of the late Willie Morgan Scalf and Ethel Bevins Scalf. He was preceded in death by his wife of seventy years, Ernestine Damron Scalf. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Willie Morgan Scalf, Jr. and Franklin Delano Scalf and sisters: Ernestine Scalf Blackburn, Maxine Scalf Slater and Janice Scalf Cornett.

He is survived by sons, Daniel R. Scalf (Joan) of Lexington, KY and Phillip Eugene Scalf (Carla) of Ozark, MO; five grandchildren: Becky Scalf Williams (Matthew) of Nicholasville, KY, Richard Edgar Scalf, MD of Lexington, KY, Nicholas Scalf and Harrison Scalf (Erica) of Springfield, MO and Derek Scalf of St Louis, MO; six great grandchildren: Brittany and Aaron Fannin (children of Becky Williams), Jillian, Caleb and Nathan Scalf (Children of Richard Scalf) and Madison Scalf (daughter of Harrison Scalf). He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Faye E. Scalf and Eugenia Damron Johnson and many nieces and nephews and friends.



He was a retired truck driver for the West Virginia Armature Company. He enjoyed his hobby of woodworking for many years. Many family and friends cherish his various projects. He also enjoyed camping with Ernestine and their many camping buddies.

As a teenage paper carrier for the Williams Daily News, he won a trip to the 1939-1940 Worlds Fair in New York City, by maintaining a preset quota. He was always very proud of that accomplishment. He served several years on the Sidney Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member and deacon of the Mt. Pleasant Old Regular Baptist Church of Sidney, KY. Edgar was well loved in the community by all who knew him.

ETHEL THORNSBURY SCOTT

It's by God's grace, feeling the sorrow of a great loss that I attempt to write this obituary of my loving Mother, Ethel Thornsbery Scott, who will be greatly missed.

Mother was born on November 21, 1921 at Canada, KY and departed this life on June 22, 2016 making her stay on earth just short of ninety five years.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church and enjoyed her membership at the Mount Pleasant Old Regular Baptist Church in Sidney, KY. She loved meeting with the brothers, sisters and friends until her failing health prevented her from doing so. She would always ask, "Who was there, who preached and did you have a good meeting?" Even though she couldn't attend, her heart was always with the church.

She is resting now from her labors which we can only imagine that she had to endure as ninety five years of her life passed by. However, she endured with patience the hardships and great loss of a husband, Clayton Scott and three children: Tommy, Jimmy and David.



She was also the last survivor of not only her Mother and Dad, but also her twelve brothers and sisters. Being the last survivor, it is only appropriate to roll call this Thornsby family one more time as follows: Mother, Octavia Smith and Dad, Madison "Matt" Thornsby; four sisters: Betty Jane Cook, Goldie Scott Hankins, Lola West, and Lena Mullins; and eight brothers: Bob, Claude, John, Calvin, Willie, Herbert, Warren and George Thornsby.

She leaves behind mourning her loss one son, Elder Frankie (Jewel) Scott of Richmond, KY; seven grandchildren, Sherry Scott of Richmond, KY, Tim (Sue) Scott of St. Claire Shores, MI, Gina (Tony) Tincher of Howell, MI and Shellie, Tammy, Kathy and Jimmy Scott Jr. of Michigan; and four great-grandchildren, Marissa Scott and Selena, Hunter and Treyton Klaassen.

Mother truly loved all her grandchildren and they were always precious in her sight. As she takes her eternal rest, we who remain await that blessed appointed day when by the grace of God we will be reunited one more time. Mother is now taking a well-deserved rest awaiting that appointed time when by *God's* grace we will all be together to never part again.

Greatly missed by her loving son,
Elder Frankie Scott

CAUSBY JEAN (MAY) STANLEY

Causby Jean (May) Stanley, wife of Hayes, daughter of Henry and Mary (Hannah) May, Mother of Linda Carol, Hazel Mae, Mary Ruth, Joseph Corbet, Janie Gail, Henry Phillip and Bruce Ervin.

She was the grandmother of Lisa Carol. Kathy Ann, Andrea Gail, Phillip, Earsten Hayes, Sherri Lynn, Jason, Kristen, Traci, Jennifer, Jessica, Amanda, Christine, Johnathan, Caleb, Daniel, Laura and Emily.

Causby was born on February 6, 1926 in Marrowbone, WV. She and her twin sister, Martha Jane (Janie) joined her siblings: William, Sherman, Jeff, Blackburn, Pearl, Georgia, Lola and Wilda. Her parents and sibling have all preceded her in death and await her arrival to meet her savior, Jesus Christ. What a happy reunion that will be. One that she talked about often and looked forward to.



Causby was beloved wife to Hayes. She cared for him for many years as the disease, Alzheimer, made it impossible for him to care for himself. She said one of the highlights of her life was when, at the age of sixty seven, Hayes accepted Christ as his savior and wanted to be baptized.

Always industrious and inventive Causby worked along beside Hayes in the war plants during World War II. Then residing in Marrowbone with the first of their children, they managed to eek out a living. She wanted more for her children, she wanted them to be educated. So, they packed up and moved to Mingo County, where the children would be able to attend school.

Throughout those years she worked as a cook for the school system and later was a postal assistant to Hayes and was involved in many community and church activities.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church from the age of eighteen. She was a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church. One of her favorite things to do was sing Christian songs. She loved her children and extended family. She had many nieces and nephews who became as close as her own immediate family. She never knew a stranger and no one ever left her home thirsty or hungry.

And whoever shall give to drinks unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matthew Chapter 10 Verse 42.

Written by her loving daughters,
Janie Gail (Stanley) Arnholt

HAYES STANLEY

Hayes Stanley, a loving husband of more than seventy years, a devoted father of seven children and a World War II combat veteran, passed away at 3:42 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2016, at Midland Meadows ALF-Memory Care Unit, in Ona, WV. He was born on October 16, 1923 at Laura, KY. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Causby Jean Stanley, with whom he had resided at 55 Stanley Drive, Prichard, WV from 1990. Before that, they had maintained their family home at Breeden, WV since 1952.



In addition to his loving wife, he was also preceded in death by: his father, Joseph Corbett Stanley; by his mother, Matilda “Tilda” Jude Stanley Sartin; by his brother, Walker Stanley; by his sisters: Myrtle Stanley Fields, Laudia Stanley Ogle and Margie Stanley Miller and by his half-brothers, Lloyd Sartin and Robert Sartin.

He is survived by his half-brother, Elder Wallace Sartin and his half-sister, Margaret Sartin Simpkins. He is also survived by his children; daughters: Linda Carol Kast (Bob), Hazel Mae Mikula (Phil), Mary Ruth Spaulding (Earsten) and Janie Gail Arnholt (Bill) and sons: Joseph Corbett Stanley (Susan), Henry Phillip Stanley (Teresa) and Bruce Erwin Stanley (Debbie), as well as a host of loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many, many others.

He served in the United States Army from November 11, 1941, through October 26, 1943, when he was honorably, but medically discharged from Company F, 145th Combat Infantry Regiment, 37th Infantry Division (the “Buckeye” Division).

While on active duty, Hayes served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations, particularly the Northern Solomon Islands campaign, from May 26, 1942 until September 6, 1943, his unit having seen action on Guadalcanal and New Georgia (Battle of Munda Point) during his enlistment.

Prior to retiring to Prichard, he served as the Postmaster of Breeden, WV, having been appointed to the position in 1959 by then- Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield. He was also a disabled coal miner and worked many years as a timber man.

He was a member of the Samaria Church of Old Regular Baptist of the Sardis Association located at Dingess, WV.

SCOTTY THOMAS

Scotty Thomas, age sixty nine, of Turkey Creek, KY, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 16, 2016. Scotty was born May 28, 1947 in Turkey Creek, KY to Lonza and Polly Thomas.

He graduated from Belfry High School and attended Mayo Technical College in Paintsville, KY where he acquired his Associate's Degree in Auto Body Repair. Shortly after his training, he married Nancy Sue Ward on May 29, 1970 and began working at Hubbard Motors, which became the starting point of his professional career. He owned Thomas Auto Body Repair and Thomas Used Cars with his brother Ferrell Thomas for over forty years.



Scotty has always been an active member of his church and community where he has been a serving member of Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. Above all, Scotty loved his family. He was a devoted husband to Nancy, dedicated father to Scott and Jessica and a proud papaw to Anna and Dylan. He and Nancy frequently visited their grandchildren where he loved to spend time with them and join in all their adventures.

Scotty and Nancy also visited Colorado each year to spend time with their son, Scott. While there he enjoyed camping, biking, and sightseeing in the Rocky Mountains. He spent the rest of his free time golfing, fishing, and making memories with his loved ones.

Scotty is survived by his wife, Nancy Sue (Ward) Thomas of Turkey Creek, KY; two children, William Scott Thomas and wife Emily of Aurora, CO and Jessica Leigh Spears and husband, Greg of Elizabethtown, KY; grandchildren, Anna Kathryn and Thomas Dylan Spears; brothers, Ferrell Thomas and wife Sandy of Turkey Creek, KY, Cecil Thomas and wife Bobbie of Turkey Creek, KY; sisters, Genola Smith of Richmond, KY, Brenda Blackburn and husband, Harold of Richmond, KY; sister-in-law, Betty Thomas of South Williamson, KY; and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Family and Friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lonza and Polly Thomas; grandson, James Gregory Spears; brother, Bobby Lee Thomas and brother-in-law, James Albert Smith.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at R. E. Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, KY with Elders Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and others officiating. Scotty was buried at Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy, KY.

Scotty loved God, his church, his family and his friends. He had a smile that would light up any room and he had a special way of letting you know that you were loved. He was a man of unique humbleness. He is sadly missed by all who knew him.

Written by his wife, Nancy Thomas
And Children, Scott Thomas and Jessica Spears

EMERSON THOMPSON

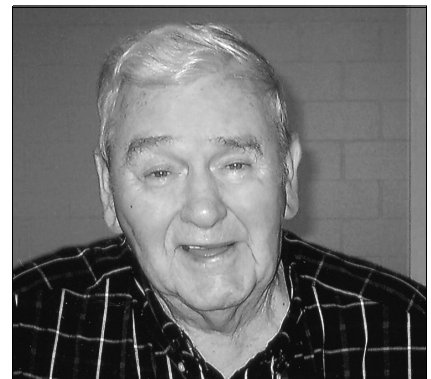
With a sad and broken heart, we will write the obituary of our beloved husband and dad. Emerson Thompson was born on November 9, 1930 to the late Dave and Lydia (Blankenship) Thompson and left to be with Jesus on June 11, 2016.

He was married to his wife, Elva Ritchie Thompson for sixty four years. They were always at each other's side and had so much love to share with their three children: Aaron (Missy) Thompson, Drucilla Thompson Lester (preceded him death) and Carmella (Frank) Porter.

Dad has been a member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church since April 4, 2001. (He joined at Muncy Valley.) He loved to attend different churches. He would travel to Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia to attend a church. He loved his brothers and sisters of the church and loved to discuss the Bible with them. He wasn't ashamed to praise God when he felt His presence. He loved to joke and kid with them. His favorite saying was, "You afraid of me? Loan me a \$1000." He always met you with a smile and expressed his love for everyone. He cared for everyone and prayed for all of his friends, family and all of the sick everywhere. This always made people love him. He never met a stranger.

He worked hard for his family in the coal mines and was proud to say that he worked for everything that he had. He was not ashamed to say I worked and bought, that no one gave me anything. He was happy until the pneumonia, black lung, cancer and COPD won the battle. He fought for a while and said, "I 'm a winner either way." And looked forward to going to the streets of pure gold.

Dad was preceded in death by his daughter, Drucilla; his granddaughter, Courtney Cambria Porter Smith; his brothers and sisters and several nieces and nephews. Those left to cherish his memories besides his wife and kids are his grandkids: Jeremy (Vonya) May, Ethan May, Josh (Megan) Thompson, Sarah Thompson, Trevor Porter (Savannah White) and Gilbert Smith. Also, great grandkids: Andy May, Shantessa May, Zack Patrick, Penelope Thompson and Aria Emeryson Smith.



We will miss Dad and cry often for him. We wouldn't want him to come back and suffer anymore. We are happy that he is with the KING and rejoicing each and every day. The clouds opened up on that day and took our dad but someday we can see him again.

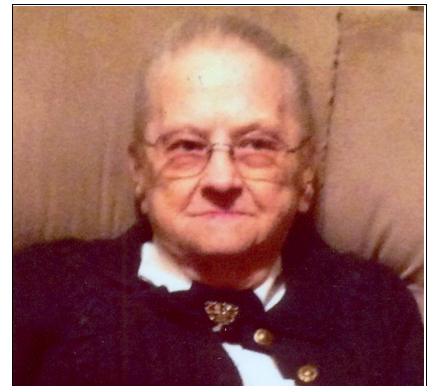
A special message from Elva to Emerson. As I lay on my bed each night I kiss and hug your pillow tight. I tell you I love you as we did each night. My heart is broken and someday I hope to meet you again and I believe I will. When GOD comes for his children at the top of the hill. You told us you were a winner either way. I know you loved the song "Clouds Opened Up and There Stood JESUS." So I hope to see you when the clouds open up on my special day. Love you Soul Mate, wife Elva.

Sadly written by Elva, his wife
And Carmella, his daughter.

ALBA YOUNG

Alba Young, eighty three, of Varney, KY died Saturday, November 14, 2015 at her home. She was born in Pikeville, KY on September 2, 1932. She was the daughter of the late Finley Maynard and Vada Ray Maynard.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Harmon Young and one son, Walter Young. She is survived by three daughters: Sharon (Clifford, Jr.) Coleman of Pikeville, KY, Carolyn Young of Charleston, WV and Louise (Chalmer) Williamson of Varney, KY and three sisters: Minnie Bevins of Lakeview, AR, Jo Ann Blackburn of Nicholasville, KY and Pallue Ilich of Illinois. Also, she is survived by seven grandchildren: Miranda Coleman Layne, Alisha Arnett, Jennifer Young, Ethan Young, Renee Stanley, Burt Williamson and Kyle Williamson and eleven great grandchildren: Sydney, Marley Ayden, Madelynn, Chaseon, Teddi, Taryn, Adyson, Lucas, Noah, and Brinlynn.



Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, November 16, in the J. W. Call Funeral Home Chapel with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Young Cemetery, Brushy. Arrangements were under the direction of J. W. Call Funeral Home of Pikeville, KY. Pallbearers were Burt Williamson, Kyle Williamson, Ethan Young, Todd Arnett, Brandon Stanley and Jordan Delpont. Honorary pallbearers were Clifford Coleman Jr. and Chalmer Williamson.

OBITUARIES
of
FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

FAY BLACKBURN

It is with love and sorrow that I will try and write the obituary of my loving grandmother, Fay Blackburn. She was ninety five years of age when she passed away on June 21, 2016.

Fay was born March 21, 1921, the daughter of the late Bessie (Spears) Blackburn and French Blackburn. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elster Blackburn; three sisters: Earnistine Blackburn, Toka Blackburn Hunt and Luciana (Blackburn) Blackburn; one brother, Earsle Blackburn; one daughter, Emma Lou (Blackburn) Boskee and two grandchildren, Michelle Lynn Boskee and Lisa Gail Blackburn.

She is survived by one brother, Chester Blackburn; four daughters: Juanita (Blackburn) Sheely, Phyllis Ann (Blackburn) Hillerman, Evrois (Blackburn) Ford and Linda (Blackburn) Tibbs. Also, one son, Kenneth Blackburn, fourteen grandchildren, thirty great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Fay was raised on Missouri Branch until the age of nineteen. That was when she met the love of her life, Elster Blackburn. They were married on March 23, 1940. Elster is the son of the late, Octavia (Taylor) Blackburn and Floyd Blackburn. Together they built a home on Mills Branch Road of Brushy Creek, Pikeville, KY, raised six wonderful children and enjoyed fifty three years of marriage before the good Lord called Elster home.

After Elster passed Fay continued to live in her home on Brushy where she was surrounded by her family and friends.

Fay was a perfect example of a pioneer woman. A highly regarded lady, skilled homemaker and faithful member of the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. With a heart of gold and such a joy for life, Fay was blessed with many talents: quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc. If it called for a needle she was a master at it. Also, Fay was no stranger to hard work, she could hoe a field or herd the cattle alongside the best. She could do it all and never found the need to complain about it. But the talent she was best known for was her cooking. Every meal she prepared was done with pride and perfection. Whenever anyone came to her home, whether it would be family, friends or a total stranger, dinner was on the table. Fresh pie or cookies in the oven and you can bet that when you left your belly was full with some of the best homemade food you ever put into your mouth.

When Fay wasn't busy cooking you could always find her out on the porch. I believe that was her happy place. A place where she could read the Bible, work a crossword, say a little prayer or watch her grand babies play. A place where she could keep an eye on things or get a little rest if need be.

A place where I spent so much time with her and made mountains of memories. A place where we will always hear her voice and her spirit will live on forever.



Written by Brother Brad E. Tibbs
And Sister Amber Tibbs

BIRDIE MAE (RUNYON) BOGAR

It is with a sad heart and loving memories that I will try to write the obituary of my loving mother. Mom was born on March 19, 1927 to the late Moses and Polly (Hunt) Runyon and departed this life surrounded by her loving family on November 27, 2015 at her home.

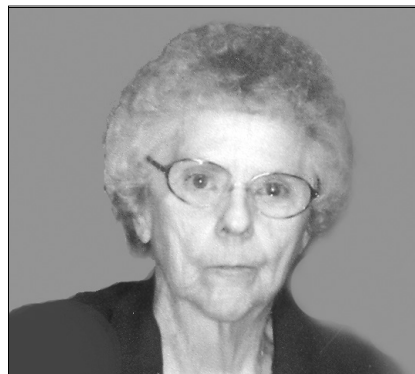
Mom was a cook supervisor at the Hardy and Varney Grade Schools. She was an avid UK and Belfry Pirate fan. She was a member of the Blue Springs Freewill Baptist Church where she filled her seat until her illness.

Mom was preceded in death by her loving husband, Joseph (J. E.) Bogar; one daughter, Nedria Stephenson; one grandson, Joey and six siblings.

Mom is survived by her loving children: Elsie Ann (Bert) Slater of Lake Wells, FL; Darryl (Brenda) Bogar, Clermont, FL; Roy (Brenda) Bogar, Grethel, KY; Roger (Mae), Walter (Debbie) and Tom Bogar, all of Hardy, KY; son-in-law, Paul Stephenson of Huntington, WV; nineteen grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and a host of loving family and friends.

Rest on, Mom, until we meet again over in God's country where we will not have to part anymore. We will always have fondest memories of you. We love and miss you everyday.

Written by: son and daughter-in-law,
Walter and Debbie Bogar



WAYNE COLEMAN

It is with much sadness and the help of the Lord, family and friends that I attempt to write this memorial of my dear husband, Wayne Coleman.

Wayne Coleman, was born June 14, 1959, the son of the late Allen Coleman and Marie Coleman. He passed from this life into that peaceful rest around the paradise of God on June 2, 2016, making his stay here on earth, fifty six years eleven months and nineteen days.

Wayne always said he had two birthdays. On November 6, 2002 he was a recipient of a kidney/pancreas transplant which with the blessings of God was able to have a new lease on life. There was not a day that went by that he wasn't so thankful for his organ donor and that family. That is why Wayne would worry so when he heard of family or anyone having diabetes, kidney disease or any other illness, he would encourage them to take care of their health, although he never complained because of his health. He never wanted anyone else to go through what he had experienced.

Wayne was a believer in the birth, death, burial and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He had great faith in prayer and the promises of God. Wayne shared his testimony of faith and belief in Jesus Christ with those who visited him. So he now has the right to claim three birthdays!

Wayne was a 1977 graduate of Johns Creek High School. He joined the United States Army in the same year and proudly served his country until 1980. Upon his discharge from the Army, he worked in retail management for many years. This is where Wayne would have to tell you the story of how we met and the first time he laid eyes on what he called a skinny, red headed girl.



It took me awhile to persuade him that I was the one who had my eye on him. This was in the early 1980s'. Wayne and I married on September 1, 1990.

Wayne wanted to have his own business, so he opened and managed PC Electronics at Sidney, KY until the time came that his health would not allow him to work.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Denise Coleman and Carol Coleman Thompson and his mother and father-in-law, Charlie and Greetis Stanley.

Wayne is survived by his mother, Marie Coleman, whom he loved dearly and his four brothers: Irvin (Bernie) Coleman, Ronald (Emoline) Coleman, Frank (Joyce) Coleman and Gary (Pamela) Coleman, several nieces and nephews and a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

Wayne had many friends as they were well represented at his services and he would have loved to have greeted each of you, but you will have your chance, just meet him in Heaven.

Wayne had a great interest in the young people, he wanted them to have strong work ethic and he wanted them to do well and he was proud of his family.

Wayne enjoyed collecting photos, music, stories, and learning the history of his family. He not only enjoyed collecting these things, he made it his mission that every member of the family or anyone that expressed an interest (and some that didn't) had their own copy whether it was by way of CD or DVD. Wayne wanted everyone to experience the joy of knowing and being a part of a family. He enjoyed and treasured every minute he spent with each of you in collecting all this information.

Won't it be wonderful that he will need no visual aid when he finally gets where he is going? Many of his family and friends, he had never seen only through description or maybe by touching your face, I am sure in Heaven you will need no introduction. His goal was that every Coleman and Stanley family member, whether it was brother, sister, niece, nephew, cousin, etc would get to know one another and always remember family.

Wayne was walking testimony of faith and he believed that all things were possible and he believed that if you were diligent you could complete any task and overcome any obstacle. Wayne overcame his only enemy, death, and now there awaits for him a glad tomorrow. Now he rests around the throne of God, just waiting for the glorious dawn when both soul and body will reunite and then he will be "Satisfied."

Written with love and devotion forever,
Your Wife, Patsy

BELVIE "RENA" MCCOY

It is with much love and great sadness that I will try to write this obituary of my beloved wife, Belvie "Rena" McCoy. She was born in Martin County, Kentucky on November 11, 1941 to Goldie Howard and the late Linzie Goble.

Rena became well known early in life for her kind heart with her jobs of taking care of children and helping others. Rena was an unconditionally devoted homemaker to her family and loved them with all of her heart. She took care of her loved ones with the most profound love possible, always putting them first.

On Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, KY she passed away from this life making her stay on earth seventy four years, six months, and one day.

She leaves behind two wonderful daughters, Freda Louise McCoy and Patricia Faye McCoy both of Inez, KY and a husband that will never be the same anymore.



We had forty eight years together, but I look to see her again on that day 'when we all will meet. On that day when the Lord will come and unite us together forever more.

Rena's family will struggle forever to face the world without her and will continue to wait to get to see her again. Gone but not forgotten. I will meet her on the clouds in that day... and will be together forevermore.

Written by Her Husband,
James C. McCoy

THOMAS O'NEIL ROBINSON

Thomas O'Neil Robinson, age fifty, of Pikeville, KY, formerly of Martin County, KY, passed away Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at Pikeville Medical Center. He was born December 12, 1965 in Martin County, KY. He was the son of William and Dorothy Moore Robinson.

In addition to his parents he is also survived by his wife, Lori Denise Robinson of Pikeville, KY; two daughters, Cassie Rose of Louisa, KY and Hannah Robinson of Prestonsburg, KY; two stepsons, Justin and Adam Hunt of Pikeville, KY; one brother, James (Tracy) Robinson; one granddaughter, Tinley Rose of Louisa KY; one step-grandson, Jackson Hunt of Pikeville, KY.

I write this with a very heavy and sorrowful heart. This was my little brother. I always called him Buddy but most people knew him as Tazz. Everyone that knew him loved Buddy. I will miss him so much. I have a great hope that one day I will see him again, that hope is in Jesus Christ and in God all things are possible and that is where my hope and my love is.

Your Brother, James



COURTNEY CAMBRIA PORTER SMITH

With a sad and broken heart, we are writing the obituary of our beautiful daughter, Courtney Cambria Porter Smith. She was born on March 23, 1987 to Franklin and Carmella Thompson Porter.

She was a very loving and caring person. She attended and graduated from Gilbert High School and attended and graduated from Marshall University. She became a caring teacher and worked for Cabell County Board of Education.

She was called away on December 8, 2015 from complications from a C-section. She was to be hooded for her Masters in Education on December 10, 2015 and was expected to graduate on the day of her services, December 13, 2015.

She loved life and lived it to the fullest with everything she did. She loved her family. Courtney wore her heart on her sleeve. She would cry at the drop of a hat and then laugh because it was a silly thing to cry about. She never left without hugging, kissing and telling her family and friends that she loved them. She always ended a conversation with "I love you."

Courtney was married to Gilbert Junior Smith, III on June 11, 2011. To this union a beautiful girl was born, Aria Emersyn Smith. She was very proud and enjoyed her little family. She only got to enjoy her baby for one week and was the happiest when she was with her husband and daughter. Aria is now eight months old and very healthy thanks to her wonderful Dad, Gilbert.



Courtney lost her Paw Paw Cleve Porter when she was in the 9th grade. She wrote poems to help with her pain. Since the passing of Courtney she has had two important people join her. Her Paw Paw, Emerson Thompson and her Maw Maw, Alma Porter.

Leaving behind are also her brother, Trevor Lance Porter (Savannah White) and her Maw Maw, Elva Thompson. She has several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends that mourn her passing.

She is missed every breath of every day. Courtney, we love you more and miss you so much. Fly high Baby Girl.
Sadly written by Mom and Dad.

HAZEL THACKER

Hazel Thacker, seventy eight, of Dix Fork, Sidney, KY passed away on May 11, 2016 at Signature Nursing Home. She was born July 29, 1938 in Canada, KY.

She had formally worked at Magic Mart, was a homemaker and was of the Old Regular Baptist Faith. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Barbara Sue Deskins and Bessie Mae Stacey; her brothers, Clinton, Jr. Williamson and Oakie Williamson; a son, Patrick Thacker; a grandson, Ricky Dale Thacker and her beloved dog, Cody.

Those left to carry on her memory are her beloved husband of fifty eight years, Bobby (Bob) Thacker; her sons, Mick and Rick Thacker all of Dix Fork, KY; one sister, Anne B. Chapman of Cincinnati, OH; her grandchildren: Bobbi Vaughn, Brandon (Brandi) Thacker, Ashlea (Brandon) Miller and Cassie Cox. She also leaves behind her great-grandchildren: MaKayla, Braydon, Kameron, Hunter, Peyton, Greyson, Lily and Taylor. She also leaves behind several other family and friends whom loved her.



Written by her granddaughter,
Brandi Thacker

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 2016**

MT. PLEASANT: Lacy Walters, Daniel Stanley
APPLE ORCHARD: Tim Maynard, John Young, Johnny Thacker
BENT BRANCH: Dean Lowe, Harold Collins, Michael Lowe
BIG BRANCH: Don Preece, Chuck Lowe, Terry Blackburn
MARY ELIZABETH: David Staton, Therman Stacey, Clifford Harrison
BETHANY: Arthur May, Albert Cable, Monty Messer, Jr.
PILGRIMS HOME: Stoney Blackburn, Danny Runyon, Eric Williamson
SALEM: Ferrell Sesco, Stephen Johnson, Alonzo White
SIDNEY: Butler Fletcher, Eugene Moore, Ronnie Lowe
DIX FORK: David Crigger, Arnold Mullins, Ron Gannon
NARROWS BRANCH: Donnie Farley, Roscoe Williamson, Bobby Scott, Jr.
LEANNAH: Larry Robinson, Billy Joe Robinson, Trevor Robinson
BUCK CREEK: Vadis Blackburn, Todd Dials, Marion Duncan
TABITHA: Rex Napier, Monty Messer, Avery Hensley
LITTLE ROSIE: Richard White, Danny Allen, Vernal Sesco
TURKEY CREEK: Ron Hamilton, Eugene Taylor, Talbert McCoy, Jr.
SAMARIA: Bernard Aldridge, Larry May, Chester Lackey
ROSA: Iven Blankenship, Johathan Collins, Mackey May
LITTLE VIRGIE: Alvin Thornbury, Paul Maynard, Dwight Maynard
PILGRIMS REST: Ervin Thacker, Clifton Robinette, Gary Young
OKEECHOBEE: Ivan Neil Thornsbury
ELIZABETH: Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe, Calvin Howard
LITTLE TAVIE: Leonard Napier, Urias Hall, Jr., Cameron Harmon
ANTIOCH: Arthur Mathis, Arthur Mathis, Jr, Lowell Adkins
BRIDE OF CHRIST: Sam Frye, Darrell Maynard, Gary Napier

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| Mt. Pleasant | 11:00/11:00 | Frankie Scott | Lacy Walters | 60 | 150 | | | | | | 3 | | 5 | 2 | July |
| Apple Orchard | 11:00/11:00 | Gary Young | Duane Smith | 75 | 200 | | | | | | | | 18 | 1 | June |
| Bent Branch | 10:00/10:00 | Dale Williamson | Duane Smith | 125 | 300 | 1 | | | | | | | 25 | 3 | August |
| Big Branch | 11:00/11:00 | Richard L. Staton | Danny Runyon | 75 | 175 | | | | | | | | 24 | 3 | July |
| Mary Elizabeth | 11:00/11:00 | David Crigger | Lacy Walters | 90 | 200 | 5 | | | | | | | 28 | 3 | July |
| Bethany | 11:00/11:00 | Arthur May | Albert Cable | 100 | 250 | 3 | | | | | 2 | 1 | 34 | 4 | August |
| Pilgrims Home | 10:00/10:00 | Elbert SESCO | Danny Runyon | 250 | 500 | 3 | | | | | 2 | | 85 | 4 | August |
| Salem | 11:00/11:00 | Elbert SESCO | Danny Runyon | 75 | 150 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 50 | 1 | May |
| Sidney | 2:00/10:30 | Thomas J. Dials | Todd J. Dials | 75 | 225 | 1 | | | | | | | 25 | 4 | June |
| Dix Fork | 11:00/11:00 | David Crigger | Lacy Walters | 125 | 250 | | 1 | | | | | | 27 | 1 | July |
| Narrows Branch | 11:00/11:00 | Lacy Walters | Ivan Neal Thornsberry | 75 | 150 | | | | | | | | 15 | 4 | July |
| Leannah | 10:30/10:30 | Billy J. Robinson | Paul Maynard | 50 | 100 | | | | | | | | 28 | 2 | July |
| Buck Creek | 10:30/10:30 | Thomas J. Dials | Wayne Herald, Jr. | 125 | 275 | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 14 | 3 | June |
| Tabitha | 2:30/10:30 | Rex Napier | Albert Cable | 30 | 60 | | | | | | | | 15 | 1 | August |
| Little Rosie | 11:00/11:00 | Elbert SESCO | Tim Robinson | 40 | 80 | | | | | | | | 8 | 2 | April |
| Turkey Creek | 11:00/11:00 | Hobart Hamilton | Richard Staton | 150 | 300 | 1 | 1 | | | | 5 | 1 | 49 | 2 | May |
| Samaria | 11:00/11:00 | Randall Lackey | Tim Robinson | 30 | 100 | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 25 | 1 | July |
| Rosa | 10:30/10:30 | Hobart Hamilton | Gary Young | 70 | 300 | 1 | | | | | 2 | | 21 | 3 | August |
| Little Virgie | 11:00/11:00 | Richard L. Staton | Paul Maynard | 75 | 150 | | | | | | | | 10 | 4 | June |
| Pilgrims Rest | 10:30/10:30 | Gary Young | Duane Smith | 75 | 275 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 15 | 2 | June |
| Okeechobee | 4:00/10:00 | Randy Gilman | | 20 | 40 | | | | | | | | 5 | 4 | April |
| Elizabeth | 10:30/10:30 | Gabe Lowe, Jr. | Clyde Perry | 50 | 100 | | | | | | 1 | | 9 | 1 | June |
| Little Tavie | 10:30/10:30 | Chester Cochran | Lester Cochran | 75 | 200 | 1 | | | | | | | 16 | 2 | July |
| Antioch | 7:00/10:30 | Leonard Napier | Clarence Mathis | 75 | 150 | | | | | | | | 12 | 4 | August |
| Bride of Christ | 7:00/11:00 | Sam Frye | Leonard Napie | 40 | 10 | 3 | | | | | | | | | July |
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