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Friday Morning, Sept. 10, 1926.

The Sardis Association of Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ convened with the Leanah Church, Morea, Martin county, Kentucky, after singing a few songs of Zion.

Elder L. T. Preston led in prayer, after which the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Hi Maynard from Hebrews 12th chapter and 28th verse. "Wherefore we are receiving a Kingdom which cannot be moved let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptable with reverence and Godly fear."

After a short intermission, the delegates from the several churches assembled at the church house and after prayer by Elder F. M. Preece, the association proceeded to business in the following manner:

1. The letters from the several churches were handed in, read and received and delegates seated.

2. The association then organized by reelecting Elder Ester Hopkins Moderator, Elder Hi Maynard, Assistant Moderator; Elder F. M. Preece

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Clerk and Elder Jonah Bevins, Assistant Clerk.

3. On Motion, Rules of Decorum were omitted.

4. Called for newly constituted churches; none responded.

5. Called for corresponding letters from Sister Associations and one received from Kyova Association but no messenger.

6. Called for Trancient Ministers and received Elders E. F. Fields, J. H. Brown, who received the right hand of fellowship.

7. Resolved: that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Appointed committee to see that peace prevailed at the stand, consisting of Bros. Sam Robinson, Don Varney.

9. Appointed a committee to arrange Ministry for Saturday, consisting of one delegate from each church with entire delegation from Lenah, who reported first, 1, E. F. Fields; 2, J. H. Brown; 3, James Jude; 4, Hi Maynard.

10. Appointed a committee on arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each church, with Modera-

tor and Clerk. Visiting Brethern invited.

11. Appointed Brethern to write letters to Sister Associations. W. E. Blackburn to write to Kyova. Jonah Bevins to write New Salem.

12. On motion it was ordered we adjourn till tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Saturday Morning, Sept. 11, 1926.

1. Met pursuant to adjournment. After being called to order by the Moderator, Elder Hi Maynard made some soul cheering remarks and after a song by the delegation, Elder Bro. Maynard lead the delegation in prayer.

2. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

3. Appointed a committee on finance, consisting of W. E. Blackburn and Harrison Bevins, who reported as follows:

Mt. Pleasant .....	\$ 6.10
Mary Elizabeth .....	None
Apple Orchard .....	5.00
Rebecca .....	3.50
Bent Branch .....	10.50
Big Branch .....	3.25

Dix's Forks .....	3.65
Pilgrim Home .....	16.60
Mt. Carmel .....	3.00
Bethany .....	2.00
Lenah .....	3.10
Sidney .....	2.20
Narrows Branch .....	6.65
Wolf Creek .....	2.00
Total from all churches .....	\$74.85

4. Called on treasurer to report, who reported as follows:

Grand total on hand .....

5. By motion and second Bro. W. E. Blackburn was made treasurer.

6. Appointed the same committee as of yesterday to arrange Ministry for Sunday, who reported as follows: 1, Elder Lewis Smith; 2, Elder Willis Blackburn; 3, L. T. Preston; 4, Elder Ester Hopkins.

7. Called for Brethern appointed to write letters to sister associations. Letters as follows: Letters to New Salem received and appointed Elders Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, Bros. A. J. Case, C. Williams and H. Young.

8. Called on brethern appointed to attend union meeting and sister associations to report. Some reported

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satisfactorily; some failures. Those failing to attend were excused.

9. On motion the same committee be given another year to look up their records of the association.

10. On motion it was ordered that the clerk have any obituaries of the deceased brethren and sisters printed in our minutes.

11. Resolved, that we advise ministers of our association not to marry people into adultery where either man or woman having a living wife or husband.

12. Shall we receive into our fellowship men having more than one wife or women having more than one husband?

Answer: We advise the churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companions for the cause of fornications and such cases to have gospel or church evidence of the same.

13. Resolved, that we have the articles of faith and rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the minutes.

## Union Meetings For 1927

(1) Mt. Pleasant. Second Saturday and Sunday July. Jonah Bevins, attend.

(2) Apple Orchard third Saturday and Sunday July. Elders, W. Blackburn, J. Muncy, E. Hopkins, E. F. Fields attend.

(3) Salem First Saturday and Sunday in June. Elders Hi Maynard, W. Blackburn, L. T. Preston. E. Hopkins attend.

(4) Bent Branch, third Saturday and Sunday in July. Elders Hayes Maynard, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, Finis Adkins.

(5) Big Branch, second Saturday Sunday August. Elder W. Blackburn, J. Bevins, E. F. Fields. E. Hopkins attend.

(6) Dix Fork, first Saturday and Sunday August. Elder W. Blackburn, Hi Maynard, J. Bevins. E. Hopkins attend.

(7) Pilgrim Home, fourth Saturday and Sunday August. Elder L. T. Bevins with mod. attend.

(8) Mt. Carmel, first Saturday and Sunday August. Elder C. Cole, Finis Adkins. Jonah Bevins attend.

(9) Bethany, fourth Saturday and

## SUNDAY SERVICE, SEPT. 12, 1926.

The Brethern appointed to preach on the stand met a large audience of people and proceeded to business according to the arrangements of the committee.

1. Service introduced by Brother Lewis Smith, who left some beautiful thoughts on the minds of the people.

2. Elder Willis Blackburn preached from the 10th chapter and 16th verse.

3. Elder L. T. Preston preached from Eph. 5th chapter, 24th verse.

4. Elder Ester Hopkins preached from the 2nd Cor., 5th chapter and 1st verse.

The preaching was in unity and the Brethern closed the meeting by joining in singing and a hand shake and much rejoicing in hope of meeting in the Sweet Bye and Bye. May God bless us all.

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 CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are con-

vinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and preserve, maintain, and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them, in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seat.

Article 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full membership, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it 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

## TABLE OF CHURCHES

	Church Days	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Dismissed by Exclusion	Deceased	Total Members
Mt. Pleasant: A. Smith, J. Bevins.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Mary Elizabeth: Not Represented.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Apple Orchard: Lee Maynard, H. Maynard, W. M. Nichols	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	29
Salem: H. Bevins, R. B. Preston.....	1	5	0	1	0	2	1	35
Bent Branch: W. E. Blackburn.....	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	27
Big Branch: J. E. Taylor, J. McCoy.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	34
Dix Fork: R. Crigger.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
Pilgrim Home: A. J. Case, C. Williamson, L. Burris.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
Mt. Carmel: L. T. Preston.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Be thany: Joel Jarrel.....	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	23
Lenah: S. Robinson, T. McCoy, P. Dyles.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Narrow's Branch: J. S. Muncey, L. Smith.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	16
Sidney: Jim Jude, Tom Jude.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Wolf Creek: E. Maynard, C. Jude.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	22
Rebecca: F. M. Preece, A. Evans.....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	51

church in the Union.

Article 4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Article 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into the Union who shall petition by letter and messenger (and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly,) shall be received by the Association, and manifest by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Article 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

Article 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Article 9. Every motion made, and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 10. The Association shall

endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association.

Article 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Article 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary for that purpose.

Article 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected, if need be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Article 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union, when they may deem it necessary.

Article 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority.

Article 16. The Association shall have power, (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication between the churches.



(3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they think necessary. (6) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (7) To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association. (8) The Association shall have the power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union. (9) That no minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more ordained ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptists, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and all things that are therein contained.

Article 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is head and king of His Church.

Article 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the sealer and the applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Article 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and These are one.

Article 5. We believe in the Old and New Testament Scriptures to be the infallible Word of God, and take it for our only rule of faith and practice and nothing is to be taken from or added to it.

Article 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ, that he tasted death for every man, that salvation is to all men and women on the terms of the Gospel.

Article 7. We believe that repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus are necessary previous to baptism, and that immersion is the only way of

administering the ordinance.

Article 8. We believe that Christ has only one true Gospel Church, and that will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Article 9. We believe in the Communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the Church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and sufferings of the Son of God until His second coming.

Article 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, and ought to be observed and kept up by His Church until His second coming.

Article 11. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead, and that he lives forever.

Article 12. We believe in the resurrection of the just and the unjust.

Article 13. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

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

Article 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Article 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before or make remarks on his slips or failures or imperfections, but shall verily state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey the light or idea.

Article 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Article 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Article 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of

laughing during the sittings of the same, no whispering in time of public speech.

Article 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other title or appellation than that of Brother.

Article 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member until he gives his own idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Article 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association requires.

The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member, providing the chair is filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association shall be equally divided.

Article 12. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reprovien by the Association as they think proper.

Article 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Article 14. No person shall speak more than five minutes at the same

time without liberty obtained from the Association.

Article 15. These rules of decorom shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every Association.

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**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF  
ORDAINED MINISTERS**

Jonah Bevins .....	Goody, Ky.
Ransom Smith .....	Hardy, Ky.
E. F. Fields .....	McClure, Ky.
Wayne Cline .....	Piso, Ky.
F. M. Preece .....	Holden, W. Va.
A. J. Maynard .....	Williamson, W. Va.
A. A. Shepherd .....	Holden, W. Va.
Ester Hopkins .....	Williamson, W. Va.
W. H. Bolling .....	Piso, Ky.
J. E. Taylor .....	Jarad, Ky.
Hi Maynard .....	Goody, Ky.
J H. Brown .....	Crigger, Ky.
Willis Blackburn .....	Varney, Ky.
L T. Preston .....	Catlettsburg, Ky.
W. H. Maynard .....	Catlettsburg, Ky.
Simeon Johnson .....	Canterbury, Ky.
F. A. Canterbury .....	Canterbury, Ky.
James Jude .....	Couder, Ky.
J. S. Muncy .....	Sprigg, W. Va.
Charlie Jude .....	Laura, Ky.
Joe Cline .....	Portsmouth, O.
Wallace Jackson .....	Couder, Ky.
Henon Maynard .....	Jarad, Ky.