



Proceedings

of the

Fiftieth Annual Session

of the

Sardis Association of  
Old Regular Baptist

The Church of Jesus Christ

IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH

SALEM CHURCH

Pike County, Kentucky

September, 11, 12, 13, 1942

## PROCEEDINGS

of the

### FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

*In session assembled with the Salem Church, September 11, 12 and 13, 1942, at the Salem Church House where arrangements were made for the preaching; the services were introduced by Elder Grover Carey, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Ester Hopkins, text: Hebrews, 13 chapter and the first verse, which reads as follows: Let Brotherly Love Continue.*

Then the delegates assembled at the church house and after a short talk and song and prayer by Elder W. A. Hurley, the association proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches and received the letters and seated the delegates.

2. The association then organized by electing Elder H. Maynard as moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins as assistant moderator, Elder Jonah Bevins as clerk and Brother Troy T. Francis as assistant clerk.

3. At the request of the moderator the rules of decorum were read by the clerk.

4. Called for newly organized churches and received none.

5. Called for letters from sister associations and received as follows: New Salem, by the hands of Elders C. F. Conn, Billy Moore and Squire Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Elder C. F. Conn. Philadelphia, by the hands of Elders Finis Adkins, W. H. Gilliam, Ira Adkins and M. W. Burnette. Letter in the hands of Elder M. W. Burnette. Union, by the hands of Elders B. H. Baker, Rufus Parigan, J. B. May, H. C. Maynard and George Parigan. Letter in the hands of Elder H. C. Maynard. Mud River, by the

hands of Elders Gilbert Miller, J. W. Miller, Wetzel Ball and Hillard Pauley. Letter in the hands of Elder J. W. Miller.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order, the following received: Hays Maynard, W. A. Hurley, Bennett Adams, Basil Robinette, Willie White, W. C. Hay and Asa Evans.

7. Ordered that the moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting brethren as follows: Kelly Stanley, Mat Varney, Clyde Bevins, Okie Bevins, Jimmie Blackburn and Ester Hopkins.

9. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand: Sheriff Ben Maynard and Brother Jimmie Blackburn.

10. Committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday, consisting of one member from each church with the entire delegation of the Salem Church. Ministers as follows: First, Elder Gilbert Miller; Second, Elder G. M. Parigan; Third, Elder Hays Maynard, and Fourth, Elder Finis Adkins.

11. Friday night services, Elders Ester Hopkins, J. W. Miller and B. H. Baker.

12. Appointed clerks to write letters to corresponding associations.

13. Committee on arrangements consisting of one delegate from each church with the moderators and clerks with the corresponding associations invited.

14. On motion by Elder E. S. Coleman the association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment and after song and prayer, service introduced by Elder Finis Adkins.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Read the bill of arrangements and discharged the committee on same.
3. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Elders Willis Blackburn, Ester Hopkins and Wallace Maynard, who reported the contributions from each church as shown in the statistical table.

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

Total on hand for the year ending	
Sept. 11th, 1942 .....	\$345.32
Paid out for the printing of minutes .....	\$70.00
Secretary's fee .....	10.00
Expenses of delegates to sister associations and tax .....	4.75
Clerk's fee .....	15.00
Total paid out .....	\$ 89.75
Balance in bank on hand .....	\$255.57
Received from churches this year .....	159.40
Received donations from the delegates to pay on the note held against the Enon Church house .....	55.05
Total on hand for next year .....	\$470.02

5. Ordered that Elder Willis Blackburn be retained as treasurer.
6. That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that we have two thousand (2,000) copies printed and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services for preparing manuscript and recording the same.
7. Brethren called in union meeting and associations last year made their reports. Their reports received, failures excused. They were all admonished to be more faithful this coming year.
8. Appointed same committee to arrange for preaching Sunday, who reported as follows: First, Elder H. C. Maynard; Second,

Elder Finis Adkins; Third, Elder B. H. Baker, with moderator closing. Saturday night service: J. B. May, H. W. Gilliam and W. A. Hurley.

9. Letters to Sister Associations read and appointed delegates as follows:

New Salem, to be held with the New Salem church to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1942.

Elders: Basil Robinette, W. A. Hurley, Harrison Bevins and Brothers Donnie Lowe, Harvey Young and Caudill Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Harrison Bevins.

Philadelphia is to be held with the Philadelphia church to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1942.

Elders: Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard, Lewis Smith and W. A. Hurley. Letter in the hands of Elder Hi Maynard.

Mud River, to be held with the Providence church to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1943.

Elders: E. S. Coleman, Orville Runyan, Wallace Maynard, W. C. Hay; Brothers James Dempsey, Lewis Marcum and Elder W. A. Hurley. Letter in the hands of Elder W. A. Hurley.

Union, to be held with the Mt. Olive church to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1942.

Elders: W. C. Hay, Grover Carey and James Thornsbery. Letter in the hands of Elder Grover Carey.

**Upon Request the Following Churches Have Union Meetings:**

**May, 1943**

**SALEM:** First Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. A. Hurley, Grover Carey and Hi Maynard, with moderator attending.

**TURKEY CREEK:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Finis Adkins, W. C. Hay, Willie White and Basil Robinett, with moderator attending.

**June, 1943**

**ENON:** First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, W. A. Hurley and W. C. Hay, with moderator attending.

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Delmon Stanley, Grover Carey and Willis Blackburn, with the moderator attending.

LEANAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willis Blackburn, Ester Hopkins and Harrison Bevins, with moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Hi Maynard, Asa Evans and Basil Robinett, with moderator attending.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Delmon Stanley, Emmett Case, Harrison Bevins and Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending.

#### July, 1943

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. B. May, Willie White, Grover Carey, John A. Damron, Hi Maynard and Louis Smith, with moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Grover Carey, Asa Evans and W. C. Hay, with moderator attending, with communion on Sunday.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders S. B. Fraley, W. C. Hay and Wallace Maynard, with moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Bill Jude, Harrison Bevins, Emmitt Case and Willis Blackburn, with moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH: To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Basil Robinett, W. A. Hurley, Willie White and Willis Blackburn, with moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSA: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Emmett Case, Wallace Maynard, Harrison Bevins and Asa Evans, with moderator attending.

#### August, 1943

LITTLE DOVE: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, Hi Maynard, Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans and Grover Carey, with moderator attending.

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Basil Robinett, Harrison Bevins, Wallace Maynard and Jonah Bevins, with moderator attending.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Grover Carey, Willie White, W. A. Hurley, E. S. Coleman and Asa Evans, with moderator attending.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, Harrison Bevins and Wallace Maynard, with moderator attending.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn and Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending; with communion on Sunday.

BEECH GROVE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. R. Evans, Wallace Maynard, Ernie Runyon, Willie White and Orville Runyon, with moderator attending.

PILGRIM HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Ester Hopkins and Grover Carey, with moderator attending; communion on Sunday.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders E. S. Coleman, W. A. Hurley and Wallace Maynard, with moderator attending.

BETHANY: To begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday. Elders Grover Carey, J. G. Thornsbury, E. S. Coleman, H. C. Maynard and Willis Blackburn, with moderator attending.

10. Order that we print Obituaries presented to the brother clerk at the close of the Association.

11. Order that the treasurer pay the expenses of one (1) car for the visiting of sister Associations, paying for the gas and oil.

12. Order that we advise ministers of our Association not to marry people into adultery where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

13. 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 fornication, and such cases to have the Gospel or church evidence of same.

14. By motion it was ordered that each delegate of the several churches ascertain whether or not they accept the Articles of Faith of the Apple Orchard Church carried in our minutes last year, as the uniform faith of each church and report at our next Association.

15. By motion it was ordered that we reject the letter presented to us from the New Sulphur Springs association asking correspondence with us.

16. By motion it was ordered that we, the Association, pay off the indebtedness held against the Enon church house of the Sardis Association.

17. By motion it was ordered that each delegate from the several churches ascertain whether or not their church is in favor of erecting one church building each year, for the several churches which have no buildings, and report the same at our next Association.

18. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Bent Branch Church, Pike County, Kentucky, about half way the distance between Williamson, West Virginia, and Pikeville, Kentucky, on state highway route 119, to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1943.

19. By vote it was ordered that Elder Grover Carey preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. C. Hay be his alternate.

20. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Salem Church and the community at large.

21. Ordered that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk. The Association then adjourn to the time and place mentioned above.

Elder Hi Maynard, Moderator,  
Elder Ester Hopkins, Asst. Moderator,  
Elder Jonah Bevins, Clerk,  
Brother Troy T. Francis, Asst. Clerk.

#### Information or Identification

The following names are recorded on our record book, at the Apple Orchard Church, namely: Nancy Kirk, Nancy Staton, R. J. Keesee and Jane Keesee. Anyone with information concerning these members we would appreciate it very much if you would report it to the Apple Orchard Church in person or by letter.

Thank you.

Eldon Maynard, clerk,  
Heenon, Kentucky.

#### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

September 13, 1942

An unusually large and well behaved congregation assembled at the Salem Church Sunday morning, and engaged in singing several of the good old hymns of Zion while waiting for the preaching brethren.



First, Elder H. C. Maynard of the Union Association introduced the service and led in prayer.

Second, Elder Finis Adkins from the Philadelphia Association preached. He used no text of scripture but dwelt on the perseverance of the Saints.

Third, Elder B. H. Baker, also of the Union Association, preached from Psalms, 8th chapter, and the fourth verse: What is man that thou art mindful of him and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Fourth, our beloved Moderator, Elder Hi Maynard, with sweet words of council and admonishment, brought the service to a close, through shouts of praise for Jesus Christ, who saves his people from their sins. We sang an old time hymn and departed. Thus closed the fiftieth annual session of the Sardis Association.

#### Remarks by the Clerks .

This session of the Sardis Association will be long remembered by the people of Kentucky, and Pike County, and the delegation of West Virginia, and Virginia, as one of peace, harmony and love abiding in the holy spirit.

I desire to express the gratitude of the Association to the surrounding community for their hospitality and tender care given us while among you. May the blessing of God rest upon all of you. Do not turn away from your redeemer. If on the other hand my prayers are heard, and you my brethren and sisters have been led to trust the Lord Jesus and receive from him salvation by grace, through faith, then keep you ever to this doctrine and this way of living. Let Jesus be your all in all, and let free grace be the one line in which you live and move. There is no life like that of one who lives in the favor of God. To receive all as a free gift preserve the mind from self righteousness and from self accusing despair.

Elder Jonah Bevins, Clerk.

## MEMORIALS

Memorial to be held with the Rebecca Church on the second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1943.

Memorial of Elder Heenon Maynard and others to be held with the Apple Orchard Church the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1943. Also the funeral of Brother W. M. Nichols will be held at the same time. Also memorial on the J. M. Lowe cemetery the first Saturday and Sunday in July, 1943. Also memorial to be held in the head of Big Branch the last Saturday and Sunday in August, 1943.

Memorial meeting of the deceased members, Sister Jessie Farley and others, to be held near or at the Enon Church, on the first Sunday in June, 1943. All ministers invited.

Memorial to be held of Elbert Bevins and others with the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1943. All ministers invited to attend.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor and others to be held the third Sunday in July, 1943. Also memorial of Harrison McCoy to be held the third Sunday in August, 1943. Also memorial of Russel Pete McCoy and others, to be held Sunday, May the third, 1943. The place where these memorial meetings are to be held is unknown to the Clerk.

Memorial on the Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek near Tom's Branch on the Sunday after the fourth Saturday in July, 1943. Elders Wallace Maynard and Grover Carey. All ministers are invited.

Memorial to be held for the deceased members of the Elk Fork Church the third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1943. All ministers are invited.

Memorial to be held of all the deceased members of the Pilgrim Home Church the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1943. All ministers invited to attend.

Memorial to be held of the deceased of the Salem Church the first Saturday and Sunday in October, 1943.

Memorial to be held of Nathan Jude and others the fourth Sunday in September, 1943, on the point near Dave Jude's; also

memorial held with the Sidney Church the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1943.

Memorial of the deceased members of the Dix Fork Church to be held the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1943. Ministers, Elders Harrison Bevins and H. C. Maynard to attend.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Muncy and others to be held with the Narrows Branch Church the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1943. Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, J. G. Thornsby and Grover Carey to attend.

Memorial of Brother Lee Robinson and wife to be held with the Leanah Church on the second Saturday and Sunday in July, 1943.

Memorial to be held with the Buck Creek Church on the third Sunday in August, 1943. All ministers invited to attend.

Memorial of the deceased members of the Little Dove Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday (month unknown to clerk).

Memorial of Brother Tom McCoy to be held at Buck Branch on Wolf Creek, the first Sunday in September, 1943. All ministers invited.

Memorial at the Hannah cemetery will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1943, and at the Sturgell cemetery the fourth Sunday in September, 1943. Elders George Gilliam, W. T. Rife and J. H. Hensley to attend.

Memorial to be held at the Fraley cemetery of J. W. Smith and others on the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1943. All ministers invited.

Memorial of Sister Cynthia Bowling, the wife of Elder Hose Bowling, to be held on the first Saturday and Sunday in September, 1943. All ministers invited to attend.

Memorial to be held of the deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church the second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1943. Elders Willis Blackburn, Jonah Bevins especially requested. All other ministers invited.

Memorial of Brother M. B. Romans to be held the first Saturday and Sunday in July, 1943, at their home cemetery. Ministers requested are Willis Blackburn, Jonah Bevins, Bill Jude and Hi Maynard.

Memorial to be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church of Elder Wallace Jackson and others the third Saturday and Sunday in September, 1943. All ministers invited.

## OBITUARIES

### R. L. Murphy

This was a real brother in Christ, and I feel my inability to write of the wonderful life which he possessed. This precious brother was the son of the late John and Peggy Murphy. Born in Pike County, Ky., on August 29th, 1877, he departed this life on April 23rd, 1942, aged 64 years, 9 months and 24 days.

Brother Murphy married Sister Emma Bevins on July 1st, 1897, and to that union were born four children who survive him: Herman and Clyde, of Williamson, W. Va.; Hollis, of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. George Owens of Williamson, W. Va.

In June, 1919, Brother Murphy, with his dear wife, professed a hope in Christ and they were baptized into the fellowship of the Narrows Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist. Brother Murphy was ordained a deacon of that church, which place he filled and used well. His fellowship remained in this church until his passing.

Brother Lee had that humble disposition of meekness and kindness to all whom he met. He served not only his church with pure and unflinching faith, but the entire neighborhood of the Sardis and sister associations, as a pillar and a messenger of peace and love. Brother Murphy had been in failing health for some years, but bore his suffering with that fortitude of a true soldier of the cross. He wept with those that wept, and rejoiced with those that rejoiced. He met his troubles with a heart of faith and confidence in God. By his kind and loving disposition he made friends of enemies. His life was full of good deeds; his personality was strong. In his home, he was an ideal husband, a kind and loving father; in his community he was prompt to help the needy, visit the sick, and his entire life was one of sacrifice.

As a church member, he never failed to be at his post, always striving for peace and unity, ready at all times to bear the burden of his own brethren in keeping the correspondence of the sister associations. To know him was to love him, but he is gone from us. How sad we feel without him. But we turn to his farewell words: Brethren, goodbye until we meet on that celestial shore where we will never part any more.

Sister Emma, your loss is great, but it won't be long until you, by God's gentle and loving grace, can follow on to where you will not be a mourner but will join in that great eternal praise.

Sister Gretna, your loss of such a wonderful father is his eternal gain. "For Me to live in Christ, to die is to gain" was true of your dear father. You can meet him again in heaven.

To the boys, Herman, Clyde and Hollis, you had a father whose life was a monument of purity, love, and faith, and his works will continue to live and follow on. I know you loved him, but will you follow in the footsteps of such a father as he was by accepting Christ as your personal saviour?

Farewell to a precious brother who was so close to me in this life. By the grace of God I will soon be blessed to join with him and the great family of God in eternal praise.

By an unworthy brother,

Hi Maynard.

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#### Harmon Smith

It is with much sadness and by request of the family that I try to write an obituary of a precious brother in the Lord and a special friend of mine, to-wit, Brother Harmon Smith.

He was born December 11, 1867, and departed this life December 17, 1941, at the age of 74 years and 6 days. He was married to Elizabeth (Sis) Young, December 1, 1891, and to this union were born three children, namely, Rell, Stella and George. Rell is still living, the other two having died in infancy. I can say of a truth that Brother Harmon led a quiet and peaceful life in his community and was loved and respected by all who knew him, always ready to lend a helping hand to his neighbors in the time of distress and trouble.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church July 25, 1925, and was baptized by Elders Jonah Bevins and Harvey Spence. He took fellowship with the Pilgrim Home Church to which he was a faithful member, but in his later years became so afflicted in health that he was unable to attend regularly and by his request was granted a letter of dismissal and placed it with the Turkey Creek Church, where he remained a faithful member until the Lord of Glory saw cause to take him from this world of trouble.

Brother Harmon served as deacon of the Turkey Creek Church from the time of its organization until his death. He was faithful to his duty and wanted to see that everything was done in order.

He has left behind to mourn his loss a good wife, one son and two grandsons, besides a host of relatives with all the members of the Pilgrim Home and Turkey Creek churches. Now I would like to say to Rell and to his two grandsons, you are all that mother has left; won't you, for your benefit and for her enjoyment in this life, turn aside from the ways of sin for death is abroad in the land. It has taken your father and it will soon call for you. Unless you seek God in pardon and remission for your sins you can never meet with your father in peace. Let Jesus be your guide.

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life,

Father, you have left us lonely,  
Mother and me to mourn your loss.  
We know that you are waiting for us,  
After we lay down our cross.

Troy T. Francis.

#### Belle Burris

It is with much sadness that I try to write this obituary of a loving sister, Belle Burris. She was the daughter of Uncle Tom and Aunt Betty Walters. Sister Belle was born March 26, 1865 and departed this life May 17, 1942, at the age of 77 years, 1 month and 21 days.

She was married to the late Lafe Burris about 41 years ago. There were no children born to this union. Her husband preceded her in death 14 years ago. She joined the Regular Baptist Church 33 years prior to her death and was baptized by Elder Joe Smith. She had her membership with the Pilgrim Home Church of which she lived a faithful member until the death angel called her from this world of trouble.

Sister Burris was loved by all who knew her. She was ever ready to lend a helping hand to her neighbors when they were sick or in distress. She leaves behind to mourn her loss two brothers and three sisters, namely: J. S. Walters, Lacy Walters, Susan Brown, Nancy (Sis) Ward, and Minnie Stanley, with all the members of the Pilgrim Home Church and a host of friends.

I want to say to Lacy and J. S.: "If you ever want to enjoy the home of happiness with sister, you will have to seek the Lord in this life. He is full of mercy and pardon; pray God to be merciful to you and He will not turn you away. Give your heart to Jesus while you have the opportunity, for after death it will be too late."

Sister Burris' last request was that Elders Jonah Bevins, Harrison Bevins and Willis Blackburn preach her funeral before she was planted back in the ground, and that Elder Basil Robinett preach with them if he wanted to.

A member from our church is gone,  
A seat is left unfilled.

We hope to join her in that home,  
When our feeble voices have been stilled.

Written by a sister in hope,

Elon O. Francis.

#### Melvin and Jack Dempsey

It is with much sorrow and by the request of the family that I will try to write an obituary of these two brother, Melvin and Jack Dempsey. They were the sons of Joe Bill and Rebecca Dempsey.

Melvin was born October 25, 1903, and Jack was born December 9, 1922. These two brothers were afflicted for several months with a lingering disease, tuberculosis. I visited them both very often while they were both confined to their beds at the same time. While they were sick they became concerned about the welfare of their future lives and often called for the brethren to come and have service for them. A few weeks prior to their death they both joined the Regular Baptist Church and were baptized by Elder Jonah Smith, and had their fellowship with the Turkey Creek Church, although their health never permitted them to visit the church; the brethren would go to their homes and preach and sing for them.

These brothers often talked about the bright hope they had for eternal life and happiness that would soon be theirs, and from their conversations I have had with them, I believe they are enjoying the happiness they talked so much about.

They have left a sainted father and mother with their brothers and sisters here to mourn their loss. Father and mother are growing feeble but just continue on in faith, and you will soon join those children of yours in the paradise of God.

And to the children, I want to say: Brothers are gone, never more to return. They will not be sick any more, and if you want to go where they have gone you will have to make ready in this life. Jesus did not save them in their sins; by the help of God they made themselves fit subjects for the indwelling of God's kingdom.

So—farewell.

Written by a brother in hope,

Ken Varney.

#### Sister Matilda Scott Staton

Matilda Scott Staton was the daughter of Act and Rutha Scott. Born March 11, 1852, she joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ about the year 1867 at the age of 15, when a youth in the order of God's council. She was married January 1, 1874 to Joseph Staton, and to this union were born ten children, three of whom have preceded her in death, together with her husband, who died July 24, 1939. Seven children survive as follows: Willis, Ballard, Jim, Rolland, Grover, and Mrs. Ora West. She is also survived by one brother, Andy Scott, and 52 grandchildren and 75 great-grandchildren, with a host of other relatives and friends and the entire brotherhood and sisterhood of the church, who mourn her passing. But the church has the consolation that our loss is her eternal joy.

The writer has known Sister Staton from his childhood. When but a youth, I remember Aunt Tilda, as she was called by all the youth of the country. I could not understand then why Sister Staton would shout and praise God in the church, but 31 years ago I understood the cause and why she kept it up until her death. On the 31st day of December, 1940, I was called to her home and she was then on her deathbed. She called me to her bedside and wanted me to sing and pray with her, and I did so. In her feeble voice and dying condition she shouted and praised God and told her children and those that were there with her that night that she would soon leave them and go to her home in Heaven. On the



third day of January, 1941, she fell asleep in the Lord to await the morning of the Resurrection, when the voice of the Son of God who died for every believer in Him will speak and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Her mortal body that suffered pain and death will be immortalized by the power of God and come forth again, never to be sick again nor to die again, but to live forever and ever. Then the soul and body in conjunction together will give God the praise due His holy name, and feast eternal upon the good things which God has laid up in store for them that love Him. Which is more than we mortals can think or ask.

In the closing of this obituary of this sainted mother in the church, we say to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: prepare to meet God and your angel mother.

Written by one in hope of eternal life,

Elder Jonah Bevins.

**Sarah Clevenger**

I will now write a short sketch of the life of Sister Sarah Clevenger, known to me as Aunt Sarah.

She was the daughter of Uncle Ned and Aunt Liddy Ray. She was born August 6th, 1875 and departed this life August 30th 1942, making her 67 years and 24 days old at her death.

She was married to John Clevenger, the date unknown to me. To this union were born eight children of whom three preceded her in death and five are still living, namely, Marion, George, Ailcie, Mina and Edith.

Aunt Sarah joined the Regular Baptist Church called Burning Springs some thirty years ago. To this church she lived a faithful member for several years. She then moved her membership for convenience to the Pilgrim Home Church, where she lived faithfully until the Lord of Glory saw cause to take her away.

There are many good things which I could say about Aunt Sarah. I was personally acquainted with her life when I was only a child. I visited her home very often and she always seemed to want me to feel that I was one of her family. She was kind to all children as well as older people. Ever since I can remember her she was stricken in health. For the past few years she was not

able to take care of her home, but she had a good husband who never tired of caring for her and the home.

To Brother John, we know that you will miss your companion that you have seen suffer so much, and that you tried so much to console, but weep not for her, for she has made a happy exchange and is over on the other side of life waiting for you to come, and while God permits you to live here with your children, will you try to persuade them to give up their ways of sin that they can join their mother when God calls them to go.

Children, you were the pride and joy of your mother's life. Won't you start today making preparations to meet her? In the future, may God grant you will not forget and neglect your mother's council. It will not let you go wrong.

Darling mother, how we miss you;  
We're so lonesome since you've gone,  
But ere long we soon shall join you  
When the Saviour calls us home.

Written by Elon O. Francis.

#### Dixie Ross

It has become my sad duty to attempt to write an obituary of one of our sisters whose seat is now vacant in our church, Sister Dixie Ross. She was the daughter of Bud and Josephine Williamson. She was born September 28, 1889 and departed this life September 13, 1942, at the age of 52 years, 11 months and 13 days. She was married to Hugh Ross January 28, 1911, and to this union were born five children, Lillian Ross Stissel, Victor, Willard, Lola and Bud Ross. Besides her husband and children she leave to mourn her loss three grandchildren, Candice Stissel, Leroy and Gay Ross; the following brothers and sisters: Laurretta Scott, Angie Stanley, Ella Webb, Josephine Maynard, Esta, Edna and Ada Williamson, Alton and Lawrence Williamson.

Sister Ross professed a hope in Christ the first Saturday in September, 1938, and was baptized by Elders Bud Coleman and Basil Robinett into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Home Church of Regular Baptist, and to this profession she lived faithfully until

the Lord of Glory saw fit to take her home. Sister Dixie was never strong in health and lived a good distance from our church, and for this cause was unable to attend as often as she wished. I was not permitted to visit her during her illness but I am sure she suffered much pain, but where Sister Dixie is gone there will be no more sorrow, pain or death. The Bible tells us "by their fruits ye shall know them" and by the life Sister Ross lived, I have every reason to believe that her spirit is resting in the paradise of God, and she is fully enjoying the beauties of heaven.

We will miss her in the Pilgrim Home Church. Her name will no more be on our roll call but I feel assured that it is enrolled in the Lamb's book of life, and it will be Sister Dixie who comes out of the grave and will answer to her name when that roll is called from Heaven in the resurrection morning.

I would like to say to her loved ones that she had to tell goodbye to, will you heed your mother's counsel, and let her teachings remain near your heart, and implore the God of all glory to grant your pardon for your many sins. By so doing you too will receive permission to walk through the gates of heaven and clasp hands with your mother again. God is rich and full of mercy, ready to give free grace to all that will ask in faith.

Oh, mother, how we all do miss you  
Since you have gone so far away.  
Our home is lost without you,  
But we know you've gone to stay.

Since you've been gone, dear mother,  
Another one we've lost—  
Brother's gone to fight for freedom,  
His life to give if need he must.

Written by one in hope,

Elon O. Francis.

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**Margaret Ray**

Sister Margaret Ray, daughter of James and Eva Maynard, was born September 9, 1841. She was married to Richard Stanley, who preceded her in death. Later she married Joseph Ray. To these two unions were born 15 children. Eight of these children

preceded her in death, and seven are still living. They are: Melvin, Mont, John, R. L. Stanley, Mrs. Vicy Maynard, Harrison Ray and Mrs. Pricy Ray.

Sister Ray joined the Regular Baptist Church about fifty years ago, and took fellowship with the Old Apple Orchard Church. Later she moved her fellowship to the Pilgrim Home Church of the Regular Baptist and was a faithful member until her death on May 9th, 1942. At the age of 101 years, she fell asleep in Christ, to rest from her labors.

Written at the request of the children.

Elder Jonah Bevins.

#### George H. Stanley

It is with a sad heart but a glorious hope that I try to write an obituary of our dear father, George H. Stanley. He was born July 11, 1866, and deceased December 28, 1941. He was 75 years, 5 months and 17 days old. He was the son of John and Nancy Justice Stanley and was married to Mary E. Williamson July 14, 1886. To this union were born eleven children, four boys and seven girls. One boy and three girls, with our mother, preceded him in death, leaving four girls, Mintie, Nancy, Octavie and Maggie; three boys, Marvin, Dewey and Kelly; three brothers and three sisters, with a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Father joined the Regular Baptist Church called Dix Fork some thirty years ago and always filled his seat until he was afflicted in health.

Father spent the last two years of his life with me. He was always kind to us all and loved our children so well that he is sadly missed in our home. He wanted to go where little children dwell and I believe father is resting in the paradise of God with mother and the rest of our family, awaiting to hear the trumpet sound when Jesus will call his jewels home. Father was very patient during his suffering and would call for the brethren to come and preach and pray for him. He continued to pray to the end and told us he was going home and for us children to follow him and I thank God for all his family has professed a hope in Christ except one. May I ask you all to join me in prayer that she

will make peace with God before it is too late and our family circle will be unbroken.

I want to say to my brothers and sisters, Father is gone where he will no longer need his crutch and cannot return to us but by the help of God we can go to him. So, farewell.

Our precious father from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is still;  
A chair is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.

Written by his daughter,

Octavie Cochran.

#### Cordelia Muncy

It is with much sadness in my heart and tears in my eyes that I will try to write a short obituary of my dear sister in the flesh and also a dear sister in Christ, Cordelia Muncy.

Sister Muncy was born August 1, 1882, and departed this life November 25, 1941.

She was united in marriage with Bill Muncy about the year 1915 and remained a faithful and loving wife until death, leaving her husband and one daughter, and one grandchild, Malta Muncy Ausborn and Billy Jane Ausborn, and four brothers and five sisters with a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Home Church of Jesus Christ, by Elder Jonah Bevins June 15, 1941.

So, by the grace of God, we will meet her with God's redeemed ones.

Written by a sister in hope,

Wildie Young.

#### Esaw Lawson

It is at the request of the family that I write an obituary of Brother Esaw Lawson. Brother Lawson was born February 24, 1860 and departed this life August 23, 1942. He was 82 years, 5 months and 29 days old at his death.

Uncle Esaw, as I called him, was twice married, first to Martha Francis, to which union were born two children, one of whom preceded him in death, the other W. M. Lawson, of Varney, Ky. He was married again to Ellen Gibson, and to this union were born seven children, four of whom preceded him in death, and three are still living, Rebecca Gibson, Mary Pinfon and Wesley Lawson, all of Varney, Ky.

I have known Brother Lawson from my childhood and I am glad to say that he has been a peaceable, upright man, always working hard to obtain an honest living for his family as long as he was able. For the past several years of his life he was afflicted, and during that time he became blind.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Home Church by Elder Basil Robinett and Brother Rudolph SESCO May 24, 1942, but by reason of his affliction and blindness never had the opportunity to attend church.

I want to say to his wife, Sister Lawson, weep not for your husband, for I feel that your loss is his eternal gain. Try to teach his children the danger of living and dying in sin. If they are willing to bear the cross of Jesus they will be permitted to wear the crown.

Written by a brother in hope,

Troy T. Francis.

#### Martha Chaptman

It is with much sorrow that I attempt to write an obituary of the life of our dear sister, Martha Chaptman. She was the daughter of Minton Poole and Charlotte (Hall) Poole.

Sister Martha was born April 2, 1865, and departed this life January 10, 1942, at the age of 76 years, 9 months and 8 days. She was married to Thaven Chaptman in the year 1894 and to this union were born five children. Two daughters preceded Sister

Chapman in death, Lucindia Tacket and Lula Clark. She leaves three sons, John L., Landon, and W. J. Chaptman, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss, but I feel our loss is her eternal gain.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church and placed her membership with the Bethany Church about 25 years ago, and she served a faithful member until death took her from among us. I would like to say to her children that if you ever want to meet with your mother in peace you will have to seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. Mother lived a Christian life before you and I pray God that you respond to her counsel while life still permits you to.

Written by a brother in hope,

Willie White.

#### Rosie Francis

It is with sadness in my heart that I try in my weakness to write an obituary of what I believe to be one of the humblest sisters I have ever been acquainted with, Sister Rosa Francis. She was the daughter of Allen and Rebecca Pinson. She was born August 3, 1886, and departed this life September 8, 1942, at the age of 56 years, 1 month and 5 days.

Sister Rosa was married to Brother Lewis Francis about 32 years ago, and to this union were born thirteen children, eight of them, with the father, preceding her in death.

Sister Rosa was baptized by Elder Jonah Bevins into the Regular Baptist Church some twenty years ago. Her membership was with the Pilgrim Home Church and at our meeting time you would see Sister Rosa there unless sickness prevented her, until the death angel suddenly took her from us. I feel assured that Sister Rosa has passed from a life of trouble to a home of happiness where she has joined her husband and babies as well as the many friends and saints who have gone on before.

We will miss her presence in the Pilgrim Home Church for her seat is now empty. I will plead God in my awkward way that one of her children will have a mind to take her seat in the same church. I would like to say to her children and to her stepdaughter, Belle Wilkinson, that if you ever expect to enjoy the happiness that

mother now enjoys you will have to take up the cross and follow Jesus. There is only one path that leads to God and I have faith that your mother walked close in that path for twenty-three years, and is now wearing the crown that God has laid up for all that love and serve Him.

So, children, make up your mind to serve the same God that mother served.

Children, mother's gone and left you;  
We with you will mourn her loss.  
She has met and joined your father,  
And we are left to bear the cross.

Written by a sister in hope,

Elon O. Francis.

#### Anthony Smith

I will now try in my weakness to write an obituary of Brother Anthony Smith. He was the son of Harmon and Peggy Smith. He was born August 12, 1898, and departed this life May 21, 1942.

Brother Anthony was never married, and lived at home with his widowed father. His mother died January 9, 1920, and Brother Anthony became afflicted several months prior to his death. All through his life, even when a boy, he was always quiet natured and spoken of as a good boy, but he didn't feel like his life had been good enough to take care of his soul, and on the 27th of April, 1942, he made a beautiful confession of his experience in Christ, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Home Church. He was never permitted the joy of attending church, for death called him less than a month after he was baptized.

He leaves behind a father, one brother and two sisters, namely, Oscar, Lizzie and Edna, with a number of relatives and friends of his community to mourn his loss. I want to say to his father, his brothers and sisters, "Brother Anthony has shown you by his life that you must repent, believe and be baptized, if you expect God to accept you into His holy city, for nothing unclean can enter there. Seek the Lord, while you are in good health, and let your light shine by so doing, and you may be able to light the pathway of some poor sinner who is wandering in the darkness, for we know



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of a truth that God saves not a soul in sin, but calls us to repentance."

Written by a brother,

Troy T. Francis.

Pyte Canada

It is by the help of the Lord that I will try to write a sketch of the life of a sister and relative by nature, Sister Pyte Canada.

She was born May 19, 1884, and deceased March 15, 1942, at the age of 55 years, 10 months and 7 days. She was the daughter of John and Lesha Maynard Lowe. She was married to Samuel Canada, March 12, 1903, and to this union were born 13 children, three boys and ten girls. One boy and two girls preceded Sister Canada in death, leaving two boys and eight girls, namely: Thomas and John Canada, Gladys Robinson, Eunice Leedy, Ora McCoy, Stella Lowe, Emma Parsons and Hattie, Ollie and Sallie Canada, with her husband and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

A few days before she died she called for me and Brother J. L. Nichols to come to her home and have service with shouts of joy. She gave her hand to join the church and requested to be baptized as soon as she was able. She said she had put off being baptized for two years, waiting for her husband to come to the church with her, but her request was never filled. She grew weaker and became unconscious, but from the beautiful confession she made I have every reason to believe that her soul is resting in the paradise of God, and to Samuel and the children, she has told you by her life not to put off the commandments of God as she did, for death is abroad in the land. And now, Sam, mother has left her children in your care. Will you, for their sakes, give your heart to God that your life may be guiding light for their feet? If you and the children ever expect to clasp hands with mother again you will have to obey the voice of God and continue in His grace so that when this life is over you too may enjoy the beauty of heaven.

Written by yours in hope of eternal life,

Eldon Maynard.

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### Jacob Murphy

In my sad and unworthy feeling I will try by the help of God to write an obituary of old Brother Jacob Murphy.

He was born July 2, 1884 and was deceased at the age of 67 years, 6 months and 28 days. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Ray, May 16, 1897 and to this union were born 14 children, seven of the children preceding him in death. Brother Murphy left his wife and 7 children: Polly, John, Eveline, Marion, Birdie, Haze and Margaret, with many friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church, and let me say to you who are living the way of all the world: Turn your back upon sin and all of its follies, for God in all his mercy will not save the souls of sinners. Unless you implore God to give you of His grace and your name be found written in the Lamb's book of life, you will be hurled away into outer darkness with all the wicked.

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life,

Basil Robinett.

### Pearl Marcum

It is with much sorrow that I will try to write an obituary of my little niece, Pearl Jane Marcum.

She was born April 8, 1923, and deceased this life September 29, 1938. She was 15 years, 5 months and 21 days old. She was the daughter of Josh and Nola Marcum. She leaves a father and stepmother, four brothers, one sister and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. Her mother departed this life nine years ago.

Pearl was a good little girl, and seemed to bear her pain with good patience, never complaining, and I am led to believe that we will find her enjoying her new life with all the saints that have passed on. I want to say to all her playmates, "If you ever want to be with Pearl again you must prepare yourself in this life for after death there is no repentance."

Written by her uncle,

Lewis Marcum.

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### W. M. Nichols

It is with much sadness in my heart that I will now try to write an obituary of Brother W. M. Nichols, by his personal request. He was known to all his friends as Uncle Billie.

He asked me several years prior to his death and while I was still in sin, to write an obituary of his life and have it put in the minutes, and to see that all of his children got one of them.

Brother Nichols was born December 26, 1863, and departed this life August 8, 1942, at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 8 days. He was married to Arminie Lowe February 7, 1885, and to this union were born eight children, five boys, James, Willie, Joseph, Johnnie and Robert Nichols; three girls, Lizzie Taylor of Pikeville, Kentucky, Ida Maynard of Piso, Kentucky, and Angeline Lowe, deceased. Sister Arminie also preceded Uncle Billie in death several years ago.

Two of the children have professed a hope in Christ. Brother Billie was twice married, the second time to Parlee Hanners about the year 1903 and to this union were born six children, one boy, Phinas Nichols, and five girls, Dixie Maynard, Hester Maynard, Lucy Maynard, Sallie Canada and Bertha Nichols, who died in infancy. Uncle Billie professed hope in Christ and was baptized by Elder W. W. Fields about fifty years ago and from that time until his death he lived a faithful christian life in deed and in action, always filling his seat in the old Apple Orchard Church. He was loved by all who knew him, and he set a good example for all his children and his neighbors if they will take warning at his counsel. I feel that he is resting from his labor and his works will follow him. Brother Nichols served as deacon of the Apple Orchard Church for 46 years and was faithful to his duty as a deacon.

Now, children, you that have found Jesus precious to your never dying souls, just continue on in His grace as father did, and you will find victory at the end. Let me say to you that are still in sin, "repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"; unless you repent in this life you will never be permitted to enjoy happiness in the great beyond where father is basking in the sunlight of God.

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life,  
Eldon Maynard.

In memory of my mother, Nancy J. Smith, who died September 25, 1940, at the age of 84 years, 10 months and 16 days.

It has been so long, dear mother,  
Since you went away;  
When you said goodbye, dear children,  
On a September day.

It was hard to give you up, dear mother,  
It was hard to see you go;  
But we know that you are happy,  
Because you told us so.

I can see you now, dear mother,  
As you lay upon your bed,  
While we tried to fix your pillows,  
And to soothe your aching head.

You said, farewell, dear children,  
Do not weep for me;  
For I am going home to glory,  
Where there's no more pain for me.

Often I can see you, mother,  
In my dreams so real and true;  
But when I awake, dear mother,  
I am far away from you.

Wait a little longer, mother;  
We will be coming very soon,  
When our earthly toils are over,  
And our work on earth is done.

Composed by her daughter, Della Williamson, and requested to be put in our minutes.

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## CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ are convinced 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 form of government:

ARTICLE I. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches and duly sent to represent them in this association who shall be members whom they shall think best qualified for the purpose. And, producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE II. In the letters from the different churches, shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, their baptized, received by letters, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last association.

ARTICLE III. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe upon the internal rights of any church in the union.

ARTICLE IV. The association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ARTICLE V. The association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE VI. New churches may be admitted into our union that shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE VII. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the association.

ARTICLE VIII. Every query presented by any church to the association being first debated by their own church, shall be taken up by the association.

ARTICLE IX. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ARTICLE X. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the association.

ARTICLE XI. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church for printing the minutes of the association.

ARTICLE XII. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceeding of every association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary appointed for that purpose.

ARTICLE XIII. 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 XIV. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time, by a majority of the union, when they deem necessary.

ARTICLE XV. All matters coming before the association shall be decided by the will of the majority.

ARTICLE XVI. The association shall have power:

1. To provide for the general union of the churches.
2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches.
3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.
4. To inquire into the cause when the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the association.
5. To appoint any member 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 the 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 power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the union. That no minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by the church, and it shall require two or more ordained ministers to compose a presbytery, for that purpose.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, called Regular Baptist, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

ARTICLE I. We believe in only one true and living God, the creator of heaven and earth and all things that are therein contained.

ARTICLE II. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is head and King of His church.

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

ARTICLE IV. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

ARTICLE V. We believe 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 VI. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ; that He tasted death for every man, and that salvation is to all men and women on the terms of the Gospel.

ARTICLE VII. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration are necessary previous to baptism, and that immersion is the only right way of administering the ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII. We believe that Christ has but one true Gospel church, and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

ARTICLE IX. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper; that is, taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

ARTICLE X. We believe that feet washing is an example of Jesus Christ, and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

ARTICLE XI. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead, and that He lives forever.

ARTICLE XII. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

ARTICLE XIII. We believe the happiness of the Saints and the punishment of the wicked are eternal.

## RULES OF DECORUM

ARTICLE I. The association to be opened and closed by prayer.

ARTICLE II. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE III. Only one member shall speak at a time and he shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

ARTICLE IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, until he is done speaking and shall strictly adhere to the subject, and, in no wise reflect upon the person who spoke before, nor make remarks or mishaps, failures or imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

ARTICLE V. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without consent of the association.

ARTICLE VI. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained therefrom.

ARTICLE VII. No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings nor whispering in the time of public speech.

ARTICLE VIII. No member of this association shall address another by any other term or appellation other than that of brother.

ARTICLE IX. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject, except when he breaks the rules of decorum.

ARTICLE X. The names of several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over so often as the Moderator requires.

ARTICLE XI. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member; provided the chair be filled. But shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided.

ARTICLE XII. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any other rules shall be reproved by the association as it may think proper.

ARTICLE XIII. The delegation to be seated in this association shall be limited to three members from each church.

ARTICLE XIV. No person shall speak more than five (5) minutes at the same time without liberty obtained from the association.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Jonah Bevins .....	Goody, Kentucky
Harrison Bevins .....	Goody, Kentucky
J. H. Brown .....	Canada, Kentucky
Hose Bowling .....	Meta, Kentucky
Willis Blackburn .....	Goody, Kentucky
E. S. Coleman .....	Hardy, Kentucky
Grover Carey .....	R.F.D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
P. H. S. Curry .....	R.F.D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Emmett Case .....	Varney, Kentucky
Asa Evans .....	R.F.D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
J. R. Evans .....	R.F.D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
E. F. Fields .....	Moree, Kentucky
S. B. Fraley .....	Heisey, Kentucky
George Gilman .....	Holden, W. Va.
Ester Hopkins .....	Goody, Kentucky
W. C. Hay .....	R.F.D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
W. A. Hurley .....	Verdunville, W. Va.
J. H. Hensley .....	Chauncey, W. Va.
James Jude .....	Hode, Kentucky
Bill Jude .....	Pilgrim, Kentucky
L. G. Lowe .....	Turkey Creek, Kentucky
Hi Maynard .....	R.F.D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
M. J. Mounts .....	R.F.D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Wallace Maynard .....	R.F.D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Virgil Maynard .....	Threeforks, Kentucky
B. F. Maynard .....	Holden, W. Va.
Shadle Pauley .....	Beauty, Kentucky
James Queen .....	Harts, W. Va.
Ernie Runyon .....	Greenup, Kentucky
Orville Runyon .....	Nolan, W. Va.
Basil Robinett .....	Varney, Kentucky
W. T. Rife .....	Suram, W. Va.
Delmon Stanley .....	Piso, Kentucky
L. C. Swanson .....	Boomer, North Carolina
Lewis Smith .....	Hardy, Kentucky
Abe Sheppard .....	Holden, W. Va.

Jonah Smith ..... Turkey Creek, Kentucky  
 J. E. Taylor ..... Heenon, Kentucky  
 J. G. Thornsby ..... Canada, Kentucky  
 Willie White ..... Lenore, W. Va.

**LICENSED MINISTERS**

Tommy Adair ..... Delbarton, W. Va.  
 George Hinkle ..... Hardy, Kentucky

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## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS

Mt. Pleasant.....	Harold Edmonds.....	Canada, Ky.
Apple Orchard.....	Eldon Maynard.....	Heenon, Ky.
Enon.....	Logan Spencer.....	McCarr, Ky.
Rebecca.....	Amos Evans.....	R.F.D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Bent Branch.....	Forest Bevins.....	Meta, Ky.
Sardis.....	Tommy Adair.....	Delbarton, W. Va.
Big Branch.....	J. L. Nichols.....	Thomas, Ky.
Mary Eliabethz.....	Lacy Lowe.....	Nolan, W. Va.
Bethany.....	Willard Blair.....	Lenore, W. Va.
Elk Fork.....	L. V. S. Curry.....	R.F.D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Pilgrim Home.....	Troy T. Francis.....	Williamson, W. Va.
Salem.....	A. M. Varney.....	Roadfork, Ky.
Sidney.....	Virgil Maynard.....	Threeforks, Ky.
Dix Fork.....	J. G. Thornsbury.....	Canada, Ky.
Narrows Branch.....	Willie Stanley.....	Hardy, Ky.
Leanah.....	J. H. Pauley.....	Moree, Ky.
Buck Creek.....	Harmon Smith.....	Beauty, Ky.
Tabitha.....	Comfort Gilman.....	Barnabus, W. Va.
Little Dove.....	James Dempsey.....	R.F.D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Little Rosa.....	Orville Runyon.....	Nolan, W. Va.
Beech Grove.....	Joe Hannah.....	Lenore, W. Va.
Turkey Creek.....	Ken Varney.....	Turkey Creek, W. Va.