Minutes

of the

Fifty-sixth Annual Session

of the

Sardis Association of Regular Baptist

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH DIX FORK CHURCH

Canada, Pike County, Kentucky

September 10, 11, 12, 1948

PROCEEDINGS

of the

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

- In session assembled with the Dix Fork Church, September 10, 11, and 12th, 1948. At the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The service was introduced by Eld. Emmette Case, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder B. H. Bevins. Text: HEBREWS, 2nd Chapter and 9th verse; But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the Angels for the suffering of death, etc.
- Then the Delegates still assembled at the Church house and after a short talk by Eld. G. Bennett Adams and Prayer by Eld. Charles Cornette the Association proceeded as followss
- 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 Ester Hopkins, Moderator, and B. H. Bevins, Assistant Moderator; Elder W. C. Hay, Clerk and Brother Troy T. Francis, 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 none responded.
- 5. Called for letters from Sister Associations and received as follows:

NEW SALEM—By the hands of Elders F. A. Hopkins, Troy Nichols, Willie Collins, Billie Moore, M. V. Burke, Hamilton Blevins, E. V. Hamilton, Tack Hall and Bro. Willard Bartley. Letter in the hands of Elder F. A. Hopkins.

PHILADELPHIA—Presented a letter but was rejected.

UNION—By the hands of Elders James Green, J. R. Coleman, Tildon Wright, Earl Hagston, Milton Thacker, Frances Hubbard, Elmer Church and B. H. Baker. Letter in the hands of Elder B. H. Baker.

MUD RIVER—By the hands of Elder John Miller and Bros. Emory White and George Miller. Letter in the hands of Bro. George Miller.

THORNTON UNION—By the hands of Elders Charles Cornette, T. G. Bates and G. Bennett Adams. Letter in the hands of Elder Charles Cornette.

INDIAN BOTTOM—By the hands of Elders George Hagans and Bro. Dewey Hagans. Letter in the hands of Elder George Hagans.

FRIENDSHIP—By the hands of Elders Harold Burke, Willie Keen, J. C. Widner and J. A. Burke. Letter in the hands of Elder Harold Burke.

- 6. On motion it is ordered that we correspond with the following Association: New Salem, Union, Mud River, Thornton Union, Indian Bottom and Friendship.
- 7. Called for Transient Ministers and members of our faith and order. The following received: Elders H. C. Maynard, Lewis Marcum, Harold Edmonds, Ernie Runyon, J. H. Brown, Ellis Davis, Willie Kendrick, Eldon Maynard, Sidney Hudson and G. M. Paragon.
- 8. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.
 - 9. Committees appointed to take care of the visiting

Brethren as follows: Elder J. G. Thornsbury and Bro. Ballard Blackburn.

- 10. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers, and that peace is preserved around the stand, consisting of Bros. Ballard Blackburn, Sterle Smith and Ernest Cochran.
- 11. Committee to arrange the ministry for Friday night and Saturday, consisting of one member from each church, with the entire delegation of the Dix Fork Church. Ministers as follows: for Friday night, Elders—First, S. T. Wright; Second, Harold Burke; Third, Troy Nichols, and Fourth, George Hagans. Saturday: Elders—First, Elmer Church; Second, John Miller; Third, George Hagans, Fourth, Ballard Baker and Fifth, Willie Collins.
- 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 H. C. Haynard, the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning

Met pursuant to adjournment and after song and prayer, service was introduced by Elder James H. Green.

- 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 Jonah Bevins, Harold Edmonds and Brother Marion Young, who reported the contributions from each Church as shown in the statistical table.

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

Total on hand for year ending Sept. 12th, 1948...\$479.85

Paid out for printing of minutes

and express				5227.51
Secretary's Fee				10.00
Typewriter				100.00
Clerk's Fee				15.00
Treasurer's Fee	for the y	ear 1946	& 1947	20.00

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\$372.51	\$372.51		Total Paid Out
			Balance in Bank Received from Churches
\$362.74		xt year	Total on hand for ne

- 5. Ordered that Elder Willis Blackburn be retained as Treasurer, and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his service.
- 6. That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have 3,000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services, for preparing manuscript and recording the same.
- 7. Brethren called in Union Meetings and Associations last year made their reports. Their reports received, failures excused. They all were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.
- 8. Appointed same committee to arrange for preaching Saturday night and Sunday who reported as follows: Saturday night—Elders—First, Malon Burke; Second, George Paragan; Third, John C. Widner and Fourth, J. H. Burke; Sunday—Elders—First, Harold Burke, Second, F. A. Hopkins; Third, James Green; Fourth, Tack Hall and Fifth, Elder Ester Hopkins, Closed.
- 9. Letters to sister associations read and appointed delegates as follows:

New Salem — To be held with the Pilgrim's Rest Church, to begin on Friday before the Fourth Saturday in September, 1948. Elders: Emmette Case, W. Blackburn, W. C. Hay, Jonah Bevins, Perry Cline and Ester Hopkins, Brothers Troy T. Francis, Harvey Lowe, C. Williamson, Ralph Varney and Donnie Lowe. Letter in the hands of Elder W. C. Hay.

Union—To be held with the Rebecca Church at Pikeville, Ky. on route No. 2 to begin on Friday before the Third Saturday in September, 1948, Elders W. C. Hay, B. H. Blevins, Ester Hopkins, Orville Runyon, J. G. Thornsbury, Jonah Bevins, W. Blackburn, Shadle Pauley, Willie Stanly, Emmette Case, and Brothers Charlie Johnson, C. Williamson, Oliver Tackett, George Hinkle, J. I. Hensly, Donnie Lowe, and Troy T. Francis. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Mud River—To be held with the Little Laurel Church, Myra, Lincoln County, West Va. to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949. Elders Fayette Hackney, W. C. Hay, Willie White, H. C. Maynard, Ester Hopkins, and Brothers Ralph Varney and J. I. Hensly. Letter in the hands of Elder W. C. Hay.

THORNTON UNION — To be held with the Thornton Church to begin on Friday before the Third Saturday in August, 1949. Elders Willie Stanley, Emmette Case, B. H. Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Harold Edmonds, W. C. Hay, Jonah Bevins and Brothers; Ralph Varney, Okey Bevins and C. Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Indian Bottom—To be held with the Clear Creek Church to begin on Friday before the First Saturday in September, 1949. Elders H. C. Maynard, Fayette Hackney, B. H. Bevins, Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Perry Cline, W. C. Hay, Tracy Hatfield, J. L. Nichols and Brothers J. I. Hensly, Harvey Lowe, Ralph Varney, Okey Bevins and Earl Belcher. Letter in the hands of Elder W. C. Hay.

FRIENDSHIP—To be held with the Bee Branch Church, Stacy, Buckhannon County, Va. Beginning on Friday before the First Saturday in September, 1949. Elders Emmette Case, Harold Edmonds, Tommy Adair, Asa Evans, Shadle Pauley, J. G. Tornsbury, and Brothers Charlie Johnson and Jessie Farley.

- 10. Ordered that we print Obituaries presented to the Brother Clerk at the close of the Association, or within ten days thereafter.
- 11. Ordered that the Treasurer pay the expense of one (1) car for the visiting sister Associations. That is: Paying for the gas and oil.
- 12. Ordered 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 companion for the cause of fornication and such cases to have the Gospel or Church evidence of same.

- 14. By motion it is ordered that we have pictures of Elders E. S. Coleman and W. A. Hurley, printed in our minutes, but confine printing of pictures to the Ministers only.
- 15. By motion it was ordered that our Moderator appoint a committee to go to the Philadelphia Association to attempt to bring peace between the divided brethren of that Association. Committee appointed as follows: Elders Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, W. C. Hay and Willis Blackburn.

Note: You will find the committee's report elsewhere in these minutes.

- 16. By motion it was ordered that we endorse the Old Regular Baptist Orphanage move as requested by Elder G. Bennett Adams. (Including a Widow's fund, according to the Scriptures.)
- 17. By motion it was ordered that the Moderator appoint a committee to go to the Little Dove Church to work with the good Brethren in regard to Sunday School teaching. Committee as follows: Elders B. H. Bevins, Shadle Pauley, and Orville Runyon.
- 18. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Sardis Church, Delbarton, Mingo County, West Va. to begin on Friday before the Second Saturday in September, 1949.
- 19. By vote it was ordered that Elder Emmette Case preach the Introductory sermon, and that Elder Shadle Pauley be his Alternate.
- 20. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Dix Fork Church and the Community at large.
- 21. Ordered that the Minutes be read and signed by the Moderators and Clerks.
- 22. On Motion we adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator Elder B. H. Bevins, Asst. Moderator Elder W. C. Hay, Clerk Brother Troy T. Francis, Asst. Clerk.

UNION MEETING

May

SALEM—Goody, Ky.—The First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, W. C. Hay and Harrold Edmonds, with moderator attending.

TURKEY CREEK—Turkey Creek, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders Shadle Pauley, Harrison Bevins, Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSA—Chattaroy, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders H. C. Maynard, J. G. Thornsbury, Wallace Maynard, with moderator attending.

June

ENON—McCarr, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders Harold Edmonds, Orville Runyon, J. R. Evans, with moderator attending.

APPLE ORCHARD—Heenon, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders Esther Hopkins, H. C. Maynard, G. Bennett Adams, with moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK—Beauty, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Bud Coleman, Asa Evens, Wallace Maynard, with moderator attending.

Sidney—Threeforks, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders Orville Runyon, Esther Hopkins, Harrison Bevins, Wallace Maynard, with moderator attending.

July

DIX FORK—Canada, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders Lewis Smith, Asa Evans, Tracy Hatfield, Willie White, Grover Carey, Perry Cline, with moderator attending.

Leanah—Moree, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders Willis Blackburn, W. C. Hay, Willie White, Esther Hopkins, with moderator attending.

Mt. Pleasant — Sidney, Ky. — Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders F. A. Hopkins, Shadle Pauley, Grover Carey, W. C. Hay, J. G. Thornbury, Ernie Runyon, with moderator attending. With communion Sunday.

Samaria—Kirk, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Asa Evans, Ellis Davis, Orville Runyon, Willie White, with moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH—Thomas, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders, H. C. Maynard, Willie White, Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending.

Mary Elizabeth—Hatfield, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Grover Carey, Emmette Case, Jonah Bevins, with moderator attending.

Narrows Branch—Hardy, Ky.—Friday before the Fourth Saturday, Elders Willis Blackburn, W. C. Hay, Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending.

August

LITTLE DOVE—Belo, W. Va.—First Saturday and Sunday. (Not represented at the association).

Tabitha—Barnabus, W. Va.—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders Ester Hopkins, H. C. Maynard, Wallace Maynard, J. G. Thornsbury, Willie White, with moderator attending.

Rebecca—Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek—Second Saturday and Sunday Elders James Green, Ester Hopkins, G. Bennette Adams, W. C. Hay, Jonah Bevins, Harrison Bevins, with moderator attending.

ELK FORK—Elk Fork of Pigeon Creek—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Willie White, J. G. Thornsbury, H. C. Maynard, Ellis Davis, with moderator attending.

Bent Branch—Meta, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders, Lewis Marcum, W. C. Hay, Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending.

Rosa—Baisden, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders, J. G. Thornbury, Willie White, Ester Hopkins, H. C. Maynard, Emmette Case, with moderator attending.

PILGRIM HOME—Varney, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders, Shadle Pauley, Willie Collins, Troy Nichols, W. C. Hay, with moderator attending, with communion on Sunday.

Bethany—Lenore, W. Va.—Friday before the Fourth Saturday, Elders, J. G. Thornsbury, H. C. Maynard, Grover Carey, Ellis Davis, with moderator attending.

SARDIS—Delbarton, West Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Lewis Smith, Harrison Bevins, J. G. Thornsbury with Moderator attending.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Met with a large and orderly congregation at the stand in the grove which the Brethren and friends had prepared for the purpose of assembly and worship, and after the singing of several old time songs, (We trust to the praise of God.) Services were introduced by Elder A. D. Turner who also led in prayer.

- 1. Elder Tack Hall used for a text: Psalms, 19th Chapter, 1st, 2nd and 3rd verses. (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God; and the Firmament sheweth his handy work. Day unto Day uttereth speech, and Night unto Night sheweth Knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.) Showed forth that Jesus is the light of the world and that he sends his word to the ends of the world. Preaching under the influence of love and in the demonstration of God's spirit.
- 2. Elder F. A. Hopkins used for a text (66th Psalm and 5th verse). Come and see the works of God; He is terrible in his doings toward the Children of Men. He strongly preached God the Creator made all things that was made

but made them good. And that man violated God's law and died, But who is redeemed by the "Word" of God, even to those who believe on his name, and that Jesus the Word, by the Grace of God, tasted death for every man, and will raise him up at the last day and fashion the body like unto His Glorious Body.

3. Elder George Perrigin filled the stand, used for a text: Hebrews 12th chapter, 22nd verse. (But ye are come unto Mt. Zion, etc.) Showed forth that the Children of God are born of one and only one Mother and thereby are heirs of God and joint heirs of Jesus Christ. Consequently they live forever with God after this life in that eternal home which Jesus has gone to prepare.

Closing remarks by Elder Ester Hopkins, who said with much feeling to the Brethren and Sisters, (The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Be with you all, AMEN.)

Admonished the Brethren to love one another, Live in Peace and Rejoice in God, Our Savior.

Let us all pray that we may meet in another lovely Association, Next Year.

Thus ending the Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Sardis Association. Farewell.

YOUR CLERK.

MEMORIALS

Memorial to be held with the Mt. Pleasant Church Second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1949. Ministers requested Elders H. C. Maynard, Emmette Case, Bud Coleman and Harold Edmonds.

Memorial to be held with the Apple Orchard church First Saturday and Sunday in August 1949 of Heenan Maynard and others.

Memorial of Joe Taylor and others will be held Sunday after the First Saturday in September 1949.

Memorial will be held on the J. M. Lowe Cemetery, Brushey Creek, Ky. on Sunday after the First Saturday in July 1949. In memory of Moses Lowe and Philip Hannah. All minister of our faith and order that have a mind to be with us are invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Enon Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in August 1949.

Memorial of the deceased members of the Bent Branch Church will be held the Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1949. Ministers requested Elders Emmette Case, J. G. Thornsbury, and H. C. Maynard.

Memorial of the deceased members of the Rebecca Church will be held the Second Saturday and Sunday in August 1949.

Memorial to be held on the head of Big Branch Third Sunday in September 1949. In memory of Brother Flem Maynard and others. Ministers requested Elders Emmette Case, Harold Edmonds and Willis Blackburn.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor and others will be held the Third Sunday in July, 1949. Also memorial of Brother Harrison McCoy will be held the Third Sunday in August 1949. Both of these memorials will be held with the

Big Branch Church. Ministers requested, Elders J. M. Justice, Bud Coleman and J. L. Nichols.

Memorial of Russel P. McCoy and others will be held on the Ratcliff cemetery, the Third Sunday in May, 1949. Ministers requested, Elders Eldon Maynard and Emmette Case.

Memorial of Susanna Blackburn and others will be near the mouth of Brushey Creek, Sunday after the Third Saturday in June 1949. Ministers requested Elders Eldon Maynard and Emmette Case.

Memorial of Edward McCoy will be held at the Henry Taylor cemetery the Fourth Sunday in September 1949.

Memorial of Elder Wallace Jackson and others will be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church, Third Saturday and Sunday in September 1949. Also a Memorial of Elder J. W. Smith and others will be held on the Fraley cemetery the Third Saturday and Sunday in August 1949. All ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Bethany Church will be held the Fourth Sunday in August 1949, at Brother John Mayhorn home. Also a memorial will be held at John Canterbury's place the last Sunday in September 1949.

Memorial will be held at the mouth of right fork of Laurel Creek on the York cemetery the Fourth Sunday in July 1949.

Memorial will be held on the Lackey cemetery, Second Sunday in August 1949. Ministers requested: Elders Willie White, W. H. May, and Ellis Davis.

Memorial will be held at the Hannah Cemetery Third Sunday in August 1949. Ministers requested, Elders Harold Edmonds, Orville Runyon, and J. R. Evans.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Elk Fork

Church will be held Third Saturday and Sunday in October 1949.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Pilgrim Home Church will be held the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October 1949. Ministers requested: Elders H. C. Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Harrison Bevins and Willie White.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Salem Church will be the first Saturday and Sunday in October 1949. Ministers requested: Elders Elmer Church, Willis Blackburn, Asa Evans and F. A. Hopkins.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Sidney Church will be held fourth Saturday and Sunday in August 1949. Also memorial of Nathan Jude and others will be held on the cemetery near Dave Jude's home the fourth Sunday in July 1949.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Dix Fork Church will be held first Saturday and Sunday in August 1949. Ministers requested: Elders Wallace Maynard, Willis Blackburn, Jonah Bevins and Emmette Case.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Muncy and other deceased members of the Narrows Branch Church will be held the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1949. Ministers requested: Elders Wallace Maynard, Harrison Bevins, Emmette Case and Willie White.

Memorial of Brother Tom McCoy, Lee Robinson and wife and the rest of the deceased members of the Leanah Church will be held on the Lee Robinson Cemetery Sunday following the second Saturday in July, 1949.

Memorial of Sister Matilda Robinson will be held Sunday after the second Saturday on June 1949. Ministers reqested: Elders Bill, Jude Willis Dials and Emmette Case. Also memorial of friend John Jude's children will be held on Sunday after the Second Saturday in May, 1949. All Ministers invited.

Memorial will be held on the Lowe Cemetery on the head of Big Branch on Sunday after the second Saturday on August 1949. Ministers requested: Elders Ester Hopkins and Harrison Bevins.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church will be held third Saturday and Sunday in July 1949. Ministers requested Elders W. C. Hay, and Wallace Maynard.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church will be held second Saturday and Sunday in August 1949. Ministers requested Elders Emmette Case, Wallace Maynard, Grover Carey and Jonah Bevins.

Memorial of Elder W. H. Bowling and family will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in September 1949 on the right fork of Brushey Creek at the home cemetery on Saturday and on Sunday will be moved down to the Tom Price School House. Ministers requested: Elders Orville Runyon, Grover Carey, Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans, Bud Coleman and Emmette Case.

Memorial will be held on the Harman Maynard Cemetery, Piso, Ky. The first Sunday in September 1949. Ministers requested Elders Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans, and B. H. Bevins.

OBITUARIES

Hazel Bevins

It is with a sad and mournful heart that I will try to write an obituary of my lovnig wife, Hazel (Blackburn) Bevins, who was the daughter of Lee and Pearly (Stanley) Blackburn, Born October 28th, 1911, and deceased this life September 30th, 1948.

She was united in matrimony to Forest Bevins, November 3rd, 1929, and to this union was born seven children; three sons and four daughters. One daughter preceded her in death. She leaves her husband, six children, her father and mother, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain. She professed a hope in Christ and was Baptized into the regular Baptist Church, July 16th, 1939, placing her membership with the Bent Branch Church, where she remained a faithful member until death called her from our midst. We will miss her presence in the Church. Her seat will be vacant there, but I hope some day in the near future that her seat will be filled by some of those she loved.

I, her husband, have reason to believe from the life she lived that I will meet her in that great and notable day when God will bring forth her mortal body and fashion it like unto his Glorious body.

I want to say to her children and to her many friends who have not met God in Pardon and remission of their sins, "If you ever meet Sister Hazel and live in peace with her and with Jesus who suffered death on the Cross, that we might have a right to the tree of life, and can by our humble obedience become an heir unto that heavenly kingdom. You will have to seek Jesus while he may be found, and Call upon Him while he is near. And now

may God have mercy on all our loved ones and bring them into the fold before it is too late.

Oh! my wife, the love of my youth, The Mother of our Children Sleep on and wait for us, We will meet you up in Heaven.

Our trials here, they will be many, We'll meet them with a smile, And when the last of them are finished With Joy, we'll cross the last long mile.

Written by her Husband,

Forest Bevins.

John B. Young

With much sadness I try to write an Obituary of Brother John B. Young. He was the son of John W. Young and Mary Ann (Williamson) Young. Born July 22nd, 1897, at Varney, Ky. He was married to Goldie Elswick, and to this union was born three children, namely: Necie, Lois and Robert Young. Lois and Robert preceded him in death.

He was married to Martha (McGuire) Ray and to this union was born three children, Lillian, Clifford and Kenneth Marion Young. Sister Martha and Kenneth Marion preceded him in death.

He then was married to Dixie Stotridge, and to this union was born no children.

Brother John B. was killed March 16th, 1948 at Heisey, Ky. He leaves four brothers, James (Buddy), Julius, W. A. and Marion Young, one sister, Emma (Young) Burris, one half brother, Alfred Young, two half sisters, Bertha (Young) Robinette and Bronis (Young) Robinette, also a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. A sister Vadie Young Burris preceded him in death.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church about nine years

before his death and took membership with the Pilgrim Home Church. He always attended church when it was possible for him to get there and rejoiced in the Savior's love. I trust his spirit is resting under the altar of God. And when Jesus comes again to call the sleeping dead from their graves that he will be one in that number that he will call for and say come in ye blessed of my Father, inherit eternal life. So he is gone but not forgotten, and we hope when Jesus calls us home we can meet him in that eternal home and sing praises to our Father forevermore.

Written by a brother in hope of Eternal Life,

Marion Young.

Annie Maynard

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my much loved aunt and sister, Annie Maynard. She was the daughter of Jarad and Marthaann Maynard. She was born January 23, 1870, and deceased Auugst 18, 1948. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church October the first Sunday, 1938, and was baptized by the hands of Elders Lark Lowe and Ernest Runyon, and became affiliated with the Apple Orchard Church November the first Saturday, 1948. She was faithful in filling her seat until she became afflicted in bad health, and was not able to attend.

She was married to Bud Stafford about 46 years ago, and to this union was born two children, Ova and Oma, later she and her husband separated and she remained that way until the decease of her husband, then she was married to John R. Maynard, who also preceded her in death. Her life was donated to her children and her home. She was always kind and loving, and loved to know her brethren and sisters and neighbors. She liked for them to come and talk with her. She seemed to get the greatest consolation out of talking about things eternal and the home after this life is over eternal and in heaven. She leaves her two daughters and grandchildren, Dale May-

nard and Nellie Kitchen, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss, but I can say that I feel her loss is heaven's gain, for I do believe with all my heart that she has died in the Lord, and that her work follow her.

I will say to her children, her friends and relatives, that Aunt Annie has made a happy exchange, tho it has left a great loneliness in the home for her daughters that can never be filled, but be like Mary of old, choose that good part for Jesus in this world and you can live with him and mother and Aunt Annie in glory. It was Jesus in this world and it is Jesus in heaven today and as sure as we are in this world today we can meet Aunt Annie in heaven tomorrow, the tomorrow that will never end. So children don't let the vow that you made when your mother died that you would liive a better life than you had been. Remember and pay that vow, it will be well with you, if you do. Farewell.

Your worthy servant in hope,

Eldon Maynard.

Elder W. A. Hurley

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I endeavor in my weakness to write a short history of the life of a dear and precious brother, a fellow traveler, Elder W. A. Hurley. Brother Hurley was born July 1, 1875, in which is now Mingo Co., W. Va. Died Jan. 14, 1948. Age 72 yrs., 6 mos. and 14 days. He was the son of Samuel and Polly Elizabeth Hurley. He was married to Columbia Ooten Nov. 1, 1902, and to this union was born 10 children, two having preceded him in death. The following are his living children. Rosa Edison, Huntington, W. Va., Wilburn Hurley, and Pearl Welch, Whitman, W. Va., Ed Hurley, Marianna, W. Va. and Dow, Smith, James and Helen of Vardunville, W. Va. He leaves to mourn his departure two sisters, Emily Browning, Stirrat, W. Va., Rebecca Curry, Henlawson, W. Va., two Brothers, Bob Ellis, Switzer, W. Va., Johnson Stone, Faurock, W. Va., 20



ELDER W. A. HURLEY

grand children, 4 great grand children, a Host of Brethren, relatives and friends.

About the year 1901, Bro. Hurley through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, became reconciled unto God, coming to the church telling what great things the Lord had done for him. The following year, 1902, he was ordained to preach the Gospel of the Son of God, and so far as the unworthy writer knows he was ever obedient to the Heavenly Calling.

Brother Hurley believed in salvation by Grace through Faith that we are saved by Grace, being justified by faith

in our Lord Jesus Christ.

He loved the cause of his Master, Labored with his hands that he might not be indebted to any man, believed that the Bible is the inspired word of God and that it is

our only rule of faith and practice.

He was loved by the Brotherhood and will be missed by all, but let us not weep for Brother Hurley as his hope has long since been anchored with Christ in God, and when Christ who is our hope shall appear the second time to claim his bride, brother Hurley will be in that number who John saw who had come up through great tribulation, their robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from Henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit: that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: Brother Hurley believed that in the resurrection he would awake in the likeness of his master, and that he would be given a body fashioned like unto his glorious body. Brother Hurley believed in a clean church, a people whose hearts are washed, sanctified and justified by the blood of Jesus Christ and the spirit of our God. Be ye clean that bear the vessel of the Lord. He preached that a bishop must have the qualifications as laid down by Paul to Timothy. Blameless the husband of one wife, etc.

He believed and preached that Christ purchased the church with his own blood that he set it up himself out of a prepared, a regenerated people, that he preached his own everlasting Gospel, that he gave the Church her laws, order and practice. He believed and taught and preached that it is God that worketh in us both to will and to do of his own good pleasure, and that he saves us with an everlasting salvation.

Brother Hurley had little patience with those who preach works for salvation and less patience with those who have pulled away from the true Church and endeavored to establish a church independent of the true kingdom.

Brother Hurley will be missed by all who knew him, especially his brethren and sisters in the churches he most

frequently attended.

To the family and friends of Brother Hurley: If you want to live with him in that city with the redeemed of the Lord, you will have to prepare to meet your God in this life, as there is no repentance beyond the grave. To the many brethren and sisters who knew Brother Hurley, we will say in closing: Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For the Lord will soon descend with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, with the trump of God at which time the true and faithful will be caught up to everlastingly be with the Lord. So finally, Brethren, be ye faithful. Written in Hope of Eternal Life.

Wetzel Ball and W. C. Hay.

Nancy (Smith) Maynard

It is with much sadness, and by the help of the Lord that I will try to write an obituary of my beloved mother, Nancy (Smith) Maynard. She was the daughter of Leoner and Thursy (Pinson) Smith. Her age was about 68 years.

She was married to Lee Maynard February 24, 1899, and to this union was born eight children, two which preceded her in death. She joined the Regular Baptist Church about 20 years ago, and was baptized by Elder

Wallace Jackson and took up fellowship with the Apple Orchard Church.

She leaves her husband, five children, 25 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, four brothers, three sisters, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was a good mother and a loving companion, and a faithful member as long as she lived. She was afflicted about 7 years, but could walk about most of the time, she seemed to bear her suffering with much patience until God called her home on June 29, 1947.

I feel we have lost a good mother, the husband a loying companion, the church a faithful member. The Bible says "By these fruits you shall know them" and I feel she bore much fruit of a sainted mother.

I want to say to her children, especially to the three which have not found God as their Savior, if you want to meet mother, you will have to fall out with sin, take up the cross and follow Jesus.

Written by her daughter in hope of meeting mother again.

Mrs. J. C. Marcum.

Armuda Smith

It is with a sad heart that I try to write an obituary of my mother, Armuda Smith. She was born November 21, 1862. She deceased April 16, 1948. She was 85 years, 4 months, 14 days old.

She was the daughter of Malison and Pyette Varney. She was married to Albert (Bud) Smith in 1879. To this union was born 15 children, six preceded her in death, nine still living to mourn her loss, with 70 grand and 64 great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church August 2, 1901, and was baptized by Elders George Maynard and Joush West, and took membership with the Mt. Pleasant Church. She lived a faithful life until death. She

always loved the brotherhood of the church and delighted in cooking and waiting on them when in her home.

Children we can't hear her counsel any more but I feel it is my duty to instruct you that have made a start to live more closely than before, for we have a hope if we live and die as she did and the two that have not been born again will repent and fall in the work. Dillard and George, I mean you. If you will set your houses in order, I feel the family will not be broken where the Lord declares that time is no more here on earth.

Now to Sister Daisy, you have nothing to worry about. Only the loss of mother, for you have done all that nature could do to make her happy; so just hold out a little longer and pray for George, that the Lord may have mercy in time of need. May the Lord bless all of us to be more faithful.

Written by her son in hope of eternal life.

Elder Lewis Smith.

Melvinie Maynard Allen

Melvinie Maynard Allen, it is with a sad and lonely heart that I write this obituary of mother. She was the daughter of Mitchel and Rebecca May. She was born June 15, 1863, died January 2, 1948. She was 85 years old.

She married James E. Maynard. To this union was born four children. She then married John Allen. To this union was born four children.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church 1918, and was baptized by Elder Joe Smith. She lived faithfully until death. I want to say to her children, except they repent, they will never see mother again. She is gone but not forgotten, she is asleep but not forever. I hope to meet her again in heaven.

Written by her son and brother, in hope of eternal life. Elder Henry C. Maynard.

Artie Williamson Maynard

With a sad heart I will try to write an obituary of our dear mother who left us on the 26th day of February, 1948. She was born November 6, 1883. She was 64 years, 3 months, 20 days old at her death.

She was the daughter of John B. and Nancy (Keesee) Williamson. She was married to George W. Maynard June 21, 1906. To this union was born ten children, two preceded her in death. She leaves eight children and our father to mourn her loss, namely, Craft, K. C., and Arthur Maynard, Mrs. Della Ray, Mrs. Nancy Ann Elkins, Mrs. Mary Stanley, Mrs. Alice Murphy, and Mrs. Condlee Runyons.

She leaves twenty-one grandchildren, one preceded her in death, one sister Mrs. Jane Smith, one brother, Caudill Williamson with a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church. She and our father at the same time, and was baptized by Elders W. H. Bowling and Wayne Cline, on August 31, 1924. Her membership was at the Pilgrim Home Church. She sure filled her seat when she was able. I believe Mother is resting.

To all the children, can't you remember the advice Mother often give us. I often think of Mother while here on earth I roam. I know she is with Jesus in Yonder heavenly home. I know she is free from troubles, sorrow and pain. What a consolation we will have when we meet.

Written by her children.

Nancy Gannon

In loving memory and with a very sad heart I try to write an obituary of my Grandmother, Nancy Gannon. She was born November 9, 1868 and died October 27, 1947; being 78 years, 10 months, and 12 days old. She married Bud Gannon, and to this union was born twelve children, six girls and six boys, all are still living.

Although her suffering was great she bore it with much patience. Her seat is vacant in the Bethany Church, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain, and I believe on that day God will set a judgment in this righteous world. We can clasp glad hands with Sister Sarah in that sweet home where parting never comes.

Written by a sister in the Lord.

Mrs. Wilda Dillon.

Doris Lee Adams

Doris Lee Adams, daughter of Delmon Adams and Augusta Burnette Adams, was born January 26, 1944. Her sweet little spirit was called away from this world, January 27, 1948, to return to God who gave it, after having been a sweet little angel for its father and mother for four years and one day in this life.

Besides her father and mother, she leaves three brothers, James, Clarence, and William Ray Adams, all at home. Her parental grandparents, Dave and Sarah Adams, of Meta, Ky. Her maternal grandparents, Will and Myrtle Burnette, of Zebulon, Ky., and a large host of friends and relatives are left to mourn her loss.

But we are confident, from the reading of God's eternal word, that our loss is her eternal gain. Christ said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."

Therefore, father and mother, brothers, grandparents, and all the other relatives and friends of this dear little angel which God has called to decorate his throne, like David of old we must say, "It can no mote come to me, but by the grace of God I can go to it."

Let us all prepare to meet Doris Lee, together with all the rest of the children of God, in his eternal home where all is peace, love, joy, and happiness, forever, and forever. Written by your humble servant and brother in hope.

Elder Harold Edmonds.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for several years and served faithfully until death.

Grandmother had been sick for a long time. She never got impatient but bore her pains and suffering in hope of a better home. We stood over her day and night doing what we could to help her, but God called her from her sufferings and gave her rest, where she will never suffer any more.

She was a sweet and good Grandmother to me, and we miss her more than any one knows but we feel that our

loss is heaven's gain.

I feel like Grandmother wrote her own obituary by her good deeds and serving God faithfully all her life. She never mistreated anyone. She leaves to mourn her loss, twelve children, and two sisters, her grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Written by her Granddaughter.

Esta Gannon.

Sister Sarah White

By request I will try in my weakness to write an obituary of Sister Sarah White. She was born December 25,

1863. Deceased November 26, 1947.

She was first married to Dan Workman. To this union was born three children. Both husband and children all preceded her in death. Later she was married to John H. White and to this union was born five children as follows, Elder Willie White, Janie, James Riley, J. H. White, Jr. and Ceila Ann, all of whom survive to mourn her loss except one daughter, Janie who preceded her in death in early childhood.

Sister Sarah took fellowship with the Regular Baptist Church many years ago and was a faithful member in the Bethany Church. I don't recall a church meeting that Sister Sarah didn't attend both Saturday and Sunday as long as she was able to walk, then she would call the

brothers and sisters to have church with her.

Although her suffering was great she bore it with much patience. Her seat is vacant in the Bethany Church, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain, and I believe on that day God will set a judgment in this righteous world. We can clasp glad hands with Sister Sarah in that sweet home where parting never comes.

Written by a sister in the Lord.

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Elder Harold Edmonds.



ELDER E. S. COLEMAN

Brother Lowe

This sad day I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband who was born March 21, 1915. He deceased September 26, 1947. He was married to Ethel Hanners August 15, 1936, and to this union was born three children, Ernestine, Jenitte, and Gereldene Lowe.

He was baptized September 1947 by the hands of Elder J. L. Nichols and he was a true believer in the Regular Baptist Faith. He became affiliated with the Big Branch Church.

He leaves a kind father and a loving mother, his children and many, many respectable friends to mourn his loss. But we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

So I hope by the help of our creator that gave peace to his soul by obeying the will of God that I can meet my husband where there will be no separation. That we can live together forever and forever.

Written by his wife.

Mrs. Ethel Lowe.

John Nichols

It is with a very sad heart and by the help of God that I attempt to write a short obituary of John Nichols. He was born January 6, 1863, deceased this life November 5, 1946. He joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized March 31, 1946 by Elders Johnnie Nichols and Harvey Lowe.

He was confined to his bed for over a year and after he was baptized he endured his suffering with patience and gave good council and advice to all the family and those who visited him. He would often talk about being sick and told me many times "to accept the Lord while still young, that it was dangerous to wait until you got old".

He was married to Louise Morrison, February 24, 1895, to this union was born eight children, namely, Amy, Talmage, Dexie, Anna, Ella, Elbert, and two small infants preceded him in death.

A precious one from us is gone, a voice we loved is still, a place is vacant in our home that never can be filled.

May God bless his companion and family and help them to seek the path of righteousness.

Written by a daughter-in-law,

Mrs. Josie Nichols.

Thomas Runyon

As I feel it my Christian duty I will try to write an obituary of our dear brother in the Lord, Thomas Runyon. He was born November 11, 1877, deceased October 15, 1947. He was married to Georgie Smith. She preceded him in death several years ago.

As he had no home he mostly lived among the members of the Baptist Church. He took fellowship with the Regular Baptist church years ago, and was a faithful member until death. He was always ready and willing to help in the up-building of the church.

We the members of the Bethany Church miss Brother Thomas' visits to our homes as much as his vacant seat in the church. But we believe we will meet him some sweet day in that home where parting is no more.

I want to say to his boys, Frank and Thomas, Jr., also to Frank's wife Ruth, we thank you for the kindness and goodness you showed to him during his sickness and death, and I pray God that you will prepare to meet him in that bright home.

Written by a sister in hope,

Mrs. Wilda Dillon.

Sister Delphia Maynard

Sister Delphia Maynard was born June 22nd, 1879, a daughter of Jim Hale and Mary Stepp Hale. She married Dock Maynard, who preceded her in death, and to this

union were born seven children, one of whom preceded her in death.

Sister Maynard deceased this life on May 7, 1947, making her stay in this world 67 years, 10 months and 15 days. During this long and useful life, she was a sweet daughter of her father and mother, a loving companion to her husband, a devoted mother to her children, a dearly loved grandmother to her grandchildren, a very devoted sister in the Mt. Pleasant Church, and a much respected and honored friend to all who knew her.

Sister Delphia was baptized into the fellowship of the church on the Second Sunday in August, 1937 at the hands of Elders Harrison Bevins and Milton Thacker and placed her membership at the Mt. Pleasant Church where she remained a faithful member until death.

Like Mary of old, Sister Delphia "hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her". Children, Mother is gone but not forgotten. Sweet memories of her are still near and dear to us, and we can live with mother forever if we fall out with the wages of sin which is death and close in with the overtures of God's extended mercy.

Remember "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord." May God bless and save all of you is my prayer in Jesus' name.

Your humble servant,

Elder Harold Edmonds.

Sister Magnolia Baisden Curry

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of a sister in the Lord, Sister Magnolia Baisden Curry.

She was a member of the Elk Fork Church for about 45 years.

She was born January 14, 1875. Died July 2, 1947.

She was married to Joseph Curry July 7, 1892 and to this union was born eleven children; Hi, Garnett, James, Virgil, Con, Greenway, John, Sallie, Buena, Wilson, Dallas. There were also 36 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Children, mother has gone on before, if you want to live with mother in heaven, just live the life mother lived. She was a good mother and a model Christian. The writer has been to her home and was treated as good as my own mother would have treated me. Children, someday, and it won't be very long. I believe that I can shake her hand again, where there will be no parting.

Uncle Joe, someday, you can meet Aunt Nolia, where you will never part no more. So don't grieve too much.

Read Corinthians; chapter 15, verses 51 through 58. Behold, I shew you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruptible, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

A loving one from us is gone, A voice so kind and sweet is stilled, Her place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.

Loving and kind in all her ways Upright and just to the end of her days Sincere and true in her heart and mind, Beautiful memories she left behind. God called her home, it was his will, Her memory is as dear today As it was the day she passed away.

> Written by, Elder Wallace Maynard.

Lena Herald

It is with much sadness that I will try to write an obituary of my dear mother-in-law, Lena Herald. She was born January 4th, 1879 and deceased this life January 2nd, 1948.

She was the daughter of Samuel and Chloe Varney. She was married to Elder L. F. Herald and to this union was born twelve children, four preceded her in death. She leaves her children, seven sisters, five brothers, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

She was a member of the Regular Baptist Church and her fellowship was at Elk Fork. No one on earth knows how we have missed her since God called her from this old world of sin, but I believe our loss is heaven's gain.

So children prepare to meet mother around God's throne where there will be no more heartaches, no more pain, but all will be joy forever.

Written by her Daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ollie B. Herald.

Brother Otis Maynard

At the request of father and family, I attempt to write an obituary of Brother Otis Maynard, who deceased October 9th, 1946. Age 46 years. Brother Otis was married first to Nora Runyon. To this union was born 5 children. After his first wife's death, he married Eunice Canada.

Brother Otis joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was Baptized by Elder Ernest Runyon and L. G. Lowe on

the Second Sunday in September 1936. He lived faithfully till death, and always loved to talk of his future home and the blessings of God. The writer knew Brother Otis for about 20 years and said he was willing and ready to help in time of need. Now to his orphan children, cheer up, and weep not, for Daddy is only sleeping until the Great Resurrection, when the redeemer comes to raise the dead from the graves. If you want to see father again you must seek the Lord while he may be found and call on him while He is near.

Written by a Brother in Christ Jesus our Lord. Elder Lewis Marcum.

William Henry Varney

It is with a sad heart but a glorious hope that I will try to write an obituary of my dear old father, William Henry Varney. He was born Sept. 2nd, 1876, deceased this life Dec. 27th, 1946, being 71 years, 3 months and 27 days old. He was the son of Michael and Susie Varney. He was united in marriage to Dollie Smith Varney in the year of 1900 and to this union was born nine children. One son preceded him in death and our good mother and eight children a host of grandchildren and friends are left

to mourn his loss.

Oh! how we miss dear old Daddie in this lonely world but we feel without a doubt or fear our loss is his eternal gain. Father joined the Regular Baptist church in the year 1932 and lived a faithful member until death. Daddy had been afflicted for many years but bore his pains and troubles with patience and would always counsel his children and tell them the way they should live in this world. The Bible teaches just one way that leads from this world to that country where our Saviour has gone. I do believe Dad walked in that way. For years he washed the saints feet and I believe done the good works God layed out for him to do his last and dying words. He told me and smiled he was shaking hands with the ones over there. He would tell me in his very last days all that we could do was trust the Lord.

I want to say to the children. You that have made peace with your Lord can have the sweet hope of seeing Dad again in the resurrection at the last day. You that have not a hope for heaven's sake, children, forsake the ways of this world, take up the cross and follow Jesus and meet Daddy where the family circle will not be broken. Mother, I know you miss Daddy and will be so lonely in this world without him but toil on a few days more and we too can take that long sweet sleep that I believe Daddy is enjoying now.

Oh! I long to meet him and all the loved ones that have gone and most of all my dear Saviour that has done so much for me. So farewell yours in hope of seeing Daddy again at the resurrection at the last day.

His daughter,

Mrs. Kelley Stanley.

Ellison Coleman

Brother Ellison Coleman was born March 20, 1883, the son of James and Arminda (May) Coleman, both of whom preceded him in death. He deceased this life September 28, 1947, making his stay in this world 64 years, 6 months and 8 days.

He was married to Betty Thornsbury, and to this union were born eleven children, five of whom and his wife preceded him in death.

He later married Lona Chapman Justice, and to this union were born nine children, all of whom are still living.

In addition to his first wife, Betty Thornsbury, the children who preceded their father in death were: namely, Missouri, Kelsie, Eli, Bertha and Ethel.

In addition to the widow, the children who are left to mourn the loss of this good father are E. F. Coleman, of Pinson Fork, Ky., Clell, of Matewan, W. Va.; Matt, of Freeburn, Ky.; Mrs. Mary McCoy, of Maryland; Mrs.

Pricie Finley, of Logan, W. Va. and Ernest Coleman, of Pinson Fork, Ky. All children by his first marriage, Mrs. Irene Kiser, War, West Va.; Marie, Lorene, John Thurman, James Ester, Shirley Lee, Ellison, Jr., Larry Chester and Margaret Louise. All at home and all children by his second marriage.

He leaves one Brother Eli Coleman, of Jamboree, Ky. and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Daugherty, of Jamboree, Ky.; Mrs. Louise Coleman of Jamboree, Ky. and Mrs. Lenna Charles, of Matewan, West Va. and a great host of friends and relatives who are left to mourn the loss of this sainted father, brother and friend.

The passing of Brother Ellison is a great blow to those of us who are still left in this cold hearted world. His presence in our midst will be sorely missed, especially in the churches he has served so long and so faithfully. But, we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Brother Ellison has only exchanged a world of sorrow, trouble and grief for a home, where all is sweet peace, joy and happiness. For we feel that the Scripture, "Blest are the dead that die in the Lord, for henceforth they do rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." fits the case of Brother Coleman exactly. His labors in this world are over, but his Godly conduct, counsel and advice will still live in the hearts of those he came in contact with in this life.

So permit me to say to the widow and his children, Weep not for father, but, rather weep for yourselves and your children. Lift up your heads in courage bold, for his God is still on his throne and the eyes of the Lord are still over the righteous and his ears are still open to their prayers. Pray for yourselves that we may meet father up in heaven, where Jesus has gone to prepare a place for him and not for him only, but for all those who love and serve him.

May God bless you all and save you is the prayer of your unworthy brothers.

J. G. Thornsbury and Harold Edmonds.

Mary Belle Young

This sister and mother was the daughter of William C. and Nancy (Williamson) Pauley. She was born March 18th, 1871. Sister Young was reared and most of her life was spent not far from where she was born. She was married to Alfred Young, January 9th, 1890.

Survivors include her husband, one son Carl Young, three daughters, Mrs. Elzie Ford, Mrs. Elkie Smith, and Mrs. Hattie Radcliff. Also five Grandchildren and one great grandchild, one brother, Ferrell Pauley, and one sister Sally Jackson.

ter, Sally Jackson.

Sister Young professed a hope in Christ and was baptized Oct. 19th, 1924 by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins and Elder Hayes Maynard. She had her fellowship in the Bent Branch Church of Regular Baptist. After a long illness she bade farewell to her many friends and relatives on February 6th, 1948, when death took her away. Other than her friends and relatives she leaves the entire membership of the Bent Branch Church to mourn her passing. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain, and we will meet with her again.

Uncle Alfred, may God bless you in your lonely hours, that by his divine grace it won't be long till you can hear his sweet voice saying come. Children, remember what mother asked all of you to do, and don't forget those ear-

nest prayers in your behalf.

We say farewell, Sister Mary till Jesus comes again when the family of God will meet to part no more.

Written by the request of the family.

Your humble Brother in hope,

Elder Jonah Bevins.

John Clevenger

John Clevenger was the son of Silas and Jane Clevenger. He was born April 28th, 1875, deceased December 16th, 1947. He was married to Sarah Ray, October 4th, 1893 and to this union was born eight children. Three preceded him in death. Five are still living, two boys and three girls, Marion and George Clevenger, Elsie Clark, Mina Blackburn and Edith Workman. He leaves seventeen grand-children and eight great grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ about ten years before his death and had his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church, at Varney, Ky. He always attended church when it was possible for him to get there,

apparently rejoicing in the Saviour's Love.

Dear Daddy we miss you so much since you went away. It is so sad and lonesome. But I hope and pray that we will meet you in Heaven some day where we will never have to part. Dear Brothers and Sisters we will never see him on earth again so prepare to meet Jesus when He comes to call the sleeping dead from death to life, where we can always be with Him, where we will never have to part over on the other shore.

Written by his daughter in hope of Eternal Life.

Elsie Clark.

October 16, 1948.

The committee composed of several associations met at the Little Jewel Church house, at 10:30 A. M., October 16, 1948. Several songs were sung and Elder F. A. Hopkins called on Elder Dee McCoy to open the service and Brother McCoy said some wonderful things, and it cheered everyone.

We sang, "I Go Home," and Brother McCoy called on Elder Willie Collins to lead in prayer. He was wonderfully blessed to pray. Elder F. A. Hopkins made some wonderful remarks as to our gathering and the cause. Elder F. A. Hopkins made a motion that Elder Ballard Baker serve as Moderator of this meeting and Elder Ester Hopkins as clerk. Elder Willie Collins seconded it and it was carried.

Elder Ballard Baker, the moderator, took the stand and

made some real remarks to bring about peace and told of several associations that had the same kind of trouble. We must forgive each other if we are born of the Spirit. He then called all of the Delegates up to the stand, which was composed of: Elder F. A. Hopkins, Elder Willie Colline, and Elder Troy Nicholas of the New Salem Association, Elder Ballard Baker, Elder George Pergin, and Elder Dee McCoy of the Union Association, Elder John Miller, Brother Allen Smith, Brother Emery White of Mud River Association, Elder Harrison Bevins and Elder Ester Hopkins of the Sardis Association.

Elder Ballard Baker called all members of both sides of the Philadelphia Association to come up front, with the two Moderators, Elder Howard Gilliam, Elder Ellis Cotton and several members. A move was made by Elder Troy Nicholas and seconded by Elder Willie Collins and the Moderator asked Elder Howard Gilliam if they wanted peace and he said YES.

The Moderator asked Elder Gilliam to make his statement and he did it very nicely. Then the Moderator called on Elder Ellis Cotton to make his report and he did a fine job and in love. Then Elder Tom Ratliff talked a few minutes and asked Brother Cotton about using Ministers of other Faiths, and Brother Cotton said he had, but if he had hurt any of his Brethren he was sorry. It seemed as if everyone was satisfied with his statement. The Moderator called on Brother Newt Tackett to report and he read a list of some of the things that had happened and made it very clear.

Elder F. A. Hopkins asked to speak, and read a minute about the agreement between the New Salem and Union Association. They had agreed the preachers that had two living wives at that time in 1929, to keep them, also the ones that the Union had and not to ordain any more. If they did he would be the first to kick. Brother Burnett spoke and told of some things that had taken place. Brother Allen Smith of the Mud River Association asked Brother Baker why they had taken Elder John Casebolt back and it seemed as if they were trying to get all the

trouble straightened out. Brother Harrison Bevins talked a few minutes and told the Brethren of both sides of the Philadelphia Association there is not enough difference for you Brethren to divide over. Elder Troy Nicholas spoke to each one to have more love and to forgive each other. Then Elder George Pergin read some scriptures from the Seventh Chapter of First Corinthians, and then Brother Harrison Bevins spoke about the two sides getting back together. Brother Burnett spoke and said he had nothing against anyone. It seemed that love flowed from breast to breast.

Elder Tom Ratliff said some good things, then Elder John Moore said a few words as to the trouble. Elder Ernest Runyon spoke about Brother Cotton and insisted for them to come back where they left and Elder F. A. Hopkins spoke about peace. Elder Howard Gilliam asked how to organize a Church. He said for someone else had lead in prayer other than the presbytery at the ordaining of the Little Jewel Church, that was not in the presbytery appointed to organize the Church. Elder F. A. Hopkins questioned that part and several remarks were exchanged but all in love. Elder Ellis Cotton stood up and said, "I am speaking for three Churches and we are in your hands", speaking of the committees. Elder Ballard Baker, the Moderator, asked the committees to go outside and decide what to do and after a close discussion the committee decided that the best thing to do was to reorganize the Little Jewel Church. They asked the two sides to go back together, and all that had offended Elder F. A. Hopkins to go back together and to make him whole. The Delegates returned to the house and Elder Ballard Baker moved, and Elder George Pergin seconded it, that Elder F. A. Hopkins stand as Moderator to reorganize the Little Jewel Church and it carried. Elder F. A. Hopkins, the Moderator, made some wonderful remarks then he called for all members of the Litle Jewel Church to come up on the stand. These came up as follows: Elder B. J. Moore, Elder Steve Osborne, Elder R. E. Castle, Elder Baxter Osborne, Brother Lanzie Tackett, Brother Jeff Refet,

Sister Dortha Osborne, Sister Christine Rice, Sister Rena Hall, Sister Della Refet, Sister Lake Refray, and Sister Myrtle Walker.

Elder Ballard Baker made a move. Elder Willie Collins seconded it, that the presbytery consisting of all the Delegates from New Salem Union, Mud River and Sardis Associations and all ordain Elders that were present after the Moderator Elder F. A. Hopkins asked if all of the members were in harmony with the rules of decorum and articles of Faith of the New Salem Association of the Regular Partitles and the New Salem Association of the Regular Parti

ular Baptist and all answered they were.

The Brother Moderator F. A. Hopkins called for a song and then called on Elder Ester Hopkins to lead in prayer in the organization. Brother Ballard Baker made some wonderful remarks, and pronounced this Church the Little Jewel, legally organized. Both sides of the Philadelphia Association agreed to go back together and meet at the Little Mary Church in August, 2nd Saturday and Sunday. When the committee turned the meeting over to Brother Baxter Osborne, the moderator of the Little Jewel Church, and he made some wonderful remarks in the closing of the service. Seems as if everybody rejoiced and a song was sung, "I Am Going Home to Die No More."

We adjourned, an the Church moved to the water to

attend to the order of Baptizing.

This is a true report and the best that your unworthy servant could get of all that was said and done.

Elder Ester Hopkins, Clerk of the Committee.

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 and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk, also a 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 representative 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 proceedings 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 churches.
- 2. To preserve invioably a chain of communication among the churches.
- 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.
- To inquire into the cause when the churches fail at any time to present themselves in the association.
- 5. To appoint any member by and with their consent to transact any business which they think necessary.
- 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE I. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of Heaven by instinction, that it has God for its Author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its mother; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us and, therefore, is and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct and opinions shall be tried.

ARTICLE II. That there is one and only one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and the supreme ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressible, glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal relation of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonious, offices in the great work of redemption.

ARTICLE III. That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly devoid of that holiness, required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, to Satan, and their ever sinful passions, and, therefore, are under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

ARTICLE IV. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, the meditorial offer of the son of God, who took upon Him our nature yet, without sin honored the law by his personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by his death, being risen from the dead, he is entered into Heaven and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Saviour.

ARTICLE V. That the great gospel blessing which Christ in his fullness bestowed in such as believe in him, is justified and that justification consist in the pardon of his sins and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, that it is bestowed, not in condition of any works of righteousness we have done, but through his own righteousness.

ARTICLE VI. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel, and that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith.

ARTICLE VII. That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again, that regeneration consists in giving holy disposition to the mind and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation by the power of the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the Glory of God.

ARTICLE VIII. That such only are real believers as endure to the end, that their preserving attachment to Christ is the ground work which distinguish them from superficial professors, that a special providence watches over their welfare and they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

ARTICLE IX. That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of Baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith in the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ's government by His law and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges in them by his work, that its only proper officers

are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualification claims and duties are described in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

ARTICLE X. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, to a solemn and beautiful emblem of our faith in a crucified and risen Saviour, with its purifying power that is presented to the privilege of a Church unto the Lord's supper in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by a solemn and self examination.

ARTICLE XI. We also believe that feet washing is a duty enjoined upon us to show our love for one another.

ARTICLE XII. We belive in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. Also that 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 on 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 appelation 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 of the 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.

Names and Addresses of

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	Box 1534, Williamson, W. Va.
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M. J. MOUNTS	RFD # 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
ELDON MAYNARD	Heenon, Ky.
W. H. MAY	Kirk, W. Va.
LEWIS MARCUM	Turkey Creek, Ky.
J. L. NICHOLS	Thomas, Ky.
SHADLE PAULEY	Beauty, Ky.
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ERNIE RUNYON	Turkey Creek, Ky.
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JONAH SMITH	Turkey Creek, Ky.

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RUDOLPH SESCO Piso Ky
CARL CLAY Okeschohes Fla
ORVILLE STANLEY Road Fork Ky
CECIL SHEPPARD Lenore W Va
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CHARLIE EVANS Stirrat W Va
WILLARD BLAIR Lenore, W. Va.

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Bent Branch Forest Bevins Meta Kv
Sardis Tommy Adair Delbarton W. Va
Big Branch Harvey Lowe Thomas Ky
Elk Fork
Pilgrim Home Troy T. Francis Box 52, Williamson, W. Va.
Salem A. M. Varney Road Fork Ky
Sidney Stella Maynard Threeforks Ky
Dia Fulk
Narrows BranchWillie Stanley Hardy Ky
Lenah T. J. Robinson Moree, Ky.
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Tabithia Comfort Gilman Barnabus, W. Va.
Little Dove Ellis Davis R.F.D. # 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Little Rosa Orville Runyon
Turkey Creek Julius Burgett Turkey Creek, Ky.
Samaria Leslie Vance Kirk, W. Va.
Rosa Floyd Cline Baisden, W. Va.
Darsden, w. va.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches and Delegates	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Restoration	Rec'd by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Excluded	Total Membership	Church Time	
Mt. Pleasant, George Hinkle, J. L. Sandefeur, Oliver Tackett	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	2	\$16.00
Apple Orchard—Elert Maynard, Willie Nichols, R. B. Maynard	4	0	0	2	0	4	0	44	1	
Enon—Logan Spencer, W. C. Hay, J. B. Anderson_	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			5.00
Rebecca—Nicholas Runyon, Mosco Gillman, Matt Mounts		0	1	0	0	1	1	64	2	10.25
Bent Branch—Cleve Bevins, Lee Blackburn, John Lyons	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	57	3	10.00
ardis—Jessie Farley, Tommy Adair, Wallace Maynard		0	0	0	0	2	3	187	4	15.00
Big Branch—Ali Griffy, Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	31	3	
Mary Elizabeth—George Fraley, S. B. Fraley, Donnie Lowe	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	31	3	5.00
Sethany—Willie White, Riley Dillon, Daid Pridemore	13	0	2	0	0	3	6	52	4	15.00

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