

**Minutes**

of the

**Fifty-Ninth Annual Session**

of the

**Sardis Association of  
Regular Baptist**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH

**ROSA CHURCH**

Baisden, Mingo Co., W. Va.

**September 7, 8 and 9, 1951**

## PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

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In session assembled with the Rosa Church, September 7, 8 and 9th, 1951, at the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The service was introduced by Elder Ester Hopkins, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Shadle Pauley; Text: Hebrews, 12th Chapter and a portion of the 28th Verse, as follows: Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which can not be moved.

Then the Delegates assembled at the Church House and after a short talk and prayer by Elder James Green the Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several Churches and received letters; seated the delegates.
2. The Association then organized by electing Elder Ester Hopkins as Moderator; Elder H. C. Maynard, Asst. Moderator; Troy T. Francis, Clerk, and Elder W. C. Hay, Asst. Clerk.
3. By motion it is ordered that Brother F. M. Preece be appointed Asst. Clerk, Pro-Tem., because of illness of Elder W. C. Hay.
4. At the request of the Moderator the Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.
5. Called for newly organized Churches and received one—(name)—Samaria, as a reorganized Church.

6. Called for letters from Sister Associations and received as follows:

**NEW SALEM**—By the hands of Elders F. A. Hopkins and M. V. Burke. Letter in the hands of Elder F. A. Hopkins.

**UNION**—By the hands of Elders John Hess, Loyd Gibson, James Green, Fon Bowling, S. T. Wright, Silas Bartley and Fred M. Stiltnar. Letter in the hands of Elder John Hess.

**PHILADELPHIA**—By the hands of Elders Howard Gilliam, Fred Akers, Tom Ratliff and Brothers J. N. Rose and John Griffey. Letter in the hands of Elder Tom Ratliff.

**MUD RIVER**—By motion it is ordered that we receive their letter presented to us by Elder W. C. Hay, no Delegates accompanied their letter.

**THORTON UNION**—By the hands of Elders T. R. Collier, Charles Cornett, Bill Sparks and Brothers W. S. Akers and Wade Watts. Letter in the hands of Elder T. R. Collier.

**INDIAN BOTTOM**—By the hands of Elders George Hagens and Dewey Hagens. Letters in the hands of George Hagens.

**FRIENDSHIP**—By the hands of Elders J. H. Belcher, J. H. Burks, Clell Burkes, Harold Burks and Brothers Tom Morgan, Donald Stiltnar, Anderson Vance, W. M. Dixon, Columbus Pack, L. M. Riffe, Richard Keen and Elbert Cline. Letter in the hands of Brother Donald Stiltnar.

7. Called for Transient Ministers and members of our faith and order; the following received: Elders Noah Mullins, N. J. Roberts Billie Moore, Epp Cline, John Reed, John Tackett, Ellis Davis, J. C. Widner, Ernest Runyon, Jonah Bevins, E. D. Burke, W. C. Hay and Brother Caudill Williamson.

8. On motion it is ordered that we correspond with the following Associations: **NEW SALEM, UNION, PHILADELPHIA, MUD RIVER, THORNTON UNION, INDIAN BOTTOM** and **FRIENDSHIP**.

9. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

10. Ordered that the Clerks write letters to corresponding Associations.

11. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren as follows: Elder Leslie Blair and Brothers Dewey Cline, Uley Perry and Estill Ritche.

12. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with Ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand: Elder Leslie Blair and Brothers Dewey Cline, Uley Perry and Estil Ritche.

13. Committee appointed to arrange the Ministry for Friday night and Saturday, consisting of one member from each Church with the entire delegation of the Rosa Church. Ministers as follows: Friday night, Elders, first, Fon Bowling; second, Tom Ratliff; third, Howard Colley, and fourth, Harold Burks. Saturday: Elders, first, John Burke; second, W. H. Gilliam; third, Charles Cornett, and fourth, F. A. Hopkins.

14. Committee on arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each Church, with the Moderators and Clerks, with the corresponding associations invited.

15. On motion by Elder Lewis Marcum the association adjourned until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

**Saturday Morning**

Met pursuant to adjournment and, after song and prayer, service was introduced by Elder M. V. Burke.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Read the bill of arrangements and discharged the committee on same.

3. By motion it is ordered that we receive the letter from the Mud River Association and make an investigation as to the doctrine they have been advocating.

4. Appointed a committee on finance, consisting of Elders Willie Stanley and B. H. Bevins, who reported the contributions from each Church as shown in the statistical table.

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

Total on hand for the year ending		
Sept. 7, 1951	-----	\$358.21
Paid for printing of Minutes	-----	\$317.42
Secretary's fee	-----	10.00
Clerk's fee	-----	15.00
Treasurer's Fee	-----	10.00
Expense to Sister Association and tax	-----	5.79
Total paid out	-----	358.21
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Balance in Bank	-----	\$000.00
Received from Churches this year	-----	\$399.25
Extra donations at the Association	-----	31.00

Total on hand for next year ----- \$430.25

6. By motion it is ordered that Brother Troy T. Francis be appointed as Treasurer and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his service.

7. Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he have three thousand (3,000) copies printed and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his service preparing manuscript and recording the same.

8. Brethren called in union meetings and associations last year made their reports. Their reports received, failures excused and they all were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.

9. Appointed the same committee to arrange for preaching Saturday night and Sunday, who reported as follows: Saturday night—Elders, first, Dorsa Turney; second, Hersey Lane; third, John Hess; fourth, Emmette Case. Sunday—Elders, first, J. C. Widner; second, J. H. Belcher; third, George Hagens; fourth, James Green, with our Moderator closing.

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

NEW SALEM—To be held with the Little Salem Church, Dana, Floyd County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the Fourth Saturday in September, 1951. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Tommy Adair, B. H. Bevins, Lewis Smith, Emmette Case, Jonah Bevins, Earl Belcher and Perry Cline. Brothers: J. M. Francis, Mike Young, Caudill Williamson, Forest McGuire, Leslie Blanton, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, Orville Stanley and Avery Hensley. Letter in the hands of Elder B. H. Bevins.

UNION—To be held with the Lebanon Church, Omaha, Dickenson County, Va., beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1951. Elders: Tommy Adair, Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Earl Belcher, Emmette Case and Brothers: Avery Hensley, George Fraley and Donnie Lowe. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

PHILADELPHIA—To be held with the Friendship Church, Flatwoods, Greenup County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1952. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, Leslie Blair, Tracy Hatfield, Ernest Cochran, H. C. Maynard, Wallace Maynard, Emmette Case, Wayne Heard and Brothers: Charlie Johnson, Uley Perry, Leslie Blanton and Caudill Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Tracy Hatfield.

MUD RIVER—To be held with the Sorrah Church at Foster, Boone County, W. Va., beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1952. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Percy Canterbury, W. C. Hay, B. H. Bevins, Strauther Adkins and H. C. Moynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

THORNTON UNION—To be held with the Comb's Bend Church, Perry County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the Third Saturday in August, 1952. Elders: B. H. Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Strauther Adkins, Jonah Bevins, H. C. Moynard, J. R. Evans, Perry Cline, Wayne Hearld, Wallace Moynard, Emmette Case, and Brothers: Mike Young and Leslie Blanton. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

INDIAN BOTTOM—To be held with the Hurricane Gap Church at Gordon, Letcher County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the First Saturday in September, 1952. Elders: B. H. Bevins, W. C. Hay, Ernest Runyon, Lewis Marcum and Brothers: Claude Brown, Dock Scott, George Hinkle, Mont Williamson, Jim Scott and Leslie Blanton. Letter in the hands of Elder B. H. Bevins.

FRIENDSHIP—To be held with the North Spring Church, Blackey, Buchanan County, Va., beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1952. Elders: Ester Hopkins, J. G. Thornsbury, H. C. Moynard, Wallace Moynard, Emmette Case, Lewis Smith, Edd May, Willie Stanley, Jonah Bevins, Wayne Hearld, J. R. Evans, Perry Cline and Brothers: J. B. Blackburn, Forest Bevins, Bill Williams, Donnie Lowe, George Frdley, Troy T. Francis and Orville Stanley. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

11. By motion it is ordered that we receive the committee's report as to Article Fourteen of our last year Minutes and discharge committee on same.

12. Ordered that we print Obituaries of the deceased Brothers and Sisters presented to the Brother

Clerk at the close of the Association or within ten days thereafter.

13. It was ordered last year that Elder John Brown would write a circular letter to be printed in our minutes but was not written because of illness.

14. It is ordered that Elder Jonah Bevins prepare a circular letter to be read at our next Association, for approval or disapproval.

15. By motion it is ordered that we publish Harold Edmonds and Sam Hearld in disorder and their names be removed from our minutes.

16. By motion it is ordered that we send a request to the Thornton Union Association in regard to receiving a United Baptist Church.

17. Ordered that the Treasurer pay the expenses of one (1) car for the visiting Sister Associations, that is, paying for the gas and oil.

18. Ordered that we continue the printing of Memorials in our minutes.

19. 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.

20. 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 Gospel or Church evidence of same.

21. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Enon Church, McCarr, Pike County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the Second Saturday in September, 1952.

## UNION MEETINGS

22. By vote it is ordered that Elder Grover Carey preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Emmette Case be his alternate.

23. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Rosa Church, Baisden, Mingo County, W. Va., and to the community at large for the hospitality shown us during this session of our Association.

24. Ordered that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderators and Clerks.

25. On motion we adjourn to the time and place above mentioned.

Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator

Elder H. C. Maynard, Asst. Moderator

Brother Troy T. Francis, Clerk

Elder W. C. Hoy, Asst. Clerk

### May

SALEM—Goody, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Asa Evans, Shadle Pauley and Grover Carey.

TURKEY CREEK—Turkey Creek, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Lewis Smith and B. H. Bevins.

### June

ENON—McCarr, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, Orville Runyon and Wayne Hearld.

APPLE ORCHARD—Heenen, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Grover Carey, Tommy Adair and Willie White.

LITTLE ROSA—Chattaroy, W. Va.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, Tommy Adair and Jonah Bevins.

MUNCY VALLEY—Pie, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, H. C. Maynard, Bill Jude, J. H. Hensley and B. H. Bevins.

BUCK CREEK—Beauty, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: B. H. Bevins, Orville Runyon, Wallace Maynard and Grover Carey.

LITTLE VIRGIE—Coleman, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Perry Cline, Floyd Cline, Grover Carey, Ester Hopkins and Orville Runyon.

SIDNEY—Threeforks, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Asa Evans, J. G. Thornsberry, H. C. Maynard and Tommy Adair.

### July

DIX FORK—Canada, Ky.—First Saturday and Sun-



day. Elders: Grover Carey, Asa Evans, Perry Cline, W. H. Gilliam and Orville Runyon.

LEANNAH—Moree, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tommy Adair, Wallace Moynard and Grover Carey.

MT. PLEASANT—Sidney, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Grover Carey, Wallace Moynard and Shadle Pauley, with communion Sunday afternoon.

SAMARIA—Kirk, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. C. Moynard, Ester Hopkins, Grover Carey, Tommy Adair and Willie White.

BIG BRANCH—Thomas, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elder: Ester Hopkins.

MARY ELIZABETH—Hatfield, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Shadle Pauley, J. G. Thorns-bury and James Green.

NARROWS BRANCH—Hardy, Ky.—To begin on Friday before the Fourth Saturday. Elders: Bill Jude, Wallace Moynard and Wayne Hearld.

#### August

TABITHA—Barnabus, W. Va.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Cecil Evans, Willie Stanley, J. H. Hensley and Tommy Adair.

REBECCA—Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek, W. Va.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: B. H. Bevins, Shadle Pauley, Jonah Ester Williamson and Ester Hopkins.

ELK FORK—Elk Fork of Pigeon Creek, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thorns-bury, H. C. Moynard and Emmette Case.

BENT BRANCH—Meta, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Jonah Bevins, Willis Dials and Tom-

my Adair, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

ROSA—Baisden, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Taylor Blankenship, Dixie Isom, Baxter Osbourne, Ester Hopkins, Johnnie Moore and Alvin Haggin, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

PILGRIMS HOME—Varney, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Harold Burks, Banner Manns, Howard Colley, Francis Hubbard and Eddie Burk, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

BETHANY—Lenore, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, H. C. Moynard, Grover Carey and Tommy Adair.

SARDIS—Delbarton, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Grover Carey, J. G. Thorns-bury, Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Charlie Evans and Edd May.

#### Agreement by Request

The Apple Orchard Church together with the Big Branch Church have agreed to have a Communion meeting at the head of Sycamore Creek on the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July, 1952, with Communion Saturday afternoon by request of some of their members over there, who are not able to go far to Church. Ministers requested, Elders Ester Hopkins, Eldon Moynard and Edd May.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE

Met with a large and orderly congregation of Brethren and Sisters and friends. After singing some of our favorite songs of Zion to the praise and glory of God, service was introduced by Elder J. C. Widner, from the Union Association. Song, "Amazing Grace," Brother Widner also led us in prayer.

Second on the stand, Elder J. H. Belcher, of the Friendship Association. He used for a text, Acts: 16th Chapter and the 30th Verse—and brought them out and said: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Third on the stand, Elder George Hagens, from the Indian Bottom Association. He used for a text, Revelation: the 12th Chapter, and the First verse, "and there appeared a great wonder in Heaven; a woman clothed with the Sun, and the Moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of Twelve Stars."

Fourth on the stand, Elder James Green, from the Union Association. He used for a text, Isaiah: the 26th Chapter and a portion of the First Verse. "We have a strong City."

Fifth and last on the stand, our own beloved Moderator Elder Ester Hopkins. He used no special Scripture but was wonderfully blessed with the Spirit of Preaching. In closing the service he admonished us to let Brotherly Love continue and there was much rejoicing, thus ending the 59th Annual Session of the Sardis Association.

May the God of Heaven bless the Rosa Church and the community at large for the hospitality shown us while we were with them. So, Brethren, farewell until we meet again in another lovely Association which will be held with the Enon Church at the head of Blackberry Creek, Pike County, Ky.

Your Clerk.

## MEMORIALS

Memorial of Brother Carl Lowe and Phillip Hanners to be held on Sunday after the Fourth Saturday in July, 1952. Ministers requested: Elders Ester Hopkins, J. L. Nichols and Harvey Lowe.

Memorial to be held on the Floyd Blackburn cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday in July, 1952. Ministers requested: Elders Ester Hopkins and Emmette Case.

Memorial of friend John Jude's children to be held on Sunday after the Second Saturday in May, 1952. All ministers invited.

Memorial of Sister Esta Muncy Reed and Son will be held on the Second Saturday in June, 1952, will be on all day meeting.

Also Memorial of Sister Matilda Robinson and others will be held on Sunday after the Second Saturday in June, 1952. Ministers requested: Elders Bill Jude, Willias Dials, Orville Runyon and J. R. Evans.

Memorial to be held on the Lowe Cemetery at the head of Big Branch on the Second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1952. Ministers requested: Elders Emmette Case, Willis Dials, Willie White and Grover Carey.

Memorial of all the deceased on Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the Second Saturday in July, 1952.

Memorial of Russel Pete McCoy and others will be held on the Ratliff Cemetery on Sunday after the Third Saturday in May, 1952. Ministers requested: Elders Eldon Maynard, Bud Coleman, Edd May and J. L. Nichols.

Memorial of Brother Harrison McCoy and others on Sunday after the Third Saturday in August, 1952.



Ministers requested: Elders Eldon Maynard, Bud Coleman, Edd May, J. L. Nichols and J. M. Justice.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor, his wife and others to be held on the Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the Third Saturday in July, 1952. Ministers requested: Elders Jonah Bevins and Ester Hopkins.

Memorial of Edward McCoy and others will be held at the Henry Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the Fourth Saturday in August, 1952. Ministers requested: Elders Edd May, Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols and Lewis Marcum.

Memorial of Brother Flem Maynard, his wife, and Elder E. F. Fields, his wife and others to be held on Sunday after the Third Saturday in September, 1952. Ministers requested: Elders Ester Hopkins, J. L. Nichols and Harvey Lowe.

Memorial of Elder Heenon Maynard and others will be held the First Sunday in August, 1952.

Memorial of Joe Taylor and others will be held on the Joe Taylor Cemetery the First Sunday in September, 1952.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Enon Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in August, 1952.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church will be held the Second Saturday and Sunday, in August, this being our Union and Communion meeting time also.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Bent Branch Church will be held the Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Memorial of Elder Wallace Jackson and others will be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church the Third Saturday and Sunday in September.

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Memorial of Elder J. W. Smith and others will be held on Sunday after the Third Saturday in August. All Ministers invited.

Memorial of Brother M. B. Romans to be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church the First Sunday in July. Ministers requested: Elders Ester Hopkins, Bill Jude and Jonah Bevins.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Bethany Church will be held the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, this being our Union and Communion meeting time also.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Elk Fork Church will be held the Third Saturday and Sunday in October.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Pilgrim's Home Church will be held the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October. All ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Salem Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers requested: Elders F. A. Hopkins, Willis Blackburn and Wayne Hearld.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Sidney Church will be held the Fourth Sunday in August; also a memorial of Nathan Jude and others will be held on the Cemetery, near Dave Jude's home the Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial of Elder F. M. Preece and others will be held the First Sunday in August. All Ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Dix Fork Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in August. All Ministers invited.

Memorial will be held with the Buck Creek Church the Third Saturday and Sunday in August. We dedicate Sunday to the Memorial of Johnny Stacy's wife.

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Memorial of Elder J. S. Muncy and other deceased members of the Narrows Branch Church will be held the Fourth Saurday and Sunday in May.

Memorial of Robert Ellis will be held the last Sunday in May at Yuma, Monitor, West Virginia. Ministers requested: Elders Charlie Evans, Tommy Adair, Carlos Meadows and J. H. Hensley.

Memorial will be held on the Harmon Maynard Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek, Piso, Ky., the First Sunday in August. Ministers requested: Elders Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans and J. G. Thorns-bury.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Tur-key Creek Church will be held the Second Saturday and Sunday in October.

Memorial of Brother Josh and Sister Christine Run-yon will be held on the Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek at the Runyon Cemetery the Third Sunday in June. Min-isters requested: Elders J. H. Hensley, Tommy Adair and Charlie Evans.

Memorial will be held on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the Third Saturday in August. Minis-ters requested: Elders Willie White, Tommy Adair, Ellis Davis, Strauther Adkins and Emmette Case.

Memorial will be held on the Lackey Cemetery on Marbone Creek the Second Sunday in August. Min-isters requested: Elders Haden Hannah, Wallace Maynard and J. R. Evans.

Memorial will be held on the Frank Canterbury Cemetery on the Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek May the 30th. Ministers requested: Elders Ester Hopkins, Wallace Maynard and Wayne Heard.

Memorial will be held on the Bill Canterbury Ceme-tery Sunday after the First Saturday in October. Min-isters requested: Elders Wayne Heard, Wallace May-nard and Grover Carey.

Memorial of Brother Tom McCoy will be held on the Cemetery at the Mouth of Buck Branch on Wolf Creek Sunday after the First Saturday in July. Ministers re-quested: Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans and Orville Runyon.

Memorial of Mose Maynard to be held on the First Sunday in July on the Ireland Lowe Cemetery.

Memorial to be held on the Scott Cemetery on Low-er Brushy Creek the Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial will be held on the Cemetery near J. L. Nichols home on Sunday after the Third Saturday in June.

Memorial of Elder W. H. Bowling, his Wife and Family will be held at the Tom Price School House on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek the First Saturday and Sunday in September beginning at Two O'clock Saturday afternoon.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Mt. Pleasant Church will be held the Second Saturday and Sunday in October.

Clerk's Note—If the Ministers you are expecting that were called in your Memorials are not listed in the minutes it is because your Clerk received several slips of paper from the delegates at the Association with ministers' names on them, but does not show the name of any Church or Memorial.

## OBITUARIES

### Mrs. A. J. Case

It is in much sorrow and sadness of heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my loving Mother, Mary (Branham) Case. She was born June 12, 1873 at Virgie, Kentucky, being the daughter of Elisha and Usia (Newson) Branham.

She was married to A. J. Case July 11, 1894, 56 years ago, to this union were born nine children, five which preceded them in death. Dad became a member of the Pilgrim Home Church on April 1, 1922, and left us sixteen years ago on August 12, 1934, when he suddenly fell dead in the stand on Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek, declaring the Word of Truth.

Surviving daughters, Bertha (Case) Young of South Williamson, Kentucky, and Tanev Williamson of Varney, Kentucky. Surviving sons are Elder Emmette Case of Varney, Kentucky, and General Case of Varney, Kentucky.

Surviving son-in-laws, Marion Young and John B. Williamson, and daughters-in-laws, Eula Lowe and Wealthy Young. There are twenty-six grand-children and eleven great-grand-children.

One surviving brother, General Branham of Robinson Creek, Kentucky, and three half-brothers, Oliver Branham of Honaker, Kentucky; Spurlock and Penton Branham of Robinson Creek, Kentucky. She also has one half-sister, Ollie Johnson of Virginia.

Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ on July 11, 1920, thirty years ago. She was baptized by the hands of Newton Case and took fellowship with the Little Dove Church of the New Salem Association and later moved her membership to the Pilgrim Home Church of Varney, Kentucky.

I certainly believe and feel that mother has lived faithful to the cause, not failing to fill her seat in the old Home Church when able. In patient worrying over



ELDER A. J. CASE

Deceased August 12th, 1934

His wife, Mary Elizabeth Case, Deceased December 6th, 1950

her children, telling me many times after returning home from church that she prayed to God that all her children would live right in this world, love one another, attend the old church, and give her a good reason to believe that she would meet them again someday. She would tell me many times, "they are all good to me but in spite of all this I worry about their soul welfare and their progress in life." Now children we are all orphans. May God bless you to treasure what she said to us by the life she lived in this world. I am still trusting God that her prayers will be answered in the behalf of the children and neighbors.

Children, we will never hear the sound of her feet on the doorsteps any more. We will never hear that sweet voice asking, "How are the children getting along?" But echoing to me and you to come on follow the footsteps of Jesus in this world and we will meet around the Eternal Throne where loved ones will never grow old and where the poor weary souls will rest from trouble. So, may God bless you children that these words will find room in your hearts to lodge and remain there until Salvation comes to collect His jewels home and will bring Dad and Mother with him, riding on the clouds of Eternal Glory. Mother will not be afflicted then and her body will not be wrecked with pain. Mother will reach the end of hope she had in this world and go home to Glory, both soul and body. So, children, be ready to meet Jesus and Mother on that day to ride on that ship and we will go home where the family circle will not be broken.

Written by her baby boy, Emmette.

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**Ester Elizabeth Smith**

Ester Elizabeth "Sis" (Young) Smith, the daughter of Wash and Tempa (Maynard) Young. She was born May 22, 1869, and was 82 years, 2 months and 27 days old at death. She was one of five children, two brothers, Alford and Marion, still living. Her brother,

John W., and one sister, Malenda Jane (Young) Caines, both deceased.

She was married to Harmon Smith December 1, 1891 and to this union was born three children, namely: Stella, Rell and George; two preceded her in death. Rell is still living to mourn the loss of his loving and dear mother. She has two grand-children, Ira and James, four great-grand-children, Judy Ann, Joseph Albert, Ruth Gene and Ira Melvin, and a host of friends and relatives left to mourn her loss.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church called Pilgrim's Home May 23, 1936, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins. She later moved her membership to the Turkey Creek Church for convenience, where she remained a faithful member until death.

Children, Mother is gone but don't forget her counsel and advice and prepare to meet her on the other side.

Written by her Nephew,  
Brother Marion Young.

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**Sister Patty (Jude) Maynard**

Sister Patty (Jude) Maynard, daughter of Elder Nathan and Morning Jude. She was born March 24, 1869. She was joined in wedlock to Jessie Maynard in 1885 and to this union was born 15 children; 5 preceded her in death. She confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized at the hands of Elder W. J. Fields May 24, 1906, taking her membership with the Sidney Church of Regular Baptist, which she lived as a Deacon's wife as long as she was able to get there. She was a faithful sister until death September 8, 1951, making her stay on earth 82 years, 5 months and 14 days. She leaves her companion and 10 children, 100 grand-children, 90 great-grand-children and 3 great-

great-grand-children with her brothers and sisters in the Lord and a great host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss in this world.

She faced the hardship of life with boldness and her afflictions with great patience. We believe she is resting from her labor and the Spirit says, "Their works do follow them."

Written by your Servant,  
Shadle Pauley.

#### • **Brother Oliver Scalf**

He was born August 19, 1892, the son of Emery Scalf, deceased December 21, 1950.

He was married to Edna Maynard April 21, 1915, and to this union was born twelve (12) children. Two preceding him in death: Hessie and Thurston Scalf. Living are Mable, Maudie, Mathew, Heenon, Norman, Cleston, Oma Lou and Dorothy Lindle Scalf, Alice Clark and Threcie Woods.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church December 19, 1950, and was baptized by Elder Lark Lowe and took fellowship with the Turkey Creek Church.

I want to say to his children and neighbors that by Brother Oliver's actions and confession that he declared plainly, without a doubt that there is a complete and wonderful life beyond this veil of tears. If you live long dark things will appear in ahead of you and if we have any satisfaction in this life and any natural possession that are a comfort to us, we can look ahead to the time when they will all perish. But if you heed that low, still voice that may appear in your hearts it will lead you to a life so great and a home so complete that no trouble can ever get there. No tongue has ever been able to describe the wonders of that happy place.

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The Scriptures say, "Comfort ye one another with these words" (The words of the Bible.) We are in a world of trouble and are in need of comfort and the more we meditate on God's words the more comfort we may have.

Written by your humble servant,  
R. B. Maynard.

#### • **Sister Laura Howell**

By request I will attempt to write a short obituary of Sister Laura Maynard Howell, born January 17, 1913, deceased this life April 26, 1951, age 38 years, 3 months, 8 days at death. She was the daughter of Millard and Tina Lowe Maynard.

She was united in marriage to Lacy B. Howell May, 1927, and to this union was born 9 children, names as follows: Annie, Fannie, Thelma, Elma, Mavis, Gracie, Ethel, Nadine and Christine, besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Sister Howell joined the Regular Baptist Church some years ago, her membership was with the Apple Orchard Church. Her presence will be missed among us all as well as in her home. She was a wonderful mother to her children, a faithful member in the church and a loving neighbor in her community. I feel, children, that mother's life will live on. She has just fallen asleep in Jesus; let her memory be as a bright star just passed over a distant hill where it is anchored in Glory, just resting under the altar of God until the great Day of Redemption, when our King will gather all of his little Jewels home and we can hear that welcome call come in ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you.

Oh! children, I want you to take heed to the good counsel she gave you. Don't you want to see Mother again where her countenance will outshine the noon-

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day sun? She has fought a good fight, she has finished her course and now unto her a Crown will be given. Mother will be happily housed around the throne of God where she can feast on the delectable mountains singing the song of the redeemed. You, too, can sing with Mother again, but you must seek Jesus in this life. We have to bear the cross here below to obtain a crown in Glory, so don't weep for Mother, but rather weep for yourselves and your children.

Written as requested,  
Tom Robinson.

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**Brother L. B. Jude**

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of a true and faithful brother, to-wit: L. B. Jude. He was born October 16th, 1899, the son of Wilburn and Nanie Jude, deceased this life July 16, 1951, making his stay in this world 51 years and 8 months. He was united in marriage to Renie Smith July 18, 1919; to this union was born 11 children, two preceded him in death.

Brother Jude confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized by the hands of the writer February 21st, 1932. He placed his membership with the Buck Creek Church of Regular Baptist, where he remained a faithful and loving brother until death and I, the writer, remember the joyful days we have spent together. Brother L. B. obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered from being then made free from sin, became a servant of richness and being a servant richness called him away from his companion and children many times. Renie when Sunday Evening would come you and the children would look for Brother Jude to come home. So, now Brother Jude is gone and has left his companion and 9 children, his father, 2 brothers, 3 sisters and his brethren and sisters in the church, with a host of friends and relations to mourn

his loss, but our loss is his eternal gain. It has become our duty to hold up a standard of that precious faith in Jesus who was the author and finisher of Brother L. B.'s faith, to his children Brother Jude's body has been planted in the grave, but some sweet day Jesus will call and he will answer. Jesus said he would ransom them from the power of the grave. Then Brother Jude will say as Jesus did, I am he that was dead, but I am alive for evermore.

Let us all be prepared for that day. It is sure coming, then we can go home to live together where we will not be separated by death anymore.

Written by your humble servant,  
Shadle Pauley.

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**Sister Martha M. (Lawless) Hopkins**

Sister Martha M. (Lawless) Hopkins was born August 10, 1877. She was married to James A. Hopkins February, 1898. To this union was born ten (10) children, to-wit: G. W. L., R. A., Virginia L., J. E., J. L., E. G., C. K. E., C. D. and C. F. Hopkins.

The Death Angel visited the home of this family and took from this Mother and the children the Father, James A. Hopkins, date unknown to the writer, who by request of R. A. Hopkins, is writing this obituary. I was very sorry to learn of the recent death of Sister M. M. Hopkins. I know that no words I can say at this time will ever bring back the happiness that you children shared with your beloved and sacred Mother, but I want you all to know that all of my sympathy goes out to you in this time of sorrow, but looking at the event in another and better way I feel like saying the Gentle Rider on the Pale Horse, with kindness, mercy and love, in countenance to strains of the Celestial music of a band of accompanying Angels, layed His finger on this great and loving heart of your precious Mother and a sister in Christ to the humble writer and



stilled its beating and bore her tired spirit to the realms of eternal day on April 21, 1951.

Sister Hopkins joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptist May 2, 1942, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins and was received into full fellowship with the Salem Church of Regular Baptist and was loved by the whole Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the church and was a faithful sister till death. To the children, remember Mother's prayers for you is stilled in death, but your Mother's God is eternal and you, the children, can find Him. Mother found Him by obeying His Gospel which Gospel is the power of God unto everyone that believeth to the Jew first, and also to the Greek, for it is written the "Just shall live by faith." So weep not for Mother, but weep for yourselves and your children. Mother is only resting from her labor. God has blessed all that die in the Lord and will redeem them both soul and body and make their bodies happy with their soul. Praise God for the promise of the resurrection of the dead.

Written by your humble Brother in hope of Eternal Life when the dead in Christ will raise first.

Elder Jonah Bevins.

#### **Molinda Jane Pinson**

Molinda Jane Pinson was the daughter of the late John (Huby) Maynard, and was united in marriage to Henry Pinson. To this union was born no children. Sister Jane confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Home Church by the hands of Elders Jonah Bevins and Basil Robinette October the 29th, 1939, where she remained a faithful member as long as her health permitted her to fill her seat. I am sure she will be sadly missed by her friends, relatives and neighbors, as well as by the entire membership of the Church. But we deeply feel she has made a happy exchange and is just resting

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from her labor, by the fruits she bore in this life will entitle her to the full benefits of Heaven, where she will be given a Crown of Glory; and to her relatives, if you want to enjoy this happiness with Aunt Jane you will have to seek Jesus while in this life, for as death finds us so will the Judgment receive us.

Written by  
Troy T. Fraconis.

#### **Sophia Brookie Smith**

With much grief and sorrow in my heart, and by the help of the Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my loving wife, who God called from our home on February the 4th, 1951.

Sophia Brookie (Stepp) Smith was the daughter of Ireland and Annie (Taylor) Stepp, born in the year of 1908 and was united in marriage to Ben Smith, June the 4th, 1926. To this union was born seven children, three boys and four girls, names as follows: Velma, Guy, Carl B., Agnes, Colene, Mary Lee and Anthony. Three of these children preceded their mother in death, four are left, with her father and mother, her husband and a great host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. But we have a Glorious hope from the fruits she bore in this life that our loss is her eternal gain.

Sophia joined the Regular Baptist Church December the 14th, 1937, and lived a faithful member until death called her from this troublesome world.

Children, our home will be lonesome. Without mother let us strive to enter in at the straight gate where we feel assured mother has passed through, and may God help me and inspire me with wisdom from on high to teach and counsel you children in the way she would have done if she could have stayed with us.

Written by her Husband,  
Ben Smith.

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### **Etha Ray**

It is with sadness I write the obituary of my loving Mother, Etha (Thompson) Ray. She was the daughter of Taylor and Effie (Bigs) Thompson, born June the 15th, 1878, deceased this life December 15th, 1950. Mother was united in marriage to Alex Ray April 15, 1893, and to this union was born eleven children, nine boys and two girls. Daddy, three sons and one step-daughter preceded her in death, leaving eight children together with one step-daughter, one sister and two brothers to mourn her loss, with a host of friends and relatives. Childrens' names as follows: Isom, Bradley, Joe, Laura, Bitha, Robert, Curtis, Taylor and Mrs. Rebecca Moynard. Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church November the 19th, 1949, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins into the fellowship of the Bent Branch Church, where she was a faithful member until death. Mother was afflicted; eight years she suffered much pain but with great patience she bore her afflictions. Now I want to say to my Brothers and Sisters who are on the outside of the Ark of Safety, if you expect to meet mother you will have to prepare while in this life or as death finds us judgment will receive us, so my prayers is for everyone to begin to seek for yourselves and you will find just as Mother found.

*Mother, she has gone and left us.*

*Yet her memory here will stay.*

*I hope by God's great mercy.*

*To meet her some sweet day.*

Written by her daughter,

Bitha Ray.

### **Vickey (Lowe) Taylor**

It becomes my sad duty to write a short obituary of my beloved Mother, Vickey (Lowe) Taylor. She was

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born December the 30th, 1886, departed this life April the 2nd, 1951, making her stay on earth 84 years, 4 months and 1 day.

She was the daughter of Lawyer and Arminda Lowe. She was married to J. A. Taylor April the 28th, 1887, and was baptized by the hand of Elder Ester Hopkins September the 22nd, 1935. She leaves her husband, six sons and one daughter to mourn her absence. We feel satisfied she is resting in Heaven, and I hope to be with her again some sweet day.

Written by her Son,  
R. L. Taylor.

### **Josie Elizabeth Cline**

It is with much grief and sadness in my heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my sister in the flesh and in the Lord. Sister Lizzie was the daughter of Wallace and Larney Moore, born January the 29th, 1915, and was united in marriage to Ransome Cline December the 23rd, 1933, and to this union was born four children, three boys and one girl. Two boys preceded her in death, Kenneth and Ibbey Larney are still living.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church the second Saturday in May, -----, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Turkey Creek Church by the hands of Elder Lewis Marcum and Brother Julius Burgett, where she remained a true and faithful member until the Death Angel called her from our midst on February the 10th, 1951. Besides her parents, her husband and a children she leaves four brothers, six sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain and I pray that God will inspire me with faith and the ability to teach and counsel her little children in the way she asked me to so many times. And to you, Ransome, and the children, who so much enjoyed her company, she will re-

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turn to you no more, but you can go to her if you will strive to obtain that standard of faith that she lived before you.

Written by her Sister,  
Mrs. Jeff Cline.

### Phoeba Gilman

This obituary should have been in last year's minutes, but was not turned in to the Clerk.

It is by request of the family and with much sadness in my heart that I make an effort to write the obituary of a sister whom I dearly loved and also a relative of mine.

By the help of the Lord and to the best of my ability I will try to outline the life of Sister Phoeba Gilman, a daughter of Ance and Vacey Stone, born in the year of 1869, departed this life December the 15th, 1949.

She was united in marriage to Bill Gilman in the year of 1896 and to this union was born twelve children, four of whom preceded her in death. She leaves her husband, eight children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Sister Phoeba joined the Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1921 and was baptized into the fellowship of the Tabitha Church by the hand of Elder W. A. Hurley, where she remained a faithful member until she became unable to attend about two years prior to her death. I would like to say to her children whom I love so dearly, mother is gone to return no more, she is resting from her labor, that feeble body of hers will feel no more pain, she will counsel you children no more with her sweet words of advice.

Written by her Son-in-law,  
Elder Carlos Meadows.

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### Stella Robinette

It is with much sadness and deep sympathy to the family that in my sorrow I attempt to write the obituary of Sister Stella Robinette. She was born July 15th, 1903, a daughter of George and Mary (Young) Thompson, departed this life January the 14th, 1951, being 48 years, 6 months old at time of death.

She was united in marriage to Tobie Robinette September the 29th, 1921, and to this union was born seven children, six sons and one daughter, names as follows: Elmer Lee, Reatford, Ramon, Ervin, Tobie, Jr., Jettie and Ralph, all living.

Sister Stella joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church December the 10th, 1950, by the hands of Elder Emmette Case, and by reason of her health she was never permitted the opportunity to attend a church session with the Brethren and Sisters, nevertheless, by the beautiful confession we heard from her lips, we deeply feel she has passed from a world of trouble where she will know no more pain, no more death. She suffered greatly in this life; we have done the best we could to help her bear her afflictions and to keep her with us, but it was not the Master's will, since it has pleased God to take her from among us we will try to be satisfied. We can rejoice she did not leave us without hope and by the Grace of God, through Jesus Christ His Son, we can join her in that Celestial City where all will be peace, joy and happiness for evermore.

Sister Stella leaves beside her husband and children, her father and mother, and the following brothers and sisters: Henry, James, Harold and Clyde Thompson; Mrs. Sallie Lowe, Mrs. Tempia Walters, Miss Orno Thompson, Mrs. Virgie Robinette and Mrs. Gracie Robinette, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss, and may the Lord of Glory keep you children safe from the evil things of this world. Morth-

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er is gone to return no more. Be good to each other and ask God to be your guide that you may meet her in Heaven.

*Oh, Mother, Mother, our beautiful flower.*

*Will bloom on earth no more.*

*But God will raise you by his power.*

*To bloom on that secret shore.*

Written by her Aunt,

Mrs. Troy T. Francis.

## 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 1. 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 2. 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 3. 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 4. The association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Article 5. 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 6. New churches may be admitted into our union that shall petition by letters and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and order-

ly, 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 inviolable 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 fall 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.

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.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heaven by instinct, that it has God for its Author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; 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 consists 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 persevering 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 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 XII. We believe 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 members 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 the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and call-

ed over as 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 reprovved 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 ORDAINED MINISTERS

TOMMY ADAIR	Delbarton, W. Va.
J. B. ANDERSON	Matewan, W. Va.
JONAH BEVINS	Box 1534, Williamson, W. Va.
B. H. BEVINS	Box 655, Williamson, W. Va.
DYKE BLACKBURN	Pilgrim, Ky.
J. H. BROWN	Canada, Ky.
WILLIS BLACKBURN	Goody, Ky.
LESLIE BLAIR	Hunt, W. Va.
EARL BELCHER	Switzer, W. Va.
CLAUDE BROWN	Hardy, Ky.
GROVER CAREY	RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
EMMETTE CASE	Varney, Ky.
PERRY CLINE	Baisden, W. Va.
FLOYD CLINE	Baisden, W. Va.
EARL CLAY	Pahokee, Fla.
EARNEST COCHRAN	Canada, Ky.
ELLIS DAVIS	Lenore, W. Va.
WILLIS DIALS	Pilgrim, Ky.
R. A. DAMRON	Address Unknown
ASA EVANS	RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
J. R. EVANS	RFD 1, Williamson, W. Va.
CHARLIE EVANS	Stirrat, W. Va.

CECIL EVANS-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 JOHN FOUCH-----Curry, W. Va.  
 S. B. FRALEY-----Hatfield, Ky.  
 FAYETTE HACKNEY-----Toler, Ky.  
 TRACY HATFIELD-----Gilbert, W. Va.  
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 J. I. HENSLEY-----Nolan, W. Va.  
 J. H. HENSLEY-----Leet, W. Va.  
 WAYNE HEARLD-----Kermit, W. Va.  
 BILL JUDE-----Pilgrim, Ky.  
 L. G. LOWE-----Box 51, Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 H. C. MAYNARD-----Stone, Ky.  
 WALLACE MAYNARD-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 M. J. MOUNTS-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 ELDON MAYNARD-----Heanon, Ky.  
 W. H. MAY-----Kirk, W. Va.  
 LEWIS MARCUM-----Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 CARLOS MEADOWS-----Chauncy, W. Va.  
 JEFF MAY-----Parsley, W. Va.  
 EDD MAY-----Meta, Ky.  
 J. L. NICHOLS-----Thomas, Ky.  
 SHADLE PAULEY-----Beauty, Ky.  
 ORVILLE RUNYON-----Chattaroy, W. Va.  
 ERNIE RUNYON-----Greenup, Ky.  
 WILLIE STANLEY-----Hardy, Ky.  
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 WILLIE WHITE-----Lenore, W. Va.  
 JONAH ESTER WILLIAMSON-----Varney, Ky.

**Ministers Liberated to Prove Their Gift**

GEORGE HINKLE-----Sidney, Ky.  
 RUDOLPH SESCO-----Piso, Ky.  
 ORVILLE STANLEY-----Road Fork, Ky.  
 CECIL SHEPPARD-----Lenore, W. Va.  
 WILLARD BLAIR-----Lenore, W. Va.  
 R. B. MAYNARD-----Heanon, Ky.  
 CASEY WEST-----Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 STRAUTHER ADKINS-----Box 45, Varney, W. Va.

**Names and Addresses of CLERKS**

Mt. Pleasant-----Oliver Tackett-----Box 75, Belfry, Ky.  
 Apple Orchard-----R. B. Maynard-----Heanon, Ky.  
 Enon-----Logan Spencer-----Box 113, McCarr, Ky.  
 Rebecca-----F. M. Peese-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Bent Branch-----Forrest Bevins-----Meta, Ky.  
 Sardis-----Tommy Adair-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Big Branch-----J. L. Nichols-----Thomas, Ky.  
 Mary Elizabeth-----George Faley-----Hatfield, Ky.  
 Bethany-----Ellis Davis-----Lenore, W. Va.  
 Elk Fork-----Dewey Verratter-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Pilgrims Home-----Troy T. Francis-----Box 52, Williamson, W. Va.  
 Salem-----A. M. Varney-----Road Fork, Ky.  
 Dix Fork-----Clinton Howard-----Moree, Ky.  
 Sidney-----Omar Williamson-----Canada, Ky.  
 Narrows Branch-----Willie Stanley-----Box 44, Hardy, Ky.  
 Leanoth-----T. J. Robinson-----Moree, Ky.  
 Buck Creek-----Pete Diads-----Beauty, Ky.  
 Tabitha-----Comfort Gilman-----Barnabus, W. Va.  
 Little Rosa-----Luther Stoten-----Box 21, Chattaroy, W. Va.  
 Turkey Creek-----Julius Burgette-----Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 Samoria-----Jeff May-----Parsley, W. Va.  
 Rosa-----Dewey Cline-----Balsden, W. Va.  
 Muncy Valley-----Strauther Adkins-----Varney, W. Va.  
 Little Virgie-----Orville Justice-----Coleman, Ky.

## 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	Church Contributions
Mt. Pleasant—Jim Scott, Mont Williamson, George Hinkle.....	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	36	2	\$25.00
Apple Orchard—Eldon Maynard, R. B. Maynard, Ben Maynard.....	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	54	1	10.00
Enon—J. B. Anderson, Logan Spencer .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	10.00
Rebecca—Nicholas Runyon, Jim White, F. M. Preece.....	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	69	2	20.00
Bent Branch—Cleve Bevins, Edd May, Forrest Bevins.....	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	70	3	20.00
Sardis—Wallace Maynard, Wayne Hearld, Tommy Adair.....	7	0	0	0	1	3	0	182	4	20.00
Big Branch—Harvey Lowe, Landon McCoy .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	3	10.00
Mary Elizabeth—George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, Orville Stanley.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	3	15.00
Bethany—Willie White, Riley Dillon, Ellis Davis.....	11	1	3	1	2	1	13	72	4	20.00
Elk Fork—John Ward, Carlos Gibson, W. E. Runyon.....	3	2	0	0	2	2	2	78	3	20.00
Pilgrim's Home—Emmette Case, Newton Walters, Earl D. West.....	25	2	0	0	0	5	0	190	4	30.00
Salem—B. H. Bevins, Fayette Hackney, Jonah Bevins.....	7	0	1	0	1	0	4	153	1	30.00
Sidney—Tom Howell, Willis Dials, Bill Jude.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	4	10.00
Dix Fork—J. G. Thornsby, Marvin Stanley, H. C. Maynard.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	71	1	25.00
Narrows Branch—Lewis Smith, Claud Brown, Dock Scott.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	69	4	25.00
Leannah—John Fraley .....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	2	6.00
Buck Creek—Pete Dials, Shadle Pauley, Ellis Dials.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	20	3	5.25
Tabitha—Charley Evans, Carlos Meadows, Mont Ellis.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	63	1	15.00
Little Rosa—J. R. Evans, Orville Runyon, Fay Scott.....	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	40	2	15.00
Turkey Creek—Ken Varney, Lewis Marcum, Julius Burgett.....	9	0	0	0	1	3	4	77	2	20.00
Samaria—W. H. May, Jeff May, Sherman May.....	0	0	0	6	5	1	0	17	3	6.00
Rosa—Floyd Cline, Uley Perry, Earl Belcher.....	7	0	0	0	1	1	1	92	3	15.00
Muncy Valley—Strauther Adkins, Cecil Evans, Avery Hensly.....	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	21	3	12.00
Little Virgie—Orville Justice, Ohland Justice, John Scott.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	3	15.00
TOTALS.....	106	11	6	8	14	22	36	1,524		\$399.25

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