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of the
**SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF
REGULAR BAPTIST**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH
ELK FORK CHURCH

Delbarton, West Virginia



SEPTEMBER 11, 12, and 13, 1959.



P R O C E E D I N G S

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In session assembled with the Elk Fork Church, September 11, 12, and 13, 1959 at the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The services were introduced by Elder Emmitt Case followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Jonah Ester Williamson. Text: Psalm 46:4, "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High " Then the delegates assembled at the church house where Elder Baxter Osborne introduced the services. Elder Willie Collins led us in prayer. The Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches and received them and seated the delegates.
2. The Association then organized by electing Elder Ester Hopkins as Moderator, Elder Emmitt Assistant Moderator, Elder Ellis Davis Clerk and Brother Edwin Hay Assistant Clerk.
3. At the request of the Moderator, the Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.
4. Called for the newly organized Churches and received none.

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

NEW SALEM -- By the hands of Elders: R. E. Holbrook, Jessie Hampton, Jethro Hampton, M. V. Burke, Hamilton Blevins, M. C. Wright and Bro. Jim Case. Letter in the hands of Elder Jethro Hampton.

BUT GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY, SAVE IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BY WHOM THE WORLD IS CRUCIFIED UNTO ME, AND I UNTO THE WORLD.
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UNION -- By the hands of Elders: G. M. Perrigan, Fon Bolling, Casey West, Elmer Church, Bro. Rufus Perrigan, Mander Yonts, Bud Coleman, Bros. E. H. Wallen, Oliver Tackett, and Rush Reed. Letter in the hands of Elder Fon Bolling.

PHILADELPHIA -- By the hands of Elders: Elias Cotton, Ernest Runyon, G. W. Woods, and Tom Johnson. Letter in the hands of Elder Tom Johnson.

MUD RIVER -- By the hands of Elders: Wetzel Ball, Ernest Breedlove, and Dow Hurley, Bros. Lee Vance, Hillard Pauley. Letter in the hands of Elder Wetzel Ball.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM -- By the hands of Elders: Baxter Osborne, Willie Collins, H. N. Vanderpool, Delmar Williams, Percy Canterbury, Brother Jubial Music, Brother Alonzo Tackett, Steve Osborne Paris Tackitt and Bros. Jessie Bryant, John Mullins and Shade Meeks. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.

INDIAN BOTTOM -- By the hands of Elders: Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Paris Hagans and Bros. Arlie Adams and Carvie Adams. Letter in the hands of Elder Olus Baldrige.

FRIENDSHIP -- By the hands of Elders: J. H. Belcher, G. W. Hopson, Minion Justice, Nelson Lester, B. C. Riffe, Bros. Winford Blair, J. H. Belcher Jr., Orville Street, Elbert Cline, H. W. Blair and Robert Burke. Letter in the hands of Bro. J. H. Belcher, Jr.

6. Called for Transient Ministers and members of our Faith and Order. Received the following: Elders: Wiley Coffee, T. J. Tackett, Lewis Marcum, J. G. Thornsbury and Harold Edmunds.

correspond with the following Associations: UNION, NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA, MUD RIVER, INDIAN BOTTOM, FRIENDSHIP, NORTHERN NEW SALEM.

8. By motion and second, that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

9. Clerk appointed to write the letters to the Corresponding Associations.

10. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren and Sisters as follows: Bros. Garland Carey, Dewey Vanatter, Andrew Maynard and Elder Carlos Gibson.

11. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with Ministers and that Peace is preserved around the stand as follows: Elder Carlos Gibson, Bros. Garland Carry, Dewey Vanatter and Andrew Maynard.

12. Committee appointed to arrange the Ministry for Friday night and Saturday, consisting of one member from each church and the entire delegation of the Elk Fork Church. Ministers as follows: Friday night: Elders M. V. Burke, Alonzo Allen, G. W. Hopson Saturday: Elders S. T. Wright, Elias Cotton, Fon Bolling, Baxter Osborne and Jethro Hampton.

13. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each church with the Moderator and Clerk, together with delegates from our corresponding Associations, to arrange the order of business for Saturday's session.

14. By motion and second the Association was adjourned until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing several beautiful songs of Zion, service was introduced by Elder J. H. Belcher, Prayer by Elder G. W. Hopson.

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 Elder B. H. Bevins, Bros. Harold Varney and Uley Perry, who reported the contributions from each church as shown in the Statistical Table below.

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

Total on hand for the year ending Sept. 12, 1959.	\$612.83
Paid out for the printing of the minutes.	\$473.80
Secretary and Treasurer's Fee.	10.00
Clerk's Fee.	50.00
Expenses.	27.17
Total paid out.	<u>\$560.97</u>
Balance in bank.	\$ 51.86
Received for pictures.	40.00
Received from the Churches this year	510.00
Total on hand for next year.	<u>\$601.86</u>

5. By motion and second Elder Ellis Davis was appointed Secretary and Treasurer and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his service.

6. By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his service, for preparing the manuscript and recording the same.

7. (a) Brethren called in Union and Memorial meetings and Associations last year made their reports, which were received, failures excused and were admonished to be more faithful next year.

Church in an attempt to get said church back in order reported as follows: The Bethany Church would not receive the committee in the capacity in which it was sent. By motion and second, thereport of the committee was discharged.

8. Appointed the same committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday was reported as follows: Saturday Night Elders Lewis Marcum, Ross Cline and Johnnie Cline. Sunday Elders Paris Hagens, M. V. Burke, Paris Tackitt and Ester Hopkins.

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

NEW SALEM -- to be held with the Little Rosa Church, McDowell, Floyd County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1959. Elders: B. H. Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, J. G. Thornsbury, Wayne Herald, Emmitt Case, Willie White and Ellis Davis, Bros. Caudill Williamson, Uley Perry, Mike Sheppard, Clyde Brown and Joe Robinett. Letter in the hands of Elder B. H. Bevins.

UNION -- to be held with the Bold Camp Church Pound, Wise County, Virginia beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1959. Elders: Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Emmitt Case, Edwin May, Charley Johnson, Ellis Davis, Willie White, J. G. Thornsbury, Tracy Hatfield, Willie Varney, Cecil Evans, Bros. Mack Smith, Mike Sheppard, Bill Williams, R. F. Runyon, Joe Robinett and Delmas Runyon. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

PHILADELPHIA -- to be held with the Little Rosa Church, Lloyd, Greenup County, Ky. the second Saturday in August 1960. Elders: H. C. Maynard, Ester

Ellis and Charley Evans. Bros. Clyde Brown, Uley Perry, Leslie Blanton. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

MUD RIVER -- To be held with the Sarah Church Foster, Boone County, W. Va. beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1960. Elders: Edwin May, B. H. Bevins, Avery Lowe, Harvey Lowe Ester Hopkins, Johnnie Cline, Charley Evans, Wayne Herald, Tracy Hatfield, and John Fouch. Bros. Joe Robinett and Edwin May. Letter in the hands of Elder Avery Lowe.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM -- to be held with the Little Rebecca Church, 2 miles south of Plymouth, County, Ohio, on Henry Road, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1960. Elders: Em-Wayne Herald, H. C. Maynard, B. H. Bevins, Cecil Evans, Lloyd SESCO, Avery Lowe, J. L. Nichols. Ireland Harrison, Ross Cline, Johnnie Cline, Bros. Harold Varney, James Bevins, Newton Walters, Fred Bevins, Mike Sheppard, Edwin May and Chester Coombs. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

INDIAN BOTTOM -- to be held with the Little Rosa Church, Hindman, Knott County, Ky., on highway 80, the first Saturday in September 1960. Elders Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, J. G. Thornsbury, Charlie Johnson, Harvey Lowe, Edwin May, J. L. Nichols, Lloyd SESCO, Emmitt Case, Bros. Clinton Taylor, Jonah Maynard, Fred Bevins, Leslie Blanton, Harold Varney, Bill Williams and Clyde Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder J. G. Thornsbury.

FRIENDSHIP -- To be held with the Sand Gap Church, Stephenson, Wyoming County, W. Va., beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1960. Elders: Johnnie Cline, B. H. Bevins, Perry Cline, Floyd Cline, Cecil Evans, Mont Ellis, Ester Hopkins, H. C. Maynard and Willie Varney. Letter in the hands of Elder H. C. Maynard.

be published in our minutes.

11. By motion and second it was ordered that we have the obituaries of the deceased Brothers and Sisters printed in our minutes. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the close of the Association or within ten days afterwards.

12. The Circular Letter written by Elder Jonah Ester Williamson was read and ordered printed in our minutes, and Elder Charlie Johnson was chosen to write one for next year.

13. By move and second, it was ordered to discontinue printing of the Queries from the Pilgrim's Home Church with the understanding among the Brethren that they would still remain in effect even though not printed in our minutes.

14. By motion and second it was ordered that the Treasurer pay the expenses of one (1) car for visiting the Sister Associations, that is, paying for the gas and oil.

15. By motion and second it was 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.

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

ANSWER -- We advise the Churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companions for the cause of fornication. Such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same.

17. By move and second, it was ordered that we adopt the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules Of Decorum or our Mother Association, New Salem, and that we drop the ones we presently carry. This adoption was satisfactory with all the churches who had requested that changes be made in our Articles of

Faith and Constitution; and these churches withdrew their requests in favor of the said adoption.

18. By motion and second, it was ordered that Elders H. C. Maynard, Ester Hopkins, and B. H. Bevins serve as committee men to approve or disapprove the history of the Sardis Association when completed by Brother Rufus Perrigan.

(b) The Association requests that the Clerks of the several churches who have not been contacted, to send all the information possible regarding their origin, history since organization, present status, and other facts which would be useful; to - Brother Rufus Perrigan, Box 244, Haysi, Virginia.

19. By motion and second, it was ordered that Elders Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Wayne Herald, Willie White, and Emmitt Case be appointed as a committee to work with like committees from our sister Associations to study the Articles Of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum of the sister Associations with the ultimate purpose of selecting one set which would be adopted by all the corresponding associations in order to promote uniformity among the several corresponding Old Regular Baptist Associations.

20. By motion and second, it was ordered that our next Association to be held with the Salem Church on Route 119,

21. By vote, it was ordered that Elder Emmitt Case preach the introductory sermon, and for Elder Edwin May to be his alternate.

22. By motion and second, it was ordered that we tender our thanks to the Elk Fork Church, the Westcott Lumber Company for the lumber they loaned us for seating, the Sheriff of Mingo County for providing deputies to assist in handling of traffic and parking, and the community at large.

23. By motion and second, it was ordered that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

24. By motion and second, we adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

This work done and signed by the Sardis Association.

Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator
Elder Emmitt Case, Assistant Moderator
Elder Ellis Davis, Clerk
Brother Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

Met with a large and orderly congregation of Brothers, Sisters and friends, and after singing several beautiful hymns of Zion, service was introduced by Elder Paris Hagans, of the Indian Bottom Association. Using as a Text: Psalms 122: 1. "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord". Prayer also by Elder Paris Hagans.

Elder M. V. Burke of the New Salem Association came to the stand and used for a Text: Ephesians 2:20. "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."

Elder Paris Tackitt of the Northern New Salem Association came to the stand and used for a Text: Isaiah 11:10, "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for a sign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek; and his rest shall be glorious."

Elder Ester Hopkins of the Sardis Association came to the stand and used for a Text: Revelation 3:4. "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy."

Service was closed by the way of singing and much rejoicing in the Lord, with Elder Willie White calling the dismission.

May the God of the Eternal Heaven Bless every one of our churches to live in Peace and Prayer, that when we meet with the Salem Church, God will bless us to have the best Association we have ever had.

Your Clerk,
E. W. Roberts

Union Meetings and Ministers To Attend

(APRIL)

SOUTHERN HOME -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders:
B. H. Bevins, Willie White, Cecil Evans and Emmitt Case.

(MAY)

SALEM -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Charlie Johnson, Ross Cline and Jonah Ester Williamson.

TURKEY CREEK -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Edwin May and Charley Evans.

(JUNE)

ENON -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, H. C. Maynard with the Moderator attending.

APPLE ORCHARD -- First Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Ester Hopkins, Edwin May.

LITTLE ROSA -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, Emmitt Case, Jonah Ester Williamson and Jeff May.

MUNCY VALLEY -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: W. H. May, John Henry Hensley, Willie Varney and Ellis Davis.

BUCK CREEK -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Edwin May, Jonah Ester Williamson, Emmitt Case and B. H. Bevins.

LITTLE VIRGIE -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Edwin May, Willie Stanley and Ernest Cochran.

SIDNEY -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Jeff May, Wayne Herald, Jonah Ester Williamson, Cecil Evans, Emmitt Case and W. H. May.

(JULY)

DIX FORK -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. L. Nichols, Ross Cline, Edwin May, Grover Adkins.

SAMARIA -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Emmitt Case, Jonah Ester Williamson, Wayne Herald, Edwin May and Cecil Evans.

LEANNANAH -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Jonah Ester Williamson, Wayne Herald, Willis Dials, Edwin May and J. L. Nichols.

MT. PLEASANT -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ross Cline, Johnnie Cline, Fon Bolling and Johnnie Hall.

BIG BRANCH -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: John Thacker, Ester Hopkins, Edwin May and Charlie Johnson.

ers: J. G. Thornsbury, Edwin May, Paris Tackitt and Grover Adkins.

ROSA -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Alvin Haggans, G. W. Hopson, Wayne Herald, Jonah Ester Williamson, and Ester Hopkins.

NARROWS BRANCH -- To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday. Elders: Edwin May, Charlie Johnson, Grover Adkins, and Elias Cotton.

PILGRIMS HOME -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Willie Collins, H. N. Vanderpool, Delmar Williams, Charlie Johnson, and Edwin May.

UNION AND COMMUNION meeting will be held on Sycamore Creek near Gulnare, Ky. the fourth Saturday in July, 1960. Elders: J. L. Nichols, Edwin May, and Ester Hopkins.

(AUGUST)

TABITHA -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Charlie Johnson, Edwin May, Cecil Evans, J. G. Thornsbury, Willie White and Ellis Davis.

REBECCA -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Johnnie Cline, Ross Cline, Jonah Ester Williamson, Willie Collins, Delmar Williams, and H. N. Vanderpool.

ELK FORK -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornsbury, Ester Hopkins and H. C. Maynard.

BENT BRANCH -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Herald, Jonah Ester Williamson and Elmer Church.

BETHANY -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. C. Maynard, Ross Cline, Johnnie Cline, Elmer Church and Elias Cotton. - Also our Memorial at the same time.

SARDIS -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, Charlie Johnson and H. C. Maynard.

CLERKS' NOTE

To all the churches: The Obituaries and Memorials must be typewritten for our Minutes next year or they will not be printed.—Your Clerk.

(MAY)

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 3rd. Saturday and Sunday in May 1960. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Charlie Johnson and Ross Cline.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on The Frank Canterbury Cemetery, 3 miles from Lenore, W. Va. on Laurel Creek, near the Bethany Church on May 30, 1960. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Russel P. McCoy, Jim Ratliff's wife and others will be held on the Ratliff's Cemetery, Sunday after the 3rd. Saturday in May 1960. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Charlie Johnson and Jonah Ester Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Robert Ellis will be held on the Yuma Cemetery the last Sunday in May 1960. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Carlos Meadows, Charley Evans, Carlos Gibson and J. H. Hensley.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the 4th Saturday and Sunday in May 1960. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, J. L. Nichols and Ester Hopkins.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Joice, Uncle Jobe Blackburn and wife, with all the deceased on the Munch Cemetery on Sunday after the 2nd. Saturday in May 1960. Ministers called: Edwin May, J. L. Nichols, Wayne Herald and Willis Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Runyon Cemetery on Long Branch for all the deceased, May 30, 1960. Ministers called: Ken Varney, L. G. Lowe and Avery Lowe.

(JUNE)

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June 1960. Ministers called: Emmitt Case, Lloyd SESCO and Ross Cline.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Jim and Sister Betty Farley Gilman, his wife and others will be held on the 3rd. Sunday in June 1960, at the Cemetery where they are buried, just above the Elk Fork Church. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, J. G. Thornsbury, Grover C. Carey, Cecil Evans, Ester Hopkins and Tracy Hatfield.

and Ida Riff will be held on the 1st. Sunday in June 1960, at Hanover, W. Va., on the Riff Cemetery. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Carlos Meadows and Charly Evans.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Josh and Sister Christine Runyon will be held on Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek, on the Runyon Cemetery, the 3rd Sunday in June 1960. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, J. H. Hensley, Charley Evans and Carlos Meadows.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder W. A. Hurley will be held at the John H. Maynard's Cemetery on Sunday after the 2nd. Saturday in June 1960. Ministers called: Ester Hopkins, Willie White and Ellis Davis.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Esta Nancy Reed and children on Sunday after the 2nd. Saturday in June 1960. Ministers called: Edwin May, J. L. Nichols and Lloyd SESCO. This is near Ben Scott's Home.

MEMORIAL MEETING at the Scott's Cemetery on Sunday after the 3rd. Saturday in June 1960. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, Edwin May and J. L. Nichols.

(JULY)

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on Sunday after the 4th Saturday in July 1960. Ministers called: B. H. Bevins, Wayne Herald, Harold Edmonds and Avery Lowe.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Dave Jude and others on the 4th Sunday in July 1960. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the 2nd. Saturday in July 1960. Ministers called: Jonah Ester Williamson, Edwin May, Willie Dials, Wayne Herald and J. L. Nichols. This is also the memorial of Brothers Tom McCoy, Dike Blackburn, Oscar Blackburn and an infant baby. All are buried down near the mouth of Wolf Creek.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Carl Lowe, Phillip Hanners, Brother Perry Taylor's infant daughter and Sister Linda Sue Taylor will be held on Sunday after the 4th. Saturday in July 1960. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. J. Nichols, Edwin May and Ester Hopkins.

ter of Jobe Blackburn at Pilgrim, Ky. will be held on July 31, 1960. Ministers called: Willis Dials, Wayne Herald, Edwin May and J. L. Nichols.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all deceased on the Julius Scott's Cemetery, at Hardy, Ky., on Sunday after the 3rd. Saturday in July 1960. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Ester Hopkins and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Smith Cemetery on Rock House Fork of Big Creek on the 3rd. Sunday in July 1960. Ministers called: John M. Justice, Lloyd SESCO, Emmitt Case and Jonah Ester Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Big Branch Church on Sunday after the 4th. Saturday in July 1960. Ministers called: John Thacker, Edwin May and Ester Hopkins.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Newsome Cemetery five miles from Lenore, W. Va., on the 3rd. Sunday in July 1960. Ministers called: John Fouch, J. H. Hensley and George Elkins.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Dillon Cemetery, three miles from Dingess, W. Va., across from Brother Everett Hannah on the 1st. Sunday in July 1960. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Willie White and Emmitt Case.

(AUGUST)

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the 1st. Saturday and Sunday in August 1960. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Perry Cemetery at Steptown, one mile below Kermit, W. Va. in August 1960. Ministers called: Jeff May, W. H. May, Wayne Herald and Ellis Davis.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 1st. Saturday and Sunday in August 1960. Ministers called: Lewis Smith, Ester Hopkins, Willie Stanley and Bud Coleman.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all other deceased members on Sunday after the 3rd Saturday in August 1960. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Ernest Cochran and Ester Hopkins.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 2nd. Sunday in August 1960. Ministers called in the Communion Meeting will be used.

members of the Journey Church on the 2nd. Sunday in August 1960. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Elias Jude will be held at the Tabitha Church on the 3rd. Sunday in August 1960. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Avery Lowe and Charley Evans.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Lowe Cemetery, Big Branch, Pike County, Ky. on Sunday after the 2nd. Saturday in August 1960. Ministers called: Edwin May, J. L. Nichols, Willis Dials, Harvey Lowe and Wayne Herald.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery in the head of Marrowbone Creek, on the 3rd. Sunday in August 1960. Ministers called: Cecil Evans, Willie Varney and Ison Hannah.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Pfc. Edward McCoy and others will be held on the Henry Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the 4th. Saturday in August 1960. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Edwin May, J. L. Nichols and Harvey Lowe.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Harrison McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the 3rd. Saturday in August 1960. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, John M. Justice and Bud Coleman.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Andy Maynard and wife to be held on Sunday after the 2nd. Saturday in August 1960. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, J. L. Nichols and Emmitt Case.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the 1st. Saturday in August 1960. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, Edwin May and Charlie Johnson.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother John and Sister Melvina Allen, Ross Allen, Will Allen, Hays Allen and grandchildren, Elizabeth Allen, ELLAN Allen, Vinnie F. Allen and others will be held at the Hay's Lowe Cemetery on the last Sunday in August 1960. Ministers called: Ireland Harrison, H. C. Maynard and Charlie Johnson. Dinner on the Ground. (SEPTEMBER)

MEMORIAL MEETING of the Joe Taylor Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the 1st. Saturday in August 1960.

and Charlie Johnson.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson and others on the 3rd. Sunday in September 1960. Ministers called: Edwin May, Charlie Johnson and Grover Adkins.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Rosco McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the 3rd. Saturday in September 1960. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Edwin May and Ernest Cochran.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder W. H. Bowling, wife and family will be held at the Tom Price School House, Pisco, Ky., the 1st. Saturday and Sunday in September 1960. Ministers called: Jonah Ester Williamson, Lloyd SESCO, Ireland Harrison and Emmitt Case.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Lackey Cemetery, in thehead of Marrowbone Creek, the Sunday following the 1st. Saturday in September 1960. Ministers called: Cecil Evans, Willie Varney and Jeff May.

(OCTOBER)

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the 1st. Saturday and Sunday in October 1960. Ministers called: Ester Hopkins and Edwin May.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 2nd. Saturday and Sunday in October 1960. Ministers called: Ken Varney, Harold Edmonds and Charlie Johnson.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 2nd. Saturday and Sunday in October 1960. Ministers called: Paris Tackitt, Wayne Herald, Baxter Osborne, Elmer Church and Ester Hopkins.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 3rd Saturday and Sunday in October 1960. Ministers called: Willie White, Ester Hopkins, H. C. Maynard and Ellis Davis.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 4th. Saturday and Sunday in October 1960. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 3rd. Saturday and Sunday in October 1960. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

Obituaries

SISTER REBECCA CRIGGER



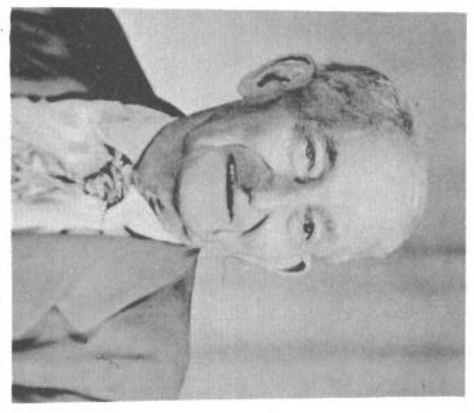
Sister Rebecca Crigger, the daughter of Smith Brown and Harriet Bevins Brown, was born December 15, 1889, at Canada, Kentucky and deceased this life April 2, 1959, making her stay here 69 years, 3 months and 18 days, where her sweet disposition brightened the lives of all those about her. Sister Rebecca was married to Leonard Crigger and to this union was born one son, Vernon Crigger. Sister Crigger felt that the Lord forgave her of her sins and she became a member of the Dix Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, being baptised at the hands of Elder Harold Edmonds on the first Saturday in May 1950. She remained a faithful member until the death angel came and called her away from her home here to that celestial home up in heaven, where Jesus went to prepare a place for her and for all those who will come, deny themselves, and take up the cross and follow Him. Sister Rebecca really enjoyed the good meetings and the fellowship of the brethren and sisters and she will be missed very much by the Dix Fork Church as well as by all her relatives and friends. Her husband, Leonard Crigger, preceded her in death on April 12, 1950, as did her father and mother some years ago. Sister Rebecca leaves one son, Vernon Crigger, one brother Harmon Brown, one half sister, Polly Ann Williamson, three grand daughters and a great host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn the loss of this good mother, sister and friend. But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain, for like Mary, she has chosen that good part which can never be taken away from her. She heard the sweet voice of

Jesus saying "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and found that rest that remaineth unto the children of God. Her sweet soul has returned to God who gave it, her body will rest near the body of her husband until the resurrection. Then Christ will come with ten thousands of His angels and collect His children home, and we believe that her body will then arise, be reunited with her soul, be fashioned like unto His most glorious body and live forever in Heaven where our joy, peace and happiness will last forever.

Vern, mother can no more come to you, but you, by the grace of God, can go wherever we feel that your mother has gone. My prayers for you and all the family are that you will make your peace, call and election sure with God, accept Christ as your Savior, and enjoy the happiness that comes from obeying the voice of the Son of God. May God richly bless and save each and every one of us. Written by one she loved, Elder Harold Edmonds.

BROTHER MELVIN CLINE

Brother Melvin Cline was born September 20, 1863. Died March 22, 1958. His stay on earth was 94 years, 6 months and 2 days. He was the son of John Henry Cline and Nancy Mounts Cline. He was married to Vicy Cline, To this union were born nine children, five boys and four girls, of whom his wife, two boys and one girl preceded him in death. Still living are Floyd, Bryant, Tommy, Ida, Margie and Mandy. Later he was married to Polly Scarberry Cline. To this union were born 11 children, four boys and seven girls, of whom two boys and two girls preceded him in death. Still living are Monroe, Melvin, Maude, Rachel, Elizade, Alta and Mona. He joined the Rosa Church of the Regular Baptist in 1932 and lived a faithful member until God called him away. He leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. We feel our loss is his eternal gain. His door was always open for Church and his conversation godly. I feel sure his soul is at rest with God today. A word to the children, if you want to see daddy again, live for Jesus and meet him in heaven, where all will be peace, love and joy forever. Written by his son-in-law and brother in hope, Johnnie Cline.



With much sadness in my heart I will try to write a short obituary of my brother, Hi Keesee.

He was the eldest son of O. B. and Liddy M. Wade Keesee. He was born April 3, 1873 and departed this life February 27, 1959, making his stay on earth 85 years, 10 months, and 25 days. Brother Hi was united in marriage to Dixie Davis Keesee who preceded him in death December 23, 1956. There were 8 children born to this union, 3 boys and 5 girls, all living. Brother Hi joined the Regular Baptist Church, with his membership at the Enon Church, the first Saturday in July, 1942, at McCarr, Kentucky, and lived a very faithful member until the good Lord called him to his eternal home. I visited Brother Hi very often at his home and he visited with me. Most of his talk was on the Bible and concerning eternal life. He would shed many tears while talking and he seemed to have a clear view of eternal gain. Written by L. L. Keesee, his brother.

BROTHER JARRETT SMITH

In much sadness we attempt to write the obituary of our father, to wit, Jarret Smith. Father was born July 22, 1884, the son of Leander and Thersia (Pinson) Smith; deceased this life June 5, 1959. He was united in marriage to Mary Jane Williamson, August 28, 1907. To this union were born nine children; four sons and five daughters. Three of these children preceded him in death. Those surviving are as follows: Mrs. C. B. Scott of Hardy, Kentucky, Mrs. Eldon Maynard, Mrs. Haskel Maynard, Mrs. Millis Roberts, and Carl Smith all of Citra, Florida, and Earl Smith of Chattaroy, W. Va. He also leaves two brothers: Freddy Smith and Henry Smith of Meta, Kentucky. Three sisters, Mrs. George Hinkle of Sidney, Kentucky, Mrs. James Luster of Beauty, Kentucky, and Mrs. Octavia Taylor of Indiana. He also leaves 24 grand children and 6 great grand children. In addition to these relatives, he leaves a host of friends and the entire membership

ed the Regular Baptist Church the fifth Sunday in August, 1936. He was baptised by Elders Ester Hopkins and Jonah Bevins. He was received into the membership of the Pilgrims Home Church the fourth Saturday in September where he remained a faithful member until death. He will be missed in the Pilgrims Home Church where his seat will be empty, which we hope will be filled later on by some of his loved ones, who have not yet made their peace, calling and election sure with God. We children will miss him most of all, but we realize we must submit to the will of God. We feel he is resting from his labor and has gone to dwell with mother who left us seven years ago. We will try to be content with his passing and pray that some day we can join them where the family circle will never be broken again. Written by his children.

BROTHER COLUMBUS B. RUNYON

It is by request and with much sadness that I will attempt to write an obituary of my dear Brother in Christ and also brother-in-law, Brother Columbus B. Runyon. He was the son of Paul and Columbia Runyon who have preceded him in death. He was born January 1, 1913 at Myrtle, W. Va. Departed this life June 21, 1959, his life span being 46 years, 5 months and 21 days. He was united in marriage to Martha Jane Preece on June 30, 1935. And to this union the following children were born, Joyce, Faye, Lois Jean, Patricia Ann, Mary Jane, Edith Louise, Nannie, Deborah, Connie Ruth, and Naomi. He joined the Rebecca Church of Regular Baptist, April 15, 1951 and was baptised by Elder Grover Carey. He served Rebecca Church as deacon for several years and was treasurer also. He was a very faithful member and I feel, a pillar of the church in its workings. But God in great wisdom called for Brother Columbus and he answered that call that all must answer. He has ceased from trouble, pain, and sorrow. I believe Brother Columbus is resting from his labors and I know his work will follow after him. Now children, if you want to go where daddy has gone, you will have to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and obey His laws and commandments in this life and I feel assured that we all can be housed around the throne of God, where the circle will never be broken. May God bless all of you. Written as requested by the family, by your humble servant, F. M. Preece.

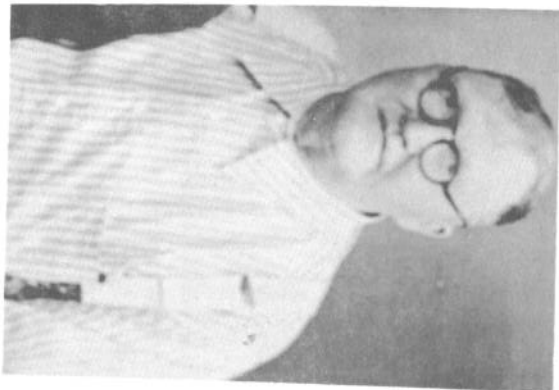
Sister Fannie Kathering Craig, the daughter of the late John B. Harris and Nancy Jane Harris, was born August 18, 1858 at Goody, Kentucky and deceased this life about 9:00 P. M. Thursday, December 25, 1958, making her stay here 73 years, 4 months and 7 days. She was married to Henry B. Craig on May 2, 1902 and to this union were born seven children, two sons and five daughters. Her husband preceded her in death on October 2, 1940 and one son and one daughter died in infancy. Sister Craig became a member of the Mount Pleasant Church of Old Regular Baptist. She was baptised at the hands of Elders Ester Hopkins and John Weddington. Sister Craig was one of the faithful members of the Mount Pleasant Church. She was one of the Charter members of the Salem Church.



Left to mourn the loss of this wonderful mother, grandmother, sister and friend, are one son, William (Bill) Craig; four daughters, Mrs. Pearl Shelton, Mrs. Ida Shelton, Mrs. Marie Clay, and Mrs. Frances Wells, all of Goody, Kentucky. Three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Hopkins, of Goody, Kentucky, Ida Hash, of Mullens, West Virginia; 17 grandchildren, 9 great grand children, and a host of relatives and friends. But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Like Mary, she has chosen that good part which can never be taken away from her. Yes, children, mother came to know Christ as her personal Savior, confessed Him before this sinful generation that we live in, had the wonderful privilege of being buried with Him in baptism, arose and walked the newness of life in Christ, until about 9:00 P. M. that Christmas day that He sent His convoy of Angels and took mother's sweet soul home. And, ere long, He's coming back again to ransom our bodies from the graves, and we'll live forever in Heaven where our peace, joy and happiness will last forever. If you haven't already done so, prepare to meet mother again. May God richly bless all of you. Written by one she loved, Elder Harold Edmonds.

BROTHER JOHN B. HATFIELD



God and awaiting the day of redemption. Besides our mother, Mrs. Rebecca Hatfield, he left nine sons, Sherman, Elmer, Burl, Clarence, John, Albin, Sonny, Harold, and Teddy Hatfield. He left two daughters, Ollie May and Dollie, several grand children and a host of relatives and brothers and sisters in Christ that sadly miss him. We feel deep in our heart that he made his calling and election sure and if we hold to God's hand until death, our Lord Jesus will reunite us on that great day to never again part. Written by a son, John Hatfield.

It is with much sadness that I write the obituary of our departed father who passed on to be with Jesus on April 1, 1959. He was baptised and admitted into Regular Baptist Church, I believe in 1944, at the hands of Elder Harrison Bevins. He maintained and lived a godly life and spoke of the hope and promise that God has promised to all that serve Him. This leaves the family and loved ones to believe that now dad is resting in the paradise of

SISTER EDNA KUNYON



This has been delayed one year. Since it has been brought to my attention, I will try to write a short sketch of her life as a sister in the church. Sister Edna was born April 7, 1909 to James Leedy and Gertrude (Deskins) Leedy, and departed from this life December 29, 1957. She was married to Bill Runyon March 29, 1929 and to this union were born seven children. Names as follows: Lewis Runyon, Alma McGuire, Emma Runyon, Doris Doris Varney, Jimmy Runyon, Jo Marie Runyon and Blanch Runyon. She joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptised July 14, 1945 by the hands of Elders Lewis Marcum and Ken Varney. All her children and her husband, as well as her friends and the folk at the Turkey Creek Church are left to mourn her loss. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sister Edna was well known in this country and was a wonderful mother, a christian and a dear companion. Her life was an endless cord of love, seeming not to end at her passing, but lingers on. As though a bright star has crept into hiding beyond the slopes of a silent hill, leaving a sad and lonesome place against the sky. I want to say to you children, if you expect to see mother again, you will have to repent and believe on the name of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Written by a brother in eternal life, Elder Ken Varney.

SISTER EMMA ELIZABETH HALL

It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of my sister in Christ and also in the flesh, Sister Emma Elizabeth Hall. She was born March 22, 1908, and departed this life July 6, 1958. She was the daughter of Francis Marion and Nancy Jane Preece. Her father having preceded her in death. She was united in marriage to Comfort Hall in November 1927, and to this Union 8 children were born; two having preceded her in death. The following children are still living,

Sister Emma joined the Rebecca Church of Regular Baptist in August, 1929, and lived a devoted Christian life. She leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mary Sheppard, Esta Evans, F. M. Preece, John Preece, Hi Preece, Mattie Runyon, Jack Preece, Brookie Preece, Dixie Lee Vance, and Harold Preece, and her mother, Nancy Jane Preece to mourn her loss. Now dear children, if we ever expect to meet Mother again, we must accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour in this life and be obedient children to His laws and commandments as they are written in the Holy Scriptures. I believe that we can all gather around that sunny clime where there will be no sickness, sorrow, nor pain. There all will be happiness, joy and peace. So children, strive lawfully to enter in at the straight gate, is the prayer of thy humble servant. Written by F. M. Preece.

SISTER RUTH LEONA LOWE

By request of the family, I will try, by the help of God, to write the obituary of Sister Ruth Leona Lowe. She was born March 10, 1889, and deceased October 24, 1958, being 69 years, 8 months and 14 days old at the time of her death. Sister Lowe was united in marriage to J. M. Lowe, January 30, 1909. To this union were born six children.

Sister Lowe was a member of the Apple Orchard Church, was baptised by Elder E. S. Coleman and J. L. Nichols in September 1942. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. I feel the church has lost a good member and the husband a good companion and the children a wonderful mother. Her door was ever open to feed and care for the people of the church and friends of the community. She was dearly loved by every one who knew her.

Sister Lowe was the daughter of J. M. Taylor and Belle Scott Taylor. She leaves, to mourn, a loving husband, five children, and many friends, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Children, don't weep for mother, but just think back a few months ago when we were all gathered in sorrow. No doubt in my mind you children, through the trouble, promised in your hearts that day, we will meet mother, I will be a better son, I will be a better daughter. Just remember the prayers. Oh children, think of a good mother. Can't you keep that promise in your hearts? There are so many good

do is to keep in memory the good council that she gave you. With tears in my eyes, I must close. My tongue is not able to express the love I have for you children and Uncle Mont. May God bless you children to be good to each other and above all, remember mother, you all can see her again. But you will have to make peace with God.

I feel mother will come forth from the grave some day and she will be wearing that long white robe. She won't be sick over there, she will be praising God for ever and ever more, in that Land that flows with milk and honey.

So farewell. May God bless and save you all, is the prayer of your unworthy servant. Written by one in hope of eternal life. Elder J. L. Nichols.

ELDER JOHN H. BROWN

Elder John H. Brown was born September 3, 1864, the son of William Smith Brown and Delilah Blackburn Brown and deceased this life November 13, 1958 about 1:20 P. M., making his stay here 94 years, 2 months and 10 days, where he lived such a good christian life that he inspired others to live a better and happier life. Brother Brown, as we all loved to call him, married sister Victoria Cordella William son Brown, or "Aunt Doll", as we loved to call her, on August 5, 1886, and to this union were born ten children, six boys and four girls. Two of the sons, Carl Brown and Robert L. Brown, and one daughter, Nancy Elizabeth Maynard, preceded their father in death, as did his father and mother, William Smith Brown and Delilah Blackburn Brown, and his wife, Sister "Doll" Brown, who deceased this life on May 4, 1955, after they had been happily married for over 68 years.

Brother Brown became a member of the Dix Fork Church of old Regular Baptist in March 1919, being baptised at the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins, and remained a faithful member until death took him from our midst. He was ordained a Deacon in the Dix Fork Church shortly after he became a member and shortly after that was ordained an Elder and set forth



his life. He served the Dix Fork Church as Moderator for many years, and even though in failing health he was honored by the Church by being retained as Moderator even though his health did not always permit him to attend.

Left to mourn the loss of this loving father, brother, and friend are four sons, W. S. Brown of Prichard, W. Va., George D. Brown of Williamson, W. Va., Charles Brown of Goody Kentucky, and Clyde Brown of Canada, Kentucky. Three daughters, Mrs. Mary Crigger and Mrs. Etta Maynard, both of Canada, Kentucky and Mrs. Stella Vincent of Kenova, W. Virginia, two sisters, Mrs. Polly Ann Cochran and Mrs. Rebecca Crigger, both of Canada, Kentucky, one brother, Harmon Brown of Toler, Kentucky; 26 grand children, 38 great grand children, and 11 great great grand children, besides a great host of relatives and friends who will greatly miss his loving presence. But we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. Written by request of Brother Brown, By Elder Harold Edmonds, whom I loved.

BROTHER STERLING MAYNARD

It is with sadness that I try, by the help of God, to write the obituary of my dear brother in the flesh as well as a brother in the Spirit. He was the son of G. S. Maynard and Vesta Maynard, born February 20, 1902. He left this life December 20, 1958. His stay on earth, being 56 years and 11 months. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church while in the hospital. I went to stay with him and when I came into his room, he said, "All I lack now is to be baptised." This was a joy to my heart. Three days later he was baptised by Charlie Johnson, Ken Varney, Lewis Marcum and Avery Lowe.

He was married to Sally Maynard to which union was born one son, Lloyd Maynard. One brother, Ossil Maynard and a sister, Virgie Maynard, half brothers, Adron and Amos Runyons and sisters, Mrs. Lacy Lowe, Mrs. Ezra Clark, Mrs. Boyd Clark and Kenny Gillion mourn the loss, as well as a host of friends. He lived 16 months after he joined the church. If the brothers, sisters and friends expect to meet brother Maynard in Heaven, they should prepare to meet God. Written by Virgie Pinson Maynard.

It is with much sadness and heartache that I try to write an obituary of my dear mother and father. Mother was the daughter of James Puritt and Allen Adams. She was born July 10, 1886, and deceased from this life, October 25, 1958, living 76 years, 3 months, and 15 days.

Father was the son of Dock Eldridge and Martha Ball. He was born December 10, 1886. He deceased from this life March 11, 1959, making his stay here 76 years, 3 months and 1 day. To this union were born 2 children, Mrs. Jettie Lyons, Sandy Hook, Kentucky and Mrs. Yearl Barker, Sandy Hook, Kentucky. Fifteen grand children and 4 great grand children, relatives and a host of friends are left to mourn their death.

Brother Ealis Cotton and Brother Tommy Adair took their confession. Mother and daddy were very happy. Daddy was baptised the 31st day of August, by brothers Tommy Adair and Ealis Cotton. Mother was very sick and told them that she would wait, until she would get a little better, but instead got worse. They were both good and kind to every one. Mother told me the day before she died that she wanted to go home to see her mother and father in Heaven.

I believe with all my heart that they are together in Heaven. I pray to God that some day I will meet them again. I know that they can't come to me, but I can go to them. No tongue can tell how I miss mother and father and how I love them. Written by their younger daughter, Yearl Barker, of Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

SISTER AMERICA VARNNEY

It is at the request of the family that I am writing the obituary of Sister America Varney, who passed away March 22, 1959 at 11:15 P. M. She was born November 9, 1885 at Dix Fork, Kentucky, the daughter of the late John and Nancy Stanley. Sister Varney was united in marriage May 15, 1912 to John Maynard Varney, who survives. To this union were born



mourn the loss of a beloved mother are: Oscar, Mrs. Nancy Loudermilk, Earl, Mrs. Gladys Wellman, Harrison and Clifford. She leaves 12 grand children, two brothers, Gooden and Joe Stanley, and one sister, Mrs. Haley Brown.

Sister Varney was baptised into the church on September 2, 1934, at the hand of my late beloved grand father, Elder Jonah Bevins. She was a member of the Salem Regular Baptist Church.

The children of this dear sister have lost a loving mother, her husband, a dear companion, and the church a good sister. But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain. She is at rest in Christ, awaiting the great day when she shall hear the Master say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, and inherit the kingdom prepared for you." Written by Mary Jane Bevins.

SISTER ELIZA SESCO

By request of the family and with sadness, I will attempt to write the obituary of Sister Eliza (Maynard) SESCO. She was the daughter of "Square" John Maynard and Mary (Elsie Wick) Maynard.

Sister Eliza was born December 16, 1889 and deceased this life May 31, 1959 making her stay here 69 years, 5 months and 15 days. She married Rudolph SESCO, May 12, 1909. To this union were born seven children, one of whom preceded her in death. The children are Leonard SESCO, Hatfield Kentucky, Ira SESCO, Varney, Kentucky, Elsie Lawson, Elkie Young, Oliver SESCO, and Rudolph SESCO Jr., all of Pikeville, Kentucky. She leaves six children, 28 grand children, 4 step-grand children and 5 great grand children to mourn her loss. Sister SESCO professed a hope in Christ and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in February 1953. She was baptised by the hands of Elder Emmett Case and Elder Edwin May and placed her membership in the Pilgrim Home Church. She lived a faithful life until her death. She bore her suffering with so much patience. During her illness, she always wanted to go to church. She called for the Brothers to have a meeting and rejoiced so much. Children, if you ever want to meet mother and daddy again, you must follow Jesus as they did. Written by Elder Emmett Case.

DAVID LEE DANIEL LOWE

Brother Mont Lowe was the son of the late George Lowe, and Millie Rutherford Lowe. Born March 21, 1877. Deceased November 13, 1958. Age 81 years, 7 months and 13 days. Married to the late Cora Lee Steel, who died on March 10, 1937. To this union were born five sons and five daughters. The sons are Ray, Lat, Walker, Woodrow, and James. The daughters are Elsie, Mae, Kate, Mona and Blanche Lowe, all married except Blanche, and scattered away from a once happy home. One brother, Alex Lowe of Toler, Kentucky, survives, and one sister, Mrs. Matilda Diamond who lives in Ohio. He leaves 23 grand children, 14 great grand children. Looking back to the ancestors of old, the Lowe family can claim an unbroken record for love and peace among men. Brother Mont joined the Church of Jesus Christ (known as the Regular Baptist) on July 7th, 1940. He had two legal marriages in his latter years, but of rather short duration, and no children. His life was a life long story with me. In our bare-foot days, every living thing seemed happy in a beautiful world. God, with His mighty hand, had made a screen of beauty with hills and streams, decorated in tempting fashions, far too glorious for a child to comprehend; still, the scripture was awaiting the time for us to read; "I will write it on their hearts, and stamp it on their minds; they shall know me from the least to the greatest." We needed not the fashions, and disciplines of a modern world, but to immortalize the memory of love in our youth, as was taught by our parents, concerning God, and His mighty power. His Word tells us that: "Except we become as a little child, we cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven." This is the bed rock of love in the Church, and Jesus Christ is that Rock.

All the brethren and sisters contribute their love,

For a Heavenly token with God above;

We are all marching on, with no retreat,

God, alone can say when we shall meet.

At the break of resurrection morn,

Christ will call His jewels home.

Then, a mother's prayer is complete,

With the children too, around her feet.

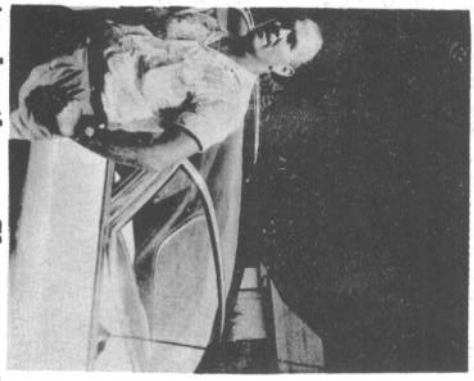
I wish to say that Ray still lives in the old home, and Lat lives close by. To them and to the others who have scattered away

safety, in this world and also in the eternal world to come. Written in love with hope. A. M. Varney, Clerk of the Salem Church.

BROTHER ORISON STANLEY SR.

It is with a sad heart that we attempt to write the obituary of our dear husband and father, Orison Stanley. Papa was born February 7, 1881. He departed this life July 30, 1959 making his stay here on earth 78 years, 5 months and 22 days. He was the son of William and Sarah Ann (Scott) Stanley. He was married to Mary Maynard November 12, 1903. To this union were born five children, two of which proceeded him in death, and three are left to mourn his loss with mother. Those that are left are, Alsie Pinson and Homer Stanley of Meta, Kentucky and Claudie Cline of Piso, Kentucky. He leaves sixteen grand children and five great grand children along with three brothers and one sister. His brothers are Mont B. Stanley and Floyd Stanley of Meta, Kentucky and Mose Stanley of Ransom, Kentucky. His sister is Tilda Robinson of Heenon, Kentucky. He also leaves a host of friends, relatives, brothers and sisters of the Pilgrim Home Church to mourn the loss. We feel that our loss is his gain, and that he has conquered that great enemy, death, and has gone on to wait the Resurrection. Papa joined the Regular Baptist Church May 15, 1921, and was baptised by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins taking his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church and was a faithful member, always filling his seat as long as he was able to attend. He was ordained a deacon on February 20, 1922. Papa was sick for a period of three years, and he always told us children and Mother that he had a better home to go to. We believe that he is at rest, just waiting the Resurrection. When the Lord comes on the clouds of glory and collects His jewels, we feel that papa will be in that number, and that we will be able to see him again. Written by his wife and children.

It is with a sad heart and much weakness that I try to write the Obituary of my sweet and loving Daddy, Dock Scott. Daddy was born April 21, 1916 and left this world to live with Jesus December 8, 1958, making his stay on this earth 42 years, 7 months and 16 days. He was the son of Rush Scott and Georgia Hager Scott. He was married to Goldie Thornsbury May 9, 1936. To this union were born three children, Janice Gay, Bobby Gene, and Geraldine. He also leaves to mourn his loss, two brothers, Clayton and James. Three Sisters, Maggie, Myrtle and Millie, and two grand children.



Daddy joined the old Regular Baptist Church, February 20, 1949 and was baptised by Elder Henry C. Maynard and Elder Jim Thornsbury. He was ordained to the ministry October 24, 1953. He was the clerk of Narrows Branch Church and assistant clerk of the Sardis Association. I knew daddy's life as a christian and I know that he lived a faithful one. He lived as clean a life as he preached and he was loved by all who knew him. I feel that the church has lost a good member and that mother and we children have lost the best friend we ever had. He will be missed by everyone. I believe that his soul is under the altar of God, waiting for that "Judgement Day". I also believe if we follow the foot steps that daddy followed and mother is now following, we will meet again. Daddy looked like a healthy man, that's why it shocked us so much when his death came. No one realized how sick he really was. He made a good living for us and tried to teach us the right way to live. I believe if there are preachers in Heaven that daddy will be one of them.

Over the hill there is a mansion
Lined with streets of gold;
And in that mansion I'm speaking of
There are treasures untold.

Weeping to see and hold him once more;
He was all that we had to live for.

Although he has gone to live with Jesus,
To see him again sure would please us.
I plan to meet him on that Judgement Day,
And to him this is what I'll say.

Oh Daddy, we've missed you since you've been gone away,
I guess your letters were delayed
We wanted to know of your new home of which you were pleas
And of your new robe you got when you deceased.

What was it like and was He there,
You know the One you said always cared;
I know you are happy with that Wonderful One,
Who opened up His arms and ask you to come.
Written by his daughter, Geraldine Scott.

SISTER NORA TAYLOR WARD

It is with great sadness that I will try to write an obituary of my loving wife, Nora. She was the daughter of James M. Taylor and Belle Scott Taylor. She was born in Pike County at Thomas, Kentucky on May 4, 1885. She departed this life March 7, 1959, after making her stay here on earth 73 years, 10 months, and 3 days. We were united in marriage on May 2, 1906. Three children were born to us. One passed away early in his life. Her name was Oasee Ward. The other children were Kelsie Ward and Olga Ward Crider. She also left five grandchildren. Her mother and father preceded her in death. Two brothers and a sister also preceded her in departing this life. Still remaining to mourn the loss are the following brothers and sisters; Rush Biege Taylor, Matilda Taylor Vest, Esta Taylor Scott, and Myrtle Taylor Scott. She was a regular member of the Regular Baptist Church. She had been faithful in attendance until her declining health made it impossible for her to attend regularly. Even after she became seriously ill, she would remark about how much she missed the church services and her brothers and sisters in the church. Since her departure, it has been very difficult for me to live and carry on. With God, all things are possible, and with a bit of comfort I will try to live with the loving memory of her. Written by her husband -- Elijah B. Ward.

By request of Brother Wm. Canterbury, I will try to write the obituary of Sister Bessie Riffe Canterbury.

Sister Bessie was the daughter of W. T. and Chloe Riffe. Born January 31, 1898, deceased this life August 25, 1959, making her stay here on the earth 61 years, 6 months and 25 days. Those 61 years, in my humble judgement were rugged years, filled with hardship, pain, sorrow and suffering to bring her children up in

the way to please the Lord, and to be a good, obedient and loving companion to Brother Wm. Canterbury, who I feel loved her greatly. Sister Bessie was married to Brother Wm. Canterbury on May 18, 1916 and was the mother of 6 children, namely: Mr. Ralph Canterbury, Evanston, Ky., Mr. Hursel Canterbury, Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Ray Canterbury, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mrs. Garnet Bailey, Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Marcelen Gates, Mason, W. Va., Mrs. Mary Hall, Verdunville, W. Va., also 2 brothers and 5 sisters. Namely: Mr. Clarence Riffe, Verdunville, W. Va., Mr. Ballard Riffe, Ronceverte, W. Va., Mrs. Georgia Furguson, Dingess, W. Va., Mrs. Zula Robinson, Delbarton, W. Va., Mrs. Zella Vance, Verdunville, W. Va., Mrs. Garnet Vance, Delbarton, W. Va., Mrs. Myrtle Curry, Delbarton, W. Va. Thirteen grand children and one great grand child. Sister Bessie was a member of the Elk Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist and lived a beautiful life before every one. It seemed in her last years on earth she wanted to be at church every week end. I have seen her rejoice and praise the Lord when she couldn't even see the Brothers and Sisters. We may not be able to see with our natural eyes but I believe and feel that Sister Bessie was a wonderful example of what the Lord said about letting your light shine. May I say to the children, husband, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends, that I feel Sister Bessie is gone to her home in Heaven and her work and council in person has ceased but I hope and trust you all will let her work and council be a light that will guide you all



know how sad you are and how empty your home seems, which can never be filled like Sister Bessie did, but God has a home for you in Heaven with her, so let nothing cause you to miss it. I want to say in my closing remarks, if you children ever see Mother again, you will have to make her God your God. Written by Elder Ellis Davis.

BROTHER AMOS EVANS



It is with the greatest of grief and sadness in my heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear father, Amos Evans.

He was the son of George and Sarah Elizabeth Evans. Born February 29, 1875, deceased this life April 7, 1959, at the age of 84 years, one month, and seven days.

He was united in marriage to Julia Runyon September 5, 1894, and to this Union were born 13 children.

His wife and seven children having preceeded him in death. Those living are as follows: George Evans of Logan, W. Va., Cinda Vannatter of Mt. Gay, W. Va., Adam Evans, Angelina Ooten, Amos Evans Jr., and Elizabeth Preece all of Delbarton, Route 1, West Virginia, and one sister, Sarah Murphy of Delbarton, West Virginia. Daddy was a member of the Regular Baptist Church having joined the church on March 26, 1922, baptised by the hands of Elder Hi Maynard and F. M. Preece and was a faithful member as long as he was able to attend church. Daddy was a deacon of the Rebecca Church and served the church as clerk for a number of years. His presence here on earth is missed very much by his relatives and friends and also by the brothers and sisters of the Rebecca Church. But we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. Written by his daughter, Mrs. John Preece.

SISTER ROSA (BLACKBURN) PROCTOR

By request, I shall attempt to write this obituary for Sister Rose, as she was always called, but there is always a vale of sorrow about me when I come to task for these things, that causes me to believe most any one else could do better.

Sister Rose was born March 31, 1880 at Road Fork, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Barnibus and Mary Jane Blackburn. She died June 12, 1959 at the age of 79 years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Cecil Stepp of Kermit, W. Va., and Mrs. C. J. Foust of Baltimore, Md. One son, H. L. Blackburn, of Saginaw, Michigan. Two grand children, two brothers, Landon Blackburn, of Ben Creek, W. Va. and Robert Blackburn of Roadfork, Kentucky, also two sisters, Mrs. Sarah R. Gooslin of Bluefield, W. Va., and Mrs. Irene Hackney of Huntington, W. Va. She was a member of the Salem Church of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ. Her hand shake and smile were always a pleasant greeting among the Brethren and Sisters. Few of her classmates remain to look back to the days of her youth and beauty, which gleamed like the rose whose name she bears. She was baptised at the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins (deceased) and Elder Ernie Runyon, on August 2nd., 1936. The exercise of the will of God, and of the love of God brings repentance, which is the theme and source of salvation.

The Lamb that was slain, but He liveth again,
He leadeth His church home to God;
That is where our hopes attain, if we live
in Jesus name,
Where the poor and broken hearted can rejoice.
Jesus knows the thrill of song, a carol sweet to
cheer us on,
The melodious anchor of the soul;
One Lord, one Faith, one Song, free Grace,
When Jesus calls His roll.

Submitted in hope, A. M. Varney, Clerk of Salem Church.

SISTER DOLLY VARNNEY



It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear loving mother, Dolly Varney, who passed away January 14, 1959. She was born July 29, 1882. She was the daughter of Linzy and Nancy Jane (Staton) Smith. Both preceded her in death. She was married to William Henry Varney in the year of 1900. He preceded her in death in 1946. To this union were born 10 children, 4 girls and 5 boys. One boy preceded

them in death. The children are Mrs. Kelly Stanley, Mrs. Joe Pauley, both of Hardy, Kentucky, Mrs. James Roseberry of Chicago, Illinois, Hester Varney still at home, Leonard, Fred and Monroe Varney of Hardy, Kentucky, Alex Varney of Cincinnati, Ohio and Clyde Varney at home. We are left to mourn her loss. Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1922 and was baptised by the hands of Ester Hopkins. She was a faithful member until death. Her membership was at the Pilgrim Home Church. I feel that Mother will still be remembered by all her brothers and sisters in the Old Pilgrim Home Church and by all her neighbors and friends. She was good and kind and loved them. Mother is only sleeping and resting from all labor and pain. She will suffer no more. I want to say to all the children and grandchildren, if we want to see mother and daddy again, we will have to put our trust in the Lord as they wanted us to do and live a good christian life as they did. We then can go to be with mother and daddy on that sweet shining shore where parting will come no more. We sadly miss them because we loved them so. Written by a broken hearted daughter and granddaughter. Hester Varney and Norma Ruth Varney.

BROTHER JOHN LEE PINSON

Brother John Lee Pinson, the son of Floyd and Sarah Catherine Morris Pinson, was born September 9, 1888 at Meta, Kentucky and deceased this life April 11, 1959, making his stay here 70 years, 7 months and 2 days, where his loving disposition made life more enjoyable for all those who knew him. Brother Johnnie, as we loved to call him, became a member of the Bent Branch Church of Old Regular Baptists, the Church of Jesus Christ, being baptised September 18, 1938 at the hands of Elder Harrison Bevins, and remained a faithful member until death called him from our midst. He was married to Alice Maynard, who preceded him in death as did Ernest Pinson, his son by his first marriage. He was married to Sister Onie Smith Pinson on April 16, 1924. He leaves, besides his wife, Sister Onie Pinson, eight daughters, Mrs. Elsie Dameron, Mrs. Mary Farris, Mrs. Mattie Marie Harris, Mrs. Carrie Mildred Sword, Mrs. Kathryn Jacobs, Mrs. Alice Lee Francis, Mrs. Anna Mae Wills, and Lois Jean Pinson; one brother, Thomas Pinson, two sisters, Mrs. Matilda Stanley and Mrs. Joe Braid; 18 grandchildren and 3 Great Grand Children, besides a great host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn the loss of one we shall miss very much. But we feel that our loss is his eternal gain for we believe that when death came, his sweet spirit returned to God who gave it and that when Christ comes again to receive his children home, that his body will come forth and be reunited with his soul where it shall be fashioned like unto Christ's most glorious body and live forever in Heaven where sorrow, pain, sickness and death cannot come. We believe that Christ left this message for Brother Johnnie and all the children of the Heavenly King when He said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also. "So, may we say to the family, Brother Johnnie has gone to enter into his great reward when he hears Jesus say, "Come ye blessed of my father and enter into the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Our prayer for Sister Onie and all the family is that we may all meet in Heaven and sing the redemption song. May God richly bless and save each and every one of us in my prayer in Jesus' name. Written by one he loved, Elder Harold Edmonds.

CIRCULAR LETTER

It is with much sadness indeed, that I now offer a few words to the memory of my dear Uncle, and a Brother in the Church. Many pages would be required to write down the vast number of times we have been together, and still more pages to explain the events of happiness together during the many years now gone by. His death occurred on May 30, 1959. He was the son of the late Greenville and Celia (Smith) West. The date of his birth can not be made exact, but he was about 89 years of age. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ called Salem, of Regular Baptist; baptised by Elder B. H. Bevins on October 7, 1945. He was married to Ora Mae Staton, who survives. To this union were born four girls and three boys. The girls are Mrs. M. G. Francisco, Mrs. J. L. Hensley, Mrs. E. J. Paspentak, and Mrs. Ruth Waugh. The boys are Medley, Charles R. and John J. West. Most all the children live at far distant places. He leaves one sister, Aunt Polly McCoy, nearing 95. He had enjoyed a long career of much physical strength, but when he had learned his good lesson, he was ready then to recite: "there is no power, but of God." He was so willing to be lead by the still waters of peace, and feast on that bread from Heaven, fed from the pulpits of God's Kingdom here below. Only those who are born of God can find comfort in these things, and continually seek for a crumb from the Master's table. The writer is not able, or does not have the knowledge to say words of comfort to those who are yet at sea, because, the Spirit of God alone can do that, but it does seem good and true to say, that a smile through tears is a signal, that Christ is giving the decision; but a self made decision is of little or no import, possible fitted to destruction, because it takes the Spirit of Jesus Christ to fallow the ground. Brother Tob was a good observer of these principles.

Long long ago, when yet but seven,
My Mother told me of the beauties of Heaven;
Told me that Angels up there could fly,
Like the eagle, then floating against the sky.
That placed my feet closer to the ground,
Seeing I was very much earthly bound;
Later (in essence) she told me straight,
Of the narrow way to the pearly gate.

Written with all sincerity in behalf of the Salem Church to the memory of a deceased Brother. A. M. Varney - Clerk of Salem Church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association,

Being appointed last year to write a Circular Letter for your inspection, I trust to be guided by the Spirit of the Lord, that what I write will be edifying and upbuilding to the church and in complete harmony with the Bible.

My subject will be found in the 5th chapter of Romans, the last word of the 11th Verse: ATONEMENT.

I believe that Christ made an atonement in its power and equal to the whole demands of the law and enough for the whole lost condition of mankind. Adam, as the scriptures plainly teaches, disobeyed the law of God, broke the covenant of the law, and became a transgressor. (I Corinthians 15:22)

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Adam brought death upon the whole human race, both natural and spiritual; but what we lost in Adam we gained back in Christ.

Concerning this atonement, Isaiah 53:4 to 8 says: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes are we healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." St. John 3:16 says: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Hebrews 2: 9th and 17th verses say: (9) "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." (17) "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." I Peter 2nd chapter, 24th

on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. " Again, I Peter 3rd chapter, 18th verse says: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:" Matthew 26th chapter, 28th verse says: "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. " Christ says in a portion of the 51st verse of the 6th chapter of St. John: "and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. "

The Bible teaches that without the shedding of Christ's blood, there could be no remission of sins. He died on the tree of the cross and shed His blood for the sins of the world. How do we come in possession of the purchased redemption? The Lord says, look unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved, for I am God and beside me there is none other. II Peter I verse 19 says: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts. " When this light shines to men and women they are responsible for their sins and except they repent they shall all likewise perish. I contend that the light, or the Spirit, it they will obey, will lead them to repentance and when they have suffered over their sins to please the wrath of God and they have believed to the saving of their soul, that God will save their soul and born them heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Then we can say with the Apostle Paul (Titus 3rd chapter, 5th verse): "Not by the works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. " Again Paul in Ephesians (2nd chapter, 8th verse) says: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. " and the 9th verse "Not of works, lest any man should boast. " And in Colossians (1st chapter 13th and 14th verse), it says: "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:" the 14th verse: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. "

I further believe that after these have been regenerated

and born again, Ephesians (1st chapter, 13th until the day of redemption. Ephesians (1st chapter, 13th verse says: "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, " and the 14th verse of that same chapter says: "Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. " Also in Ephesians (4th chapter, 30th verse): "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. " And in II Corinthians (1st chapter 21st and 22nd verse) says: (21) "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God:" (22) "Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. "

Now that these that have been regenerated and born again by the Holy Spirit of God, sealed until the day of redemption of the purchased possession, is there any work for them to do? I believe that these are the only people that can do the righteous works. They are the only ones that are equipped to do them or qualified to do them. Furthermore the children of God desire to do his commandments. Ephesians (2nd chapter, 10th verse) says: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. " St. John (14th. chapter, 21st verse) says, concerning the people who could keep his commandments: "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. " Also the 23rd and 24th verses say: "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which we hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. " Now further concerning these works, James 2nd chapter 17th and 18th verses) "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. " And the 18th: "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. " So we are not working to get salvation, but we are working because we have salvation. I don't believe that the commandments of God are grievous to the children of God because one scripture says that if you love me keep my commandments; and another says that

Christ.

Now that the works for the children have been placed in order, should there be any particular place they should be performed or kept? I believe that God has a Kingdom here on earth for His children to worship in. St. Luke (22nd chapter, 29th and 30th verses) say: "And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

I want to close this letter by saying that I have written what I believe to be the truth, whether approved or disapproved. I want to say to my brothers and sisters everywhere: be good to one another, live in peace, and if we have love one to another by this shall all men know that we are His disciples. Run the race that is set before you patiently, ever looking to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith and the captain of our salvation. Our meeting here will soon be over, but we will meet again where there will be no parting, where we can shout and sing His praises forever more.

Written By Your Humble Servant,
Elder Jonah Ester Williamson.

From a long series of experiences, we the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and upon their producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.
2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they intrude on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.
4. The Association, when convened, shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.
5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the members present.
6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.
7. Every query presented by the church to the Association, being first debated in their own churches, shall be taken up by the Association.
8. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.
9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the church with Minutes of Association.
10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper, and send it by their delegates to the Association, and such sums to be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.
11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association, shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.
12. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected, if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises unless the same is dispensed with.
13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.
14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by an unanimous vote.

of the churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent to transact any business which they see necessary, and they shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which shall violate the rules of the Association, or diviate from the orthodox principles of religion; to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practices.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the Saviour is needed for our redemption.
5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST.
7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth and the mode of IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.
8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour and that by the use of bread and wine, and feet-washing should be kept up until his second coming by His believers.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the church.
11. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.
12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or induce people in their sins of cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

13. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church and the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.
7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.
8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "Brother."
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the decorum.
11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled. And he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided; then he may give the deciding vote.
13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be removed by the Association as they think proper.

Jonnie Adair
 Tommy Adair
 Strauther Adkins
 J. B. Anderson
 B. H. Bevins
 Leslie Blair
 Claude Brown
 Grover Carey
 Emmitt Case
 Earl Clay
 Floyd Cline
 Johnnie Cline
 Perry Cline
 Ross Cline
 Ernest Cochran
 Ellis Davis
 Willis Dials
 Mont Ellis
 Cecil Evans
 Charlie Evans
 John Fouch
 S. B. Farley
 Carlos Gibson
 Ireland Harrison
 Tracy Hatfield
 J. H. Hensley
 Wayne Herald
 Ester Hopkins
 Clinton Howard
 Charlie Johnson
 Ohlon Justice
 Avery Lowe
 Harvey Lowe
 John Lowe
 L. G. Lowe
 Edwin May
 Jeff May
 W. H. May
 Eldon Maynard
 Elvert Maynard
 H. C. Maynard

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 Matewan, W. Va.
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 Hunt, W. Va.
 Hardy, Ky.
 Route 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
 Canada, Ky.
 Box 433, Okeechobee, Fla.
 Baisden, W. Va.
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 Canada, Ky.
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 Pilgrim, Ky.
 Route 2 Box 143, Delbarton, W. Va.
 Route 2, Delbarton, W. Va.
 Stirrat, W. Va.
 Curry, W. Va.
 Hatfield, Ky.
 Pine Creek, W. Va.
 Chattaroy, W. Va.
 Hampden, W. Va.
 Switzer, W. Va.
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 Box 819, Williamson, W. Va.
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 Meta, Ky.
 Dingess, W. Va.
 Dingess, W. Va.
 Heenon, Ky.
 Box 258, Orange Lake, Fla.
 Stone, Ky.

J. L. Nichols
 Lloyd SESCO
 A. A. Sheppard
 Lewis Smith
 Willie Stanley
 C. L. Swanson
 J. G. Thornsbury
 Kennie Varney
 Willie Varney
 Willie White
 Jonah Ester Williamson
 Jess Woods

BROTHERS LIBERATED TO PROVE THEIR GIFT

Willard Blair
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 Maynard Hay
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 George Hinkle

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 Man, W. Va.
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 Jeffrey, W. Va.
 Sidney, Ky.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS

Mt. Pleasant	Harold Varney	Canada, Ky.
Apple Orchard	Elcain Robinson	Heenon, Ky.
Enon	Logan Spencer	McCarr, Ky.
Rebecca	F. M. Preece	Route 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Bent Branch	Forrest Bevins	Meta, Ky.
Sardis	Woodrow Curry	Delbarton, W. Va.
Big Branch	J. L. Nichols	Thomas, Ky.
Mary Elizabeth	Lacy Lowe	Hatfield, Ky.
Bethany	Ellis Davis	Box 64, Lenore, W. Va.
Elk Fork	Wayne Sheppard	Route 1, Box 73, Delbarton, W. Va.
Pilgrim's Home	Marion Young	618 Central Ave., Williamson, W. Va.
Salem	A. M. Varney	Forest Hills, Ky.
Sidney	Stella Maynard	Threeforks, Ky.
Dix Fork	Omer Williamsnn	Canada, Ky.
Narrows Branch	Clyde Brown	Box 234, Hardy, Ky.
Leannah	T. J. Robinson	McClure, Ky.
Buck Creek	Burgess Dials	Box 625, St. Albans, W. Va.
Tabitha	Comfort Gillman	Barnabus, W. Va.
Little Rosa	Fay Scott	Route 1 Box 220, Williamson, W. Va.
Turkey Creek	James Varney	Box 915, Williamson, W. Va.
Samaria	Jeff May	Dingess, W. Va.
Rosa	Dewey Cline	Baisden, W. Va.
Muncy Valley	Mont Ellis	Route 2 Box 143, Delbarton, W. Va. *
Little Virgie	Ohlon Justice	Route 2, Kimper, Ky.
Southern Home	Elvert Maynard	Box 258, Orange Lake, Fla.

CHURCH AND DELEGATES	CHURCH AND DELEGATES													Rec'd. By Baptism	Rec'd. By Letter	Rec'd. By Restora	Rec'd. By Recomm	Dismissed By Lett	Deceased	Excluded	Total Membership	Church Time	Church Contributio
	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	41	1	15.00										
MT. PLEASANT -- James Scott, Harold Varney, Harvey May	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	52	2	15.00										
APPLE ORCHARD -- Willie Nichols, Eldon Maynard, John Lowe	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	41	1	15.00													
ENON -- Logan Spencer, J. B. Anderson, Tobe Farley	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	13	1	10.00													
REBECCA -- Edwin Hay, Mike Sheppard, Mosco Gilman	8	2	0	0	0	4	11	80	2	35.00													
BENT BRANCH -- Fred Bevins, John Maynard, Lloyd Sisco	13	0	0	0	0	3	0	77	3	25.00													
SARDIS -- Willie Varney, H. P. Evans, Troy Floyd	5	0	0	0	1	8	10	142	4	20.00													
BIG BRANCH -- J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Sidney Taylor	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	43	3	15.00													
MARY ELIZABETH -- Lacy Lowe, George Farley, Tommy Jackson	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	40	3	20.00													
BETHANY -- Ellis Davis, Isam Hannah, Willie White	2	0	1	0	0	2	7	59	4	20.00													
ELK FORK -- Carlos Gibson, Andrew Maynard, Wayne Sheppard	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	73	3	30.00													
PILGRIMS HOME -- Emmitt Case, Newton Walters, Jonah Ester Williamson	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	181	4	40.00													
SALEM -- B. H. Bevins, Floyd Morris, Calvin Bevins	5	0	0	0	0	7	1	130	1	45.00													
SIDNEY -- Bascom Maynard, Tan Howell, Harrison Jude	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	4	10.00													
DIX FORK -- Charlie Johnson, Ernest Cochran, H. C. Maynard	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	77	1	30.00													
NARROWS BRANCH -- Lewis Smith, Willie Stanley, Claude Brown	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	77	4	25.00													
LEANNAN -- Clinton Howard, Pry Lowe, Freelin Jones	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	34	2	15.00													
BUCK CREEK -- Wayne Herald, Pete Dials, Burgess Dials	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3	10.00													
TABITHA -- John Fouch, Carlos Meadows, Joe Robnett	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	48	1	15.00													
LITTLE ROSA -- Lace Marcum, Fay Scott, Ireland Harrison	1	0	0	0	3	0	18	21	2	15.00													
TURKEY CREEK -- Julius Burgett, Stanford Maynard, Avery Lowe	3	1	0	0	5	1	0	97	2	20.00													
SAMARIA -- W. H. May, Jeff May James White	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	1	15.00													
ROSA -- Johnnie Cline, Uley Perry, Leslie Blair	2	1	1	0	0	4	0	91	3	25.00													
MUNCY VALLEY -- Mont Ellis, Avery Hensley, Cecil Evans	0	5	1	0	0	0	2	22	2	15.00													
LITTLE VIRGIE -- Ohlan Justice, Alson Thornsberry, John Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	3	10.00													
SOUTHERN HOME -- Jobie Blackburn, Hiram Young,	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	21	1	15.00													
	65	22	4	0	19	44	56	1515	60	\$510.00													