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**OLD REGULAR BAPTIST  
MINUTES  
OF  
1967**

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OF THE  
SEVENTY - FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION**  
Of Old Regular Baptist

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
In Session Assembled With

THE BENT BRANCH CHURCH  
META, KENTUCKY

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, and 10, 1967

Elder Edwin May - Moderator  
Elder Willie White - Asst. Moderator  
Elder Ellis Davis - Clerk  
Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. - Asst. Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

In session assembled with the Bent Branch Church, September 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1967 at the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The service was introduced by Elder H. C. Maynard. Followed by the introductory sermon by Elder Wayne Herald. Text: Acts 7:38: "This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spoke to him in the Mount Sina and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:" Elder John Hess introduced the services at the house and Elder Banner Mann led us in prayer.

1. Called for the letters from the several churches and received the letters. Motion by Elder Charley Johnson and seconded by Brother Bill Williams to receive all letters and seat the delegates.

2. Elder Roosevelt Lowe made a motion that the association delegates vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Assistant Clerk. Second by Elder Millis Roberts. Objection by Brother Uley Perry. Vote taken: 26 for the motion and 42 against it.

3. The Association then organized by electing Elder Edwin May as Moderator, Elder Willie White as Assistant Moderator, Elder Ellis Davis as Clerk, and Brother Ralph W. E. Varney Jr. as Assistant Clerk.

4. By motion and second, it is ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

5. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with Ministers and the peace be preserved around the stand as follows: Brothers John Maynard, Forest Bevins, Ted Blackburn, and Rell Pinson.

6. At the request of the Moderator the Rules of Decorum and Constitution were read by the clerk.

7. Called for newly organized churches and received none.

8. Called for the letters from Sister Associations and received the following.

**NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: Banner Mann, R. E. Holbrook, Jesse Blair, Hager Watts, Johnny Tackett, Woodrow Dye, John Smith, Burton Howard, Johnny Johnson, Lenny Boyd, Butler Howell, Jesse Jones, Tink Ray, Grover Adkins, Ernest Boyd, Grady Adkins, Freel Tackett, Milford Adams, Perry Tackett, Hershell Huff, and Henry King.

**UNION:** Represented by the following delegates: M. V. Burke, Fon Bowling, N. A. England, Mander Yontz, Delbert Sanders, John F. Thacker, Fred Rowe, Earle Clevinger, W. F. Hubbard, Alex T. Rakes, Bruce Mullins, John M. Mullins, Hamilton Blevins, John S. Hess, Bertie Rakes, Thurston Bowman, Thelmer Browning, Jesse L. Williamson, Theodore M. Looney, and Theodore Looney.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following delegates: Rush Stanley, Walter Bryant, Eales Cotton, George Woods, Banner Johnson, Don Meritt, Otis Steel, Addie Scaggs, John Isom, Elmer Rayburn, and Fred Akers.

**MUD RIVER:** Represented by the following delegates: Ernest Breedlove, Bert Hall, Cecil Miller, and Luther Ball Jr.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** Represented by following delegates: Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Charles Keese, Okie Kent, and Harold Varney.

**FRIENDSHIP:** Represented by the following delegates Herbert May, Claude Conn, James Lane, Moran Reynolds, George Endicutt, Joe Runyon, and Billy J. May.

**THORNTON UNION:** Represented by the following delegates: R. H. Welch, Wesley Yonts, Raymond Collins, Kirby Ison, Charlie Gibson, Critt Eldridge, Harrison Nichols, and Guy Holbrook.

**INDIAN BOTTOM:** Represented by the following delegates: Olus Baldridge, Wade Watts, and McKinley McIntosh.

9. The foregoing letters were read, received and the delegates seated in council, being given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator.

10. Called for transient Ministers and members of our faith and order. Received the following: Elder H. C. Maynard, Elder Lewis Marcum, Brother Ralph W. E. Varney Jr., Brother Danny

Lowe, Elder Marion Moore, and Elder Wiley Coffee.

11. By motion and second, it was ordered that we correspond with the following Associations: New Salem, Union, Philadelphia, Mud River, Northern New Salem, Friendship, Thornton Union and Indian Bottom.

12. Clerk appointed to write letters to corresponding Associations.

13. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethern as follows: Brothers John Maynard, Forest Bevins, Ted Blackburn, and Rell Pinson.

14. Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday, consisting of one member from each church and the entire delegation of the Bent Branch Church, which reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Mander Yonts  
Bert Hall  
Kirby Ison

ASSOCIATION:

Union  
Mud River  
Thornton Union

SATURDAY

Charles Kessee  
Delbert Sanders  
Coy Combs

ASSOCIATION

Northern New Salem  
Union  
New Salem

15. Committee on Arrangements appointed consisting of one delegate from each church, Moderator, Clerk, and Delegates from our corresponding Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session.

16. On motion by Elder J. G. Thornsbury and second by Elder Johnny Nichols, the Association was adjourned until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing several old songs of Zion, service was introduced by Elder Berton Howard, followed by prayer by Elder Burton Howard.

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 as follows: Brothers Van Maynard, Uley Perry, and Landon Taylor.

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

Total on hand for the year ending September 11, 1966.	\$733.00
Paid out for printing of minutes.....	\$550.00
Secretary's and Clerk's fee.....	\$85.00
Expenses .....	\$30.00
Total paid out .....	\$665.00
Balance on hand September 9, 1967 .....	\$68.00
Received from churches this year .....	\$675.00
Received from pictures.....	\$90.00
Total received .....	\$765.00
Balance on hand September 10, 1967 .....	\$833.00

5. By motion and second, it is ordered that Elder Ellis Davis be appointed Secretary and Treasurer and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

6. By motion and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes and have 3000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his services.

7. Appointed the same committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday which reported as follows:

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Bruce Mullins  
Elder Hershell Huff  
Elder Fon Bowling

ASSOCIATION

Union  
New Salem  
Union

SUNDAY

ASSOCIATION

Elder N. A. England	Union
Elder Roy B. Akers	Northern New Salem
Elder Coy Combs	New Salem
Elder Edwin May	Sardis

8. By motion and second, it is ordered that our next Association be held with the Apple Orchard Church starting on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1968, which is located on Route 881, McCombs, Pike County, Kentucky about 20 miles from Pikeville, Kentucky.

9. Motion and second to receive Brother Ralph W. E. Varney Jr.'s circular letter and have it printed in the minutes also appointed Elder Edwin May to write one for next year.

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

NEW SALEM---Will be held with the Little Etie Church, Beaver, Ohio on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1967. Elder Charley Johnson, Elder John Lowe, J. G. Thornsberry, Elder Willis Lowe, Brother Willie Balckburn, Brother Buford Reed, Elder Edwin May, Brother Delbert Kazee, Elder Ken Varney, Brother Stanford Maynard, Brother Albert Stanley. Letter in the hand of Elder Edwin May.

UNION---Will be held with the Dorton Creek Church, Dorton, Pike County Kentucky on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1967. Elder Willie White, Elder Charley Johnson, Elder Willis Roberts, Elder Clyde Brown, Marshall Williamson, W. F. Williamson, Elder Burgess Dials, Elder B. H. Bevins, Elder Willis Lowe, Elder John Lowe, Elder Harvey Lowe, Elder Allison Thornsberry, Elder J. G. Thornsberry, Elder Willie Stiltner, Brother Fred Bevins, Brother T. R. Bogar, Brother Prosper Maynard. Letter in the hand of Elder Willie White.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM---When convened with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1968. Elders Clinton Howard, Charlie Johnson, Edwin May, Burgess Dials, Clyde Brown, J. G. Thornsberry, Willie White and Willis Dials. Brothers Chester Dials, T. J. Robinson,

Mike Sheppard, Edwin Hay, Delbert Kazee, and Stanford Maynard. Letter in the hand of Elder Willie White.

PHILADELPHIA---When convened with the South Fork Church Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1968. Elders Willie White, Ellis Davis, J. G. Thornsberry, Harvey Lowe, Fay Scott, John Lowe, Jimmy Deeley, J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Ken Varney, and H. C. Maynard. Brothers Burl Thornsberry, Edwin Hay, George Fraley, Floyd Williamson, Buford Reed, James Gannon and Robert Robinson. Letter in the hand of Elder J. G. Thornsberry.

THORNTON UNION---When convened with the Little Samuel Memorial Church, Lothair, Perry County, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in August 1968. Elders Charley Johnson, B. H. Bevins, Edwin May, J. L. Nichols, John Lowe, Willis Lowe, Jimmy Deeley and Tracy Hatfield. Brother Buford Reed. Letter in the hand of Elder B. H. Bevins.

MUD RIVER---When convened with the Sarah Church, Foster, Boone County West Virginia beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1968. Elders Burgess Dials, Clinton Howard, Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, John Fouch, Harvey Lowe, Maynard Hay, Carlos Meadows, and Jimmy Deeley. Brothers Joe Robinette, Floyd Williamson, S. D. Hensley, and Delbert Kazee.

FRIENDSHIP---When convened with the Elkhorn Church, Belcher Mountain, McDowell County, West Virginia beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1968. Elders Charley Johnson, J. G. Thornsberry, and Lewis Marcum. Brothers Uley Perry, Burl, Thornsberry, Mike Sheppard, and Edwin Hay. Letter in the hand of Elder J. G. Thornsberry.

INDIAN BOTTOM---When convened with the Reynolds Fork Church, Mallie, Knott County, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1968. Elders Lewis Marcum, Maynard Hay, Jimmy Deeley, John Lowe and Willis Roberts. Brothers Monroe Smith. Letter in hand of Elder Lewis Marcum.

11. By motion and second we advise the churches in this Union not to receive or retain anyone in their fellowship who belongs to any secret order.

12. The Association by regular move and second said that if a Sister has cut her hair she should be asked to let it grow out; if she fails to do so and cuts her hair again she will be excluded.

13. By motion and second, it is ordered that request for Union and Memorial Meetings be published in our Minutes.

14. Brethren called in Union Meetings and Association last year made their reports, which were received, failures excused and they were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.

15. By motion and second, it is ordered that the obituaries of our deceased Brothers and Sisters that are in good standing with the church at the time of death be printed in our minutes. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association.

16. By motion and second, it is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Association not to marry people into adultery, where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

17. Shall we receive into our fellowship men or women having more than one wife or husband. ANSWER: We advise the Churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companion for the cause of fornication. Such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same.

18. By vote it is ordered that Elder Edwin May preach the Introductory Sermon at out next Association and Elcar J. E. Williams be his alternate.

19. By motion and second, it is ordered that we tender our thanks to the Bent Branch Church, Justice Funeral Home, Call Brothers Funeral Home, Roger's Brothers Funeral Home, Sheriff Perry Justice and his officers and Community at large.

20. By motion and second, it is ordered that the Minutes be read, approved and signed by the Moderators and Clerks.

21. By motion and second, it is ordered that we be adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

This work done and signed by the Sardis Association:

Elder Edwin May Moderator

Elder Willie White Assistant Moderator

Elder Ellis Davis Clerk

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney Jr. Assistant Clerk

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

A great while before the time set for services to begin, the many Brethren, Sisters and Friends started to gather in at the stand. The joyous news of Saturday Night's Meeting was on everyone's lips--two young people, Merlin SESCO and Linda Gail Maynard, had come forward with marvelous testimony of what good things the Lord had done for them and asked for membership with this old family of God. They were joyously received Saturday Night and were baptized into fellowship after services Sunday by the hands of our beloved Moderator, Elder Edwin May and Elder John Lowe. Thanks be to God for allowing this beautiful 1967 Sardis Association to close by way of adding two more children to the House of the Lord!

After singing many old songs of Zion services were introduced by Elder N. A. England of the Union Association. He used as his text: 1 Corinthians 3:11. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Brother England also led us in prayer.

Elder Roy Akers of the Northern New Salem Association came to the stand singing.... "the best thing I ever did do was to take off the old coat and put on the new." His remarks were directed from the text: St. John 1:29. "...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Elder Fon Bowling of the Union Association was called to the stand, since Elder Coy Combs was not present. His remarks were taken from the text: Psalms 61:2. "...Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

Elder Edwin May, the beloved and capable Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the stand and took for his text: Ecclesiastes 3:1. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Services were closed by way of singing and much rejoicing in the Lord because of the many blessings He had bestowed upon this Association. Dismission was called by Elder Jonah E. Williamson.

On behalf of the delegates and officers of this Association I want to thank God for blessing us with a wonderful and loving Association. We also want to thank all the Brethren, Sisters and many Friends who fed and cared for this Association in such a loving way. May the God of Heaven bless everyone of you until we meet again.

Your Clerk

Elder Ellis Davis

### UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

#### APRIL

**SOUTHERN HOME:** Friday before the first Saturday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Clinton Howard, John Lowe, J. E. Williamson, Jimmy Deeley, Willie Varney, Burgess Dials, Wayne Herald, Willie White, Ellis Davis, George Woods and Eales Cotton.

#### MAY

**SALEM:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Baxter Osborne, Wardie Craft.

**TURKEY CREEK:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, J. E. Williamson, Willie White, and Fon Bowling.

#### JUNE

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Allison Thornsberry, Fon Bowling, Hershell Huff, and Jimmy Deeley.

**ENON:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Ross Cline and Matt Justice.

**LITTLE ROSA:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Jeff May, Edwin May and Charley Johnson.

**MUNCY VALLEY:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Ellis Davis, Burbage Mullins, Isom Hannah, and John Fouch.

**BUCK CREEK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: J. E. Williamson, Edwin May, Isom Hannah, Tracy Hatfield, Hershell Huff, and Grover Adkins.

**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Willie Stanley, J. G. Thornsberry, John Lowe, and Lloyd SESCO.

**SIDNEY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Burgess Dials, Wayne Herald, Jeff May, Tracy Hatfield, J. E. Williamson.

#### JULY

**DIX FORK:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers Called: N. A. England, Grover Adkins, and Clifford Colley.

**SAMARIA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: John Lowe, Willis Dials, Willie Varney, and Fay Scott.

**LEANNAH:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Tracy Hatfield, Ernest Cochran, Ross Cline and Edwin May.

**MT. PLEASANT:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers Called: Hershell Huff, Edwin May, and Wayne Herald.

**BIG BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Rosevelt Lowe, Jimmy Deeley, and Ken Varney.

**MARY ELIZABETH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Clinton Howard, Ross Cline, and Charley Johnson.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. This is their Union meeting. Ministers called: Luther Conn, Troy Nichols, Hassel Estep, and Matt Justice.

NARROWS BRANCH: Friday before the fourth Saturday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Claude Conn, Wayne Herald, Tracy Hatfield, John Lowe, Willis Lowe, and Jimmy Deeley.

PILGRIM'S HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. This is their Union meeting. Ministers called: Ross Cline, Delbert Sanders, and John Matt Justice.

#### AUGUST

TIBATHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Burbage Mullins, Ross Cline, Isom Hannah, and Willie Varney.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: J. E. Williamson, Johnny Cline, Eales Cotton, Charles Keesee, and Isom Hannah.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Charley Evans, Steve Robinson Jr. and Ellis Davis.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday, starting at 1:00 O'clock. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Charley Johnson, Woodrow Dye, and John Matt Justice.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Eales Cotton, Ross Cline, Johnny Cline, and W. H. May.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: J. G. Thornsby, Jeff May, George Woods, and Isom Hannah.

PILGRIM'S HOME: Fourth Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

#### MEMORIAL MEETINGS

##### MAY

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1968. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, John Matt Justice, Edwin May and Ken Varney.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday nearest to May 30th, 1968 in the head of Long Branch. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Pete McCoy and son, Jim Ratliff and family and others will be held on the Ratliff's cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday in May 1968. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nicholas. Ernest Cochran and Grover Adkins.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday in May 1968 for all the Brethren and Sisters of the Tabitha Church that have departed this life and gone on. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Johnny Cline, Ellis Davis, and Andrew Maynard.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Jobe Blackburn, May 30th 1968. Ministers called: Jeff May, Tracy Hatfield and Wayne Herald.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Branch Cemetery, Route 1, Delbarton, West Virginia on Sunday following the fourth Saturday in May 1968. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Burbage Mullins, Willie Varney and Jimmy Deeley.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1968. Ministers called: Wiley Coffe, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Ken Varney, and Charley Johnson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased on the Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday in May 1968. Ministers called: Edwin May, Tracy Hatfield, Ross Cline, Wayne Herald, and Ernest Cochran.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley's Cemetery at Dix Fork on the nearest Sunday to May 30th 1968. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.



MEMORIAL MEETING of the Harrison's Family will be held on the cemetery across from Long Branch on Big Creek on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in May 1968. Ministers called: S. B. Fraley, Lewis Marcum, J. L. Nichols, and Fay Scott.

There will be a Memorial Meeting the last Sunday in May 1968, on Chauncy's Cemetery on the hill. Dinner on the ground. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Isom Hannah, Babbage Mullins, and Carlos Meadows.

THE BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Canterbury's Cemetery on May 30th 1968. Ministers Called: Isom Hannah, Willie White, Willard Blair, and Ellis Davis.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday in May 1968. Ministers called: John Fouch, Charley Evans, Ross Cline, and Willie Varney.

#### JUNE

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Sunday in June 1968. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother James and Sister Betty Gilman and others will be held on the third Sunday in June 1968 at the Cemetery where they are buried, just above the Elk Fork Church. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Varney, and Fay Scott.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday in June 1968 at the Cline Cemetery. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday in June 1968. Ministers called: Willis Dials, and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Floyd Blackburn and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday in June 1968. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Sister Esta M. Reed, Maridia M. Robinson and others on Sunday after the second Saturday in June 1968. Ministers called: Willie White, Ellis Davis, John Lowe, and J. E. Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Johnnie Nichols' Sr. and wife will be held on the fourth Sunday in June 1968. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, J. L. Nichols, and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING at the home of Okey Robinette beginning second Saturday and Sunday in June 1968. Ministers called: John Fouch, Ellis Davis, Carlos Meadows, Willie White, and Willie Varney.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Marvin and Sister Emma Stanley will be held on third Saturday in June 1968, at four o'clock on the family's Cemetery. Ministers called: Charley Johnson Ernest Cochran, and Clyde Brown.

There will be a Memorial Meeting of W. H. Hurley and others on the Maynard's Cemetery, Duncan Fork of Trace Creek on the second Sunday in June 1968. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Tracy Hatfield.

THE BETHANY CHURCH will hold a Memorial Meeting at Brother Ransom Chafins on the third Saturday Night and Sunday in June 1968. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie White, Willard Blair, and Ellis Davis.

#### JULY

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Sunday in July 1968, at the Justice Cemetery, Lando Mines, West Virginia. Ministers called: Ellis Davis, Willie White, Steve Robinson Jr., and Lyod SESCO. In memory of Sister Dolly Justice and her daughter Rebecca Vinson.

BUCK CREEK will hold a memorial meeting of Brother Jessie Maynard and others on the third Sunday in July 1968. Ministers called: Burgess Dials, Tracy Hatfield, Willis Dials, J. E. Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith's Cemetery at Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on Sunday following the third Saturday in July 1968. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair's Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in July 1968. Ministers called: B. H. Bevins, Tommy Adair, and Ellis Davis.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Carl Lowe, Brother Roscoe Lowe, Sister Emma Lowe, Phillip Hannah, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Taylor and infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gene Maynard will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in July 1968. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, J. L. Nichols, Lloyd SESCO, and Edwin May.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson's Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday in July 1968. Ministers called: Edwin May, Isom Hannah, Ernest Cochran, Tracy Hatfield, and Ross Cline.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on the Julius Scott's Cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky on Sunday after the third Saturday in July 1968. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Edwin May, Willie Stanley, and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Brother James White's home on Laurel Fork of Piegon Creek the third Saturday night and Sunday in July 1968. Ministers called: Carols Gibson, John Fouch, Steve Robinson Jr., and Ellis Davis.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for Brother Mosey Dials and others near Inez, Kentucky July 30th 1968. Ministers called: Nathan Jude, John Lowe, Tracy Hatfield, and J. L. Nichols.

MEMORIAL MEETING of J. M. Taylor, Flem Maynard, and family will be held on the third Sunday in July 1968. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Jimmy Deeley, and Ken Varney.

#### AUGUST

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Dillon's Cemetery, three miles from Dingess, West Virginia, near the church house and across from Brother Everett Hannah's home, on the first Sunday in August 1968. Ministers called: Willie White, Isom Hannah, and Steve Robinson Jr.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in August 1968. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Also Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for Brother Andy Maynard and others on Sunday after the second Saturday in August 1968. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, J. E. Williamson, Lloyd SESCO, and Roosevelt Lowe.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold its memorial meeting at the same time as the Union Meeting, the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August 1968. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Eales Cotton, W. H. May, Ross Cline and Johnny Cline.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday in August 1968. Ministers called: Willie Stanley, John Matt Justice and Wayne Herald.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and other deceased members on Sunday after the third Saturday in August 1968. Ministers called: Clinton Howard, Milford Lowe, H. C. Maynard, and J. E. Williamson.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts, and others on Sunday after the second Saturday in August 1968. Ministers called: J. E. Williamson, Johnny Cline, Eales Cotton, Charles Keese, and Isom Hannah

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday in August 1968. Ministers called: J. E. Williamson, John Lowe, and Wayne Herald.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of the Sidney Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August 1968. Ministers called: Burgess Dials, Tracy Hatfield, and Wayne Herald.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased buried on the Lowe's Cemetery, Pike County, Kentucky, on Sunday after the second Saturday in August 1968. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Edwin May, Willis Dials, and J. E. Williamson.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah's Cemetery in the head of Marrowbone Creek, West Virginia, on the third Sunday in August 1968. Ministers called: W. H. May, Isom Hannah, Fay Scott, Steve Robinson Jr.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Pfc. Edward McCoy and others will be held on the Henry Taylor's Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in August 1968. Ministers called: John Lowe, J.L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran, and Edwin May.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the first Saturday in August 1968. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, George Woods, and Eales Cotton.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Harrison McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday in August 1968. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, Willis Dials, and Tracy Hatfield.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother John and Sister Melvine Allen, Ross Allen, Will Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Ellen Allen, grandchildren and others will be held at the Hays Lowe's Cemetery on the first Sunday in August 1968. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Willie White, and S. B. Fraley. There will be dinner on the ground.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Sister Jane Lowe will be held on Sunday after the first Saturday in August 1968. Ministers called: Willis Dials, Milford Lowe, and Clinton Howard.

#### SEPTEMBER

MEMORIAL MEETING of Tom McCoy, Oscar Blackburn, and the infant baby of Ollie Phillips is to be preached the first Sunday in September 1968. All of these are buried in the cemetery at the mouth of Wolf Creek. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Lloyd SESCO, Fay Scott, J. L. Nichols, and Willie Lowe.

MEMORIAL MEETING on the Joe Taylor's Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the first Saturday in September 1968. Ministers called: Edwin May, J. L. Nichols, and Ernest Cochran.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday in September 1968. Ministers called: J. E. Williamson, Hershell Huff, and Charley Johnson.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Roscoe McCoy and others will be held on the third Sunday in September 1968. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder W. H. Bowling, wife and family will be held at Tom Price's School House, Piso, Kentucky, on the first Saturday and Sunday in September 1968. Ministers called: Ireland Harrison, Milford Lowe, Lloyd SESCO, and Ellis Davis.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Lackey's Cemetery in the head of Marrowbone Creek, West Virginia, on the first Sunday in September 1968. Ministers called: Jeff May, Willie Varney, and Jimmy Deeley.

#### OCTOBER

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in October 1968. Ministers called: B. H. Bevins, Edwin May, and Wayne Herald.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday in October 1968. Ministers Called: Grover Adkins, Fon Bowling, and Eales Cotton.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday in October 1968. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, and Ross Cline.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October 1968. Ministers called: Edwin May, Grover Adkins, Charles Keese, and Roy B. Akers.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the third Saturday and Sunday in October 1968. Ministers Called: Troy Nichols, J. E. Williamson, and Hassel Estep.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a Memorial Meeting of all deceased, buried on the Scott's Cemetery in the head of Finley Fork on Sunday after the second Saturday in October 1968. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

## CIRCULAR LETTER

Dearly beloved Brethren of the Sardis Association when convened with the Bent Branch Church on September 8th, 9th and 10th, 1967.

You have before you a man who fears God more than anything else in this world. A man who, at the same time, loves the Lord and the Brethren with all of his heart and soul. A man whose strongest desire and eternal prayer is to be found worthy of the Lord and, in some small way, to serve Him.

To serve Him in fear because I know that if I ever see what it looks like in heaven it will be because of the grace of God through Faith and the blood of Jesus and not because I have done anything to earn it. Nay Brethren, if I should work and do good for 10,000 years I, myself, could never earn one hour in heaven! No, not even one minute! Without Jesus, I perish!

To serve Him in love because His love for me and for the world caused the blood of Jesus to be shed on the cross. In love because of the countless blessings He has bestowed upon my brethren, my family, my friends and me. Therefore, to serve Him in love and fear, both naturally and spiritually, are my prayers.

I am not able within myself to serve the Lord in any way. If this letter is pleasing to Him or upbuilding to the Church, then He is due all the honor and praise. If this letter is a failure, then I am due the shame because I was a failure from my mother's womb. Therefore, except God direct my pen, the Association did error in choosing a failure to write such an important letter.

In searching the scriptures for a Text over the past several months, only Revelations 2:1 has stayed with me and reads: "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

Like most of you Brethren, I too, strive always for love and fellowship among the Churches. In this day and hour - in these latter days - when we see the prophecies of the scriptures coming to pass, it is all the more essential that the Church stand fast, not moved out of her place, but anchored upon that Rock, that chief corner stone, Jesus Christ. In a day and hour when we are beset on all sides with wars and rumors of war; with murders, robbery, adultery and fornication in high places; with great disasters of flood, fire earthquakes and accidents; with leaders of some denominations running to and fro in the land teaching that God is dead, that the Virgin Mary is equal in status with Jesus and, that by changing some parts of the Bible to suit themselves a world-wide Church can be had. In a day and hour when our newspapers, magazines and televisions are filled with dances, sights and events that would put Sodom and Gomorrah to shame. In a day and hour when our sons are being drafted into the armed services of our country to fight a war in Viet Nam or to shoot looters in Michigan, while others of this country burn draft cards and the American flag. In these times which try men's souls, the Church must gird herself for the battle and the Brethren return to their "first love".

The battle that has been going on in others countries has just begun in our country. You can see today what the anti-christ has done to to our "Brethren in the faith" in Russia, China and other countries. Catholics rule the governments of Italy, Spain, Mexico and others. Catholics just won a major political victory in Viet Nam. Catholics are changing customs and practices that are centuries old in order to absorb other large and powerful denominations. I say unto you Brethren, the day cometh when our children will not be able to worship as we do today. "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin", sayeth the scriptures (Hebrews 12:4). But I perceive the day is at hand.

I believe this "first love" spoken of in the Text is the love I felt when Jesus first removed my burden of sins. At that time my whole soul and body was filled with love for God, for the Brethren, for the Church, for my family and for the whole world. I loved everybody and everything! I was as a child, not puffed up, easily entreated, long suffering and forgiving. The Lord said "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (St. Matthew 24:12). The scriptures say that "God is love" (1 John 4:16) and "let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God" (1 John 4:7). From Genesis to Revelation God has shown forth His love and exerts us

to love Him and each other. When asked which was the great commandment in the law, Jesus replied "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets". (St. Matthew 22:37)

If we have left our "first love" and if "the love of many has waxed cold", then jealousy, envy, strife and confusion has crept in. God is not the author of confusion say the scriptures (1 Corinthians 14:33). Too much of our confusion is caused by envy and jealousy. Some say we have ordained all of our troubles. I say we are looking for scapegoats. The Brother who fails to fill his seat in the Church, or who fails to speak when he should speak does not love the Church, and must say "Amen" to every work the Church or Association does. He is just as responsible for the trouble we get into as the Elders and Deacons. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves". (James 1:22).

Too much of our confusion is caused by little groups of Brethren trying to do Church business outside the Church house in secret, and oftentimes with people who do not even belong to the Church. Again, some of the Brethren seem to think we can make Christians out of people by laying down a lot of rules and orders. Brethren, I believe that if a man has not been born again and the inward man made whole before he is baptized into the Church he is a goat among the sheep and we can put sheep's clothing on him from now on and he will still be a goat! We deceive ourselves and cause men to settle down on something short of the saving grace of God.

Too much of our confusion is caused by questions that our older Brethren answered in the Churches and Associations years ago. Their work is handed down to us through the Minutes. Yet today, we still struggle with the bobbed hair, double marriages, double married preachers, secret orders and the like. Beloved Brethren, if a question has already been settled why bring it up again in the Church or Association, unless it can be shown that the old work is in error.

Love will cover a multitude of sins saith the scriptures. But is love shed abroad when a Brother stands before a crowd of Brethren (and sinners) and declares the delegates of an Association to be liars? Is love manifested when Brethren make it known by their words and actions that they are willing to split an Association asunder unless a modern convenience is removed from a

Church house? Is love manifested when Brethren defraud Brethren (and the sinner) by refusing to pay his debts? I say not, Brethren.

It is time Brethren, and high time, we returned to our "first love" and heed the cry of our children who are out in the world of sin looking for a safe harbor of love and peace away from the world of hatred and strife. If we can not find peace and love in the Church, where in this world will we find it? The Church must provide today that peace of mind and joy and love that was provided in the days of old. Otherwise, our light is hid under a bushel and doth not shine forth to our children and the world.

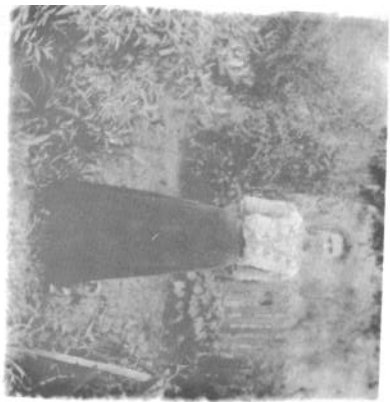
If trouble must come, and it must, then it should not be broadcast to the world and discussed before our children. A way must be provided to handle questions and problems among the Brethren only. We must work together in love and fellowship to build a strong Union today so that our children will not have to flee to the rocks and hills tomorrow in order to worship God in Spirit and truth.

In conclusion Brethren, let us repent and return to that "first love" is my prayer and as Ephesians 5:1 says "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour".

Your unworthy Brother

Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

## MARY VICTORY WILLIAMSON PHILLIPPS



I will try by the help of the good Lord to write this obituary of a Dear old soul in the Lord, Mrs. Mary Victory Williamson Phillipps, of Meta, Kentucky. She was born September 15, 1888, and deceased this life on May 15, 1967, making her stay on earth about seventy nine years. She joined the Bent Branch Church October, 1906, and lived a good life as long as she lived.

She leaves her husband, W. T. Phillipps of Meta, Ky., one son, Don Phillipps, of Columbus, Ohio, one daughter, Euria Phillipps of Meta, Kentucky, one half brother, Hallas Williamson of Richwood, Va., one half sister Maxie Williamson of Pikeville, Kentucky, two sisters, Minnie Gannon of McVeigh, Kentucky, and Teixe Scott of Pikeville, Ky., and a host of friends and brothers and sisters of the Church. She belonged to the Church sixty one years. Had one grandson, Gary Lynn Phillipps.

Now a word to her husband and children. You have to repent and be born again to see Mother again. Jesus said, Repent and get righteousness in this life, for their is none after death.

Written by a brother and sister in hope of eternal life, John Maynard and Teixe Scott.

## DELLA TAYLOR

In much weakness and by the request, I will try to write the obituary of Sister Della Taylor. She was born April 12, 1891 and passed this life August 12, 1967.

She was the daughter of Hillard Fields and June Hale Fields. She was united in marriage to Thomas Taylor, who preceded her death, and to this union was born nine children, three sons, and six daughters. One son, Julius Taylor preceded her in death. Those still living are: Oscar Taylor, Jackson, Ohio, Thomas Taylor Bellview, Ohio, Mrs Bertha Lowe of Kindrick, Florida, Mrs. Marie Burchett of Gulmore, Ky., Mrs Pearl Ross of Turkey Creek, Mrs Maxie Maynard of Meta, Ky., Mrs Opal SESCO of Meta, Ky., Mrs Ruth Maynard of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Also she leaves six sisters and one brother; Vasti Taylor, Anis Elkins and Wantie

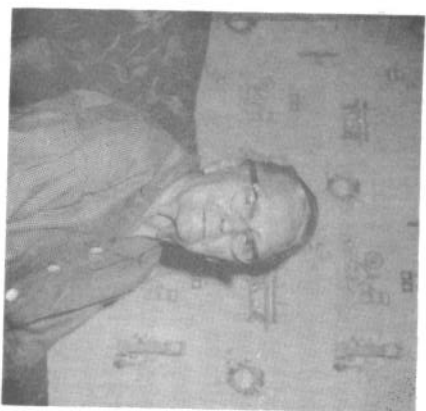
Sister Della joined the Regular Baptist Church the first Sunday of June, 1939, and was baptised by the hand of Elder Ernie Runyons. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to go. She was sick for some time and not able to go to Church. But I feel that her soul is resting with God awaiting the time for God to call the sleeping dead and that her soul will reunite with that body to live in that glory world where there will be no more sickness, sorrow, pain, or death, but will be peace, love and joy forever.

So I want to say to you children you will have to accept Jesus as your personal saviour if you ever see Mother again, because I do believe she will be one in that number when Jesus calls. Come Ye blessed of my Father and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the Earth.

Her life was light to her children and to her neighbors and their children. So I feel you children have lost a good Mother and the church a wonderful member. But I believe our loss is Heavens gain.

Your Humble Servant Elder J. L. Nichols

## IDA BELLE CAINES



It is with great sadness and the realization that mere words can never express what is felt in the hearts of those left behind that the Obituary of our beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, Ida Belle Caines, is attempted.

Mom was born April 30, 1886, on Big Creek in Pike County Ky., the daughter of Thomas Bevins and Sallie Burris Bevins. She was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Kennis H. Caines.

She was Baptized into the Church of the Old Regular Baptist by Elder J. W. (Uncle Joe) Smith on the Rock House Fork of Big Creek on September 28, 1918. She was truly a constant and loyal member throughout her lifetime. Blessed with a wonderful nature, Mom exerted a soothing influence on those around her.

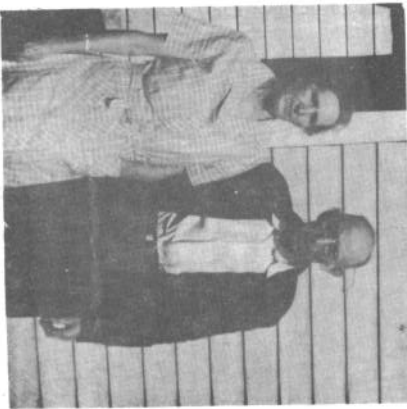
After eighty one years of exemplary life on this earth, she was allowed to rejoin those loved ones who preceded her in death

on the 6th day of September, 1967. Her departure is deeply mourned by her daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Mexie) Gilbert, three grandchildren and six great grandchildren, all of Lorain, Ohio, and her beloved brothers, Elder Harrison Bevins, Williamson, W. Va., Thomas (T.J.) Bevins, Columbus, Ohio, and Willie Bevins, Sidney, Ky.

Mom was a sincere and warm person with a great sense of responsibility to her fellow human beings. This, with her wonderful sense of humor and cheerfulness made her a most understanding and kind parent and friend. She was a person whom it would benefit us all to emulate. The emptiness she leaves can never again be filled on this earth. Yet, even with our personal feelings of great loss, we must rejoice that Mom has certainly achieved her fondest hope, unity with Jesus Christ the Redeemer.

Written by request of the family - Thomas Gilbert

### COMFORT GILLMAN



With a feeling of sadness and great loss I will try and write an obituary of my Father, Comfort Gillman, who also was a brother in Christ. Dad was born November 17, 1890 and departed this life February 17, 1967 making his stay on earth seventy seven years, and three months.

He was married to Roxie Curry Gillman who preceeded him in death. They were blessed with seven children, Verna, Kermit, Ulan, Ivan, Lillian, Dana, and Shirley. Two of which, Kermit and Ulan, preceeded him in death.

Dad was baptised into the Regular Baptist Church the first Sunday in April, 1927 by Elder W. A. Hurley, and was a faithful member until death. He served the church as clerk for many years and was always in attendance until the last few years when illness prevented him some of the time.

He is missed deeply by all his family and friends. He leaves a vacant place in the old church and the hearts of his brothers and sisters in Christ that cannot be filled until we all come together again in the redemption of Gods children in Heaven.

Dads council was sound and pointed to Jesus Christ and I believe all who would want to see Dad again must lay hold on the hope that he had.

Written by his Son, Dana R. Gillman

### ED KIMBLE

It is with much sadness, I try to write an obituary of Brother Ed Kimble, who deceased this life January 5, 1967. Brother Ed was born September 26, 1872, in Clark County Kentucky, the son of David and Martha Kimble. He was ninety four years, three months, and nine days old.

Brother Ed was a member of the Bethany Regular Baptist Church. He was married to Mandy Clark Kimble on May 22, 1908. To this union was born nine children, four son's, and five daughters. Preceding him in death are three son's; Tommy, Leroy, and John Tylor Kimble. Surviving are his wife Mandy Kimble of Dingess W. Va., one son Willard Kimble of Hammond Ind., five daughters; Roxie Marcum, Columbia Johnson and Ollie Browning, all of Dingess W. Va., Georgia Messer of Hammond Ind., and Louise Baisden of Chicago, Ill., also twenty six grandchildren and twenty eight great grandchildren.

Brother Ed was confined to his home the last few years of his life, but bore his afflictions with patience. Children let's not forget his daughter Columbia who took care of him in his illness. Brother Ed loved his Brothers and Sisters in the Lord and would ask us to have church services in his home. When we would meet with him he would rejoice greatly and praise the Lord and talk about his home up yonder.

Children weep not for Daddy or Grandpa, for I believe he is asleep in the arms of Jesus, for if we believe Christ suffered and arose again from the dead, even so them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Written by a Brother in hope, Elder Jeff May.

## LAWRENCE MORRISON



By request and much weakness and by the help of the lord I will try to write the obituary of Brother Lawrence Morrison. He was the son of Thomas Morrison and Lilia Maynard Morrison. He was born September 12, 1882, and deceased this life January 7, 1967.

He was united in marriage to Martha SESCO, April 1920, and to this union was born four children, two sons and two daughters. One son preceeded him in death, John H. Morrison.

Those surviving are his wife, Martha Morrison, and the following children: Hayse Morrison, Gulnore Ky., Mrs Louise Hunt, Sarah Ann, W. Va., and Mrs Levy Collins, Monaville, W. Va. He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church and was baptised the fourth Sunday in June, 1950, by the hands of Elder J. L. Nichols and Elder Maynard. His membership was with the Apple Orchard Church. Brother Lawrence, due to his sickness was not able to attend church very much, although it seemed like his life was to serve God.

I believe he made a happy exchange. I want to say to his wife and children, if you expect to see Brother Lawrence, you will have to make peace with God. So may God bless you all to live a christian life. I feel our loss is Heavens gain.

Written by and hope, Elder J. L. Nichols.

## NINA VARNEY

By the help of the Lord I will try to write an obituary of Sister Nina Varney, of West Williamson, W. Va. She was a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church at Chattaroy, W. Va. She was more like a Mother to me.

We feel like Sister Varney has gone on over home, where she talked of so much to be with Jesus. All who knew her knew her conversation was about Jesus, and how she would love for him to call her home.

Sister Varney joined this old time Baptist Church October 20, 1912, and lived a Christian life for over fifty years.

She was the daughter of George McCoy and Amanda Gibbs McCoy. She was the youngest of ten children. She was married to Wade Varney, and they had four children. One daughter, Mary Ethel preceeded her in death. She leaves three children who miss her love and kind words. They are William Jenning Varney, of Gary Ind., and Sister Goldie West of Ind., and Mazie Stacy of Florida.

I would like to say a few words to the children. If you aren't a Christian, repent before it is to late, then when Jesus calls, you will be ready to go on over and live with Mother in her beautiful home where Jesus is. And to the grandchildren that she loved so much, you all have lost a wonderful Grandmother. So prepare to meet her in Heaven where you will never part no more.

I had the privilege of having Sister Varney in my home a while before she was called away and I've never had a sweeter person in my home.

Written by Shirley Marcum of Chattaroy, W. Va., at the request of Sister Goldie West of Ind.

## ELZIE (CURRY) REED



With great sadness we will try to write the obituary of our beloved Mother, whom we miss very much, Mrs. Elzie (Curry) Reed. She was the daughter of Calvin and Rebecca Curry. She was married to Kennie Reed who preceeded her in death.

Mother was a member of the Old Regular Church for a number of years. Mother always went to Church when she was able. She was a faithful member.

Mother was born August 17, 1892 and passed away April 16, 1967, making her stay here on earth seventy-five years, eight months and two days.



Mother left eleven children here on earth, one who passed away twelve days after her death, Sidney Reed of Endicott Ky. The others are: G. C. Reed, Williams H. Reed, Troy Reed, Leroy Reed, Goldia Webb, Frances Lockard, Artha Smith, Salie Mullins, Rebecca Hazel, Mary Miller, and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren and friends. Mother was a kind and loving Mother, sadly missed by all her children. We know she is in Heaven and we hope to meet her there some day.

Written by Rebecca Hazel and Mary Miller

#### FREDDY SMITH



It is by the request of the family that I make this humble attempt to write the obituary of Brother Freddy Smith, the son of Leander and Thersia (Pinson) Smith. He was born on March 18, 1887, in Pike County, Ky., and deceased this life on April 4, 1967, making his stay on earth 80 years and 17 days. He was united in marriage to Flora (Caines) Smith on May 26, 1911. To this union were born five children, one son Levi Smith, being fatally wounded while serving in the United States Army, preceeded him in death. Those surviving are Mr. Clyde Smith, Mrs. Viola Birchfield, Mr. Sterling Smith, all of Route 1, Pikeville, Kentucky, and Clell Smith of Oil Springs, Kentucky. He also leaves one brother, Henry Smith of Meta, Kentucky, and two sisters, Mrs. Dollie Hinkel of Hardy, Ky., and Mrs. Elzie Luster, Beauty, Kentucky. Also living are eighteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. In addition to these relatives, he leaves a host of friends and the entire membership of the Pilgrims Home Church to mourn his passing.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1924 and remained a faithful member until Death called him away. I am sure that the life he lived was a light to his children and to the community in which he lived.

I would like to say to his children and loved ones that you can by the Grace of God join him in the Great Beyond.

Written by his Brother in Hope of Eternal Life, Elder Millis Roberts.

#### HERNDON EDWARD (MICKY) MORRISON



With a sad and acheing heart I will try to write the obituary of my late husband Herndon Edward (Micky) Morrison age 37. He was born December 12, 1928, the son of Thomas and Luna (Bevins) Morrison. He deceased this life November 25, 1966.

He was married to Delphia Stump August 26, 1949, who survives. To this union were born four children, twin daughters, Joan and Carolyn, two sons, David Herndon, and Bruce Edward Morrison. He also leaves two brothers, Willard of Zebulon and Clayton of Meta, Kentucky, one sister Mrs. Dorothy Bunnette of Rt. 1 Pikeville, Ky.

Micky professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Bent Branch Church, September 1953, by Elders Bud Coleman and Edwin May. He was ordained a Deacon, Saturday November 19, 1955. His life as a Christian speaks for itself. I believe he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and someday we will be with him never to part again.

Written by his wife, Delphia Morrison.

#### MINNIE AND FLOYD STANLEY

In sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my loving parents, Mrs Minnie Stanley and Floyd Stanley. She was born June 28, 1886 in Pike County. She was the daughter of the late Tom and Betsy (Smith) Walters, both deceased. She departed this life September 14, 1966 making her stay here on earth seventy-eight years, nine months and four days. Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the Elder Jonah Bevins. She placed her membership with the Pilgrim Home Church and was a faithful member until death. She also leaves one brother Lacy Walters of Hatfield, Kentucky.

Daddy deceased this life May 18, 1967, eight months and four days later at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was born May 11, 1874 in Pike County near Piso, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Bill and Sarah Ann (Scott) Stanley. They were united in marriage August 6, 1902 and to this union were born nine children. Five sons: Delmon Stanley and Orison Stanley, Meta, Kentucky, Tommy Stanley and Ira Stanley, Pikeville, Kentucky and Athel Stanley, Gulnora, Kentucky, Four daughters; Mrs Zettie Meade, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Kentucky, Mrs Gaythel Stanley, Sidney, Kentucky, Mrs. Betty Ann Maynard and Mrs. Laura Cullop, Meta, Kentucky. Forty three grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Daddy joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the Elder Emmitt Case. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church. Mother and Daddy leaves nine children, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. My hope is that by the grace of God I can meet them some sweet day. There are so many good things I could say but, time won't permit.

Written by their daughter, Mrs. Laura Cullop

### DEWEY THOMPSON

Born February 18, 1898, in Chat-taro, West Virginia, expired December 4, 1966. With the blessing of the Lord our Father lived to be sixty seven years of age.

He was a son of Hilbert Thompson and Sarah Ann Thompson. He married the late Hester Elkins on October 4, 1921. To this union were born nine children.



The children are five sons: George Dewey Thompson Jr., deceased, W. Va., Bobby Thompson, Dandville, W. Va., and Donald Thompson, Gilbert, W. Va., Four Daughters: Mildred Plymale, Landville, W. Va. Carmel Flannery, Malloy, W. Va., Phyllis Barrett, Merritt Island, Florida, and Carol Ann Thompson, Landville, W. Va. Also nine grandchildren.

After the death of our Mother, Hester Thompson, our Father later married Beulah Blankenship of Gilbert, W. Va.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, July, 1962 and was baptised by Johnny Cline and Ross Cline and placed his membership at Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church, at Baisden, W. Va.

Gone but not forgotten. Written by his daughter Carol Ann Thompson.

### CLINTON TAYLOR



Clinton Taylor was borned May 17, 1894, and died March 21, 1967. We think our loss was Heavens gain. He was married to Jettie SESCO in 1917 and to this union was borned seven children, four girls and three boys, twenty seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. His children's names are as follows: Gladys Blackburn, McCombs, Ky., Caroleen Blackburn, Pikeville, Ky., Guff McCoy, Turkey Creek, Ky., Angeline Lowe, McCombs, Ky., Clinton Taylor Jr., Cattlesburg, Ky., Okey Taylor, Forrest Hills, Ky., Donald Taylor, Cleveland, Ohio, and two brothers, John Taylor of Pikeville, Ky., and Burley Taylor of Ohio.

Three sisters, Lizzie Spears and Liza Blackburn both of Betsy Lane, Ky., and one half sister Bird Hale, and two half brothers, Arrison and Walker Scott, all of Ashland and Cattlesburg, Ky.

Brother Clinton Taylor joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and took his membership with the Big Branch Church. I don't know the exact date he was baptized. He was ordained a Deacon and served his duty. He was a wonderful Brother and a good man in the neighborhood and we miss him so much, but are in hope of being with him in the sweet by and by.

I want to say to his children if you ever want to live with Daddy you will have to do as Daddy did. I could write more, but space won't permit.

Written by his wife Jettie Taylor and Elder Harvey Lowe.

## NANCY JANE (STANLEY) COCHRAN



It is with much weakness and a sad and broken heart, that I will try to write the obituary of my most kind and loving Mother; Sister, Nancy Jane (Stanley) Cochran. She was born December 22, 1892, and departed this life January 6, 1967, at the age of seventy-four years and fourteen days. She was born in Pike County, the daughter of the late George H. and Mary Ellen (Williamson) Stanley. She spent her entire life in this vicinity. Her husband, John M. Cochran, preceded her in death nine years ago, after sharing life's joys and sorrows with her for forty-five years. She leaves to mourn her passing, one daughter, Sister, Audrey Brown, of Sidney, Kentucky; Two brothers: Brother Kelly Stanley of Hardy, Kentucky; brother Dewey Stanley of South Williamson, Kentucky; Two sisters, Octavia Cochran of Sidney, Kentucky, Sister, Maggie Cochran of Huddy, Ky., and seven grandchildren. In addition to these survivors, are a host of nieces, nephews, Brothers and sisters of the church, who will miss her hand shake and her sweet smile, but I believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Mother was blessed with a long and useful life. She enjoyed helping other people in any way she could. She was a devoted Mother and a wonderful homemaker. She loved for people to come and see her, and she would always want to fix them something to eat before they would leave. Many times she wouldn't have much to fix, but I do believe she would season it with love. Yes! I believe I will eat again with Mother around the great table of God; when all of God's children get home. Mother was poor in this world, but I believe she has everything she needs now. For she had chosen that good part which couldn't be taken away from her; and that was the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal saviour, on the first Saturday in August, 1963. She joined the Regular Baptist Church on Dix Fork, and was baptized at the hands of Elders, Earnest Cochran and Clyde Brown. I will never forget it. The next morning I went down to see her, and she met me at the door, and threw her arms around me and this is what she said, "Audrey, I never loved you as much in my whole life". We both stood there crying and praising God for it all. For it was God's love down in

her heart, that made her feel like that. I could see it right in her eyes, the Bible says it is better felt than told, and God bless her sweet heart. She was loved by everyone that knew her. I believe the Christian example that Mother set; Her many acts of kindness and good deeds will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Mother was sick for about four years, although her life held many hardships and physical pain. She did not complain I have seen her so sick that just to look at her, I would sometimes think to myself, she just couldn't live; but she would say, "I'll be all right after while." I believe she possessed the inner strength to bear her troubles and pain in this world. I believe strength comes only by having strong faith in God. She had much courage and patience until death, when she just went to sleep. My hope and confidence is that she fell asleep in Jesus, for we know that those who sleep in Jesus, will raise in Jesus, Jesus has said in his word, blessed are they that die in the Lord heretofore there is a crown laid up for them. I believe that Mother will receive that Crown in glory. I believe with all my heart I will know her if I am blessed to get to that golden land. I believe I will shake hands with Mother again in a world where we will never grow old, and parting never comes. I believe Mother has gone to a better home. As she told us many times before she died, "she had a better home to go to." I believe she lived her life the best she knew how and was so good to everybody; little children and even dumb animals.

I want to say to my children and husband, be good and kind to each other, just as you know she always wanted you to do, and if you ever want to see Mother again, you must make your peace calling and election sure. Think of your soul's and repent of your sins. Believe in Christ and be baptized into the church that he set up when he was here on earth. So weep not for mother, but rather weep for yourselves. May God bless you all to find Jesus, Precious to your never dying souls and you will meet her in Heaven with all the saints. Think about it now while you have life and opportunity.

Written by her daughter and sister in the Church, Sister, Audrey Brown and family.

## JAMES LINDLEY SANDEFUR



It is with a sad and aching heart that I try to write the Obituary of our dearly beloved husband and father, James Lindley Sandefur. He was born May 15, 1891 at Saltville, Smyth County, Virginia and departed this life October, 21, 1965, making his stay here on earth seventy-four years, five months, and six days. He was the son of Robert Sharp and Susie Ann (Phipps) Sandefur. He was united in marriage to Henrietta Pauley, daughter of Shadel Randolph and Malinda (Morris) Pauley on June 28, 1911 at Canada, Kentucky by Rev. Will Thornsbury. To this union was born eleven children, seven sons; Robert, James, Carmon, Melville, Grayson Clayton, Winifred and Henry; four daughters; Susie, Roberta, Eloise and Ruby. Grayson Clayton and Eloise preceeded him in death. There are thirty-eight grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren left to mourn his loss along with a heart broken wife. But by the help of our dear Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, we will meet again in heaven where parting will be no more.

Daddy, as I called him when speaking to the children, professed a hope in Christ in March 1948 and placed his membership with the Mt. Pleasant Church. He was faithful to the Church as long as he was able to attend but was sick a very long time before his passing and could not attend. He wanted to hear the good word preached and enjoyed the wonderful services the Brethren would have and come home rejoicing. He read his Bible and often spoke of the twenty-third Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake, Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever".

Now children I want to say to you, if you want to be with Daddy again you must accept Christ as your loving Saviour and live for Jesus, as Daddy wished you to do (and most of you have). We can then see and be with him in that heavenly home where parting comes no more. I tried so hard to keep him but God's will must be done and not ours: our loss is heavens gain. He was a brave soldier and never spoke of pain but suffered in silence for he knew Christ and was not afraid. I feel that he is resting in the arms of Jesus and at the resurrection will rise in the likeness of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ and wear that bright and shining crown prepared for for us all. Now, dear Children turn to the Lord, which most of you have, and lets all meet and be with Daddy where parting will be no more. A precious one from us is gone, the voice we loved is stilled, and a chair is vacant in our home which never can be filled.

Written at the request of the children by his loving and broken hearted wife, Henrietta.

## MERTIE MAYNARD

Sister Mertie Maynard was borned April 28, 1897, a daughter of Armstrong and Leania Maynard. She was married to Bradley Maynard. To this union was borned one son, Wonder Maynard.

Sister Maynard deceased this life on August 27, 1965, making her stay here sixty eight years, three months and fifteen days.

Sister Maynard took fellowship with the church about 1948. and was a faithful member until her death. Sister Maynard's life as a Christian was a bright light to the two people she lived with.

She has one son to mourn her loss and the entire Turkey Creek Church, and many friends. I want to say to her son, if you want to see mother again you must repent while in this life.

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life, Elder Ken Varney

## NANCY JANE VARNEY



through Jesus Christ our Lord.

She had four children: Wade A. Varney, Williamson, W. Va., Lucy Ellen Gough, Winchester, Kentucky; and Pricey E.. Sammons, Forest Hills, Kentucky; and one infant daughter died at birth; eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. One sweet little Grandson, Guy Glenn Sammons, was killed in the wreck of a truck loaded with coal at the age of seven years, in 1949. One sweet Great-Grand daughter, Deborah Ann Sammons, died January 1966.

Sister Nancy Jane had been married in 1913, to Monroe Gooslin, the details of their separation is not mine to explain. She had good memory of events and dates especially as concerns the Varney families, since they migrated into Pike and Mingo counties; having written a history of the same.

Now, a few words to the Old Baptist Church, wherein is my good Brethren and Sisters, to go along with this obituary.

It is not the finest building on Earth that hath preference to the kingdom of God. God will dress and keep his own house; He displayed much of his knowledge in parables, or types of facts.

Upon a time I was strolling through the woods alone - high on the mountain, enjoying the scenes of God's Creation. I went to the highest summit. There it was! What was it? Well, I wasn't looking for it, but there it was anyway - a garden of wild Lillies, a half

acre or more on smooth ground - all in full bloom. What did it look like? Well, it looked to be direct from Heaven to glorify the Creator of Earth and Heaven, and since there were no briars or weeds it was a good example of the Church; separated from the world which still hangs over the hill in the gullies of sin.

I believe Sister Nancy Jane will wear her Lilly to her home in heaven. There is plenty more Lillies for all broken hearted Mothers.

Written by your unworthy Brother, A. M. "Mat" Varney.

"This is not a dream."

## VIRGIE NICHOLS

Sister Virgie was born November 21, 1889 in Pike County, Kentucky. She passed away December 26, 1966, making her life's stay here on earth 77 years.

She was the daughter of the late Bill and Mary Smith Maynard. She is survived by her husband, James Nichols, three sons, Troy, Johnny, and James Jr. Nichols, five daughters, Ocie, Josephine, Gredis, Marie and Sue.



She became a member of the Apple Orchard Regular Baptist Church many years ago, and remained a member until death.

Sister Virgie has fulfilled an appointment which like her, we all must answer at some time. So in order to live in peace after this life is over we must do the things God wants us to in order to be with God above, therefore it is farewell for a time for them prepared to meet the Lord.

Written by a Brother in hope, Edwin May.

## RANSOM TOBE FARLEY



With great sadness I will try and write the obituary of my dearly beloved husband, Ransom Tobe Farley, "Uncle Tobe" as known by his many friends and neighbors. He was a friend to all.

He was born February 29, 1888 in Pike County and departed this life on Good Friday, April 8, 1966. He was the son of Lewis Farley and Mary (Hatfield) Farley. He was married to the former Mary Jane (Dorsey) Farley January 6,

1910 in Pike County. To this union was borned eight children, one son, Winfred Lee Farley preceeded him in death, other surviving children are; Charlie H. Farley of Buckland, Ohio, Mrs Edith Norman of Waparoneta, Ohio, Herbert M., Earnest J., and Arthur W., Farley, all of McCarr, Kentucky, Tobe Ray Farley, of North Matewan, W. Va., a brother, Bob Farley of McCarr, Ky., and a sister Allie Wilcox, of Matewan, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren who mourn his loss.

He was a retired miner, he was baptized in August 28, 1955 and was a regular member of the Enon Baptist Church until his illness.

Dear Daddy is gone but not forgotten. His memories will live on and on in our hearts. Children, Daddy wanted you all to go to Church and live a Christian life as that was his greatest request. He loved all of you, so be good and by the grace of God we will see him again in Heaven where there is no more pain or heartaches, all will be gladness and walk in the streets of gold holding Daddys hand and we will never have to say good by.

Sadley missed by his wife and children, Mary Jane Farley, McCarr, Ky.

## DAN RUNYON



It is with much sadness I will try to write the obituary of Brother Dan Runyon. He was born November 22, 1900 at Oppy, Kentucky, the son of Harrison Runyon and Louisa Harden Runyon. He deceased this life February 25, 1967, making his stay here sixty-six years, three months, and three days. He was baptized into membership of the Betheny Church October 25, 1953 by the hands of Elder Grover Carey and Elder Willie White and remained a faithful member until death and was a good worker in the Church.

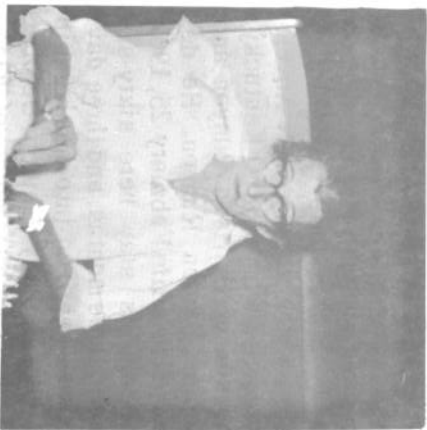
He was married to Anna Smith Runyon in 1926 who deceased this life May 21, 1953. To this union survives two daughters, Garline May, Dingess, W. Va., and Julia Parsley of Lenore, W. Va., one son, Dan Runyon Jr., of Crown City, Ohio, one son Cecil Edward Runyon preceeded him in death, also surviving are ten grandchildren. Brother Dan was married to Sister Myrtle Carterbury Runyon in 1954, there were no children to this union. Sister Myrtle is a member of the Regular Baptist Church at Betheny and resides at McArthur Ohio. Children let us not forget Sister Myrtle, who was a good wife and faithful companion to brother Dan in sickness and health, but always keep a warm spot in our hearts for her.

Brother Dan is greatly missed by all his friends and loved ones and by his Brothers and Sisters in the Church.

I would like to say to his children, you can live with Daddy again if you repent and live for Jesus, as he did. For I believe when Jesus shall come on a cloud of glory, Brother Dan will be in that number that will rise to meet him in the air to be with him forever.

Written by a brother in hope, Elder Jeff May.

## ROSENA GILMAN



By the help of the good Lord I will try to write an obituary of Sister Rosena Gilman.

Sister Rosena was born July 23, 1900 and deceased this life August 16, 1967, making her stay here on earth, Sixty-seven years and twenty-four days. She was the daughter of Jack and Ellen (White) Oaten.

She was married to Ance Gilman February 4, 1921, and to this union were born eight children; Charles Gilman of Ragland, W. Va., Gus Gilman of the U. S. Air Force in the Philippines, Raymond Gilman of Lorain, Ohio, Homer Gilman of Owosso, Michigan, Ance Gilman Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, Minnie Waid of Ragland, W. Va., Verda Southers of Route 1, Delbarton, W. Va., and the following brothers and sisters; Mike Oaten of Route 1, Delbarton, W. Va., Henry Oaten Sr. of Route 1, Delbarton, W. Va., Silas Oaten, Cida Gilman and Mary Moore all of Delbarton, W. Va. She had twenty-one grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Sister Rosena joined the Old Regular Baptist Church called Tabitha at Omar, W. Va. and was baptized by the hands of Elder Will Hurley and Jarvis Stacy. I don't know the exact date but she joined in her early years of life.

Sister Gilman seemed to live a good life, she was good and kind to me when ever I would meet with her. We have been in some good meetings together here. I've seen her shout the praises of God, and I believe some sweet day I will see Sister Gilman again, where there will be no more sickness, no more sorrow, but all will be peace, love and joy forever more.

I want to say to her children and grandchildren, Mother is gone to a better country, and if you want to see her again, you will have to deny yourselves and come take up the cross and follow Jesus. He stands ready to receive and I want to say to her companion, God Bless you in your lonely hours, but Jesus says cast all your cares on Jesus for he careth for you.

Children be good to Daddy for he needs you and most of all look to Jesus while you have life and opportunity to do so. Call upon him while he is near.

I know Sister Rosena will be missed in her home, and the Church and by her many friends and neighbors. But some sweet day we can all go home to live with Jesus forever more. Children won't that be wonderful?

I could write on and on but I must close by saying God Bless this little family, the children, grandchildren and her companion.

Sadley missed by Parlee Varney.

## VIRGIE CLINE



Virgie Cline, daughter of Sherman and Nellie Davis. She was born on July 15, 1892. She deceased this life on November 4, 1966 making her stay on earth seventy four years, three months and nineteen days. She was married to Floyd Cline and to this union was born fifteen children. One Daughter, Liddie (Cline) Justice preceded her in death. She is survived by seven daughters: Opal Sammons, Nealie Cline, Stella Trent, Mary Cline, Lenora Solano, Blonnie Dotson and Namomi Cline, and seven sons. They are: Dewey Elmer, Elliot, Edward, Johnnie, Lawrence and Jason Cline. She had ninety grandchildren and fifty-two great grandchildren.

Grandma joined the Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist. She attended church often if she wasn't sick. I feel she is in heaven right now. I feel that I will belong to the Old Regular Baptist that my grandma did. I feel that she has reached those Pearly Gates. I'm sure that her children think she is gone to heaven. I hope that some morning I'll meet her at those Pearly Gates.

Written by her eight year old grandson, Drexel Pearley Sammons.

## RICHARD MAYNARD



I will try to write the obituary of beloved Richard Maynard. He was born January 19, 1887 and died June 22, 1965, his stay on earth was eighty years, five months and three days. He was the son of James Maynard and Betsy Keesee Maynard.

He was first married to Floridiel Goble Maynard and to this union were born six children, one daughter, Mrs. Eunice McCoy, Delman Thurman, Otis, Curtis and Irvin Maynard.

He was second married to Victoria McCoy, and to this union were born three children, Billie Gene Maynard and R. C. Maynard Jr., and one daughter, Gladys Cole and one step daughter, Mrs. Lydia Lowe.

Brother Maynard joined the Regular Baptist Church in 1953. He was baptized by the hand of Elder H. C. Maynard. He took his membership with the Big Branch Church and was ordained as a deacon.

Brother Maynard lived a humble life and was faithful to attend church as long as he was able. He was sick for some time and not able to go to church, he sure did enjoy the Brethern coming to his home to talk and sing and have prayer.

He leaves his wife and children and many friends and relatives to mourn his loss, and the church has lost a good member, and the children a good father, and the wife a true husband.

I want to say to his children, if you ever want to see Father again you must make peace with God and live the life I feel your father lived.

To his companion, don't weep for Brother Maynard, but rather weep for yourself and children. I feel it won't be long until we can meet Brother Richard where there will be no sickness, pain or death, but will all be joy and peace to the children of God.

The tongue is not able to speak the good things of Brother Maynards life as I must close. So children and wife don't forget to pray. I hope to meet you all in Heaven someday with brother Maynard and to joyce forever in a saviour's love.

Written by and in hope of eternal life, Elder J. L. Nichols.

## WILLIAM THOMAS PHILLIPS



It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of William Thomas Phillips.

He was born on January 17, 1886, a son of the late Jacob and Columbia (Scott) Phillips, and deceased this life on June 8, 1966 at the age of Eighty years.

He was married to Angie (Burke) Phillips and to this union was born nine children, four daughters, Eula Ferguson, Monaville, W. Va., Edith Evans, Sarah Ann, W. Va., Ethel May, Hardy, Ky., Bonnie Hatfield, Ransom, Ky., and five sons, John, Orville and Denny Phillips, all of Monaville, W. Va., Arnold Phillips, Clearwater, Florida, and Sherwood Phillips, Fayette, Ohio. Also one step son, Tommy Carter, who preceeded him in death.

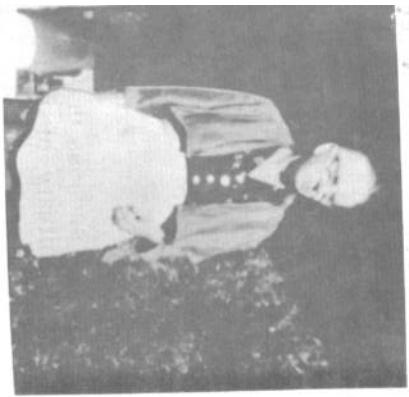
He is survived by his wife, Angie and all nine children, one sister, Vienna Hatfield, two half brothers, forty-three grandchildren, and twenty-three great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Sandy Bottom Regular Baptist Church and was a faithful member to attend until the time of his death. He was a sick man in his latter days but his good wife and children were faithful to bring him to church. So children I say to you, turn to God and get forgiveness of your sins so you can see your Daddy in Heaven.

Written by a grandson, John Phillips, Jr.



## WILDIA HANNERS



I will try by the help of God to write the obituary of a beloved Sister, Wildia Hanners. She was born January 1, 1900, and deceased this life December 27, 1966 at the age of sixty-six years, eleven months and twenty-seven days. She was the daughter of Orison Maynard and Belle Cains Maynard. She was united in marriage to Bradley Hanners the 14th of May, 1916 and to this union were born seven children, three sons and four daughters, names are: Grover, Bradley Jr., and Ulysses, Georgia, Ethel, Norma and Lucille. Grover predeceased her in death.

Sister Wildia joined the Apple Orchard Church of the Regular Baptist Church the first Sunday in May 1939 and was baptized by the hand of Elder Ernie Runyon and lived a true and faithful life until death.

Sister Wildia rejoiced greatly in the church. I would like to say to you Brad, God loves your soul. I do believe with all my heart that Sister Wildia made a happy exchange and she will never suffer any more, but she will live in the paradise of God for ever and you will have to repent and accept the Lord if you ever see her again. She told me so many times that she prayed for you and her children and ask me to always remember you in my prayer.

Now to you children, Mother is gone and you can not meet her here on earth anymore, but by the grace of God you can go to her. I never go to the Apple Orchard Church but what I miss her, for you would always see her and Brad drive up in the truck. She would always enter the door with a smile on her face, and I feel with the love of God in her heart. Her life was such a wonderful light to the church and the community all around.

I do believe with all my soul, heart and mind and strength that I will see your Mother again in Heaven. She told me many times, I don't dread to die but I just hate to leave Brad and the Children. I want to plead with you children one more time to be good to one another and never, never, forget Mothers Prayers.

Honor thy Father and thy Mother, by doing so your days may be longed upon earth. The tongue is not able to speak the good about your good Mother. So may God bless and save you all is my Prayer.

Written by one in hope of eternal life, Elder J. L. Nichols.

## JOAMER HOWELL



By the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of Sister Joamer Howell. She was a daughter of Will and Vicie Jude Taylor. She was born in March 1909 at Laura, Kentucky.

She was married to Lacy Howell, in May 1929. To this union were born eight children and two predeceased her in death. Those left to mourn her death are her Husband Lacy Howell. Four sons, Freddy Howell, Beanty, Ky., Milford Howell, Justice, W. Va., T. J. Howell, Lovely, Ky., two daughters, Mrs Liddie Neice, Justice, W. Va., Mrs Virgie Jude, Man, W. Va., a half brother, Freehand Taylor, Pilgrim, Ky., and twenty-five grandchildren.

Sister Joamer was baptised by the hand of Elder Bill Jude on the fourth Sunday in September, 1949. She placed her membership with the Sidney Church. We at the Sidney Church feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Weep not for your Mother children but rather weep for yourselves and your children. May God bless you all to find Jesus, precious to your never dying souls and you will meet her in Heaven with all the Saints.

Written by a Sister in hope of eternal life, Stello Maynard.

CELIA RUSSELL



With great sadness I will try and write the obituary of my sister in the faith of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Dix Fork.

She was the daughter of W. T. and Polly Brown of Canada, Ky. She was a faithful member until death. She deceased this life November 9, 1966, at the age of sixty-three years. She was married to Ran Russell on February 3, 1923, and to this union was born seven children, one daughter who preceeded her in death, Emogene Ruth-erford. She leaves her husband Ran Russell, three sons, Jay C. Russell, Irwin, Ohio. She leaves three daughters, Magelene Bur-nard of Warren, Ohio, Helen Davis, Irwin, Ohio, and Sylvia Davis Urbana, Ohio. She also leaves her Mother, brothers, sisters and a host of friends to mourn her death. We hope our loss is Gods eternal gain.

Written by one who loved her dearly, her sister-in-law, Ethel Brown.

Your gentle face and patient smile  
with sadness we recall  
you had a kindly word for each and  
died beloved by all  
The voice is met, and stilled the heart,  
That loved us well and true  
Ah, bitter was the trial to part,  
From one so good as you.  
You are not forgotten loved one  
nor will you ever be  
As long as life and memory last  
we will remember thee

OBITUARY REBECCA PREECE

In much sadness and grief I will try to write this obituary of my sister in the flesh and in the Lord.

Sister Rebecca Preece, a daughter of Elder Mont and Tempia Williamson. Her date of birth is April 1, 1891. She was a member of the Turkey Creek Church of Regular Baptist where she was a faithful member as long as her health permitted her to attend. Sister Rebecca was in ill health several years prior to her death which came on Sunday, July 21, 1966. She was united in marriage to Joseph Preece around the year of 1910 as best as I can remember. To this union were born seven children, three of them and the husband preceeded her in death. She leaves behind three sons, Monty and Harmon Preece, both of Turkey Creek, Kentucky and Joseph Preece Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland, one daughter, Flora, of Cincinnati, Ohio and four sisters, Mary Thompson, Charity Lee, and Belle Francis all of Varney, Ky., and Elon Francis of Turkey Creek, Ky., with twenty three grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives with the entire membership of the Turkey Creek Church to mourn her passing, but we feel sister has made a happy exchange from a life of suffering unto eternal rest.

Children I know we miss her presence here. To us her loss great. More so to you children than anyone else. She was a good mother and a good neighbor in this community always ready and glad to do all she could for the sick and needy.

Now you children are left alone with no father or mother to go to for council, their prayers for you have ceased to be and you that have not made peace with her God had better begin to seek for His mercy and grace to be applied to your souls for you will never enjoy Heaven with her unless you go to Him in prayer. He is rich and full of mercy and will abundantly give to you, if you will ask in faith believing that He is God and beside Him there is no other. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords and the one and only source to save your soul from sin.

Sister, I hope to meet you where death will separate us no more and may God Bless and save our loved ones.

Sadly missed by her sisters.

Written by her sister Elon Francis

## CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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 infringe 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 the 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 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.
15. The Association shall have the power for the general union 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 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 the fruit of the vine, 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 indulge people in their sins or 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 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 and only five minutes at a time.

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 of 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.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Johnny Adair	Rt. 1, Box 214, 1575 Anthany Rd. Ocala, Florida
Tommy Adair	1005 N. E. 28th St. Ocala, Florida
Straughter Adkins	Pine Crest Sanatorium Beckley, W. Va.
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Leslie Blair	Hunt, West Virginia
Claude Brown	Hardy, Kentucky
Clyde Brown	Sidney, Kentucky
Grover Carey	Box 115, Kingland, Texas
Earl Clay	905 South Park Street, Okeechobee, Fla.
Johnny Cline	Baisden, West Virginia
Ross Cline	Baisden, West Virginia
Ernest Cochran	Sidney, Kentucky
Ellis Davis	Rt. 1, Box 180, Williamson, W. Va.
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Willis Dials	Pilgrim, Kentucky
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S. B. Fraley	Hatfield, Kentucky
John Fouch	Chapmansville, West Virginia
Carlos Gibson	Oakhill, West Virginia
Ted Glanden	Baisden, West Virginia
Isam Hannah	Man, West Virginia
Ireland Harrison	Chattaroy, West Virginia
Tracy Hatfield	Hampden, West Virginia
Maynard Hay	Rt. 1, Delbarton, West Virginia
J. H. Hensley	Switzer, West Virginia
Wayne Herald	Box 586, Kermit, West Virginia
Clinton Howard	Pilgrim, Kentucky
Charlie Johnson	Sidney, Kentucky
Harrison Jude	Laura, Kentucky
Harvey Lowe	McCombs, Kentucky
John Lowe	Rt. 1, Box 775, McCombs, Ky.
Milford Lowe	Pilgrim, Kentucky

Roosevelt Lowe	Goody, Kentucky
Willis Lowe	Box 85, Turkey Creek, Kentucky
Lewis Marcum	Turkey Creek, Kentucky
Edwin May	Rt. 4, Box 85, Abingdon, Virginia
Jeff, May	Dingess, West Virginia
W. H. May	Dingess, West Virginia
Andrew Maynard	Rt. 1, Delbarton, West Virginia
Henry C. Maynard	Stone, Kentucky
Carlos Meadows	Pie, West Virginia
W. Burbage Mullins	Rt. 1, Delbarton, West Virginia
J. L. Nichols	McCombs, Kentucky
Willis Roberts	Varney, Kentucky
Fay Scott	Rt. 1, Box 220, Williamson, W. Va.
Lloyd SESCO	Meta, Kentucky
A. A. Sheppard	Holden, West Virginia
Willie Stanley	Hardy, Kentucky
Willie Stiltner	Kimper, Kentucky
L. C. Swanson	508 20th Street, N. W. Roanoke, Va.
Allison Thornsburry	Kimper, Kentucky
J. G. Thornsburry	Sidney, Kentucky
Ken Varney	Box 1942, Williamson, W. Va.
Willie Varney	Lando Mines, West Virginia
Willie White	Lenore, West Virginia
Jonah E. Williamson	Varney, Kentucky
Hiram Young	Rt. 4 Box 406C, Ocala, Florida
Bill Conley	Omar, W. Va.
Nath Judd	Burnwell, Ky
Steve Robinson Jr.	Rogland, W. Va.

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Willard Blair	Lenore, West Virginia
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**CHURCH AND DELEGATES**

**MODERATOR**

		RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	REC'D BY RECOMMENDAT'N	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CHURCH TIME	CHURCH CONTRIBUTION
MT. PLEASANT: T. R. Bogar, Monroe Smith, James Scott	J. E. Williamson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	2	\$30.00
APPLE ORCHARD: John Lowe, Willie Nichols, Van Maynard	Edwin May	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	39	1	\$40.00
ENON: Jack Farley, Pete Maynard, James Spencer	J. E. Williamson	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	17	1	\$15.00
REBECCA: Mike Sheppard, Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay	Ross Cline	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	67	2	\$35.00
BENT BRANCH: Lloyd SESCO, Ben Curry, Fred Bevins	B. H. Bevins	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	73	3	\$35.00
SARDIS: Willie Varney, Jimmy Deeley, Burbage Mullins	Willie Varney	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	97	4	\$30.00
BIG BRANCH: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Landon Taylor	Ernest Cochran	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	39	3	\$30.00
MARY ELIZABETH: S. B. Fraley, Tom Fraley, Alex Edimston	J. E. Williamson	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	48	3	\$25.00

BETHANY: Ellis Davis, Isom Hannah, Willie White	Willie White	2	3	1	0	0	2	1	47	4	\$20.00
ELK FORK: Andrew Maynard, Wayne Sheppard, James Jenkins	Fay Scott	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	3	\$25.00
PILGRIM'S HOME: Millis Roberts, Willard Young, Marshall Williamson	Wayne Herald	6	2	0	0	1	3	4	169	4	\$40.00
SALEM: B. H. Bevins, Calvin C. Bevins, Rosevelt Lowe	B. H. Bevins	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	107	1	\$50.00
SIDNEY: Bascom Maynard, Tan Howell, J. R. Triplett	Willis Dials	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	21	4	\$15.00
DIX FORK: J. G. Thornsby, Charley Johnson, Stirl Smith	Ernest Cochran	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	74	1	\$30.00
NARROWS BRANCH: Willie Stanley, Bill Williams, Kellye Stanley	Rosevelt Lowe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	4	\$40.00
LEANNAH: Clinton Howard, Tom Robinson, C. B. Lowe	Willis Dials	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	39	2	\$20.00
BUCK CREEK: Burgess Dials, Willis Dials, Delbert Keesee	Wayne Herald	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	3	\$20.00
TABITHA: Dan Gillman, Joe Robinett, Carlos Meadows	J. H. Hensley	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	45	1	\$20.00
LITTLE ROSA: Fay Scott, Robert Robinson, Ireland Harrison	B. H. Bevins	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	2	\$20.00
TURKEY CREEK: Ken Varney, Stanford Maynard, Floyd Williamson	Charley Johnson	3	2	0	0	3	1	0	74	2	\$40.00
SAMARTA: Jeff May, James White, Sherman May	Jeff May	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	1	\$20.00
ROSA: Uley Perry, Ross Cline, Tracy Hatfield	Johnny Cline	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	104	3	\$30.00
MUNCY VALLEY: Avery Hensley	Mont Ellis	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	\$10.00
LITTLE VIRGIE: John Scott, Willie Stiltner, Allison Thornsby	Edwin May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4	\$15.00
SOUTHERN HOME: Hiram Young, Fred Lowe, Childmer Marcum	Tommy Adair	1	3	0	0	2	0	1	28	1	\$20.00
TOTALS		35	15	2	0	11	25	19	1364	27	\$675.0

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## CHURCHES AND CLERKS

CHURCH	ADDRESS	CLERK AND ADDRESS
MT. PLEASANT	Sidney, Kentucky	James Scott - Box 105, Canada, Kentucky
APPLE ORCHARD	McCombs, Kentucky	Van Maynard - Box 926, Williamson, W. Va.
ENON	McCarr, Kentucky	James Spencer - McCarr, Kentucky
REBECCA	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.	F. M. Preece - Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
BENT BRANCH	Meta, Kentucky	Forest Bevins - Meta, Kentucky
SARDIS	Delbarton, W. Va.	Jesse Farley - Rt. 1, Box 10, Delbarton, W. Va.
BIG BRANCH	Mc Combs, Kentucky	J. L. Nichols - McCombs, Kentucky
MARY ELIZABETH	Hatfield, Kentucky	George Fraley - Hatfield, Kentucky
BETHANY	Lenore, W. Va.	Ellis Davis - Rt. 1, Box 180 Williamson, W. Va.
ELK FORK	Delbarton, W. Va.	Anse Curry - Delbarton, West Virginia
PILGRIM'S HOME	Varney, Kentucky	Marion Young - 618 Central Ave., Williamson, W. Va.
SALEM	Goody, Kentucky	Calvin C. Bevins - 209 Maplelawn Ave. N.E. Roanoke, Va.
SIDNEY	Threeforks, Ky.	J. R. Triplett - Warfield, Kentucky
DIX FORK	Canada, Kentucky	Omar Williamson - Canada, Kentucky
NARROWS BRANCH	Hardy, Kentucky	Clyde Brown - 1613 Pine St., Kenova, W. Va.
LEANNAH	Pilgrim, Kentucky	T. J. Robinson - Pilgrim, Kentucky
BUCK CREEK	Beauty, Kentucky	Elizabeth Dials - Beauty, Kentucky
TABITHA	Barnabus, W. Va.	Charley Evans - Box 222, Stirrat, West Virginia
LITTLE ROSA	Chattaroy, W. Va.	Robert Robinson - P. O. Box 211, Chattaroy, W. Va.
TURKEY CREEK	Turkey Creek, Ky.	Landon Taylor - Box 93, Turkey Creek, Kentucky
SAMARIA	Dingess, W. Va.	Ersel Prince - Dingess, West Virginia
ROSA	Baisden, W. Va.	Uley Perry - Box 96, Gilbert, West Virginia
MUNCY VALLEY	Pie, West Virginia	Julia Ellis - Rt. 2, Box 143, Delbarton, W. Va.
LITTLE VIRGIE	Kimper, Kentucky	John Scott, - Box 16, Kimper, Kentucky
SOUTHERN HOME	Rt. 1, Citra, Florida	Childmer Marcum - Rt. 1, Box 415, Citra, Florida.

### THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF "JOHN"

2nd Chapter      Verse: 15 - 16

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.  
If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, The lust of the flesh, and the lust  
of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Fathers, but is  
of the world.

### THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE "CORINTHIANS"

6th Chapter      Verse: 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 - 18

Be ye not unequally yoked to-gether with unbelievers: For  
what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And  
what communion hath light with darkness?

And what concord hath Christ with Be-li-al? or what part  
hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye  
are the temple of the living God: As God has said. I will dwell  
in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they  
shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith  
the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.  
And will be a Father unto you, and you shall be my sons and  
daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.