

# **MINUTES**

OF THE

**EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION  
OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST**

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**In Session With Narrows Branch Church**

**Hardy, Kentucky**

**September 13, 14 and 15, 1974**

**Elder Edwin May—Moderator**

**Elder Wayne Herald—Assistant Moderator**

**Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.—Clerk**

**Bro. James M. Ray—Assistant Clerk**

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**FRIDAY  
September 13, 1974**

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Narrows Branch Church, Hardy, Ky., on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1974.

Amidst joyful singing, hearts were made happy by the coming together of the many Brethren, Sisters and friends at the Tent where arrangements had been made for the preaching. The Tent was set up on the A.H. Varney School property which is named after your Clerk's Great-grandfather who was Assistant Clerk of the Sardis Association in 1914, 1915 and 1916.

Elder Willie Stanley opened the Services about the hour of 9:30 am, since Elder Ross Cline could not be present, expressing his hope that we had come together in no memory other than Jesus Christ, our Lord. Elder Johnnie Cline then led in prayer.

Our greatly beloved Elder Tracy Hatfield preached the Introductory Sermon from his Text: Matthew 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Brother Tracy did not take the time to preach on the several points he brought out but strongly pointed the way to the Grace Covenant Church set up over 1900 years ago by Jesus Christ, our Lord. Brother Tracy humbly declared that 42 years ago he took up fellowship with the "prettiest family on earth" and had never found the place where he wanted to turn back.

The Sardis Association Delegates and a large Delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Narrows Branch Church where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom, the many Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the Tent where Elders Delbert Sanders, Chuck Keese, Hershell Huff, Kirby Isom and Nick England preached.

Elder Jethro Hampton of the New Salem Association introduced the services at the House and Elder Grover Adkins of the New Salem Association led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, Moderator of the Sardis Association, spoke a few words of admonition to himself and the Delegates to let God be the leading Spirit in our work. He then read Article I of our Constitution.

(2) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to receive the contributions sent to the Association by the several Churches as follows:

Brother Uley Perry

Brother Landon Taylor

Elder Ellis Davis

(3) The Moderator then called for the Letters from the Churches of the Sardis Association to be handed in to the Clerk and the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance. The Letter from the Narrows Branch Church was read by the Clerk and, upon motion by Elder Robert L. Robinson, and second by Brother Stewart Brown, all Letters were received; the Delegates seated; and all Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(4) The Committee on Finance reported \$1,611.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(5) The Sardis Association then completed its organization by electing the following Officers to serve for the coming year:

Elder Edwin May, Moderator

Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk

Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

(6) By motion and second, it is ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during the setting of the Association.

(7) Committee appointed to see that the Stand be supplied with Ministers and that peace be preserved around the Stand as follows:

Brother Frank Scott

Brother Clyde Brown

Brother Leonard Varney

(8) By move and second, the Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

(9) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches and Associations of our same faith and order desiring to take up fellowship with the Sardis Association and none responded.

(10) Called for the Letters from our Corresponding Sister Associations and received the following:

*UNION*: Represented by the following Delegates: Jesse L. Williamson, John M. Mullins, Fon Bowling, Delbert Sanders, Lonnie Mounts, John M. Justice, Hamilton Blewins, John C. Lane, N.A. England, Bruce Mullins, Fred Rowe, Jimmy Hubbard, Henry Collinsworth, Jesse Thacker, Teddy Parker, Maurice

Trivette, J.H. Mitchell, Arnold Clevinger, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Don Deel, Andy Deel, Freeland Yates, Finis O'Quinn, Thaniel Thacker, Quincy Stanley, Howard Coleman, Perry Lane, Alan Thacker and Herman West.

*NEW SALEM*: Represented by the following Delegates: Sollie Kiser, Freel Tackett, Jink Ray, Ernest Ward, Harler Kiser, Millis Roberts, Milford Adams, Jim Case, Alonzo Allen, Robert Haney, Grov. .adkins, Vernon Rose, Elijah Hamilton, Jethro Hampton, Lennie Boyd, Perry Tackett, W.B. Day, Hobert Bates, Andy Hamilton, James Tackett, Lewis Marcum, Ross Hopkins, Allen Pirtz, Wendell Hamilton and Hobert Hamilton.

*NORTHERN NEW SALEM*: Represented by the following Delegates: Paris Tackett, Chuck Keese, Roy B. Akers, Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, Ira Kendrick, Harold Senters, John B. Hale, Delmar Williams, N.V. Slone, Bart Porter, Raymond Gillman, Luther Meade, Howard Parsley, Bert Burris and Stoney Blackburn.

*PHILADELPHIA*: Represented by the following Delegates: Webster Bartley, Clifford Colley, G.W. Woods, L.W. Woods, Rush Stanley, David Gilliam, Ira Stepp, Walter Morrison, Emmitt Gillispie, Eales Cotton, Cleatis Messer and Paul Morrison.

*OLD FRIENDSHIP*: Represented by the following Delegates: Deamus Blankenship, Harvey Mullins, Elmer Mullins, Wayne Bryant, John Blankenship, Orvil Street, Lonnie Matney, Hobert Blankenship, Edd Blankenship, Leonard Coleman, Jesse Robinette, Bill Ratliff, Clyde Hagy, Robert Mullins, L.G. Cline and George Endicott.

*INDIAN BOTTOM*: Represented by the following Delegates: McKinley McIntosh, Kirby Isom, Olus Baldridge, John Preece, Nelson Seals, Critt Eldridge, Charlie Gibson and I.D. Back.

(11) The foregoing Letters were read and by regular move and second were received and the Delegates seated with us in Council, being given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator.

(12) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following:

Eld. Clifford Maynard

Bro. Frank Edwin Hay

Bro. Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr.

Bro. Marshall Williamson

Eld. Billy Brumfield

Eld. Claude Brown

Bro. Robert Clay

Bro. James M. Ray

Bro. Earl Belcher

Eld. Ernest Cochran

(13) By motion and second it is ordered that we correspond with the following Sister Associations: UNION, NEW SALEM, NORTHERN NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA, OLD FRIENDSHIP and INDIAN BOTTOM.

(14) Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren as follows: Bro. Leonard Varney, Bro. Frank Scott and Bro. Clyde Brown.

(15) Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one Delegate from each Church and the entire Narrows

Branch Church delegation. They reported as follows:

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
Elder George Woods  
Elder Nelson Seals  
Elder Freelin Yates

**SATURDAY**  
Elder Roy B. Akers  
Elder Johnnie Cline  
Elder James Tackett  
Elder Grover Adkins

(16) Committee on Arrangements appointed consisting of one Delegate from each Church of the Sardis Association, Moderators, Clerks and the entire Delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations to arrange the business for Saturday's session.

(17) On motion by Elder Lloyd SESCO and second by Elder H. Jimmy Deeley the Sardis Association was adjourned, by way of prayer, until 9:00 am Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY September 14, 1974

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing many old time songs of Zion, Elder Clifford Colley of the Philadelphia Association opened the session with preaching and Elder Joshua Hicks of the Northern New Salem Association led in prayer.

Business then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Called the roll of Delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, upon regular move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.
- (3) Appointed the same Committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday. They reported as follows:

**SATURDAY NIGHT**  
Elder George Endicott  
Elder Frank Newsome  
Elder Joshua Hicks  
Elder Clifford Colley

**SUNDAY**  
Elder Webster Bartley  
Elder Fon Bowling  
Elder Paris Tackett  
Elder Edwin May

- (4) Called for the Association Treasurer to report and, upon regular move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand September 9, 1973 .....\$1,475.04  
Less paid out for 1973:

Printing 4000 Minutes for 1973 .....\$977.96  
Postage and Travel for Minutes ..... 60.40  
Postage for Ministers Minutes -  
(460 at 16c each) ..... 73.60

Total paid out for 1973 .....\$1,111.96  
Balance on hand September 13, 1974 .....\$ 363.08

Add 1974 Receipts:  
Received from the Churches .....\$1,611.00  
Received for Pictures ..... 155.00  
Donation from Elder Willie Stanley ..... 50.00  
Total Receipts for 1974 .....\$1,816.00  
Balance on hand September 15, 1974 .....\$2,179.08

(5) By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1974 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 our Minutes; that he have 4000 copies printed; and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his services.

(7) By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk determine the number of our Minutes to be sent with our Letter to corresponding Sister Associations.

(8) The Circular Letter written by Elder Clifford Maynard was read by him, a motion by Brother Delbert Kazee, second by Elder Andrew Maynard, to receive the Letter and print it in our Minutes met with an objection from Elder Ellis Davis. Vote of the Delegates was 9 for the Motion and 35 for the Objection. Therefore, the Circular Letter was rejected.

(9) A motion by Elder Ellis Davis and second by Elder Charley Evans, that no Circular Letter be written for next year met with an objection from Elder Hiram Young. The vote of the Delegates was 8 for the Objection and 43 for the Motion. Therefore, no Circular Letter is to be prepared for next year.

(10) Letters to our Corresponding Sister Associations were read by the Clerk and Delegates appointed to attend as follows:

**UNION:** When convened with the Sulphur Springs Church, Elkhorn City, Pike County, Ky., on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1974: Clifford Maynard, K.H. Williamson, Willard Young, Rush Reed, James Gannon, Cashier Blackburn, John P. Church, Bobby Scott, Earl Belcher, Chester Belcher, Delbert Kazee, Troy Walters, Marshall Williamson, Stewart Brown, Tracy Hatfield, Edwin May and Ralph W.E. Varney, Sr. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

**NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Old Beaver and Little Rosa Churches, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky., on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1974: Cashier Blackburn, Ralph W.E. Varney, Sr., Clifford Maynard, Stewart Brown, Bob Scott, Chalmer Marcum, James Gannon, Wayne Herald, Wallace Muney, Delbert Kazee, Edwin May, Hobert Graham, Glenn Williamson, Berlin

Thornsbery, Edwin Hay, Joe Warrix, Troy Walters, Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Chester Belcher and Tracy Hatfield. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

*NORTHERN NEW SALEM:* When convened with the Maggie Home Church, Dundas, Ohio, on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1975: Clifford Maynard, Marshall Williamson, Julius Cochran, James Pauley, Donnie Brown, Berlin Thornsbery, James Ray, Hobert Graham, Cashier Blackburn, Stewart Brown, Wayne Herald, Russell Thacker, Claude Brown, Edwin May, Frank Edwin Hay, Hi Williamson, Willie Stanley, Willard Young, Uley Perry, Ross Cline, Chester Belcher, John Robinette and Jim Bevins. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

*PHILADELPHIA:* When convened with the Rosa Church, Smith Branch, Lloyd, Ky., on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1975: Clifford Maynard, Claude Brown, Wallace Muncy, Julius Cochran, Stewart Brown, Cashier Blackburn, Bobby Smith, Hobert Graham, Berlin Thornsbery, Billy Brumfield, Ernest Cochran, Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Glenn Williamson, Frank Edwin Hay, Marshall Williamson, James Gannon, H. Jimmy Deeley, Chester Belcher, Russell Thacker, Mont Ellis, Edwin May and Wayne Herald. Letter in the hands of Brother Stewart Brown.

*OLD FRIENDSHIP:* When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, W. Va., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August 1975: Berlin Thornsbery, James Gannon, Stewart Brown, Claude Brown, Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Johnnie Cline, Tommy Adair, Childmer Marcum, Frank Edwin Hay, H. Jimmy Deeley, Edwin May and Hi Young. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbery.

*INDIAN BOTTOM:* When convened with the Cedar Grove Church, Halle, Ky., on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1975: Stewart Brown, Marshall Williamson, Berlin Thornsbery, Cashier Blackburn, Joe Warrix, Troy Walters, Clifford Maynard, H. Jimmy Deeley, Billy Brumfield, Lloyd SESCO, Wayne Herald, Steve Robinson, Jr., Jim Scott and Edwin May. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

(11) Called for the Tent Committee to report and there was no activity except the cost the Sardis Association had for use of the Tent. We had to pay \$22.50 for Trailer License and \$70.00 for labor to handle the Tent. Since a donation at the House failed to raise this amount of money, Elder Edwin May donated \$92.50 to cover the expense.

(12) Called for the Tent Committee Treasurer to report and, on motion and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand September 9, 1973 .....	\$ 1.23
Receipts and Expense for 1973 .....	none
Balance on hand September 13, 1974 .....	\$ 1.23
Donated at the House .....	\$68.80
Donated by Elder Edwin May .....	92.50
Total .....	\$161.30
Balance on hand September 14, 1974 .....	\$162.53

Less paid out for 1974: Trailer License ..... \$22.50  
Tent Labor ..... 70.00

Total ..... 92.50  
Balance on hand September 15, 1974 ..... \$70.03

(13) On motion and second a Tent Committee was appointed as follows:

- Elder Clifford Maynard, Chairman
- Bro. Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
- Elder Edwin May
- Brother Joe Warrix
- Brother James M. Ray

(14) A Request was received from the Bent Branch Church asking the Association to print the Obituary of Sister Dollie Young who for years lived in our area but was a member of the Union Association when she died. By motion and second the Request was granted.

(15) A Request was received from the Pilgrim's Rest Church to drop the words "into adultery" from Item (17) of our 1973 Minutes. A motion by Elder Alson Thornsbery, second by Elder Willis Lowe, to grant the Request met with an Objection filed by Elder Tommy Adair. A vote of the Delegates showed 25 for the motion and 31 for the objection. Therefore, no change is made in Item (17) of our 1973 Minutes.

(16) A Query was received from the Apple Orchard Church asking if the advise of the Association is binding in Item (17) of our 1973 Minutes. A motion for the Delegates to take the Query back was made by Elder Robert L. Robinson and second by Elder David Baisden.

(17) A Request was received from the Dix Fork Church asking the Association to have all Rules now in effect to be printed in our Minutes at least once every three (3) years. A motion for the Delegates to take the Request back was made by Elder Robert L. Robinson, second by Elder David Baisden, and met with an objection filed by Brother Stewart Brown. A vote of the Delegates showed 52 for the motion and 5 for the objection.

(18) A Request was received from the Dix Fork Church asking the Association to print in the Minutes that our Sisters should dress in modest apparel and not wear slacks, pants or shorts. A motion for the Delegates to take the Request back was made by Elder Tracy Hatfield, second by Elder Charley Evans, and met with an objection filed by Elder James Gannon. A vote of the Delegates showed 55 for the motion and 11 for the objection.

(19) 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.

(20) 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.

(21) In answer to the question, "Shall we receive into fellowship men or

women having more than one wife or husband?" The Association, by regular move and second, said, "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."

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

(23) By motion and second it is ordered that 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. Beginning next year (1975) there will be a charge of \$10.00 for a picture printed with any Obituary, except Elders pictures will continue to be printed free.

(24) Brethren called in Union, Communion, Memorials and Associations last year were excused from their report but admonished to do a good and faithful job next year.

(25) A Request for the 1975 Sardis Association was received from the Mt. Pleasant Church, Samaria Church and Southern Home Church. By motion and second it is ordered that our next (1975) Association be held with the Samaria Church beginning Friday before the second Saturday in September 1975. Directions to Samaria Church from Williamson, W. Va. are Route 52 (North) to Naugatuck, turn right onto Route 65 to Lenore, W. Va., turn left and go up Laurel Creek past Laurel Lake, through the tunnel and then turn left, go about three (3) miles to the Church.

(26) By motion and second it is ordered that the Sardis Association request all of our Churches, who can and want to, to send help to the Church that will host our next Association, the Samaria Church.

(27) A Committee was appointed to take the vote of the Delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon, and who shall be his Alternate, at our 1975 Association as follows:

Brother John M. Mullins, Union Association.

Elder Roy B. Akers, Northern New Salem Association.

Elder Clifford Colley, Philadelphia Association.

This Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Wayne Herald to preach the Introductory Sermon

Elder Johnnie Cline to be his Alternate

(28) By regular move and second it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tender our heart-felt "Thank you" to each and every member of the Narrows Branch Church; to the many other Brethren, Sisters and friends who worked so hard and gave freely of their time and effort to take care of the Association; to the Pike County Board of Education and to Bill Tussey, Principal of the Varney Grade School, for the use of the School, grounds and lunchroom; to the Pike County Sheriff and his Deputies Clifford Stason, Quincy Lambert, David Reed and Glenn Francis; to the Funeral Homes and Churches who

furnished chairs; to those splendid Cooks of the Varney School; to the wonderful Sisters and friends who helped in the kitchen and dining room; and to everyone who donated time, food, money and other things that helped to make our Association a success. May God bless each of you for your every thought and deed is our prayer.

(29) The Minutes were read by the Clerk and, on motion by Elder Steve Robinson, Jr. and second by Brother F.M. Preece, were approved and ordered to be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(30) On motion by Elder Steve Robinson, Jr. and second by Elder Willie Varney, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the time and place mentioned above. The Sardis Association then adjourned by way of prayer.

This Work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.

Elder Edwin May, Moderator

Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator

Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., Clerk

Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

## SUNDAY

September 15, 1974

The day broke clear and cool and the air was still a little chilly as the many Brethren, Sisters and friends began to gather under the Tent. But soon the singing of Zion's songs with old time feeling and hand shaking would warm the soul and take our minds away from earthly things. By Meeting Time the large Tent was filled to overflowing and some had to stand up outside.

Elder Webster Bartley of the Philadelphia Association introduced the services with a question of "How bad do you want to see Jesus?" Brother Bartley then led in prayer.

Elder Paris Tackett of the Northern New Salem Association came to the Stand singing but expressing how little, how weak and how unworthy he felt. He expressed a feeling that one day we will all attend the Association for the last time but that someday a greater Association will be gathered together that won't ever break up. Brother Paris did not take a specific Text but allowed himself to be directed by the Spirit which led him up onto the high mountain and the congregation out into green pasture. Brother Paris and the congregation were so filled by that good Spirit that for the space of some 40 minutes there was joyous shouting and preaching from all over the congregation. So much so that the Meeting closed itself out and I am unable to find words that would in any way describe this Heavenly scene. A scene that was better felt than told, God's Children giving Him the honor and glory for all things.

After a few words by Elder Edwin May and Elder Wayne Herald, our beloved Moderators, dismissal was called by Elder John P. Church. On behalf of the Delegates and Officers of the Sardis Association, I want to give God the honor

and glory for giving us still another good Association. Praise His high and holy name!

May God bless the Sardis Association with a double portion of His love until we meet again.

Your Clerks

## UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

### APRIL

*Southern Home:* First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: H. Jimmy Deeley, Tracy Hatfield, Ellis Davis, David Baisden, Charley Evans, S.D. Hensley, Roy B. Akers and Moderator attending.

*Okechobee:* Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, Ellis Davis, Melvin Watts, H. Jimmy Deeley, David Baisden and Julius Lester.

*Little Rosa:* Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Alson Thornsberry, Wayne Herald and Wallace Muncy.

### MAY

*Salem:* First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Charley Johnson, Tommy Ellis, Hershell Huff and Moderator attending.

*Turkey Creek:* Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, Harold Edmonds, Ernest Cochran and John P. Church.

### JUNE

*Apple Orchard:* First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, John Lowe, Mont Ellis and Moderator attending.

*Enon:* First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Steve Robinson, Jr., David Baisden and Hershell Huff.

*Muncy Valley:* Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Ellis Davis, Emory Erters and John P. Church.

*Pilgrim's Rest:* Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Moderators attending.

*Buck Creek:* Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Roy B. Akers, Edwin May, Tracy Hatfield, Monroe Jones, James Gannon and Moderator attending.

*Little Virgie:* Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., James Tackett, Dallas Ramsey and Lloyd SESCO.

*Sidney*: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Wayne Herald and Wallace Muncy.

## JULY

*Dix Fork*: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: N.A. England, Eddie Tackett, Robert Haney, Jimmy Dale Sanders and James Tackett.

*Samaria*: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Edwin May, Melvin Watts, Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Milford Lowe.

*Leannah*: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Tracy Hatfield, Grover Adkins, Wayne Herald and John P. Church.

*Mt. Pleasant*: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Wayne Herald, John P. Church and Monroe Jones.

*Big Branch*: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Charley Evans, Edwin May and Steve Robinson, Jr.

*Mary Elizabeth*: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Harold Edmonds, Tracy Hatfield, Grover Adkins and Paris Tackett.

*Rosa*: Third Saturday and Sunday. This is our Union Meeting. Our Communion is in August. Ministers called: Ross Hopkins, Carl Ray Turtle, George Hopson, Hassel Estep and David Baisden.

*Narrows Branch*: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: H. Jimmy Deeley, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald, Johnnie Cline, James Tackett, Tommy Ellis and Deb Sanders.

## AUGUST

*Titiba*: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Tommy Ellis.

*Rebecca*: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Isom Hannah, Eales Cotton, Hayden Hannah, Ross Cline and Johnnie Cline.

*Elk Fork*: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Johnnie Cline, H. Jimmy Deeley, Joe Evans and Charley Evans.

*Bent Branch*: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Mitchell Chaffins, Woodrow Dye and Moderator.

*Rosa*: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Our Union Meeting is in July.

*Bethany*: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Charley Evans, Eales Cotton, George Woods, Wayne Herald and Edward Runyon.

*Sardis*: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: George Woods, Isom Hannah, Berlin Thornsbery, Andrew Maynard and John Fouch.

*Pilgrim's Home*: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Robert Haney, James Tackett, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Moderators attending.

## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

### AND

### MINISTERS TO ATTEND

## MARCH

OKEECHOBBE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Okeechobee Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Henry Barney, John Lowe, Frank Edwin Hay and Moderators attending.

## APRIL

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, Harvey Chapman and Hershell Huff.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Matilda M. Robinson, Esta M. Reed, Perry Samie and Dewey Cline, sons of Bonnie and Morrna Cline and infant children of Oliver and Edna Robinson on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Fay Scott, Roosevelt Lowe and Ernest Cochran.

## MAY

ELKFORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Willie Stlener, Alson Thornsbery and Chester Belcher.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Ratliff Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J.L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran and David Crigger.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbery, James Gannon, Wayne Herald and Edwin May.



NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lloyd E. Smith, Edwin May, Willie Stilner, Clifford Maynard, Claude Brown and David Crigger.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Jobe Blackburn on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon and Edwin May.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on May 30th at 2:00 pm. Ministers called: H. Jimmy Deeley, Andrew Maynard, S.D. Hensley and Billy Brumfield.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

## JUNE

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Jeff Robinette Cemetery at Varney, Ky. on Sunday, June 1st. Ministers called: Edwin May, Clarence Owens and Grover Adkins.

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday for all members of Southern Home Church. Ministers called: Lassie Edwards, Monroe Ousley, Julius Lester, Fon Bowling and Moderator attending.

TIBITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for the deceased members of the Tibitha Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: David Baisden, Burbage W. Mullins and Isom Hannah.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Roy B. Akers, Grover Adkins, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald and Edward Runyon.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John Fouch, Edwin May, Edward Runyon, Isom Hannah, Charley Evans, Willie Varney, Millis Roberts, David Baisden, James Tackett and Ellis Davis.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, John P. Church and John M. Justice.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Ransom Chaffins on the third Saturday night and Sunday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie White, Willard Blair, Ellis Davis and Willie Varney.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Jim and Betty Gilman at the home of Elder David L. Baisden on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Johnny Newsome and Joe Curry.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held in the head of Sycamore Creek at the Lowe Cemetery for Johnie Nichols and wife on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J.L. Nichols, Roosevelt Lowe, Clifford Maynard, Dave Williams, Edwin May and Wayne Herald.

## JULY

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Willis Lowe, Robert L. Robinson, H. Jimmy Deeley and all Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ballard Blackburn will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork on Sunday after the first Saturday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited to attend.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., John P. Church, Wayne Herald, Alson Thornsburg and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Ky. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willie Stanley, H.C. Maynard, Edwin May, Alson Thornsburg and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Wayne Herald, Edwin May and John P. Church.

MEMORIAL MEETING of the Taylor family and the Maynard family will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Edwin May.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Isom Hannah, Willie Varney and David Baisden.

## AUGUST

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Isom Hannah and Melvin Watts.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Grover Adkins, Tracy Hatfield and Steve Robinson, Jr.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jethro Hampton, Bob Scott, Tracy Hatfield and Ross Cline.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, George Woods, Harold Edmonds and Wallace Muncy.

## Obituaries

### ELDER B. H. BEVINS, SR.



Elder Benjamin Harrison Bevins, Sr., age 85, was born March 28, 1888, the son of the late Thomas J. and Sally Jane (France) Bevins. In the early morning hours of November 6, 1973 his spirit was called by God to relieve him of his pain and suffering, and his body is awaiting its resurrection from the dead when they will be reunited in Heaven. Brother Harrison will once again praise the Lord in his new home that he so often preached about and, in his later years, seemed anxious for the journey since he had at an early age in life accepted Christ as his Saviour, was adopted into the family of God, entitled to receive the good things that Jesus has prepared and awaits him in the new Jerusalem.

He was married to the late Louisa (Harris) Bevins and to this union were born 8 children, six daughters: Mrs. E. L. (Ola) Stone, Williamson, W. Va.; Mrs. A. E. (Arithia) Hamlet, Gary, W. Va.; Mrs. W. E. (Gladys) Priddy, Houston, Tex.; Mrs. Charles (Maye) Stepp and Mrs. Willard Ray (Helen) Thompson, both of Richmond, Va.; and Mrs. C. R. (Betty) Wilson, Logan, W. Va.; and two sons, William York Bevins, Goody, Ky. and Benjamin Harrison Bevins, Jr., Huntington, W. Va.

In 1966 Brother Harrison was married to Exie Pruitt Bevins, who survives. Sister Exie was a devoted and loving wife who cared for his every need in these latter years.

Other survivors include one brother, Thomas J. Bevins, Columbus, Ohio; 7 step-children: Mrs. Juanita Newberry and Mrs. Thelma Elswick, both of Raven, Va.; Mrs. Gladys Hedge, Danville, Va.; Mrs. Bonnie Evans, Chicago, Ill.; Cecil C. Pruitt, Ashland, Ky.; James D. Pruitt, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Ted E. Pruitt, Nashville, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 17 step-grandchildren; and numerous relatives and Christian friends.

Brother Harrison was received into the fellowship of the Salem Church by Letter on the first Saturday in October 1920, thus he began his 53 years of spiritual leadership in the Church and the Sardis Association. The older Brethren and Sisters now sleeping in their dust drawn shrouds saw the Spirit working in Brother Harrison and chose him to serve the Church as a Deacon on the first Saturday in May 1926. Acknowledging his leadership as a Deacon of the Church,

they recognized that the Lord had blessed him with several talents and that Brother Harrison was willing to be led by the Spirit for he knew that all things worked together for good to them that loved God, especially to them who are called according to His purpose.

On November 2, 1935 he was ordained as an Elder of the Salem Church. He served as Moderator of several Churches for more than 36 years. While he was concerned for the well being of the Churches and their Membership, he jealously guarded his own reputation as a good Shepherd of the Sheep, always working for peace in the fellowship of God's children. He was faulted by the Brethren and he knew that his opinion was sometimes different from those of his Brethren and Sisters, but by his faith in God he believed in being reasonable with them. Brother Harrison was truly a "Beloved Elder" of the Church.

He was a simple man who loved God and desired to please Him. His voice our ears can no longer hear but we have hidden in our hearts his words of counsel and his sermons are often recalled by many who loved him and who await that great reunion day when we can meet all of our loved ones and join with them in praising God forever and ever.

Dearly beloved, while we await God's call and this reunion with His heirs, let us concentrate daily on the study of God's word. It is food for our souls and if He hears our voice daily in prayer He will give us victory over sin and then we can forgive others as Christ has forgiven us.

Written by his Nephew,  
Brother Calvin Bevins

### NANCY A. COX



With much sadness I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved Sister, Nancy Ann Hensley Cox. She was born to Avery and Nona Norman Hensley on January 6, 1927. She departed this life on June 9, 1974, making her stay on earth 47 years, 5 months and 3 days. She was the mother of 3 children born to her by a previous marriage, Eugene Davis, Urona Coffeeman and Hester Lewis, all of Little Rock, Arkansas. There were 4 grandchildren. She also left 3 sisters: Linda Know, Nevada Mounts and Mary Christian Blevins; and 6 brothers: James Pete, Robert, Samuel D., John Henry, Albert Rush and

Tommy.

She was a member of the Tibitha Regular Baptist Church and was baptized October 23, 1966 by the hands of Elders Willie Varney and H. Jimmy Deeley.

I hope and pray that Sister Nancy Ann is at rest. I say unto the children and those who mourn her loss that you must repent and be born again in order to meet our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This is the prayers and hopes of the weak and unworthy.  
She is sadly missed by her family.

**MARY Y. THOMPSON**

Written by her Brother,  
Elder Samuel D. Hensley,



With much sadness I will try, by the help of the Lord, to write an Obituary of a dear old Sister of the Cross, Sister Mary Young Thompson. She was born September 23, 1879 and departed this life August 2, 1974, making her life here on earth 94 years, 10 months and 9 days at death.

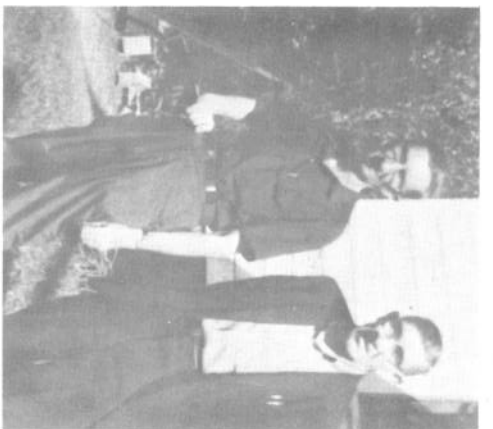
She was united in marriage to George Thompson, who preceded her in death in 1958. To them were born 11 children and 3 preceded her in death, Stella Robinette, Elmer and James Thompson. Those living to mourn her loss are as follows: Henry Thompson, Detroit, Mich.; Harold and Clyde Thompson, Varney, Ky.; Mrs. Salley Lowe, Varney, Ky.; Tempa Walters, Sidney, Ky.; Mrs. Virgie Robinette, Pontiac, Mich.; Mrs. Gracie Robinette, Hazel Park, Mich.; and Mrs. Oma Bevins, South Williamson, Ky. She has one sister, Charity Lee, Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville, Ky. There are 25 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

Sister Mary confessed a hope in Christ September 22, 1923 and was baptized by the hands of Elder W.L. Varney and Elder Willis Blackburn and placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist where she lived a faithful member until death. She filled her seat in the old Church as long as she was able. I believe Sister Mary lived a true Christian life. By their fruits you shall know them. Children, you have lost a good Mother, the neighborhood a good neighbor and the Pilgrim's Home Church a wonderful Sister. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Children, those that are out of the Ark of Safety, turn your face toward Heaven and call God for a record on your soul and ask Him just how you stand with Him this day. Repent while you have life and opportunity because after death there is no repentance. Then you can go home with Mother and live with Jesus forever. May the good Lord bless each and every one.

Written as requested by,  
Sister Sophia Williamson

**TED R. BOGAR**



It is with a sad and broken heart that I try to write the Obituary of my dear husband, Ted R. Bogar. He was born October 27, 1899 the son of James L. and Elizabeth Scott Bogar. He departed this life November 11, 1973, making his stay here on earth 74 years and 15 days. He was married to Candis Bevins on April 7, 1928. To this union no children were born.

He was a good and loving husband, always trying in every way he could to help me, and his neighbors as well. He joined the Regular Baptist Church on September 9, 1962, placing his membership in the Mt. Pleasant Church and always filled his seat until the day the death angel came and called him home. He served as Deacon for the Mt. Pleasant Church for several years.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, two brothers, eight nieces and nephews, along with a host of friends and loved ones and the entire membership of the Mt. Pleasant Church.

My hope is to meet Ted with all the rest of the family around the throne of God.

Written by his wife,  
Candis Bogar

**HATTIE SMITH**



With a sad and aching heart we will attempt to write an Obituary of our dear loving wife and Mother, Mrs. Hattie Hankins Smith.

She was born at Hardy, Ky. on May 9, 1890 and deceased this life October 21, 1973 at the age of 83 years, 5 months and 13 days. She was married to Mack Smith on May 30, 1910 and to this union were born 8 children and two of them preceded her in death. Surviving are her husband and 6 children, namely: Fern Farley, Raymond Smith, Joseph E. Smith and Lloyd E. Smith, all of Michigan; Vern Sanders of Maryland; and Fae Smith, Hardy, Ky.

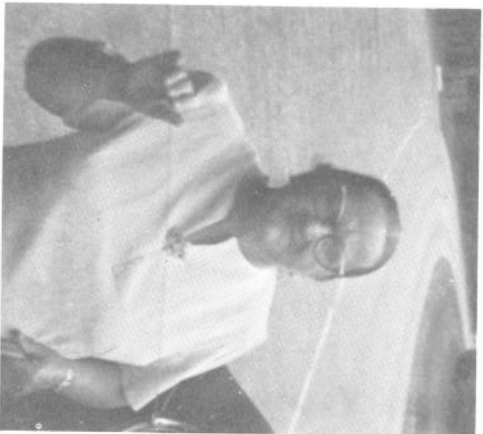
She filled her seat in the Narrows Branch Church for many years, as long as

her health would permit her to go, but her seat is now vacant. For many years she baked the bread for Communion. She has one daughter and one son who are members of her Church. She was loved by all her Brothers, Sisters and friends. No one had to look for her in Church - you could hear her singing. She could sing so many songs, word for word, without a book. One song that meant so much to her was "Just One Rose Will Do."

Our home is so sad and empty without her. We know that we must repent if we are to join Mother. Our Daddy has lost a good wife, we children a good Mother and we all miss her so much but we feel our loss is her gain.

Written by her two daughters and husband,  
Fern Farley, Vern Sanders and Mack Smith

**AÍCIE C. RITCHIE**



With God's help, I will attempt to write the Obituary of my dear and loving Mother, Aicie Cline Ritchie, who departed this life on July 7, 1974. Mom was born May 10, 1910 at Baisden, W. Va. to James O. and Hopie Walls Cline, making her stay here on earth 64 years, 1 month and 27 days.

She was married to Estel Ritchie August 7, 1927 and to this union were born 9 children, three sons: Hurshel Ritchie, Charleston, W. Va.; Steve Ritchie, Baisden, W. Va.; and Virgil Ritchie who preceded her in death in March 1971; six daughters: Causby Blankenship, Dessie M. Cline, Elva Thompson, all of Baisden, W. Va.; and Lilly M. who died at the age of 3 months.

Shelva Cline, Lennie Long, both of Nitro, W. Va.; and Lilly M. who died at the age of 3 months.

She also leaves 20 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren; 5 brothers: Sampy, Emery, Sllas and Uia Cline, all of Baisden, W. Va. and Walter Cline, St. Louisville, Ohio; 3 sisters: Lizzie Lester, Bessie Cline, both of Baisden, W. Va. and Avie Robinson, Falls Mills, Va.

Mom joined the Rosa Regular Baptist Church in August 1940 and was baptized by Elder Perry Cline. She lived a faithful life until death. Although Mom was very sick for the last few years, she never stopped going to Church. The last six months of her life was devoted entirely to the Church and all her conversations were of the Church and the Lord. She loved to visit other Churches of her own faith and was a Mother and friend to everyone who knew her. She loved for people to come and visit her and to eat with her. I think the happiest time of her life was when she was in Church. She was always praising the Lord and saying she felt like going on. She was a very good and devoted singer in the Church. No one will ever be able to take her place in the Church,

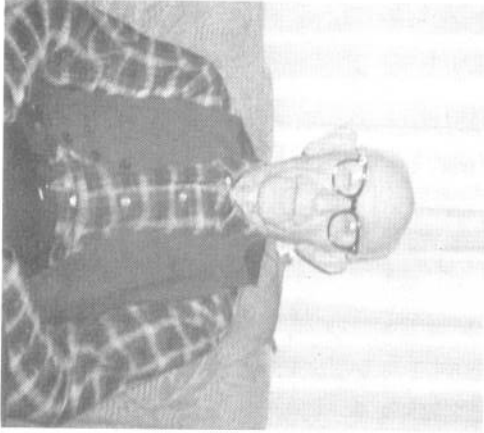
although they might sit in her seat. There was a certain place in the Church where she sat and it is so hard to go to Church and see where she sat so many years and not be able to see her anymore.

Mom was blessed to see 5 of her children come into the Church and the others making a start. I know this helped her to die a happier death. I want to say to the children that have started, please pray on if you ever want to see Mom again. I don't have any doubt about Mom's destination but still we miss her so much only God knows how hard it is to bear. He is the only one who can comfort us. God gives us strength to go on each day. I believe I will see Mom again someday but not as she was here on earth. I believe she will be wearing that long white robe which God has promised everyone that would serve Him. I believe God called her away because He had a better place for her. I'm longing for the day when we can all go home to glory together.

Mom is missed very much by her husband, children and many friends.

Written by her daughter,  
Dessie Mae Cline

**RICHARD BEVINS**



Brother Richard Bevins, born September 18, 1882, was the son of the late Thomas and Louisa Stratton Bevins of Metra, Ky. and left this world of trouble December 21, 1973 to enter into that rest which remains for the people of God.

Brother Richard was married to Sarah Laura Morris who preceded him in death in August 19, 1972. They had eight children but one daughter and three sons preceded him in death. Surviving children are Mrs. Evan Moody, Williamson, W. Va.; Glen Bevins, Los Angeles, California; Conley E. Bevins, Columbus, Ohio; and Carl C. Bevins, South Williamson, Ky.

Ky. He leaves 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ for more than 55 years and during this time he served the Church as a Deacon and Trustee and was a faithful and active member until sickness and advancing age prevented his attendance.

Brother Richard's passing is cause for much sorrow to those who will miss his presence in this life but also much joy in that we feel his sorrows are past forever and that when Jesus Christ appears Brother Richard will also appear with him in glory.

Submitted by,  
Brother Carl Bevins

## MARY PINSON

It is with sadness I try to write the Obituary of my dear Mother, Mary Pinson, who departed this life July 1, 1974 at the age of 82 years, 3 months and 20 days.

She was married to Sidney Pinson, who deceased this life February 8, 1966. To this union were born 12 children, two of whom preceded them in death and leaving 10 children to mourn their loss.

Mom was baptized September 2, 1934 by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins and took up fellowship with the Salem Church. Due to illness Mom was not able to attend Church for some time.



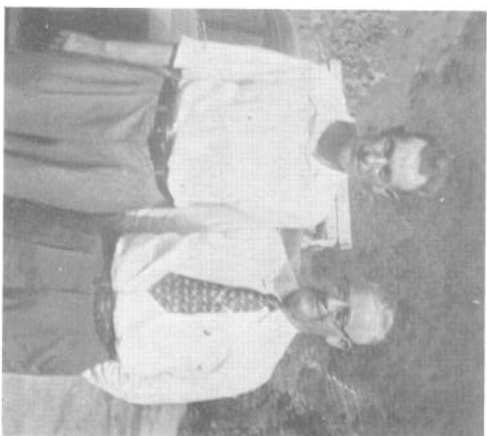
The day she died she told my sister and me she was going home to Heaven. She looked up, pointed and asked what there was so white? She got real excited and I think Mom saw something we couldn't see. I feel like she is at rest and I trust all of us can meet Mom and Dad someday. If Mom could call back to her dear ones she left behind, no doubt she would say, "I am home in Heaven, dear ones."

Prepared by her daughter,  
Leola Bevins

## GORDON MAYNARD

It is with a sad and mournful heart that I attempt to write an Obituary of my Father, Gordon Maynard. He was born May 4, 1904 the son of A.J. and Polly Ann Maynard. He left us March 6, 1974, being 70 years old. Daddy first married Zettie Maynard who preceded him in death 31 years ago. They had one daughter, Velma M. Trivette, and 6 grandchildren. He later married Lizzie Ray who survives.

Daddy was a kind and loving father and grandfather. He was a good neighbor, an honest man and everyone loved him. His widow is so lonesome here without him, life will never be the same after Daddy left us. I am thankful to God that I had the opportunity to take him into my home and care



for him in the last days that he had to spend on earth.

He leaves one brother, T.H. Maynard, along with the rest of the family to mourn his passing. Uncle Trimble looks so sad and when I see him I know how he feels to be left alone out of a family of 12 children.

Daddy was a faithful member and Deacon of the Pilgrim's Rest Old Regular Baptist Church. I know the Church grieves his passing. To his many friends, relatives and family, there is one consolation that Daddy is not here suffering and I hope he is resting from all his labor, sickness and suffering.

A daughter never had a better Daddy or grandchildren a better Grandfather. It seems like I can almost speak to him sometimes. Oh, how I wish I could! I dreamed Daddy come back to me and said "I have come to stay with you." I know that is not possible but we can meet again someday, I hope.

His daughter,  
Velma M. Trivette

## LEONARD STANLEY

It is with a sad heart I try to write this Obituary of my father, Leonard Stanley. He was born to the late Melvin and Rosabelle Jude Stanley, Piso, Ky. on February 9, 1905 and died May 22, 1974.

He was married to Elizabeth Jude on October 27, 1924 and to this union were born 10 children but 2 infant sons preceded him in death. This leaves 8 sons and daughters to mourn his loss: Burl, Miami, Fla.; Leonard, Jr., Bob, Dave and Don of Ohio; Maggie, Hatfield, Ky.; and Inez and Rose of Ohio. There are 23 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



He had 6 brothers and sisters to precede him in death: George, Orville, Troy, Carl, Maggie and Lertie. There are 6 still living: Cora, Della, Stella, Velva, Clyde and Kenneth.

Daddy was baptized August 19, 1934 into the Old Regular Baptist Church and took up fellowship with the Mary Elizabeth Church. He was a Deacon for 30 years. We believe Daddy's suffering is over and we hope to meet him again someday.

Written by his daughter,  
Rose

Dear Daddy, I will soon join you. Thanks for everything. I will miss you so much. You can never be there at home to greet me no more. I will always be with you in spirit. I love you Daddy. So long for now.

### HARVEY J. CURRY

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of my Uncle, Harvey J. Curry. He was born September 2, 1907 the son of Julius B. Curry and Polly Ann Farley Curry and was 65 years and 3 months old at his death.

He was married to Mary O. Norman Curry and to this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Jettie Ratliff. He leaves five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He belonged to the Sardis Church of Old Regular Baptist at Delbarton, W.Va.



our Church but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a Niece,  
Mrs. Euna Varney

### WILLIAM G. SMITH

In memory of our dear Husband and Father, William Goble Smith. He was born September 23, 1905 in Pike County, Kentucky and departed this life September 5, 1973. He was the son of the late Henry C. and Cora Runyons Smith.

He was married to Verna Bogar and to this union were born four sons: William Chester Smith, Versailles, Ky.; Glen Allen Smith, Huntington, W.Va.; Thomas Clinton Smith, Columbus, Ohio; Clifford Douglas Smith, Lexington, Ky.; and two daughters: Thuregene Thornsberry, Sidney, Ky.; and Jacqueline Laborda, Cincinnati, Ohio. He is also survived by his 21 loving grandchildren; two half-brothers: Delmon and Roland Smith; and two sisters: Bessie Edwards and Fannie King.



He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church, being baptized on the 12th day of May 1972 by the hands of Elder Lloyd Sisco and Elder David Cigger. He was a faithful member but due to illness was not able to attend regularly.

Sadly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and his many friends. We shall miss his loving heart and smile. Although gone, he will never be forgotten and precious memories will always be with all.

Written by his loving wife and daughter-in-law, Phyllis

### JASPER R. and MARTHA J. TRIPLETT

Brother Jasper R. Triplett was born January 16, 1891 in Martin County, Ky. and died February 20, 1974 at the age of 83. He was married to Sister Martha Jane Slone Triplett in 1914 in Martin County, Ky.

Sister Jane Triplett, as we called her, was born February 23, 1900 in Martin County, Ky. and died September 24, 1973 at the age of 73 in Ocala, Fla. where they resided at the time of her death.

To this union were born 5 children: three daughters, Mrs. Gladys E. Harrington, Paintsville, Ky.; Mrs. Thelma T. Runyons, Warfield, Ky.; and Mrs. Imogene Brewer, Carlisle,



Ohio; and two sons, Herbert C. Triplett, Columbus, Ohio; and John B. Triplett, Warfield, Ky. They also had several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They left many friends and the Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church, where they belonged, and many other Churches which they visited, which loved them, to mourn their loss.

I met this old Brother and Sister in the evening of their lives and for the few years that I was privileged to have intimate contact with them I could write a book. I believe with all my heart that the Lord sent them to Florida and to our little Church, we needed them so badly. Brother Triplett belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. I don't have the dates but he came by Letter to the Southern Home Church the first Saturday in May 1968 from Sidney Church. Sister Jane was baptized the third Sunday in April 1968 by Elder Tommy Adair, the writer, although she had been a member of the Old United Baptist for many years before coming to Southern Home.

Brother Triplett was a Deacon of Southern Home Church and served as Treasurer and as Assistant Clerk as long as he was able. He served as Clerk of Sidney Church before he came to Southern Home Church. They were always faithful and always filled their seats at the little Church when they were able. We traveled together and visited so many places together that I feel a sadness as I write this. Brother Triplett furnished the car and expenses and I did the driving. Their home was a pleasant place to visit and they always added something to me when I talked to them. I always felt a little better after a visit with them.

Sometimes when I felt discouraged and low in spirit, I would go to their home and feel refreshed by their words of encouragement. Brother J.R. was an optimist, he always looked on the bright side of things. When they talked about dying they seemed to take it in its due perspective. They said they were ready to go. They had lived a good life and although they dreaded death, they looked beyond to the eternal happiness which they would share together, for they truly loved each other and seemed to have no doubt of their destination. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain and I'm living in hope that when I meet all the ransomed of God that I will meet Brother J.R. and Sister Jane again.

Brother and Sister Triplett has a fine family of whom they were very proud. I'll say to their family that I feel that God took them away from them for a few days and loaned them to us in Florida. I think if you want to see them again that you will have to prepare in this world to meet them in Heaven. May God bless you all.

Written by your unworthy,  
Elder Tommy Adair

#### ELDER CLYDE BROWN

It is with much sadness that I try to write the Obituary of my beloved husband, Clyde Brown. He was born May 12, 1911 in Pike County, Ky. making his stay here on earth 62 years, 7 months and 28 days. He was the son of Elder John H. and Victoria Cordella Williamson Brown, both of whom preceded him in death.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Dix Fork in November 1946 and was baptized by Elder Bud Coleman and Elder Harold Edmonds. He was ordained a Minister the first Saturday in May 1962.

Those left to mourn his loss, besides myself, are two sons, Bill Brown, Phyllis, Ky. and Keith Brown, Columbus, Ohio; a step-son, James M. Edmiston, Sidney, Ky.; and three step-daughters, Mrs. Wanda Miller, Mrs. Loretta May and Miss Judy Edmiston, all of Sidney, Ky.; a sister, Mrs. Etta Maynard, Sidney, Ky.; two brothers, W.S. Brown, Pritchard, W.Va. and George Brown, Williamson, W.Va.; 10 grandchildren and 5 step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

He is very much missed by all his family but I feel he has gone to a better place, where he will not have to suffer no longer, for I feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his wife,  
Mrs. Cinda Brown



#### HAZEL ELKINS

Hazel Elkins was born December 4, 1915 at Hatfield, Ky. and departed this life August 9, 1974 at her home at Bidwell, Ohio at the age of 58. She was the daughter of the late Wallace and Sarah (Gilman) Jackson. One daughter preceded her in death. Sister Hazel was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Church at Hatfield, Ky.

Survivors include her husband, Tony Elkins, Bidwell, Ohio; 3 sons: Bobby Elkins, Bidwell, Ohio; Lester Elkins, Zanesville, Ohio; Larry Elkins, Bidwell, Ohio; and 1 daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Bonnie Jean) Easton, Fairborn, Ohio. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Tommy Jackson, Hatfield, Ky.; Oscar Jackson, Williamson, W.Va.; David Jackson and Wallace Jackson, Columbus, Ohio; Gladys Thompson, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Goldie Robinson, Nolan, W. Va.; Inez Fraley, Hatfield, Ky.; Parsy Davis, Columbus, Ohio; and Elsie Fitzsimmons, Kalamazoo, Mich. There are 10 grandchildren.

Mom will be sadly missed by her many loved ones, friends and neighbors.

Written by her son,  
Bobby Elkins



#### NANCY FARLEY

With sadness and all the love in my heart, I will try to write the Obituary of dear, sweet, beloved Mother, Nancy E. (Lockard) Farley. She was the daughter of Artellis and Martha (Maynard) Lockhard.

She was united in marriage to Bob Farley on March 21, 1936 and to this union were born 5 children, all of whom are living: Ruth Cochran, Detroit, Mich.; Faye Slater, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Bonnie Williamson, Hardy, Ky.; Betsy Taylor, Turkey Creek, Ky.; and Martha SESCO, Toler, Ky. There are 19 grandchildren.

Mother was a loving member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Narrows Branch, Hardy, Ky. for many years. She loved the Church and its



members but most of all she loved the Lord. Her whole life was to be with her loving Saviour. Although Mother could not attend every Sunday, her heart was in Church and for the love and goodness of all Churches combined.

I feel with all my heart my darling Mother is resting in the arms of Jesus and I pray someday, darling Mother, we children and Daddy will join you in the Gates of Heaven.

Written by her daughter,  
Martha Sescio

#### FRENCH BLACKBURN

With a sad and aching heart I will try by the help of the dear Lord to write the Obituary of my dearly beloved Dad, French Blackburn. He passed away at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital January 3, 1974 at the age of 80 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Born in Pike County, Ky. September 13, 1893 he was the son of the late A.H. Blackburn and Margaret (James) Blackburn. His wife, Bessie Blackburn preceded him in death on May 6, 1968.



Survivors include 2 sons: Ersel Blackburn, Armada, Mich. and Chester Blackburn, Varney, Ky.; 3 daughters, Toka Hunt, Warren, Mich.; Lucina Blackburn and Fay Blackburn, McCombs, Ky.; 2 brothers: Rosco Blackburn, McCombs, Ky. and Bradley Blackburn, Salem, Ohio; 2 sisters: Vora Whitt, Betsy Layne, Ky. and Beechie Roop, Pikeville, Ky.; 21 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Dad was a farmer and worked hard as long as he was able. He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church at Big Branch and was a faithful member as long as he was able to go. He loved so well to be in the good Meetings and never wanted to be late for Church. I miss him so much when I go to Church.

So sad was the hour when he had to leave us, the home place is so vacant now since him and Mom both are gone. We all miss them so much. I know he lived a lonely life after Mother passed away but let's all put our trust in the good Lord, one who is able to bear our burdens in time of sorrow, and hope to meet them in a better world where God will wipe away all tears.

Sadly missed by his Children and Grandchildren. May God bless everyone is my prayer.

Written by his daughter,  
in Hope of Eternal Life,  
Lucina Blackburn

#### SIDNEY JARRELL, SR.



By the request of the family I will try to write an Obituary of Brother Sidney Jarrell, Sr. He was the son of Joel Jarrell and Mary Canterbury Jarrell. He was born April 14, 1897 and deceased this life on December 27, 1973 at the age of 76 years and 7 months.

He was married to Sallie Canterbury Jarrell, who preceded him in death, and to this union were born 4 daughters: Fannie Watson, Columbus, Ohio; Rachel Burke, Circleville, Ohio; Mary Jane Williams, Columbus, Ohio; and Sarah Hatfield, Columbus, Ohio; 3 sons: Ernest Jarrell, Delbarton, W.Va.; Sidney Jarrell, Jr., Columbus, Ohio; and Charles Jarrell, Erie, Pa. He leaves several grandchildren and great-grandchildren to mourn his loss.

He belonged to the Sardis Church of Old Regular Baptist at Delbarton, W.Va. I will say to his children and grandchildren, they lost a real good Father and our Church has lost a good Brother. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a Sister in the Church,  
Mrs. Euna Varney

#### LOZZIE S. THACKER



Sister Lozzie Smith Thacker, the daughter of the late Bud and Arminda Varney Smith, was born September 15, 1893 at Canada, Ky. and deceased this life about 5:30 pm on Saturday, March 30, 1974, making her stay here 80 years, 6 months and 15 days. Sister Lozzie was married to Martin P. Thacker on March 30, 1916 and to this union were born 12 children, 10 sons and 2 daughters.

Sister Lozzie became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, being baptized at the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins on Sunday, April 30, 1939 and placed her membership with the Mt. Pleasant Church. She later moved her membership to the Dix Fork Church by Letter and she remained a faithful member until death called her from our midst.



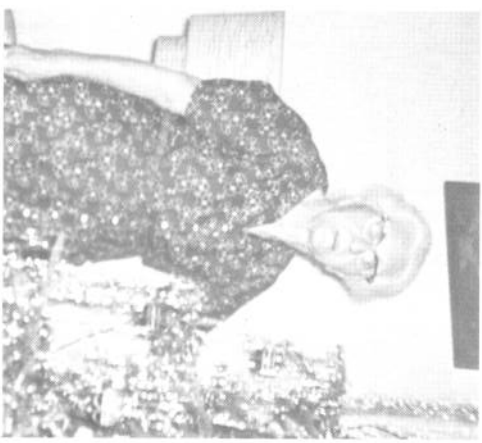
Survivors include her husband, Martin P. Thacker, Sidney, Ky.; 10 sons: Ernest Thacker and Robert Lee Thacker, both of McAndrews, Ky.; Luther Thacker, Elyria, Ohio; Osker Thacker, Canada, Ky.; Raymond Thacker, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Thomas J. Thacker, Lorain, Ohio; and Irvin Thacker, Belfry, Ky.; 2 daughters: Mrs. Lora Anderson, Nashville, Tenn.; and Mrs. Gladys Pinson, Bellview, Mich.; 4 brothers: Mack Smith, Kell Smith and George Smith, all of Hardy, Ky.; and Dillard Smith, Stone, Ky.; 2 sisters: Mrs. James Stanley, McVeigh, Ky.; and Mrs. Mazie Blackburn, Sidney, Ky.; 56 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren, besides a great host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn her loss.

We feel that our loss is her eternal gain. She believed in the Lord, Jesus Christ, repented of her sins and confessed Christ as her personal Saviour while she lived in this world. And we believe that Christ will confess her as one of His followers before His Father and the Holy Angels. God so loved Sister Lozzie that He gave Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, that she, by believing in Him, should not perish but have eternal life.

She will be missed by all who knew her but our prayer for all of you is one Sister Lozzie probably prayed for you many times, that God will richly bless and save you eternally.

Written by one she loved, as requested,  
Elder Harold Edmonds

#### JULIA CLINE



With much love and sympathy I write the Obituary of Julia Cline, one of my dearest Sisters of the Rosa Church. She was born May 9, 1880 and deceased this life February 3, 1974. God blessed her to live 93 years, 8 months and 25 days. She was married to John Miller, who preceded her in death, and to this union were born 5 children and 1 foster daughter. Her only son preceded her in death. Her descendants include 23 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

In 1923 she married Elder Perry Cline who later preceded her in death. Julia was the Step-Mother of 5 children.

She was a Mother of the Rosa Church and to all that knew her. I am not able to express in words the love and kindness she had for her Brothers, Sisters and many friends. She enjoyed laboring and working many long hours preparing food for all who visited her. I feel that Julia was highly honored by everyone. I believe she is asleep in Jesus Christ and will be rewarded with a rose and a crown

in the great Judgement Day and will be raised singing in the Resurrection morning.

Great and marvelous art thy words, just and true art thy ways. So children, if you failed to give her a rose that fadeth not away in this life, you can prepare to meet with her again while you are yet on this side of the river of death. God bless every one of you.

Written by Elder Ross Cline

#### FLORA M. SMITH



It is with much sadness that I try to write the Obituary of my dear Aunt in the flesh and Sister in the Lord, Flora Maynard Smith. She was the daughter of Andy and Polly Ann Pinson Maynard. She was born August 21, 1890 and deceased October 13, 1973, making her stay here 83 years, 1 month and 23 days. She was married to Harrison Smith and to this union 3 children were born, Nichodemus Smith, who died in infancy, Easter Williams and Trimble Smith, both of whom preceded her in death, leaving a lonely life for Uncle Harrison and Aunt Flora. She left 12 grandchildren along with Uncle Harrison to mourn the loss of a loving wife and grandmother. She also had 11 brothers and sisters but only one is still living, Trimble Maynard.

Aunt Flora joined the Old Regular Baptist Church many years ago while still young but the date is not known. She took up fellowship with the Pilgrim's Home Church and at the time of death was the oldest member of that Church. I know she is missed by all the members who knew her. She attended Church as long as she was able to go. I have heard her shout and praise the Lord so many times. She was so happy to be with the Brothers and Sisters but was unable to go for a long time but was always rejoicing and praising the Lord. I want to say to Uncle Harrison and the grandchildren, I know you miss her but our loss is her gain. Just get ready to meet her where there will be no more parting for I believe that Aunt Flora is resting from her labor, just waiting for the resurrection where she can be with her loved ones; where she will not be sick and so feeble anymore. We will miss her so much but we believe she is at rest just waiting for the trumpet of God to sound and the dead in Christ shall rise where we will be together to part no more.

Written by her Niece, in hopes  
of seeing her again,  
Alsie Pinson

## SINDA FLOYD



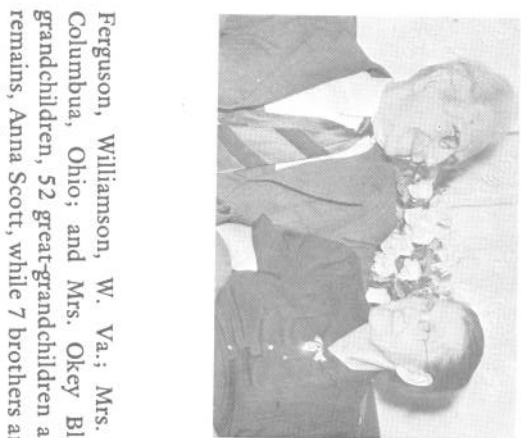
Lenore, W. Va.; and 5 grandchildren.

Sister Sinda Lucille Floyd, age 52, of Lenore, W. Va. died at 4:45 am Thursday, May 2, 1974 at her home following a lingering illness. Born April 2, 1922 at Lenore, W. Va. she was the daughter of Marion C. Ledson, Sr. and the late Florence Clark Ledson.

Survivors, in addition to her father, include her husband, Theodore Floyd of Lenore; 2 daughters, Mrs. Judith A. Kozec, Westerville, Ohio and Mrs. Joan C. Prince, Huntington, W. Va.; 1 son, Theodore Floyd, Jr., Columbus, Ohio; 3 sisters, Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mrs. Dora Mayberry and Mrs. Mable Hall, all of Lenore; 2 brothers, Leon Ledson, Chino, Cal. and Marlon Ledson, Jr.,

## LAURA STATON

To write this Obituary is a very sad task but many precious memories come to mind and eases the burden.



Mother was born in Pike County, Ky. March 9, 1883 the daughter of George and Angeline Reed and died November 22, 1973. She was married to Willard Staton December 18, 1903 and he preceded her in death in August 1958. To this union were born 12 children but 3 preceded her in death. Surviving are 4 sons and 5 daughters: Carl Staton, Hermitage, Tenn.; Troy Staton, Kingston, N.C.; Woodrow Staton, Iberia, La.; James E. Staton, Mendoza, Argentina, S.A.; Mrs. Floyd Williamson and Mrs. Earl Ferguson, Williamson, W. Va.; Mrs. Steve Felty and Mrs. Gladys Slack, Columbus, Ohio; and Mrs. Okey Blackburn, Detroit, Mich. There are 30 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. One sister remains, Anna Scott, while 7 brothers and 1 sister preceded her in death.

Mother became a member of the Mt. Pleasant Church on November 2, 1924 where she remained a faithful member and attended as long as her health permitted. For a long period of time - upwards of 30 years - Mother and Dad looked forward with great pleasure to having Church in their home where they

could meet with their Brethren, Sisters and friends for sermons of old time religion and for prayer and singing.

God blessed us with a wonderful Mother and we are comforted with our belief that our loss is a Heavenly gain.

For as long as I can remember Papaw and Babaw's home was also "home" to every boy and girl in the community. We loved them as children and cherished them ever so dearly as we grew older. The happiness they had together was so freely shared with us and made us realize that true happiness in this world can be found only through Jesus and in loving thy neighbor. They gave us the most precious of gifts, they gave of themselves.

## BETTY LACKEY

The Children of Road Fork

A devoted daughter, Mrs. Floyd Williamson

With much sadness in my heart and with the help of God, I will try to write the Obituary of my Mother, Betsy Sartin Lackey. She was born September 15, 1902 and departed this life September 9, 1973, making her stay here on earth 70 years, 11 months and 24 days.



She was married to William Lackey and to this union were born 10 children. Daddy and two children preceded her in death. She left behind 4 sons and 4 daughters: Clyde, Raymond, William, Jr. and Lonnie, all of Route 1, Lenore, W. Va.; Lillie Mae White, Edith Faye White and Florence May, all of Route 1, Lenore, W. Va.; and Ethel Mullins, Haysi, Va. She also left behind 51 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church over 40 years ago. For over 7 years she was down sick and couldn't go to Church but the good Brethren and Sisters would come to her home and have Church and Mother would rejoice.

I believe with all my heart that Mother is at rest with God. I know she will not be sick any more. She would always sing "I'm Going Home To Die No More." She would sometimes tell me she would like to go on home. I miss her so much but I know if I live a good life I'll see her and Daddy someday.

I would like to say to the children who don't know God, to ask Him to forgive your sins and live a good life so you can meet Mother and Daddy when this life is over.

Written by her daughter,  
Lillie Mae White

## WILLIAM LOWE



It is with much sadness and a broken heart that I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved Daddy. Dad was born August 3, 1899 and departed this life August 26, 1974, making his stay on this earth 75 years and 23 days. He was the son of the late George and Lade (Nunney) Lowe. He was married to Sarah Stone Lowe and to this union were born 5 children, two daughters, Josephine Runyon and Emogene Webb; three sons, Jessie, Junior and Buster.

He also has 3 brothers, Hayes Lowe, Publes, Ohio; Jim Lowe, Laura, Ky.; and Tom Lowe, Turkey Creek, Ky.; 2 sisters, Esta Blackburn and Nancy Harvet, Turkey Creek, Ky. There are 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren all of whom survive and are left to mourn his loss.

Dad was a member of the Turkey Creek Church for 22 years and was baptized by Elder Lewis Marcum. Dad was a faithful member and loved to go to Church but had been sick for a long time and for the past 5 months he was too sick to attend Church. But God knew his heart and his mind. Dad didn't get to tell us his last good-by but I seen a smile upon his face for the last time. That smile let me know Jesus was with him and never will I forget that smiling face! For Dad there will be no more suffering and no more pain but for us there will be loneliness and aching hearts for years to come. But our loss is Heaven's gain. Dad's light can't shine any more on earth for us and I believe with all my heart that Daddy has gone to that better home he talked about.

I want to say to the family, home is lonesome in this old world without Daddy but he set us a good example and if we follow it, some day we can have a better home also. Dad will be there to welcome us home where there will be no more sorrow or pain and all will be joy and peace forever.

Written by his loving wife,  
and daughter, Josephine Runyon

## DICV ANN LOWE

By the request of the family, I will try to write the Obituary of Sister Dicy Ann Maynard Lowe. She was the daughter of Bro. Flem and Bell Maynard. She was born June 20, 1896 and deceased this life March 30, 1973.

She was married to Aderin Lowe, who survives, and other survivors include one son, Denzil Lowe, McCombs, Ky.; one daughter, Ethel Lowe Runyons, Varney, Ky.; one brother, Kinsey Maynard, McCombs, Ky.; 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; and many friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

She was a member of the Apple Orchard Church of Regular Baptist and filled her seat as long as she was able. She was baptized November 18, 1968 by Elder Edwin May and Elder Harvey Lowe. She had a stroke and was not able to walk anymore but she always enjoyed the Brethren and Sisters coming into her home to talk with her.

So I want to say to her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, if you want to see Mother and Grandmother you must be born again; not of corruptible seed but of an incorruptible by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever. I believe she will be in that world to rest and never to suffer anymore. So may God bless and save you all is my prayer.

Written by,  
Elder J. L. Nichols

## BELL FRANCIS

It is with much sadness, and I trust God's help, that I attempt to write an Obituary of a very dear Sister in Christ, Sister Bell Francis. Sister Bell was the daughter of the late Elder Mont Williamson and Sister Tempia (Francis) Williamson. She was born September 25, 1895 at Varney, Ky. and departed this life on July 5, 1974, making her stay here on earth, God's footstool, 78 years, 9 months and 10 days.



Sister Bell was the wife of Henry Francis of Varney, Ky. who survives. She is also survived by 4 sons, 2 daughters, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. The children are as follows: James Adam Coburn, Bell, Calif.; Andy Coburn, of Florida; Woodrow Maynard, Varney, Ky.; Henry Francis, Jr., of California; Mary Jane Clevinger, Varney, Ky.; and Marie Charles, of Florida. Sister Bell leaves 2 sisters to mourn her passing, Sister Mary Thompson, South Williamson, Ky. and Sister Charity Lee, Varney, Ky.

Sister Bell joined the Church a very long time ago and placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church. She has been a faithful member and a good and kindhearted neighbor throughout the years. She enjoyed doing what she could for her neighbors. I am sure God remembers her goodness and has and will reward her for her labors.

Henry, you have lost a good companion, a companion that you have loved and helped so much throughout the years. Children, you have lost a wonderful Mother. I feel the Church has lost a wonderful member and the community a very dear friend. Try not to weep over Sister Bell, she has left a world of trouble and is now resting from her labors. I feel her soul has returned to God and in the

morning of the Resurrection it will reunite with her body and sit with her on the right hand of God and will sing and shout praises to Him forevermore. If you want to see Sister Bell again, I beg you to fall out with sin and ask Jesus to come into your life.

Written as requested, by a Brother in Christ,  
James M. Ray

#### DAVID FRANCISCO



Brother David Francisco, the son of the late Evans Francisco and Nancy Smith Francisco, was born August 24, 1894 and deceased this life November 30, 1973 about 8:00 pm in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, making his stay here 79 years, 3 months and 6 days. Brother Dave, as we loved to call him, was married to Nancy J. Keesece on May 9, 1921 and to this union were born 4 children, 3 sons and 1 daughter.

Brother Dave became a member of the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, being baptized at the hands of Elders Emit Case and Harold Edmonds on May 14, 1950. He remained a faithful member until death took him from our midst.

Survivors besides his wife, Nancy J. Francisco, include 3 sons, Chester, Eugene and Lendell Francisco and one daughter, Mrs. Augustine Robinette, all of Sidney, Ky.; 2 brothers, Milam Francisco, Gainsville, Fla. and Rush Francisco, Forest Hills, Ky.; 2 sisters, Mrs. Lucy Elswick, Forest Hills, Ky. and Mrs. Mintie Runyon, Huntington, W. Va.; 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and a great host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn his loss.

But we hope that our loss is his gain, for we believe that Brother Dave believed in Christ to the saving of his soul. We hear the Scriptures saying, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

To his wife and children, brothers, sisters, relatives and other loved ones we say, press forward to the mark of the high calling as it is in Christ Jesus and run the race with patience everly looking to Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.

May God richly bless and save all of us is our prayer, in the sweet and blessed name of Jesus.

Written as requested by the family,  
by one he dearly loved,  
Elder Harold Edmonds

#### EMMA R. DEMPSEY



Our Mother, Emma (Ratiff) Dempsey, was born July 7, 1900 at Wolfpit, Ky. Her parents were Silas William and Sarah Beth (Coleman) Ratiff.

She was married to Thomas H. Dempsey, son of Joe B. and Rebecca (Maynard) Dempsey, on December 19, 1921 at Wolfpit, Ky. They were the parents of 5 sons and 3 daughters, all of whom survive: Blake, Aflex, Ky.; Leslie, Lucasville, Ohio; Everette, Cincinnati, Ohio; Thomas, Columbus, Ohio; James, Bluefield, W. Va.; Evelyn Burner, Columbus, Ohio; Mildred Webb, Slater Branch, Ky.; and Betty Jo Reil, Virginia Beach, Va. Also surviving are 20 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Her brothers and sisters surviving are: Glen Ratiff, Millard, Ky.; Dick Ratiff, Wolfpit, Ky.; Elster Ratiff, Maysville, Ky.; Rudy Ratiff, West Columbia, S.C.; Mrs. Oiba Ratiff, Big Rock, Va.; and Mrs. Irene Willis, Madison, Ohio. Our father and grandparents preceded her in death.

Mother became a member of the Regular Baptist Church at Turkey Creek, Ky. in 1958 and was loyal to God and to her Church.

She died October 2, 1973. Mother is lovingly remembered by her family, many friends and all who knew her.

Written by her daughter,  
Mildred Webb

#### LILLIE A. FLOYD

Mrs. Lillie Adair Floyd was born at Oppy, Kentucky on March 10, 1884 to the late William Adair and Elizabeth Hensley Adair. She married William Troy Floyd, who preceded her in death, April 23, 1903. To this union was born eight children: May M. Sipple, Elizabeth C. Hall, John B. Floyd (deceased), William Troy Floyd, Jr., George Floyd, Noah Floyd, Lillian F. Floyd and Rush F. Floyd. There were 25 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two brothers, William C. Adair, Delbarton, W. Va., and Noah Adair, Dingess, W. Va.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour and was baptized in 1921 by the late Wilburn B. Estrepp and Wallace Maynard. She placed her membership with the old Sardis Church at Delbarton, W. Va.

She expired November 30, 1973 at the age of 89 years and 8 months.

Written by,  
Lillian Webb

## RELL MCGUIRE



It is with a sad and lonely feeling that I attempt to write the Obituary of my dear husband, Rell McGuire. He was born in Pike County, Ky. February 21, 1901 and departed this life June 29, 1974, making his stay on earth 73 years, 5 months and 4 days.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Mary (Reed) McGuire, 4 sons: Ruel B. McGuire, Melvin Bruce McGuire, Rell, Jr. McGuire and Paul David McGuire, all of Hatfield, Ky.; 4 daughters: Emogene Smith, Bidwell, Ohio; Juanita Reed, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Nannie Lou Brunty, Clear Fork, W.Va.; and Grace Potter, Owlsley, Ky.; 1 daughter, Brookie Bevins, preceded him in death; 4 brothers: J.C. Blackburn, Stanville, Ky.; Earl McGuire, South Carolina; Forest McGuire, Varney, Ky.; and Tunis McGuire, Williamson, W.Va.; 4 sisters: Minnie Hensley, Maher, W.Va.; Mary Bell Akron, Williamson, W.Va.; Victoria Pinson and Lillian Francis, both of Turkey Creek, Ky.

He professed a hope in Jesus and was baptized at the hands of Elder Jonah Ester Williamson and Elder Willis Lowe in October 1963 and was a faithful member until death. He was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Church of Regular Baptist.

We have lost a dear one but we know we shall see him again when Jesus comes. So children, he can't come back to see us but we can prepare ourselves to meet him in Heaven. You have lost a good Daddy, I have lost a good husband and we hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife who loved him so,  
Mary (Reed) McGuire

## LENA R. BECKWITH

It is with much sadness and a sorrowful heart that, by the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of Sister Lena Runyon Beckwith. She was born to John Henry and Pheroby Hensley Runyon on June 7, 1918. She departed this life on September 10, 1973, making her stay on earth 55 years, 3 months and 3 days. She was the wife of Warren Beckwith and the mother of 10 children, 5 of which preceded her in death, leaving 5 to mourn her death. Also 4 grandchildren, 1 brother, R.F. Runyon, and 1 sister, Rannie Smith.

I say to the children of Sister Lena that I feel she is at rest and now has a better home than she ever had on earth. Also, that to meet Mother again you must repent and be born again.

Sister Lena was a member of the Sardis Regular Baptist Church where she remained a member of good standing until the day of her death. She was respected and loved by her Brothers and Sisters of the Church.

May God bless and save you all are the prayers of the unworthy.

Sadly missed by her family and friends,  
Written by a Brother in faith of the Lord,  
Jesus Christ.

Elder Samuel D. Hensley

## SMITH JUSTICE

With the help of God I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved Daddy, Smith Justice. He was born December 27, 1902 the son of Melvin and Vicie Workman Justice, who preceded him in death. He was married to Goldia Holbrook Justice who preceded him in death April 7, 1969.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Delbarton, W. Va.

He is survived by three daughters: Ollie Runyon, Ragland, W.Va.; Delores Hall, Omar, W.Va.; and Joyce Chapman, Varney, W.Va.; three brothers: Elva Justice, Elk Creek; John B. Justice, Delbarton, W.Va.; and Henry Justice, Chapmansville, W.Va.

six sisters: Mrs. George Farley, Elk Creek; Mrs. Carl Hunnicutt, Delbarton, W.Va.; Mrs. Elva Curry, Chapmansville, W.Va.; Mrs. Joe Toms, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Mrs. Rue Cunningham, Whellerburg, Ohio; and Mrs. Henry Wood, Morgantown, W.Va.; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

I would like to say that as long as Dad was able to go to Church he was there. The evening he passed away he was so sick all day we couldn't understand what he would say to us. But the Nurse told me just before God called him away He gave him the strength to sing "Amazing Grace" and she said he done a good job. So I feel that our loss was Heaven's gain and, if we live good, that someday we can meet Dad and Mom again where they won't be sick anymore.

Written by his daughter,  
Ollie Runyon

## DOLLIE R. YOUNG

It is with a sad and aching heart and a great feeling of loss that I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved mother, Dollie (Rose) Young, who passed away July 17, 1973 making her stay on earth 64 years and 20 days. Mother was born June 27, 1909 at Trace, Mingo Co., W. Va. to James A. and Margaret (Akers) Rose. She had 3 brothers and 3 sisters but 4 preceded her in death.

Mother was united in marriage to James E. (Zoad) Young on August 2, 1936. To this union were born 7 children, 5 sons and 2 daughters, and 1 preceded her

in death, John L. Young. The children are Eugene Young, Radford, Va.; Mrs. Bobby Fields, McCombs, Ky.; Kelly Steward Young, Pikeville, Ky.; Mrs. William Hughes, Los Angeles, Calif.; Lay Thomas Young, Castrita, Calif.; and Charles Walter Young, Radford, Va.

Mother was well loved by everyone and did everything she could for anybody. She worked and slaved and trusted in the Lord to help raise her children. Dad was sick most of the time since I remember but we got along with the help of the Lord. Mother laid sick so many months. I would sit by her bed and she would say, "Kelly, don't worry about Mother. I am glad I have a better home where there is no sickness and pain." I will sure miss her, life is so lonely without her, I feel so left alone but I hope to see her some day in heaven, because I believe she is there with Jesus.

Mother accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior in September 1952 and was baptized by the hands of Elders John M. Justice and Alvon Campbell and placed her membership at the Old Chloe Creek Church. I know that our loss is heaven's gain. I know the Church misses her because Mother filled her seat when she was able but she was sick so much these last few years. I believe she is resting in the arms of Jesus.

Written by the one that misses her so much, her son,  
Kelly Steward Young

#### JOHN M. LOWE

It is with a heavy heart that I shall try to write the Obituary of Brother John McKinley Lowe. He was born July 15, 1894 and deceased this world on April 23, 1974. He was the son of the late James Pry and Margrette Maynard Lowe. Brother John joined the Church in 1938.

He was married to Vernie Keese in 1913 and unto this union were born two children, a daughter, Hazel Lowe, and one infant son who preceded him in death. He has four grandchildren: Johnny James Lowe, Romulus, Mich.; Ruby Allene Lowe Maynard, McCombs, Ky.; Ruth Leona Lowe Hobbs, Brunswick, Ohio; and Orison Mich. He also left behind 11 great-grandchildren. Three brothers and five sisters have preceded him in death but still living are three sisters, Angeline Lowe Maynard (Tiny), Zebulon, Ky.; Ellen Octavia Lowe Keese, Ransom, Ky.; and Alice Vivian Lowe Maynard, Meta, Ky.

We miss Brother John very much but we feel that our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. Brother John had been sick for six years. Now his sickness has been cured and we must prepare to meet him one happy day.

Written by,  
Sister Sharon Robinette and his beloved family



## 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 to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 2.** In the Letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by Letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 4.** The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

**ARTICLE 5.** The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 7.** Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

**ARTICLE 8.** Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

**ARTICLE 9.** The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Church with Minutes of the Association.

**ARTICLE 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 to 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.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 12.** The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with.

**ARTICLE 13.** Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the union, if deemed necessary.

**ARTICLE 14.** All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present.

**ARTICLE 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 violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and 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

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 2.** We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

**ARTICLE 3.** We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 6.** We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 9.** We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 14.** We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

**ARTICLE 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

**ARTICLE 1.** The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

**ARTICLE 2.** The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 4.** The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 6.** No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

**ARTICLE 7.** No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association; and only five minutes at a time.

**ARTICLE 8.** No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

**ARTICLE 9.** No member of the Association shall address another in any other term of appellation than that of "Brother."

**ARTICLE 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 Decorum.

**ARTICLE 11.** The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

**ARTICLE 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.

**ARTICLE 13.** Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the Decorum shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

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Church, John P.	Burnwell, Ky.
Cline, Johnie	Baisden, W. Va.
Cline, Ross	Baisden, W. Va.
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Crigger, David	Sidney, Ky.
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Dials, Willis	Pilgrim, Ky.
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Lowe, Roosevelt	Goody, Ky.
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 REBECCA: Hi Preece, Howard Gilman, F.M. Preece.  
 BENT BRANCH: Fred Bevins, Ted Blackburn, Lloyd SESCO.  
 SARDIS: Willie Varney, Joe Evans, H. Jimmy Decey.  
 BIG BRANCH: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Landon McCoy.  
 MARY ELIZABETH: Tom Fraley, Wallace Muncy, J.D. Walters.  
 BETHANY: Marion Ledson, Jr., Ellis Davis, Charles Hall.  
 ELK FORK: Harrison Baisden, David Baisden, Andrew Maynard.  
 PILGRIM'S HOME: Willard Young, Joe Warrix, K.H. Williamson.  
 SALEM: John P. Church, Quentin Bevins, Rush Reed.  
 SIDNEY: Tan Howell, Jobe Blackburn, Bascom Maynard.  
 DIX FORK: James Gannon, Steward Brown, Omer Williamson.  
 NARROWS BRANCH: Bobby Scott, Virgil Stanley, Russell Thacker.  
 LEANNAH: Steve Robinson, Jr., Ben Robinson, Billy Robinson.  
 BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazee, Tom Dials, Hobert Graham.  
 TIBITHA: Charley Evans, Joe Robinette, John Fouch.  
 LITTLE ROSA: Fay Scott, Robert L. Robinson, Lacy Marcum.  
 TURKEY CREEK: Leroy Reed, Lonzie Thomas, Willis Lowe.  
 SAMARIA: Billy Ray May, Sherman May, Carlous Lackey.  
 ROSA: Ross Cline, Tracy Hatfield, Uley Perry.  
 MUNCY VALLEY: Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis, Avery Hensley.  
 LITTLE VIRGIE: Chester Belcher, John J. Scott, Alson Thornsbury.  
 SOUTHERN HOME: Tommy Adair, Childmer Marcum, Hiram Young.  
 PILGRIM'S REST: Wayne Ray, Willie Stanley, Van Pinson.  
 OKEECHOBEE: Monroe Ousley, Ralph Reed, Mosco Gillman.

CHURCH	MODERATOR	NUMBER OF MINUTES REQUESTED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CHURCH CONTRIBUTION	CHURCH TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd SESCO	100	3	1	0	1	3	0	0	39	\$50	2 July	
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	75	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	39	\$25	1 June	
ENON	Lloyd SESCO	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$25	1 June	
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	75	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	61	\$50	2 Aug.	
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	100	3	0	0	3	2	1	0	67	\$185	3 Aug.	
SARDIS	Willie Varney	150	5	0	0	0	3	2	2	96	\$40	4 Aug.	
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	75	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	34	\$40	3 July	
MARY ELIZABETH	Robert L. Robinson	75	12	1	0	0	3	3	3	53	\$40	3 July	
BETHANY	Willie White	100	11	0	0	0	2	4	4	60	\$30	4 Aug.	
ELK FORK	Willie Varney	75	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	40	\$50	3 Aug.	
PILGRIM'S HOME	Wayne Herald	250	1	0	0	1	4	2	2	144	\$180	4 Aug.	
SALEM	John P. Church	200	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	89	\$100	1 May	
SIDNEY	Milford Lowe	50	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	27	\$30	4 June	
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	75	\$93	1 July	
NARROWS BRANCH	John P. Church	100	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	67	\$65	4 July	
LEANNAH	Roosevelt Lowe	75	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	\$40	2 July	
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	100	1	1	0	1	0	7	4	42	\$50	3 June	
TIBITHA	Charley Evans	70	1	1	0	0	3	2	2	41	\$40	1 Aug.	
LITTLE ROSA	Fay Scott	50	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	23	\$20	2 April	
TURKEY CREEK	Willis Lowe	125	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	80	\$80	2 May	
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	100	14	0	0	0	1	3	3	54	\$50	1 July	
ROSA	Johnie Cline	100	10	1	0	0	5	0	0	83	\$100	3 July	
MUNCY VALLEY	Mont Ellis	25	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	19	\$10	2 June	
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd SESCO	40	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	21	\$30	4 June	
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair	150	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	30	\$35	1 April	
PILGRIM'S REST	Edwin May	65	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	22	\$103	2 June	
OKEECHOBEE	Montre Ousley	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	\$50	2 April	
TOTALS		2675	80	9	0	0	9	45	33	1387	\$1,611		

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