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FRIDAY

September 8, 1989

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptists, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Southern Home Church, Spart, Marion County, Florida on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1989.

Early arrival on the ground yesterday touched off the sparks of excitement as they lingered together into the night not wanting to part even for a few short hours, yet anxious for the morn and the arrival of other members of the family. Still feasting upon the unbounded love for one another and the sheer delight of God's people coming together again after a long year of being apart, the children gathered at Mother Jerusalem's table eager for this Association to begin. Songs of joy mingled with the sweet smell of morning air to further commemorate the beautiful day.

Elder Edwin May, our esteemed and able Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand before an unexpectedly large congregation under the tent to welcome the people and announce the arrangements. Let Brotherly love continue and, Brother Ed advised, if the evil spirit begins to creep in among us God has the remedy if we seek it and we can have the best Association ever. But, Brother Ed continued, if we don't seek God's help and trouble creeps in, the road home will be sad and bumpy.

Elder Edwin Hay, our capable Assistant Clerk and chosen as Alternate last year, came to the stand in the opening of the Services hoping, above all else, we have assembled ourselves in humbleness to the great God of Heaven and that God will bless us above measure in this Association.

Standing for a short space of time, Brother Edwin spoke of the witness of God in our lives. This witness, he said, will witness for you or against you. If we be the children of God the witness will prove it. If our preaching is true the witness will tell it. We need to be a witness for this old time Gospel, Brother Edwin said, and if we are going to preach it we must practice it. If something needs worked upon, Brother Edwin continued, we better work upon it because Jesus said, "If thy right

hand offend thee, cut it off." Brother Edwin then led in Prayer.

Elder Lloyd Sessco, our much loved and dependable soldier of the Cross, came to the Stand to preach the Introductory Sermon. Brother Lloyd expressed his thankfulness to God for watching over us along the long journey here. He hoped that everyone has been praying for God's will to be done in this Association because the miles back home will be long if we leave here in confusion.

Brother Lloyd confessed that he sought an excuse through sickness not to attend this Association so far away from home but God spoke to his heart saying, "Go, and I'll go with you."

Choosing for his text, "...my Father worketh hitherto, and I work." (John 5:17). Brother Lloyd noted that sometimes he had worked hard to get things done that he felt needed to be done and many times had to just turn it over to Brother Lloyd continued, and we can all work in our calling if we wait upon the Lord and seek His perfect will.

With an intermingling of advice and scripture, Brother Lloyd noted the subtlety and the lie of Satan when he beguiled Eve in the Garden by misquoting God's word and said "...thou shalt not surely die....". By adding the word "not" he completely changed the meaning of the scripture.

"We are," Brother Lloyd continued, "living in the evening of time and I feel I can see the shades of eternity. We have corrupted the good land God gave us but there is a better land later on. Make it as sure as you can, put on the whole armour of God and if His will is done during this Association we will leave here shouting."

The Sardis Association delegates and many delegates from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Southern Home Church house where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom the several non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the tent where Heavenly Manna rained down from the throne of God through the inspired preaching of:

Elder Joe Evans, Sardis Association
Elder Otis Williams, Union Association
Elder Ellis Amburgey, Union Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in order, Elder Herman West of the Union Association opened the proceedings at the house with preaching. Elder Hiram Adkins of the New Salem Association then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, our beloved and faithful Moderator, came to the

Stand thinking of the Delegates who couldn't get here and those who may still be on the road trying to get here. The smallest Church in our union, Brother Ed said, is just as important as the largest. He reminded the Delegates that this Association and its Officers represented all twenty nine (29) of our Churches and if we need to fight a little bit, lets search for a smooth stone to cast so as not to kill the Brethren. He remembered the words of Elder Willie Hay, "Brethren, don't split your kindling so fine you can't put it back together when called upon to do so."

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

Brother Landon Taylor
Brother W. H. Hale
Brother James Blackburn

(3) The Moderator then called for the Letters from the Sardis Association Churches to be handed in to the Clerk and for the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance.

(4) Having reviewed the Letters received from the Churches for regular form and order, the clerk read the Letter from our host Church, the Southern Home Church, and, upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$3,650.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(6) The Moderator appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates for Officers to serve the Sardis Association for the coming year and instructed the delegates to vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk:

Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Roy Caudill, Northern New Salem Association
Brother John M. Mullins, Union Association

(7) The Sardis Association then completed its 1989 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Ison Hannah, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

(8) By move and second, it is ordered that our Moderator make all temporary appointments during the sitting of the Association.

(9) Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association and the entire Southern Home Church delegation. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Danny Runyon, Sardis Association
Elder Johnnie Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder Herman West, Union Association
Elder Ellis Amburgey, Union Association
Elder Roy Caudill, Northern New Salem Association

(10) Committee Appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren and to see that the Stand be supplied with ministers:

Brother Edward Youmans
Brother Bruce Forsyth
Elder Chris Walls
Elder Stanley Campbell

(11) By regular move and second, the reading of the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith was omitted except for Article 10 of the Articles of Faith which was read twice by the Assistant Clerk.

(12) The Moderator called for the Letters from our corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters were read and, by regular move and second, were received, the delegates seated with us in Council and given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator:

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: John M. Mullins, Stanford Branham, Billie Hutchins, Garland Deel, Gene Raliff, John Lowe, Bill Hess, Gary Hess, Randy Raliff, Woody Cantrell, Walter Mullins, Roger Spillman, Mike Sheppard, Lassie Edwards, Herman West, Alvin Thornbury, Ellis Amburgey, Walter O'Quinn, Tilden Yates, Ois Williams and Richard Lowe. Letter in the hands of Brother John M. Mullins.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Pete Hensley, Lee Fields and Hiram Adkins. Letter in the hands of Brother Pete Hensley.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Roy Caudill, Johnnie Newsome, Forrest Osborne and Glen Dixon. Letter in the hands of Elder Forrest Osborne.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Douglas Colegrove, Paul Morrison, Richard Reed, Irving Breeding and Glen Merril. Letter in the hands of Brother Paul Morrison.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Gary Brown, Elzie Reed and Leonard Coleman. Letter in the hands of Brother Gary Brown.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our same faith and order desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Robert Clay, Richard Staton, Chris Wats, Leonard SESCO, William Adair, and Clifford Maynard.

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

(15) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association.

(16) On motion by Brother K.H. Williamson, second by Elder Lloyd SESCO, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 9, 1989.

SATURDAY

September 9, 1989

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Southern Home Church house where Elder Forrest Osborne from the Northern New Salem Association opened this session of our Association with preaching. Elder Lee Fields from the New Salem Association led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.

(2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.

(3) Appointed the following committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our 1990 Association; who shall be his alternate; and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1990 Association:

Elder Lee Fields, New Salem Association
Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
Brother Pete Hensley, new Salem Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Bobby Scott, Preach Introductory Sermon
Elder James Gannon, Alternate
Elder Billy Williamson, Prepare Circular Letter

(4) The Committee appointed Friday to arrange the preaching met and selected the following Brethren to preach Saturday night and Sunday and was discharged:

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association
Elder Joe Evans, Sardis Association
Elder Sabert Nichols, Sardis Association
Elder Tommy Adair, Sr., Sardis Association

SUNDAY

Elder Richard Staton, Sardis Association
Elder Billie Brumfield, Sardis Association
Elder Otis Williams, Union Association
Elder Isom Hannah, Sardis Association

(5) Called for the Sardis Association Treasurer Report and, by regular move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand 9-10-88	\$ 16,098.64
Interest received 9/5/88 to 7/5/89	\$ 576.68
Total available for 1988	\$ 16,675.32

Less 1988 Expenses:
 Print 4,000 copies of minutes \$ 4,014.00
 Mailing and Misc. Expenses \$ 40.00

Total 1988 Expenses (\$ 4,054.00)
 Balance on hand 9-8-89 \$12,621.32

Add 1989 Receipts:
 Contributions from Churches \$ 3,650.00
 Obituary Pictures \$ 290.00
 Total 1989 receipts \$ 3,940.00
 Balance on hand 9-9-89 \$ 16,561.32

(6) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1989 and that he be allowed \$50 for his expense.

(7) By regular move 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 \$300 for his expense.

(8) Elder Sabert Nichols, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand and humbly read the Letter he had prepared. Brother Sabert's letter was received and, by regular move and second, ordered to be printed in our minute.

(9) It is ordered, by regular move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, and Old Friendship Association; that our clerk prepare the Letters of Correspondence and file of Minutes; and that Brethren to attend these Associations as delegates be appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the host Churches at Wise, Wise County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1989: Robert R. Clay, Stewart Brown, Berlin Thornsberry, Leslie McGuire, Isom Hannah, Ralph Hunt, Elbert SESCO, Frank Sheppard, Merlin SESCO, Lloyd SESCO and Edwin May. Letter in the hands of Elder Lloyd SESCO.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1989: Merlin SESCO, Robert R. Clay, Lloyd SESCO, Stewart Brown, Richard Stalon, Jackson Holbrook, Elbert SESCO, James Blackburn, Isom Hannah, Freddy Maynard, Thomas J. Dials, Marion Duncan, Edwin May, K.H. Williamson, Edwin Hay, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Milford Lowe. Letter in the hands of Brother Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Pleasant View Church, Lichfield, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1990: Robert R. Clay, Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay, Clyde Brown, Clayburn Varney, Isom Hannah, Billie Brumfield, Jackson Holbrook, K.H. Williamson, W.H. Hale, Merlin SESCO, Donnie Brown and James Barney. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the South Fork Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1990: Robert R. Clay, Edwin Hay, Clyde Brown, K.H. Williamson, Stewart Brown, Donnie Brown, Chester Cochran, Berlin Thornsberry, James Gannon, Merlin SESCO, Maynard Hay, Jackson Holbrook, Marion Duncan, Sabert Nichols, Paul Vance, Archie Prince, David May and Isom Hannah. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Mount Zion and Little Zion Churches at the Panther Creek Church, Panther, WV, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1990: Robert R. Clay, Donnie Brown, Chester Cochran, Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay, Isom Hannah, Stewart Brown, Berlin Thornsberry, Elbert SESCO, Charles Testerman, Ray Thompson, Jerry Thompson, Buddy Glanden, Howard Sammons, Lawrence Lester, Elmer Little, Marion Duncan, Sabert Nichols, Judd Cline and James Gannon. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsberry.

(10) Read the Letter of Condolence from our Sister Association, the Northern New Salem, and, by move and second, ordered it be printed in our Minutes.

(11) After discussion and by move and second, Item (11) of our 1988 minutes is reprinted as follows: Read the Request from the Pilgrims Rest Church asking the Association to consider a self-insured type of insurance covering all Sardis Association Church houses. Discussion brought out several items to consider in this type of arrangement, such as: banks require insurance be carried if Church has a loan; state law requires liability insurance for personal injury; there would be under funding until contributions build up; and the loss of several buildings, while not likely, would wipe out a very large fund. On advice from our Moderator and by move and second, the Request to consider this type insurance was granted and the churches asked to bring a decision back to the Association next year.

(12) A Tent Committee Report from Elder Clifford R. Maynard shows that no expense was incurred for the past year but that work needs to be done on the tent and trailer and that storage space for the tent is lacking. Brother Clifford pointed out that the Southern Home church had rented a tent for the Association because they did not have easy access to our tent. He suggested the Association help them

with that expense and Contributions from the house of \$742.00 was turned over to the Southern Home Church.

Consideration of liability for personal injury or death to a Church hosting the Association, or to the Association itself, resulting from use of the tent revealed that some Churches have bought liability insurance to cover that exposure. By move and second, it is ordered that our tent committee make sure that liability insurance for personal injury or death is obtained and in force before the tent is set up for use by any Sardis Association Church and, if necessary, the Sardis Association will pay the cost of such insurance.

(13) Discussed the vacancy of a Trustee created by the death of Brother Jim Bevins. By move and second, it is ordered that Brother John Henry Elkins be appointed a Trustee of the Sardis Association.

(Clerk's Memo: Elder Ernest Cochran and Brother Bob Justice are the other two Trustees).

(14) By move and second, Item 14 of our 1975 Minutes is reprinted, without the preamble, as follows:

September 13, 1975
Dingess, West Virginia

Sardis Association
of Old Regular Baptist

Brethren:

In answer to the Query from the Dix Fork Church asking, "Does the Sardis Association believe in Sisters wearing pants, slacks or shorts?" We, as an Advisory body, say:

To answer this Query in the affirmative would be interpreted by some Brethren too liberally and they would say we have laid down the gate and opened the doors to anything and everything.

To answer this Query in the negative would be interpreted by some Brethren too strictly and they would say we have shut the door on everything and Committees would flow from Church to Church like water. We believe the Sardis Association should advise the Churches to advise their members--both Brethren and Sisters—to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that becometh a Child of God. We believe that each Child of God will adorn themselves in a manner that they can easily be identified from the world. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

We believe, and the Association has so stated in the past, that each Church in the Sardis Association holds the key to its own door and is the sole judge of the conduct of its members as long as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the Scriptures. In fact, Article 3 of our Constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on any internal right of the Churches.

Elder Wayne Herald
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
Brother James M. Ray

(15) 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.

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

(17) By move and second, a Request from the Little Tavie Church was granted to reprint Item 18 from our 1919 Minutes, which was as follows:

"Ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women."

(18) A request from the Rebecca Church asks, "In the receiving of members having more than one living companion, does the criteria of receiving the innocent party also apply to the receiving of members by other than baptism, (restoration, recommendation, letter)?" On regular move and second, the word "receive" in the following item (19) is defined to include "any means of receiving members."

(19) 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."

(20) Read a Request from the Samaria Church and Rebecca Church to print in our minute all the Orders of the Sardis Association that are still in effect. After discussion and by move and second, it is ordered that our Clerk print the Orders of the Association as a document separate from our minute and provide each Church in our union with a copy of the same.

(21) By motion and second, it is ordered that requests for Union, Communion and Memorial meetings be published in our Minutes.

(22) By motion and second, it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brethren and Sisters that are in good standing with the Churches at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$10.00 will be made for a picture with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

(23) By move and second, granted a Request from the Pilgrims Home Church to print the Obituary of Scotty Walters in our minutes.

(24) By move and second, granted a request of the Turkey Creek Church to print an obituary of Nancy Goldcan Maynard in our minutes.

(25) Read a request from the Pilgrim's Home Church to remove Louie Muncy from our register of Ordained Ministers because he stands excluded from that Church. By regular move and second, the Request is granted and Louie Muncy is no longer preaching, and may no longer exercise the privilege and duty of an ordained Elder, under authority from the Pilgrim's Home Church nor from the Sardis Association.

(26) Read a Request from the Sardis Church to publish the correct date of ordination of Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. By regular move and second, the Request is granted and, according to Sardis Church records, Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. was ordained on October 25, 1941.

(27) Called for report of Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial meetings. By move and second, received the report and commended the Brethren for their effort in fulfilling their obligation.

(28) Read the Requests from the Sidney Church, Turkey Creek Church and Pilgrim's Home Church to host our 1990 Association. Discussion led to a move from Elder Tommy Adair, Sr., second by Elder Donnie Brown, to grant the Request from Sidney Church. Elder Willis Lowe, dedicated to getting the Association for Turkey Creek Church, filed an objection with love. A vote of the delegates showed 46 in favor of Sidney Church, 8 in favor of Pilgrim's Home Church and Brother Willis withdrew Turkey Creek Church Request.

Therefore, the Sidney Church will host the 1990 session of the Sardis Association at Pilgrim, Martin County, Kentucky.

Directions to the Sidney Church: Take U.S. Highway 52 to either Nolan, WV or Kermit, WV and cross Tug River into Kentucky and you will immediately enter Kentucky Route 292. If entering Kentucky from Nolan, turn right on KY 292.

If entering Kentucky from Kermit, turn left on KY 292. Either way will lead you to Kentucky Route 1714 (Pigeon Roost Road) and go about five miles to a fork in the road to the Church on the right. Watch for Sardis Association signs.

All of our Churches should send contributions to help the Sidney Church defray the expense of hosting the association no later than July, 1990.

(29) There is no God like unto our God! We could never thank Him enough for the manifestation of His love toward us as the southern Home Church welcomed each of us as a mother welcomes her children who have been on a far journey.

By regular move and second, we tender our humble "thank you" to each and every member of the Southern Home Church for their unbounded love and care extended to us. Surely, God has blessed this church and will continue to fill the House with His Spirit after we have gone.

Southern Home Church is humbled by the ever so many friends of the Church, including the employers of some members, who volunteered their energy, goods and money toward hosting this Association. Enormous quantities of delicious food of every kind was prepared by the hands of those lovely Sisters and friends and delivered for our enjoyment. Not to be forgotten are the helping hands of our Sister Associations and the dining tables and chairs provided by the Naomi Church of the Union Association. The Southern Home Church and the Sardis Association are, indeed, thankful for every act of kindness and assistance bestowed upon us by so many.

(30) By move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises is omitted and it is ordered that these minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(31) On motion by Elder Billie Brumfield and second by Brother Merlin SESCO, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the place set out above at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1990.

(32) The Sardis Association was closed by way of preaching from our beloved Assistant Moderator, Elder Isom Hannah, a beautiful song sung by Brother Tommy Adair, Jr., and a humble prayer offered by our much loved and greatly admired, Elder Tommy Adair, Sr.

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

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Isom Hannah, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY

September 10, 1989

It is easy to rejoice in a land so far from home when the heart rests in the tops of the cedars and the spirit rides the wind among the brethren. Thanksgiving and joy will be our companion as we make our way back home. Like a hummingbird gathering nectar, our beloved Elder Tommy Adair, swiftly touches each group gathering that last moment of fellowship and storing it in his heart to help overcome the sadness when they depart.

Elder Billie Brumfield introduced the Services expressing the simplicity of Salvation - Jesus Christ, the Lord, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus, the Son of God, the way from earth to heaven. His yoke is light and easy to bear. Prepare to meet God while you have life and opportunity in this world and, Brother Billie admonished, don't depend upon another place to get ready after you leave this world in death.

Elder James Barney, the capable Moderator of our Okeechobee Church, led in prayer.

Elder Richard Staton followed the opening rejoicing in the Spirit that has prevailed here the last two days and hoping it is the will of God to continue that feeling. Brother Richard did not stand long but in a humble yet penetrating way preached of God's Commandment to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind and with all thy strength. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. God is love, Brother Richard declared, and upon these hinge all the Law and the Prophets. Jesus gave a new Commandment, Brother Richard continued, that ye love one another.

Elder Otis Williams from the Union Association come next to the Stand and in meekness preached from his Text: never a man spake like this man for he speaketh as one having authority. Brother Otis spoke of the wonders of this man Jesus, the son of God, and the love of the Father toward mankind when he, in these latter times, fulfilled the prophecies of old and sent Jesus to be the Saviour of the world.

Elder Isom Hannah, our humble Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand hoping the congregation was not expecting too much from him this morning but looking to Jesus whose Grace is sufficient.

Well versed in the Scriptures, Brother Isom did not stand long but was blessed to preach from the question, "What is the meaning of Grace?" With reasoning and Scripture Brother Isom proved that "Grace" is the unmerited favor of God. And, Brother Isom continued, since we are saved by Grace through Faith, don't look too much for the Church, look for Jesus. There are, he said, too many different things being preached in the Churches when we need to preach the Gospel.

"Redeem the time in those days of evil", Brother Isom declared, you have to get hungry - you have to get thirsty - you have to want to be fed of the Gospel.

Elder Thomas J. Dials offered a beautiful closing prayer that touched the heart as only Brother Tommy can.

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

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association and to such a great Cloud of Witnesses. It is with much desire and with a prayerful heart as I attempt to comply with the request of the delegates last year, that I prepare a letter to be considered by the Ninety Seventh Annual Session of the Sardis Association.

The Scripture that is on my mind and has been for some time now, and I feel the one I must use in this letter is:

HEBREWS 6: 17-18

17: "WHEREIN GOD, WILLING MORE ABUNDANTLY TO SHEW UNTO THE HEIRS OF PROMISE THE IMMUTABILITY OF HIS COUNSEL, CONFIRMED IT BY AN OATH;

18: "THAT BY TWO IMMUTABLE THINGS, IN WHICH IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE, WE MIGHT HAVE A STRONG CONSOLATION, WHO HAVE FLED FOR REFUGE TO LAY HOLD UPON THE HOPE SET BEFORE US:

I truly hope that the words which I write would be an upbuild in some way and maybe some comfort to someone now and in the future.

I feel we should look first to the Counsel of God, and then come to the Heirs of Promise, and maybe shed some light on the subject without taking a lot of space.

"THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNETH",
IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH.

We believe in only one true and living GOD: the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY GHOST; and these three are ONE, equal in power, essence and glory.

The Heavens declare the glory of GOD; and the firmaments shew his handy work, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times, the things which are not yet done, saying MY COUNSEL SHALL STAND, AND I WILL DO ALL MY PLEASURE, the counsel of GOD is sure and are all founded in his eternal counsel and all his promises are the result of GOD'S WILL OR PURPOSE. They are satisfied in HIM, "GOD". Who has known the mind of the LORD or has been his counselor? Nothing new can arise unto GOD; GOD sees the end from the beginning; for by HIM were all things created that are in Heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities or powers, all things were created by HIM, and for HIM.

"THOU, EVEN THOU, ARE LORD ALONE, THOU HAST MADE HEAVEN AND THE HEAVEN OF HEAVENS WITH ALL THEIR HOST; THE EARTH AND ALL THINGS THAT ARE THEREIN, THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN, THOU PRESERVEST THEM ALL AND THE HOST OF HEAVEN WORSHIP THEE."

Known unto GOD are all his works from the beginning, no matter what Scientists may say or Educators may teach our Children today, GOD made all that was made, and without him there was nothing made. HE created it not in vain, HE established it, HE formed the earth to be inhabited, not by Evolution but by Creation. It is just the way the Creator would have it be. In all VALUE, COMPLETENESS, and BEAUTY, so perfect, no errata is found in it. He placed the Sun and the Moon in the heavens giving light and the sun is still traveling the same circuit today, HE made the stars also. HE created every plant of the field, every tree and herb, and every creature that moveth upon the earth, and fowls of the air and fish of the sea.

GOD created man also and gave him dominion over every thing that moveth upon earth.

Brethren, when GOD spake to his Son and said "LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE AFTER OUR LIKENESS," GOD knew what Adam would do, through the Counsel and Foreknowledge of GOD. Here we can see HIS Determinate Counsel, Christ stood as a Lamb slain who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world.

GOD formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul, therefore, man is the work of GOD'S hands and in the image of GOD, a Crown of all creation, but Adam harkened unto the woman which was taken from his side. He harkened unto her voice and took also of the fruit of the tree that GOD had told him he should not eat of, for in the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.

The woman was created in Adam, and was taken out of Adam, she was the weaker vessel. She was deceived and she was in the transgression, but Adam knew when he harkened unto her voice and ate of the fruit he had transgressed GOD'S law, therefore, had separated himself from God.

The Scriptures teaches three deaths: Spiritual, Natural and Eternal death and the deed in the garden is the means of all three deaths, for one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all man. In Adam all die. GOD told the old Serpent, I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed. It shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel, thus here the promise of God's Son, the seed of the woman, CHRIST THE LORD took not upon himself the nature of angels, but the seed of Abraham.

"BEHOLD A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL"

I feel this now brings us to the heirs of Promise, to Abraham the Promise came and to his seed forever, a light to shine in Isaac's line, Abraham came from or through the lineage of Shem, Noah's son, the righteous seed.

"SO ALL THE GENERATIONS FROM ABRAHAM TO DAVID ARE FOURTEEN GENERATIONS; AND FROM DAVID UNTIL THE CARRYING AWAY INTO BABYLON ARE FOURTEEN GENERATIONS; AND FROM THE CARRYING AWAY INTO BABYLON UNTO CHRIST ARE FOURTEEN GENERATIONS."

Forty two generations, and each of these three Fourteen generation period have great and wonderful significance; a remarkable period of time on which I would love to have time and space to write concerning the things I can now see.

The LORD told Abraham; Sarah, thy wife, shall bear thee a son indeed, and thou shall call his name Isaac, and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant.

Abraham believed GOD, and through faith he considered not his own body when he was about a hundred years old, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb, but was strong in faith giving Glory to GOD.

The child Isaac grew and was weaned and Abraham made a feast the same day Isaac was weaned and Sarah saw the son of Hagar, the Egyptian, which had borne unto Abraham, Ishmael, mocking. Sarah said unto Abraham, cast out the bond woman and her son, for the son of the bond woman shall not be heir with my son even Isaac. This grieved Abraham, he loved his son which was after the flesh. GOD said, in all that Sarah has said unto thee, harken unto her voice for in Isaac shall thy SEED be called.

Abraham had two sons, the one of the bond woman, the other by a free woman, but he who was after the bond woman was after the flesh, but he of the free woman was by promise. Which things are an allegory, for these are the two Covenants; the one from Mount Sinai (which gendereth to bondage which is Agar. For this Agar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and answereth to Jerusalem which now is and is in bondage with her children.

"BUT JERUSALEM WHICH IS ABOVE IS FREE THE MOTHER OF US ALL".

Now unto Abraham was the Promise made, he saith not unto seeds as of many; but as of one and to thy SEED which is CHRIST.

Brethren, if there had been a law given that would have given life, righteousness would have come by the law, but the Promise was not to Abraham and his SEED through the law, but by the righteousness of faith, and this I say that the Covenant that was confirmed before of GOD in CHRIST the law which was four hundred and thirty years after cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

For if the inheritance be of the law it is no more of Promise, the law was added because of transgression, till the SEED should come to whom the Promise was made.

No man can be justified by the law, and a man is not justified without the law, the just shall live by faith, after faith is come you are the children of GOD by faith in CHRIST JESUS, and if ye be CHRISTS then are ye Abraham's SEED and heirs according to the Promise.

"BY GRACE THRU FAITH ARE YE SAVED AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELF. IT IS A GIFT OF GOD."

I must bring this letter to a close and I know I have only touched the subject of the two covenants.

We see the Promises of GOD are founded in the counsel and are a result of HIS, GODS eternal purpose, and it was confirmed to Abraham, by an oath, by which we can clearly see the two immutable things, GODS COUNSEL will stand, HIS PROMISES are sure - it is impossible for GOD to lie.

Therefore, my dear Brethren, we have Peace, Assurance, and Deliverance, and Strong Consolation, no matter how high the waves of trouble and persecutions roll. We have the comforts and refreshment of GODS LOVE, through the HOLY SPIRIT.

The LORD is a strong hold in the day of trouble. HE is our refuge and strength, a shelter in time of a storm, HE hath given us everlasting consolation, and good hope through GRACE, and he knoweth them that trust in him. Having this seal, the LORD knows them that are his.

As the mountains are around about Jerusalem, so is the LORD around and about his people; his eyes are everly over the righteous and his ears are open unto their cries.

JESUS took upon him a body of flesh that he should be the GRACE OF GOD taste death for every man.

HE taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By which we are sanctified through the offering of the body of CHRIST, once and for all, on the old rugged cross.

The same Jesus came forth from the tomb, HE was received up in a cloud

and is now on the right had of GOD.

Brethren JESUS will come again in the cloud of his Glory, with arms outstretched saying come on home now, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Oh, just think of that sweet welcome voice; what a glorious time it will be for the "Heirs of Promise", HIS children, singing, showing praising HIS Name, as we raise higher to be with him in that blessed city.

Elder Sabert Nichols

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

TO

OUR SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

We wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy in the departure of your Elders, precious Brothers and Sisters since your last setting. We had the pleasure of knowing them yesterday, we miss them today and we have a hope of meeting them again tomorrow in a land where parting shall never come, a land of everlasting peace.

Northern New Salem Association,

Bro. Newsome - Clerk

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS
AND
MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL, 1990

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Services begin on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Clifford Maynard, James Barney, Isom Hannah, and Richard Reed.

OKEECHOBEE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Lowe, Otis Williams, Richard Lowe, Rush Stanley, Wes Woods and James Gannon.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Isom Hannah, Paul Vance, and Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

MAY, 1990

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Johnson, Bobby Scott, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Harold SESCO.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wendell Hamilton, Edwin May, Paul Vance and Moderator attending.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Berlin Thomsbury, Buddy W. Carty, Danny Carty, Ransom Chafin and Paul Vance.

JUNE, 1990

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Dinner served on Sunday near the Church. Ministers called: Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Willis Tolliver, James Tackitt and Don Little.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charles Wright, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Lacy Walters and Elbert SESCO.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday morning at 10:00

a.m. Ministers called: Buddy W. Carty, Ivory Sowards, Vernon Rose, Johnnie Cline and Paul Vance.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Clifford Maynard, Andrew Maynard, Johnnie Cline and Virgil Fields.

PIGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Danny Runyon, Willie Stiltner and Richard Staton.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncey, Sabert Nichols, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Leonard Napier, David Lester, Jimmy Hall and Isom Hannah.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Richard Staton, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Tom Dials, Freddie Maynard and Milford Lowe.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Virgil Hess, Steve Robinson, Jr., Elbert SESCO and Hobart Hamilton.

JULY, 1990

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ralph Adkins, Halter Kiser, Virgil Fields and Alvin Brown.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Buddy W. Carty, Isom Hannah, George Woods, Wallace Muncey, Sabert Nichols and Joe Evans.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wendell Hamilton, Richard Staton and James Tackitt.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton, Tommy Dials and Fon Bowling.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: All minister of the Sardis Association and our corresponding Association in good standing at home are invited.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Steve Robinson, Jr., J. L. Nichols

and Moderators attending.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Wendell Hamilton, Hiram Adkins and Vernon Rose.

NARROWS BRANCH: Our Union meeting begins on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Paul Vance, Willis Lowe and Moderators attending.

AUGUST, 1990

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Stilmer, Alison Thomsbury, Mont Ellis, Billie Brumfield, Joe Evans and James Barney.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Mont Ellis, Joe Evans, Steve Robinson, Jr., Billie Brumfield and Danny Runyon.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Berlin Thomsbury, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, and Isom Hannah.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Isom Hannah, Virgil Fields, Johnnie Newsome, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton and Burl Sturgill.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, George Woods, Wallace Muncy, Andrew Maynard, Edward Runyon, Clinton Moore and Edwin Hay.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Stanley Campbell, Chris Watts, Willie Stilmer, George Woods, Alex Collier and Willie Blackburn.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Wendell Hamilton, Edwin May, Don Little and Moderators attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING

MARCH, 1990

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Isom Hannah, Stanley Campbell, Ellis Amburgey, Tommy Adair, Sr., and Millis Roberts.

APRIL, 1990

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Lacy Walters, Elbert SESCO and Isom Hannah.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith and her great-grandson, Joseph Thomsbury, and of Gertrude Thacker will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, Richard Staton, Hursell Huff and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church the second Saturday night after the first Sunday in memory of Flora and Freddie Smith, Calvin Birchfield, Lester James Birchfield, Teddy Wayne Birchfield and Jessica Renee Birchfield (daughter of Steve and Lesia Birchfield). Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Carson Wright, Kermit Wright and all Regular Baptist Ministers. Service will start at 7:00 p.m.

MAY, 1990

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the Howell and Jude Cemeteries in the head of Peter Cave at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe, Gabe Lowe and Moderator attending.

MUNCY VALLEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Muncy Valley Church on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Dale Williamson, Lacy Walters, Herman West, Richard Staton and Moderator attending.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Elk Fork Church on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Stilmer, Alison Thomsbury, Lloyd Lowe and Clifford Maynard.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families on Sunday after the third Saturday.

Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Gabe Lowe, Richard Staton and J. L. Nichols.

JUNE, 1990

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May Fraley Harrison at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Bobby Scott, Richard Staton and Joe Evans.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Minister called: Berlin Thornsby, Allen Thacker, Leonard Sessco and Moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Edwin Hay, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials and Buddy W. Carty.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Brother Jobe Blackburn and all that are buried on that cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Milford Lowe, Edward Runyon and Moderator attending.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. There will be no church at the Bethany Church house on this Sunday.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley and Hinkle Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek on the fourth Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Billy Williamson, Richard Staton and Foster Blackburn.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Williamson Cemetery one-half mile below the Pilgrims Home Church on Brushy Road on the fourth Sunday at 5:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Claude Brown, Donnie Brown and Berlin Thornsby.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Also, a meeting will be held at the Brown Branch Cemetery at 4:00 p.m.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on May 30 at 2:30 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Tommy Ellis and Billie Brumfield.

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Southern Home Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Elbert Sessco, Sabert Nichols, Walter Mullins, Paul Barney and Richard Staton.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis and James Barney.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Morris Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Mary Thompson, husband George, and all the deceased on the Thompson Cemetery at the old home place at the foot of Brushy Mountain on Brushy Creek will be held on the first Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Clifford Maynard, Dale Williamson and Billy Williamson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Muncy Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Field, Freddie Maynard, Richard Staton and Monroe James.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on third Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on the Robinette Cemetery. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clifford Maynard, Willie Siltner, Jerry Lane, Edward Runyon, Ison Hannah and Elbert Sessco.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Dale Williamson, Lacy Walters, Billy Williamson and Moderator attending.

EIK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Sunday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Joe Evans, Danny Runyon and James M. Curry.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Nichols, Sr. and wife and all their descendants on the Lowe Cemetery at Galnare, Kentucky on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Clifford Maynard and Roger Stepp.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased mem-

bers of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Fay Scott, Andrew Maynard, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton, Bobby Scott and Wallace Muncy.

JULY, 1990

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Roger Stepp, Elbert SESCO, Leonard SESCO, Jr., and Richard Staton. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Dinner will be served nearby.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Alson Thornsbury, Willis Lowe, Jimmie Hall and Moderator attending.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek in West Virginia. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Isom Hannah and other Regular Baptist Ministers.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased at the A. J. Gillman Cemetery on the right-hand fork of Laurel Creek on the Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Minister called: Edwin Hay, Edward Runyon, Charles Hall and Joe Evans. Church on Sunday at the Rebecca Church will be moved to the A. J. Gillman Cemetery.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry-Fork), Hardy, Kentucky, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Richard Staton, Junior Ruggles and Leonard Napier.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the J. M. Taylor family and will include the Maynard, Fields, Lowe, Taylor, Scott, Blackburn and Nichols families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Virgil Fields, J. L. Nichols and Moderator attending.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Meeting begins on Friday at 6:30 p.m. before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Mont Ellis, Clifford Maynard, Isom Hannah, Robert R. Clay and Billy Adair.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachael, his wife, on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials and Wayne Herald, Jr.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Garnet Maynard on the odd Sunday (July 1st) at 10:30 a.m. on the cemetery near her home. Ministers called: Freddie Maynard, Clinton Moore, Thomas J. Dials, Wallace Muncy and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Mount Pleasant Church on the Sunday after the third Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in memory of John Gilbert Blackburn. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert SESCO, Billy Williamson and Harold SESCO.

AUGUST, 1990

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of the Cline family on the right-fork of Gilbert Creek on the first Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton and Joseph Staton on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek at 10:30 a.m. on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Gabe Lowe, Thomas J. Dials, Roosevelt Lowe and Richard Staton. There will be dinner on the ground.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the Sunday after the first Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Elbert SESCO, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Hobart Hamilton, Jeffrey Dillon and Fay Scott.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Willis Lowe, Wendell Hamilton and Johnny Cline.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Vernon Rose, Jethro Hampton and Edwin Hay.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Hobart Hamilton, Hurshell Huff, and Clifford Williams.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders HI Maynard, W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts, A. A. Shepard, Marion Preece, Sr. and all the

deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Virgil Fields, Vernon Rose, Leonard Napier and Danny Runyon.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. Lowe and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, West Virginia, at 10:30 a.m. on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Virgil Fields, Ernest Cochran, Hobart Hamilton and Jimmie Hall.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosa Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Kelly Castle, Hobart Hamilton, Fay Scott, David Crigger, Wallace Muncy and Leonard Napier.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for the deceased members of Pilgrims Rest Church and the community. Ministers called: Ed May, Don Little, Elbert SESCO, Willis Lowe and Moderators attending. Dinner will be served nearby.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, West Virginia, on Sunday after second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Steve Robinson, Jr.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all the deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Grover Adkins, Lacy Walters and John Paul Hamilton.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsby and Virgil Fields.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy family on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, J. L. Nichols and Gabe Lowe.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give way to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dave Jude Cemetery on Peter Cave. Ministers called: Jimmy Hall, Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols and Tom Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder Jonah E. Williamson and loved ones

will be held on the Williamson Cemetery one-half mile below the Pilgrims Home Church on the third Sunday at 5:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sidney Church and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Clinton Moore, Wallace Muncy and Jimmy Hall.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday and the same ministers called in the Communion Service will be used in this memorial meeting.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Henry Taylor Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Virgil Fields, Gabe Lowe and Roger Stepp.

SEPTEMBER, 1990

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Gulnare, Kentucky on the first Saturday at 11:00 a.m., Saturday only, at Anna Lowe's residence. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Roger Stepp, and Richard Staton.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meat House Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in memory of Shirley McCoy and Lucy McCoy, his wife, and others buried in the McCoy Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife Ora Blackburn, and daughter Mae Blackburn and all others buried on the Buck Branch Cemetery near the mouth of Wolf Creek. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard, Steve Robinson, Jr., Fay Scott, Richard Staton, Gabe Lowe and Freddie Maynard.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Joe Evans, Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon and Hobart Hamilton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Lower Brushy Creek on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Clarence Owens, Clifford Maynard and Tom Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the A. C. and Wesley Young Cemetery in memory of A. C. and Bessie Young and others on the Sunday after the first Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Roger Stepp, Willis Lowe, Richard Staton and Billy Williamson.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church and the deceased buried in the

Maynard Cemetery at Warfield, Kentucky on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Hurshell Huff, Sidney Collins and Bill Cotton.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Freddie Maynard, Andrew Maynard and Wallace Muncy.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Oscar McCoy's home in memory of his parents and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Richard Staton, Virgil Fields, J. L. Nichols and Hurshell Huff.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude and two sons and of the Howells on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols and Tom Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, on Winn Branch on the odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Wendell Hamilton and Isom Hannah.

OCTOBER, 1990

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Bill Cotton, Isom Hannah, Wallace Muncy, Wendell Hamilton and Steve Robinson, Jr.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Richard Staton, Andrew Maynard, Bobby SESCO and the Moderator and both Assistant Moderators to attend.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: James Gannon, Bobby Scott, Elbert SESCO and Curtis Robinson.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mount Pleasant Church on second Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Edwin May, Kermit Newsome, Dewey Roberts and Woody Pack.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church of all the deceased on the Scott Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second

Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Clifford Williams, Sabert Nichols and Wallace Muncy.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. All ministers of the Sardis Association and all Corresponding Association of our same Faith and Order being in good standing at home are invited.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Minister called: Lacy Justice, Sidney Collins, Herman West, Hobart Hamilton and Richard Staton.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Belle Jude and John Jude, Annie Jude and her son T. J. Jude on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Clifford Williams, Tom Dials and Richard Staton.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Walter Akers, Hiram Adkins, Ted Robinson, Bobby Scott, Edwin May and Moderators attending.

OBITUARIES

JOHN C. MAYNARD

With a prayerful heart and many wonderful memories I will try to write the obituary of Brother John C. Maynard. Brother John of Turkey Creek, was born December 18, 1900 at Heennon, Ky. and died September 18, 1988. He was preceded in death by his parents Rell and Nancy (Lowe) Maynard, and his dear wife Angeline (Taylor) Maynard. He is survived by the following children: C.A. (Ciri), Ernestine Varney and Nancy Maynard (who has since passed away) of Turkey Creek, Ky.; John C. Jr. of Youngstown, Oh.; Paul W. of High Point, N.C.; and Imogene (Good) Harville of Gulhane, Ky. Two brothers, Lark and Bud Maynard of McCombs, Ky.; 15 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized July 4, 1952 by Elders Lewis Marcum and Ken Varney. He was ordained a Deacon in the Turkey Creek Church December 11, 1965 at the hands of Elder Ken Varney, Wayne Herald and Jonah Esler Williamson.

Brother John faithfully fulfilled his duties both as an Elder and a Christian, as long as he was able he visited the hospitals, talking about the Lord and giving encouragement. Brother John will be sorely missed by his family and his friends.

Written by his friend and Brother in the Lord,
Elder Andrew Maynard

R. F. Runyon, Sr.

By the help of the Lord I will try to write this obituary of Brother R.F. Runyon. He was born July 14, 1927 and departed this life on May 10, 1989. Brother R.F. had six children. One daughter and his wife preceded him in death.

Brother R.F. joined the Muncy Valley Regular Baptist Church on September 12, 1981. He loved the Church and loved to talk with the Brothers and Sisters about the goodness of the Lord. It seemed like he never got tired of discussing the Scriptures with the Brothers. He suffered a lot in his last few months here on earth, but he believed that there was a day coming



when there would be no more suffering for those who would repent of their sins and believe in the Lord. I believe his soul went back to the giver of all life, and the body shall return to the dust from whence God made man. I believe that in the resurrection of the dead, that his body will be raised a spiritual body to live eternally.

He is missed so much by those who loved him. I hope that if his family has never repented of their sins that they turn to the Lord before it is too late, that they too can go to heaven after this life on earth is over.

Written by,
Elder Tommy Ellis

PHILLIP MAYNARD

Phillip Maynard, a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Elk Creek, on this 12th day of June died, and with the help of the Lord I'll try and write his obituary. Dad was 53 years old.

He was married to Donna Gail McCoy and they had three children, two boys and one girl. Dad was a coal miner and an Army veteran.

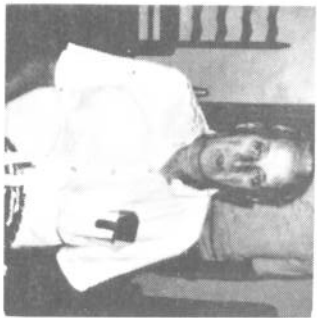
He is survived by sons Zan Maynard of Delbarton, WV and Lewis Maynard of Lenore, WV; daughter Joyce Ann Maynard of Lenore, WV; two brothers: Bradley Maynard and Larry Maynard of Delbarton, WV; and sisters: Dorothy Helton, Reba Stanley and Eunice Chafin all of Delbarton, WV; Maggie Christin of Columbus, OH; Audie Mae White of Chatlaroy, WV; Patty Stewart of Rush, KY; and two grandchildren.

Even though Dad had many family members that loved him he was loved by many friends as well. We miss him so much. May God bless you Dad.

CORNWELL EVANS

With the help of the Dear Lord I will try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Cornwell Evans. His stay on this earth was 71 years and 2 months. He was born to Brother Asa Evans and Delilah Evans at Delbarton, WV on July 22, 1917 and departed this life on February 28, 1989. He was married to Irene Martin Evans for 52 years and to this union 5 children were born: 4 daughters and one son. One daughter preceded him in death.

We both joined the Old Regular Baptist



Love,
Lewis

Church at Delbarton in August of 1974. He was a Deacon in the Sardis Church and filled his calling when he could get out everywhere. He leaves to mourn his passing 20 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren, family and friends.
I could go on and on but you know we live our own obituaries.

So sadly missed by Wife and Family,
Irene Evans

MARY E. YOUNG

It is with many fond memories that we try to write the obituary of our mother and grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Young. Everyone that knew Sister Mary called her by her nickname, "Granny".



Granny was born at Varney, KY on August 1, 1898. She was the daughter of the late Bill and Lucretia Gibson Hale. She was preceded in death by three husbands: Samuel Muncy, Ben McCoy and Alfred Young. She is survived by two children by her first marriage: Fred Muncy of Varney, KY and Nancy Ammar of Bluefield, VA. In addition to her own children, Granny also leaves a niece and a nephew: Barbara Caines and Sammy Caines, both of whom she raised. She is also survived by several step-children, a half-brother, Jay Caines of Michigan; a half-sister, Mae Robinson of Varney, KY; six grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

Early in life Granny became a midwife, delivering over sixty babies in her career. She was also a farmer and a housewife.

At the time of her death, Granny held one of the longest memberships at the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church, having been a member for over sixty years.

Granny was one of the strongest people we have ever known. Even until the last day of her life she was able to do her work.

It was always her wish to be able to stay at her own home and not be a burden to anyone. God granted her wish. She died peacefully on October 8, 1988.

Written by her Son and Grand Daughter,
Fred Muncy Kathy Cline

ORETHA (MAYNARD) CLINE

It is with sadness of our hearts and with many wonderful memories of having a dear sister like Oreltha, we will, with the help of our Dear Lord, write her obituary.

Oreltha (Maynard) Cline, born July 27, 1925 at Threeforks, KY to William H. Maynard and Roxie (Blackburn) Maynard, who preceded her in death.

She had four brothers: Wade, Elias, Virgil and Jesse Maynard and one sister: Lassie (Maynard) Fletcher. All preceded her in death.

She has living, four sisters: Ollie Preece of Louisa, KY; Ruby Howell and Ernestine Horn of Inez, KY; and Justine Hannah of Columbus, OH; one brother: Jasper Maynard of Tomahawk, KY and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends who love her and will always miss her so much.

She was married to Johnnie cline who preceded her in death on September 4, 1975. They both belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church. Their fellowship was at Beauty, KY.

Oreltha passed away at Hillview Nursing Home in Huntington, WV on January 12, 1989.

We feel our sister's suffering is over and now she can rest in peace with our Precious Lord, Jesus Christ.

Written by Her Sisters,
Ruby Howell and Ernestine Horn

PEARLIE AND ERNEST CLINE

I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

The same faith that made it possible for the Apostle Paul to write these words to the Christians at Philippi will, I pray, help me to write this obituary of my father and mother, Ernest and Pearlle Cline.

Dad was the son of Garfield and Lassie SESCO Cline. He was born June 6, 1913, and departed this life on December 22, 1988. He was a retired merchant and logger. Dad was a hard working man all his able life.

Although not until in his later years, did he confess Jesus Christ as his Saviour and was baptized. He placed his membership at the Leannah Church (He



was a Deacon of the Leannah Church).

Mom was the daughter of Samuel and Maritida Muncy Robinson. She was born March 8, 1916 and departed this life January 26, 1989. God blessed Mom and Dad with eight children: James Edward Cline (deceased 1969); Charles Edgar Cline (address unknown); Bobby Dale Cline of Meta, KY; Billy Eugene Cline of Varney, KY; Edith Cline Ray of Ypsilanti, MI; Ruth Elmo Cline Estep of Mt. Vernon, OH; Lucy Mae Cline Maynard of Ypsilanti, MI; and Linda Gayle Cline Runyon of Varney, KY. Mom made her confession in Christ and was baptized at the Leannah Church.

Although a young boy, I still remember the day Mom walked across the mountain to Martin County to be baptized. She, as my Dad, was a hard worker all her able life. I have pulled a cross, cut saw with her many days.

The children, though scattered across the land, can be thankful for the hard work and sacrifices of Mom and Dad.
God bless each of you.

NANCY CLINE

With a lonely heart and God's help I'll write the obituary of our sweet mother, Nancy Cline.

She was born February 9, 1916 in Knott County, KY and was the daughter of Sam and Louanna White. Mommy was married to Walter Cline in August 1934 and to their union were born seven children.

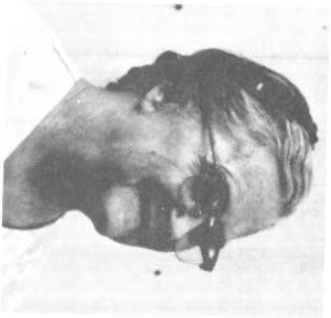
Left to mourn her death is her husband, Walter Cline; Sons: Freddy Cline, Baisden, WV; Roger Cline, Guyahoa Falls, OH; Stanley Cline and Tim Cline both of Utica, OH; Daughters: Shirley Mounts, Baisden, WV; Dorothy Brown, Libertyville, IL and Louanna McCoy, Newark, OH. She also leaves three sisters and three brothers, eighteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Mommy joined the Rosa Regular Baptist Church in December 1949 and was baptized by the hands of Floyd Cline and Tracy Hatfield.

Mommy was a faithful member. She loved her Brothers and Sisters. She always loved to go to church. Until her health got so bad she couldn't go any more.

Mommy was hospitalized for a week. I believe that God let her come home for a while to be with her family because on Sunday evening June 4, 1989, I believe that God saw how much pain Mommy was in and he took her home to Paradise and her body is asleep.

No other children could ever love their mother more than we loved ours.



Billy E. Cline,
Son

Only God knows how much we miss her. She loved her children so much before she died, she left a note for us so we wouldn't worry or cry.
My dear children don't weep for me, Wipe all the tears from your eyes, Be happy that I'm with my Saviour, In my home above the skies, I have fled all earthly sorrow, Now my soul it is at rest, No more pain for me or heartache, I will be forever blest.
Mommy, we won't think of you as being dead; we know you've just went away with a cheery smile and a wave of the hand. We know you are waiting for us in Glory Land!

Written by her Daughter,
Shirley Mounts

JUANITA LAYNE

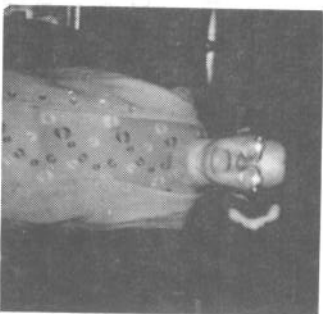
At the request of Brother Sanford Layne, and with God's help, I will try to write the obituary of his dear companion, Sister Juanita Layne.

Sister Juanita was born on August 3, 1925 at Baisden and deceased this life on June 19, 1989. She was a daughter of the late Mose and Amanda Trent Cline. She was a homemaker and a member of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church of Baisden. Survivors: her husband, Brother Sanford Layne of Baisden; daughters, Cynthia DeLores Little of Hurley, VA; Regina Queen of Chapmanville, WV; sons, Quincy, Danny, Joda and Timothy Lane of Baisden; Dwight Layne of Verner; brother, DePass Cline of Hurley, VA; 15 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

Following is a letter she wrote expressing her love for Jesus and the brothers and sisters she met in the many churches she visited. This letter was written two days before she died.

My precious sisters and brothers:

I want to thank you for being there when I needed you. I know that Jesus heard the many prayers you all sent up for me. I know there were many sent to Jesus in my behalf, because Jesus seen fit to send me back home to be with you again. Rosa Church is home to me. I have met many other sisters and brothers at a large number of churches, as I love to meet with God's people. It is my whole life, but Rosa is home, not meaning the house, although it goes with it to a certain extent, but what is the fact I love most is my sisters and brothers. Some of you went farther than others to show me how much I was loved. Brother Charles and Sister Faye Testerman, Brother Howard and Sister Opal Sammons, Brother Judd and Sister Dessie Mae Cline, Brother Charles Paynter and Brother Ed and Sister Alta Cline, to name a few. Brother Charles Testerman went a very long way to help me and



I thank you Brother Charles from the heart. Sometimes when I get so low, I talk to Jesus and it seems as if he is so close. I have a feeling like He puts His arms so close about me and I don't seem to have a trouble in this world. I just wanted you to know how much I love the Rosa Church. So always remember me in your prayers.

Your Sister in Prayer and Hope,
Sister Juanita Layne

P.S. Just saying I love you, it just don't seem to say it right. The love in my heart. There just doesn't seem to be any right kind of word to explain it. You don't realize how much it means to say I love you all so much when we meet. I thank Jesus every morning for the night and I thank Him every evening for the day, and most of all, I thank Jesus for my beloved sisters and brothers who make up the Rosa Church. I love all the brothers and sisters in all the churches I go to but the Rosa Church is special in my heart.

Written by:
Elder Jerry Thompson

BESSIE DAVIS SMITH BURNETTE

Bessie Davis Smith Burnette departed this life on June 15, 1989 at 6:15 A.M. She had been a resident of the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville, KY since November 1981. Bessie was 89 years, two months, and three weeks on this earth. She was married to Oscar Smith who preceded her in death in 1944. She later married W.W. Burnette who also preceded her in death in 1976.

She was baptized into the Mount Pleasant Regular Baptist Church in August of 1946 by Elders Jonah Bevins and Harrison Bevins. Bessie is survived by one son; Alvery Smith of Sidney, KY; two grandchildren; Pamela Kay and Alvery Craig Smith both of Sidney, KY. One sister, Elva Davis of Piso, KY; several nieces and nephews; also, step-children Earnest and Warren Burnette of Zebulon, KY; Elster Burnette of Ypsilanti, MI; June Bevins of Meta, KY; Opal Robinette of Zebulon, KY; Emma Taylor of Hazard, KY; Martha Pinson and Gusty Adams of Ashborough, NC. She was preceded in death by her parents; John and Angelina (Maynard) Davis of Piso, KY; four brothers and four sisters, and a host of friends and relatives.

Her family will miss her, but we know that it is Heaven's gain.

Written by one who loved and cared for her,
Her Daughter-in-law

EMERY RAY MUNCY

It is with much sadness that I write the obituary of my brother, Emery Ray Muncy.

Ray was born February 11, 1935 at Bel-fry, KY. He was the son of Bascom Muncy and Anna (Fletcher) Muncy. He departed this life on January 29, 1989.

He was married to Lillian Gibson and to this union were born the following children: Raejean, Columbus Ballard (Buddy), Nathan, Donna, Teresa, Emery and Daniel. He was preceded in death by his daughter Reajean Clagg.

He is survived by his stepmother, Vada Muncy; his wife, Lillian, and children and the following brothers and sisters: Maudie Thompson, James M. Ray, Luola Young, Joanna Williamson, Eleanor Ruth Stepp, Mildred Woodson, Jay Dee Muncy, Mary Lois Stevens, Claude Muncy, Eddie Muncy and Freddie Muncy.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church on January 28, 1984. He was baptized by Elders Milford Lowe and Louie Muncy. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church at Varney, KY.

Ray suffered a massive stroke several years before his death. He was left unable to talk and walked with great difficulty.

All of his life Ray was a gentle, caring, loving person. He was loved by everyone that knew him. He bore his illness with such patience and asked for pity or sympathy from no one.

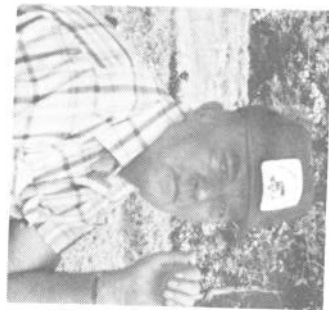
Children, your Daddy has gone to heaven now. He set a good example for you. Put your faith in God if you want to meet him again.
Gone away with a friend.

HAZEL HARDIN

With the help of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I will try to write an obituary of my dear departed sister in Christ, Hazel Hardin.

Hazel was born October 10, 1923 and died November 28, 1988 making her stay here on earth 65 years, 1 month, and 18 days. She was the daughter of the late Albert Jarrell and Dollie Canterbury Jarrell. She was united in marriage to Hess Hardin who survives. Also surviving are four brothers; Charles, Troy, Jack and Derbert Jarrell; and one sister; Ruth Montgomery. She

Written by his sister,
Luola Young



also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, friends and brothers and sisters in Christ who will miss her sweet loving face.

Sister Hazel loved to read her Bible and go to the Old Regular Baptist Church. There was always a sweet smile and hug for everyone. Sister Hazel also left a sweet niece behind, Patsy, who gave her so much love.

I would like to say to all the family and friends that are left behind to mourn her loss, she is gone away and will not return, but by the grace of God we can meet her again someday.

Written by:
Sister in Christ, Martha SESCO and her husband, Hess Hardin

CLESTON ROBINSON

By the help of God, we will attempt to write the obituary of our dear old Daddy, Cleston Robinson. He was born September 21, 1909 in Pike County, KY to James and Matilda Robinson. He deceased this life on January 17, 1989 making his stay here on earth, God's footstool, 79 years, 3 months and 27 days. He was united in marriage to Gredis (Nichols) Robinson on March 21, 1930. Uno this union were born 9 children, 4 sons and 5 daughters. One son preceded him in death, his oldest, James Cleston (J.C.) Robinson on April 10, 1983.



Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Gredis Robinson; five daughters: Okie Mae Clark of Chicago, IL; Betty Joe Robinette, Tilda Hinkle and Virgie Robinette, all of Varney, KY; and Roberta McCoy of South Williamson, KY; three sons: Curtis Robinson and Leon Robinson both of Varney, KY; and William Dover Robinson of Beattyville, KY. He also leaves behind 39 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild and a host of friends and relatives. Daddy has one surviving brother and one surviving sister: Johnny Robinson of Ann Arbor, MI and Bessie Low of Williamson, WV.

Daddy suffered a lot in his life but his suffering days are over. He has left this old troublesome world for a better home where there won't be any more pain and teardrops. Daddy went to sleep in the arms of sweet Jesus, just resting until that great day when the mighty angel will sound the trumpet and Jesus comes to take his children home. Then he will get up out of the grave and I believe he'll live with Jesus forever. Daddy can't come back to us, but if we'll live for Jesus we can go to be with him. I believe if Daddy could speak to us right now, he would say: children, watch after Mommy and be good to one another. This is not goodbye Daddy but just farewell for a little while. I believe we'll meet you some sweet day where there will be no more parting. So sleep on, Daddy, take your much needed rest. We'll meet

you in the morning and then we can live forever and walk on streets of gold. We love you Daddy.

Written by your broken hearted family

DELMON FRANCIS

With a sad and broken heart we will try, by the help of God, to write the obituary of our dear Daddy, Delmon H. Francis. He was born January 21, 1905 at Varney, KY and departed this life June 25, 1989 at age 84 years, 5 months and 4 days. He was the son of Thomas and Mary Hatfield Francis.

Daddy was united in marriage to Gladys Stoutridge on July 13, 1931 and to this union twelve children were born. Survivors are four children: Mary Lowe of Sidney, KY; Bonnie Ward of Williamson, WV; R.B. Francis of Turkey Creek, KY and Willie Francis of Maher, WV. Daddy had two children by a previous marriage: Henry Thomas Francis and Virginia Hope Stanley of Williamson, WV. One sister, Bessie Robinette, and one brother, J.M. Francis, both of Varney, KY also survive. He leaves 28 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and one great grandchild and many friends to mourn his loss.

Daddy joined the church September 28, 1952 and was baptized by Jonah E. Williamson and Emmitt Case. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home church but later moved it to Turkey Creek Church for his convenience. He was a faithful member until his sickness.

As the children would go to the hospital to visit Daddy, he would talk about Jesus and how he was waiting to go. His last words to us was how he loved us and he was only waiting for Jesus.

How sadly it is for us to return to our old empty home place, no more to see Mom or Dad. We pray for the day we will meet again to never have to part in Jesus new home.

Written by your daughters who love you and miss you so much,
Mary Lowe and Bonnie Ward



OMA (GILLMAN) MEADOWS

It is with sadness that I try to write the obituary of my beloved Mother, Oma Meadows, who deceased this life June 9, 1989, making her stay her on earth 78 years. She was born August 30, 1911. She was the daughter of the late Bill and Phoebe (Stone) Gillman.

Mom was united in marriage to the late Elder Carlos Meadows on August 11, 1928 and to this union two children were born: Rose Meadows at home and Iva Wongler. She leaves 3 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and many nephews and nieces and many good sisters and brothers of the church, who she loved so well, to mourn her loss. Mom joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized August 8, 1934. She was a faithful member until her health got bad. In her heart she was always there.

Mom lived a good life before us children and all she ever wanted was for us to be good and live for the Lord. We'll always remember the good prayers she prayed for us. Our lives will never be the same without her love and prayers.

I believe Mom fell asleep in the arms of our sweet Jesus. When He calls for the sleeping dead, Mom will be in that number where there will be no more pain or sickness and she will have an eternal life through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Oh, how we miss her. A voice we love is still. An empty place in our heart that can't be filled. Our loss is Heaven's gain. She can't come to us but we can go to meet her and Daddy to part no more.



Written by her daughter,
Iva Wongler

ELBERT AND HANNAH DEMPSEY

Life is so easy when you're upon the mountain and you got peace of mind like you've never known, but then things change and you're down in the valley, but don't lose faith for you're never alone, for it is down in the valley of trials and temptations, now that's when faith is really put to a test. I feel God has put my faith to the test and I want to say: I love him more now than I ever did before and I've got more to go to heaven for than I ever had before, because Mom and Dad have started on their journey to Heaven and I know if I live my life the way they have taught me I can meet them there.



With a shattered heart and lots of love I will, by the help of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ try to write the obituary of my beloved parents, Elbert and Hannah (Sartin) Dempsey.

Elbert Dempsey was born on January 27, 1909 in Mingo County, WV, the son of the late Joe Bill Dempsey and Rebecca (Maynard) Dempsey (Aunt Becky); being one of 14 children. He is survived by one sister, Bertha Lowe of Turkey Creek, KY. All the following brothers and sisters preceded him in death: Tom, George, Melvin, Andy, Jack and Joe Dempsey; Edna Lowe and Gertie Romans. The other brothers and sisters names I do not know.

Dad was a retired coal miner, a state highway mechanic and was a Deputy sheriff and a Kentucky Colonel.

He was 79 years and 11 months old when he left this old world on Christmas night, December 26, 1988; just two days after the death of his and Hannah's eldest daughter Dollie Taylor, wife of John D. Taylor, Jr.

The doctor told us he had a stroke but we all knew in our hearts Dad died from a broken heart from the loss of one of his children. He loved his children so very much and we all loved and respected him.

For a long time Dad had suffered with different ailments, but on March 1, 1988 he lost his left leg to gangrene. But a week before this Dad gained a whole new life. He surrendered his life to the Lord and was baptized at home in a bath tub by the hands of Elders Richard Stason and Wallace Muncy on February 22, 1988 and from that day on until he died he was a whole man living each day for the Lord.

Elbert Dempsey was united in Holy Matrimony to Hannah (Sartin) Dempsey on December 24, 1930, and to this union five children were born: Dollie Taylor and Melvin Dempsey, both deceased; Bonnie Henthorn of Beallsville, OH; Clayton Dempsey and Maggie Hardin of Turkey Creek, KY.

Mom was born on January 29, 1912 in Martin County, KY, the oldest child of Elish Sartin and Artie (Sluss) Sartin who preceded her in death along with two brothers and two sisters: Marvin and Elden Sartin and Eva Lowe and Ora Mae May. She was survived by two brothers: Manuel and Noah Sartin and one sister, Nora Horner. Mom was a faithful Christian for many years. She was baptized by the hands of Elders Jonah Smith and Jonah Ester Williamson on or about the 3rd Saturday in July, 1936. Mom was faithful to her Lord. She was a housewife by trade and a farm lady by choice. She worked hard for her family making a way for them to have what they wanted but she never gave us anything without making us realize that it came by the grace of God.

The one passage I remember Mom would tell us was whatever a man soweth, so shall he reap. Raise your children in the way they should grow and when they are old they won't depart from it.

PROVERBS 31:10 through 31 reminds me so much of my mother: 10, who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies, 11, the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12, she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13, She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands. 14, She is like merchant's ships, she brings her food from afar. 15, she raiseth also while it is yet night and giveth meat to her

household and a portion to her maidens, 16, She considereth a field and buyeth it with the fruits of her hand and planteth a vineyard, 17, she girdeth her loins with strength and strengthens her arms, 18, she perceiveth that her merchandise is good. Her candle goeth not out at night, 19, she layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold dis-staff, 20, she stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth her hands to the needy, 21, she is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet, 22, she maketh herself coverings of tapestry, her clothing is silk and purple, 23, her husband is known in the gates when the stich among the elders of the land, 24, she maketh fine linen and selleth and delivereth girdles unto merchants, 25, strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come, 26, She openeth her mouth and in her tongue is the law of kindness, 27, she looketh well to the ways of her household and catcheth not bread of idleness, 28, her children arise up and call her blessed: her husband also did praise her, 29, many daughters have done her virtuously, but thou excellest them all, 30, favor is deceitful and beauty is in vain: but the woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised, 31, give her the fruit of her hands and let her own praise her in the gates.

Mother fits all these virtues and I truly believe she is going to be with Daddy in heaven when we get there and then our home will be forever with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I would like to say Mom loved her brothers and sisters in Christ and she was always anxious to get to come to Church and hear the word of God.

May God bless what remains of our little family and may he always bless all who showed any kindness during the loss of Mom, Dad and Dollie; and especially thank all who have been by our side through all the sickness and loss of our loved ones and thanks to Elders Richard Staton, Wallace Munney, Hershel Huff and Brother Hollis Robinette.

We love all of you.

Written by their youngest daughter, Mrs. Maggie Hardin, and granddaughter, Karenia Hardin — in hopes we'll rejoin them again in our new home on high.

TAN HOWELL

With a very sad heart, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved Father, Tan Howell, and a brother in the Church. He was born December 8, 1904 and departed this life May 31, 1989 making his stay here on earth 84 years 5 months and 23 days.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1948. Daddy was a faithful member as long as he was able. The church was his life. He was always telling people of the good things about the Lord.

He was the son of Bob and Liddy (Fields) Howell. He was married to the



late Ora (Reed) Howell and to this union was born ten children. One daughter, Greahtel Howell, preceded him in death and those remaining are: Carnal Howell of Kernit, WV; Arnold Howell of River, KY; Dennis Howell of Columbus, OH; Buddy Howell of Fort Gay, WV; Dennie and Robert Howell both of Pilgrim, KY; Mae Jude of Pilgrim, KY; Dorothy Wilson of Hode, KY; and Mary Staton of Jackson, MI; and twenty eight grandchildren. He also had three brothers and four sisters and they were: Lacy Howell, Boyd Howell, Sammie Howell, Betty Marcum, Virgie Moore, Spicy Munney and Mary Howell; all preceded him in death.

We all loved Dad so much and Dad loved us too. We are really going to miss Daddy around the old home place. But our loss is Heaven's gain. So children, let us love one another like Dad would have wanted us to. If you want to see sweet Daddy again you will have to get on the same road that he traveled.

He left the road signs so we could see them and someday, I want to meet Daddy in that Gloryland, where there will be no sickness or no heart failure to take our loved ones away. Well Daddy, I could write many good things about what you have taught us. I can say we love you and we miss you.

Written by His Son and Daughter-in-law,
Arnold and Elizabeth Howell

TRIXIE BLACKBURN

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee. (ISAIAH 41 - 13).

Thinking upon this verse, we will attempt to write the obituary of our most dear and precious Mother and Grandmother, Trixie (Cains) Blackburn. She was the fourth daughter of a family of five girls born to John and Cordelia (Smith) Cains in Pike County on February 20, 1905. She was the last surviving member of her family.

She left this world of trouble to meet our sweet Jesus at the Humana Hospital at Louisa, KY on February 8, 1989, making her stay on earth 83 years 11 months and 18 days.

Ma Trixie, as we lovingly called her, was married to Jobe Blackburn on March 26, 1923 at Threeforks, KY. To this union seven children were born. One son, John Rush Blackburn (1923) and one daughter, Mae Hickman (1980), preceded her in death. Surviving members of her family are one son: Cleis "Bo" Blackburn of Inez, KY; daughters: Margie Jude, Bertha Duncan, Thelma Moore all of Pilgrim, KY; and Eunice Robinson of Louisa, KY. Additional survivors include thirteen grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Ma Trixie was baptized on the fourth Sunday in September 1976 by Elders



Milford Lowe and Wayne Herald and placed her membership with the Sidney Church where she always filled her seat so faithfully as long as her health permitted her to.

Brother Wayne Herald often said, "Getting to the river was hard but the crossing would be easy." As I look back on the night the Lord came to take one of His precious lambs home, I realize the true meaning of these words.

Ma Trixie had been bed ridden for over three years and her last days in this world was full of pain and suffering as she struggled for each breath. Her last hour in this troublesome world was filled with peace and serene. She seemed more alert to her surroundings and she even ate for me. As I turned her over on her side, the Lord reached from heaven and cradled her in his powerful arms, as He took her home. I knew she no longer felt pain and would suffer no longer here in this world, that she had gone to be with Jesus in Heaven, to walk the streets paved with gold, because of a small smile upon her face. I feel that her last hour on this earth that Jesus was carrying her across that river and when they reached the shore she left this troublesome world.

The Blackburn's should be ever so thankful for being blessed with the best Mother and Grandmother. She set an example for us to follow and we should heed unto it if we ever wish to see our precious Mother and Grandmother again.

Written by ones who loved her so much,
Thelma Moore (daughter) and Phyllis Jude (granddaughter)

CLARENCE SMITH

It is with Sadness and Joy, we with the help of the Lord will attempt to write the obituary of Brother Clarence Smith. Sadness because Brother Clarence will be missed by his family and brothers and sisters in the Church. Joy because we believe Brother Clarence is at rest from his labor and pain of an earthly body of which he bore while here on earth, but as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bare the image of the Heavenly, and brother Clarence as entered into that rest that remaineth for them that love and serve the Lord.

Brother Clarence Smith was born November 16, 1900 in Canada, KY. He died Friday, August 18, 1989 at the Williamson Regional Hospital leaving to mourn him his loving wife, Rhoda Harmon Smith; sons, Herman G. Smith of Belfry, KY, Luther M. Smith of Williamson, WV and Ernest Smith of Mansfield, OH; daughter, Jean Deskins of Columbus, OH; sister, Ellen Varney of Williamson, WV; 15 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Brother Clarence gave his hand to become a member of the Church several



years ago and was baptized at the hands of Elder Bobby Scott and Elder Frankie Scott and placed his membership at the Old Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist and was a faithful member.

The one thing that will be remembered of Brother Clarence by all that knew him was his feeble hands clapping and giving God praise for his salvation and the promise of living again. Which brings to mind the scripture in Revelations where John saw those lifting up holy hands and giving God the praise and saying Holy Holy art thou Oh Lord for thou art worthy.

Sleep on, Brother Clarence, for the time is at hand when we shall meet again and the best is still to come.

Written by,
Elder Bobby Scott and Brother George Stanley, Brothers in Christ

ELSIE (JONES) LOWE

It is with much grief and sorrow that we write the obituary of our beloved Mother and Grandmother, Elsie Lowe.

She was born January 15, 1914 in Martin County, KY and departed this life December 25, 1988.

She was married to Amos Lowe who preceded her in death eight years before.

To this union five children were born as follows: Louie (Ervin) Lowe of Lovely, KY; Margie Elkins of Lexington, KY; Alma Thompson of Pikeville, KY; Dean Lowe of Meta, KY and Maudie Thompson of Pikeville, KY. She also leaves 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Additional survivors include 5 sisters as follows: Bertha Muncy, Mae Marcum and Jean Marcum all of Nolan, WV; Bessie McCarty of Warfield, KY; and Sadie Preece of Omar, WV. She had been a member of Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church since the sixties.



I couldn't understand at first why God took my Mother on Christmas Day. I was even angry at God, depressed and questioned, why my Mother? Then with prayer, it began to come to me, God needed someone very special on His birthday, so he called Mom to come home and be with Him.

Mom always told us that she wanted to do her suffering here on earth, and suffer she did, but as the long pain filled nights wore on, she never forgot to pray. As the days brought Mom closer to death, she would talk about being with Daddy, now they are together. They were the best parents anyone could hope to have. They taught us about the Lord and they taught us good morals and through life we take these precious gifts and pass them on.

Mamaw is gone from the earth now, but she leaves with us memories of

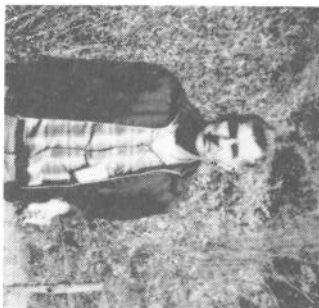
a beautiful woman who touched many lives. Mamaw touched my life deeply. She meant more to me than mere words can express. I only hope that someday I can be half the person my Mamaw was.

Written with much love,
Maudie Thompson, Daughter and Carolyn Thompson, Granddaughter

GEORGE WASHINGTON MARTIN

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I try to write the obituary for my grandfather, my brother in the Lord, and my friend, George Washington Martin.

He was born in Haysi, VA on February 22, 1915 to John and Nanny Wright Martin. He had nine brothers and sisters: Earl Martin of Hells Creek, WV; John Martin, Jr. of Virginia; Verna Martin of Cleveland, OH; Ira Martin of Washington; Henry Martin of Lexington, KY; Albert Martin who preceded George in death; Mrs. Irene Evans of Delbarton, WV; Mrs. Ethel Martin of Collinsville, VA; and Mrs. Esta Martin of Columbus, OH.



George was married to Bertha Evans in 1938 and to this union three children were born: Rudy and Hal Martin who died shortly after birth; and one daughter, Patsy Martin Tickle of Cambridge, OH. He also had a step-son, Prentis Evans, Jr. that he raised and loved as his own. Bo, as my grandmother was known to the grandkids, died unexpectedly in December 1978. In 1983 he married Polly McCoy of Belfry, KY.

The grandchildren were special in my grandfather's eyes. He was known to them as "Paw" since the birth of the first. He always made time to spend with all of us. He leaves five grandchildren, one great grandchild, and ten step-grandchildren.

Paw joined the Old Regular Baptist family at the Sardis Church in Delbarton, WV. He was baptized by Brother Steve Robinson and Brother Ben Robinson on June 23, 1968. He loved the old church and our Lord and spoke lovingly of both until his death on February 17, 1989, five days before his 74th birthday.

I was with Paw almost around the clock the five days before he died, and I was touched by many things. Even though he was very short of breath (because of lungs filled with coal dust), we conversed about many old memories (teaching me to drive a standard shift truck, picking berries back up on Mine 22, running the dogs along an abandoned mining road on a cool afternoon), and I was happy to have the opportunity to say the things I wanted to say; not the least of which was "I love you" to a man who had given me so much in my young life.

I was touched by his faith in his final days on earth. I was with him when he saw the staircase with a bright light at the top, and when he saw the "birds with large wings" hovering over the foot of the bed. His faith never wavered, and he gave my faith strength to help him in his last fight. One night, quite late, with his beleaguered breathing keeping him awake, I sang "Amazing Grace" to him and offered a heartfelt prayer, and we both slept for a few hours after that.

There are only memories now. No more sage advice and wisdom gathered over a lifetime. No more long drives to church and long talks about God. No more suffering, or crying, or waiting for the death angel. Now there can be shouting and singing and praising the Lord in a land where death never comes and joy never wanes. I hope to see him again one day, as both my Paw and my Brother, in that happy land across the river.

Written affectionately by his grandson and Brother in the Lord,
Jaime Darren Tickle

NANIE MCCOY

As I sit here writing the obituary of my loving grandmother, Nanie McCoy, tears are rolling down my face. Granny was born July 30, 1915 and departed this life December 19, 1988, making her stay on earth 73 years, 4 months, and 19 days.

Granny was the daughter of Ella Clark Hunter and Lack Hunter who preceded her in death. She had three brothers: James and McKinley Hunter of Ypsilanti, MI; and Aster Hunter of Prestonsburg, KY. She was also preceded in death by one sister: Virgine Gobel of Prestonsburg, KY.



Granny is survived by her husband of 55 years, Oscar McCoy. From this loving union 5 daughters and 2 sons were born. The daughters are: Alice Clay of Prestonsburg, KY; Dorothy Nichols of Vermilion, OH; Ruth Hackworth and Ella Francis of McCombs, KY; and Sophia McCoy who died at birth. The sons are: Tracy McCoy and McKinley McCoy both of McCombs, KY. Granny and PaPa also had 21 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Granny was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 25 years. She will be missed by many of her loving and devoted brothers and sisters in the church.

It is hard to give up my dear sweet Granny, but I know she will suffer no more while she is in the arms of Jesus. All her family grieve and miss her so much but we all can see Granny again if we live for the Lord and prepare to meet him some day. PaPa's home is empty and lonesome without Granny but he has faith that he will be with her again some day.

We love and miss you, Granny, and we will never forget your loving ways.

Written with much love,
By Granddaughter, Tracy Renee McCoy

WALLACE MCGINNIS

Wallace McGinnis was born December 22, 1918 in Martin County, KY, the son of Elijah and Maude (Hartless) McGinnis. He passed away on August 8, 1989 at the age of 70 following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Alice (Davis) McGinnis; one son, Ted; five daughters, Blanche Goble, Barbara Kirk, Norma Young, Patsy Fields and Ruby A. Auxier; and ten grandchildren. Wallace was a member at the Big Branch Church in Pike County and had been for over ten years.



It's hard to express with simple words, how dear the bond — how much it hurts, to give up one who was indeed a friend, one who loved us to the very end. Not "Father" nor "Dad" but "Daddy," we called him, and endearing title that just suited him. He was our counselor, our protector, our faithful nurse. He always found a cure when worse came to worse — whether a stumped toe, a sprain or a cut, even the pains of growing up. His wisdom guided us through problems of all kinds; sometimes it seemed he could read our minds. He looked for humor in life's everyday affairs; that always made the burdens a little easier to bear. Yet he was a realist and a determined perfectionist; "If you're going to do a job, do it right," he'd insist. Of course, he was human and he had his faults — he could be impatient and get a bit overwrought; but within the realm of influence he had the good far outweighed the bad. The Lord be thanked for blessing us to share each precious memory and each happy hour.

The children of
Wallace McGinnis

NANCY GOLDEAN MAYNARD

It is with much sadness and a broken heart, I will attempt to write, with the help of our dear Lord, this obituary of my dear and loving sister, Nancy.

Nancy was born on September 11, 1940 at Turkey Creek, KY to John C. and Angelina (Taylor) Maynard, who preceded her in death. She departed this life May 15, 1989, making her stay on this earth 48 years, 7 months, and 4 days. Also preceding her in death was brother, Carl. Survivors include two sisters: Ernestine M. Varney of Turkey Creek, KY; and Immo Jean (Good) Harville of Guthare, KY; three brothers: C.A. (Crit) Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY; John C. Maynard, Jr. of Johnstown, OH; and Paul W. Maynard of High Point, NC.



Nancy was a special person to all of us who were privileged to know her. She was ill most of her life and I know that our Lord reached down his sweet, tender hand and took her home where she won't have to suffer anymore. There was so many times that I heard her ask our Lord for help to ease her pain. She wanted to go to the Turkey Creek Church so that certain Brothers could lay their hands on her back, so sure that this would give her ease. I'm so thankful that I took her as this did seem to give her ease and peace of mind that she could only try and tell you about. She would sing "Jesus loves me this I know," for the bible tells me so... "and there would be a look in her eyes that didn't need any explanation. She touched everyone's life that was around her. Her passing has left a void in each our lives that can never be filled.

So, Nancy, sleep on until the time when time will be no more and Jesus comes back to gather his children home and we can all be together forevermore.

Your sister in hope of Eternal Life,
Ernestine M. Varney

SCOTTY WALTERS

With a saddened heart and help of our good Lord, I'll try to write the obituary of our dear loving, crippled son, Scotty Dean Walters.

He was the son of Phillip and Mary (Brown) Walters. He was born November 27, 1971 and deceased this life July 6, 1989. He was the grandson of George and the late Sister Audrey (Shreeves) Brown and the late Brother Dewey and sister Odessia (Francis) Walters all of Sidney, KY. Scotty loved going to church. His last year



was with tears he would say, "Mommy, if I could sit in my chair long enough at church I would like to go but I can't."

Before death, my child and I was carried up to a snow white room of such peace and quietness. All glass front, my child was upon a small bed in the center of the room, I stood at the foot of the bed. Later with arms over head, he began to wave both hands and even was able to move his legs and feet. I feel God was showing me my baby's afflicted body was healed. He lifted his head toward Heaven and softly whispered, God help me, and peaceably went to sleep. As I turned toward the window with folded hands praying and looking toward the sky, my Baby's Spirit flew on to Heaven to rest with Jesus.

Thank God there will be no afflictions or crippled arms or legs in Heaven. My baby is only resting in the arms of Jesus until we meet them, by and by.

Written by his loving Mother and Sister in Christ
Mary Jane Walters

CATHERINE MANDY (MOUNTS) MCGEE

It is with both great sadness and joy that I try, with the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of my beloved Mom, Catherine Mandy (Mounts) McGee. It is with great sadness because her departure has left an emptiness in my life that no one else can ever fill and it is with great joy because I know she is in Paradise with the Lord free of the physical ailments she suffered for so long while on this earth.

Mom was born July 8, 1908 to Madison and Jerusha Mounts and was blessed by God to live a little longer than 80 years before being called home by our Lord on December 31, 1988. She spent the last four months of her life in intensive care at Fort Sanders hospital in Knoxville, TN and I thank God that he allowed me to be at Mom's side every day. Mom was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leo C. McGee; her three sisters; Arney Hundley, Delphia Runyon and Nancy Runyon; and her two brothers; Bill Mounts and Sam Mounts. She is survived by one sister, Arisba Ooten of Duncan Fork.

Mom joined the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church in November 1976 after being baptized by Elder Ellis Davis and she remained faithful up to her passing away from this world. Mom loved the Lord, the Church, and her fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ and I was a daily witness to her faith. She was a loving, caring, compassionate person with a gentle spirit and she rarely complained of her suffering. God saw fit to have blessed her with beautiful silver hair, bright blue eyes and a delightful smile. Not a day goes by that I don't mourn my loss.

Thank you Lord for letting me have Mom for as long as I did. The hope



I have now is to look forward to the day when her and I meet again to part no more. She can't come to me but I can go to her. Oh, what a joyous reunion it will be!

Written by her son who dearly loves her,
William H. Meek

SUSIE THOMPSON

It is with much sadness that we try to write the obituary of our dear sweet Mother, Susie Thompson. She passed away on March 23, 1989 just four months after our dearest Dad, Bill Thompson. They were married on June 6, 1931. She was born on June 15, 1911, at Cantebury in Mingo County, WV. She was the daughter of Chloey Mayhorn Bailey Dillon and Wallace Bailey, who preceded her in death.

To this union were born 10 children, 5 preceding her in death; leaving 5 children to mourn her loss; 3 daughters: Lola Davis and Orlena Davis, both of Belo, WV and Shirley White of Lenore, WV; two sons: William Thompson, Jr. and Wilburn Thompson, both of Lenore, WV. She also leaves 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Bethany Church of Old Regular Baptist for a number of years. She was a faithful member until her sickness would no longer allow her to attend. Mom was a good loving person. She loved little children and was a mother to all of them around her.

We believe with all our hearts that Mom went to live with Jesus. If we live for him we will see her again with his little children.



In loving memory
Her Children

WILLIS AND ALICE MAYNARD

Words are difficult to find and I make this belated attempt to write the obituaries of my father and mother, Willis and Alice Maynard, who have been gone now nearly 30 years.

Dad departed this life at 5 a.m., January 26, 1961, at Williamson Memorial Hospital in Williamson, WV. Mother's passing came shortly thereafter at 3:45 a.m. on February 11th that same year at the home of my sister, Myrtle Haskew.

Known affectionately as Uncle Willis and Aunt Alice, both were born on February 18, Dad in 1880 at Zebulon, KY and Mom two years later at nearby Meza, KY. Life-long residents of Pike County, they lived most of their years at Goody, KY where they were long-time members of the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church.

Elders Ester Hopkins and Harrison Bevins presided at their funerals and they rest side-by-side in the Blackburn Cemetery at Meza, not far from their places of birth. Since their passing, many of their brothers and sisters in the Church have also gone on.

At the time of their passings they were preceded in death by two children: Willis Maynard, Jr. and Mrs. Basil (Mattie) Anderson. In addition, they left the following children: James Maynard, Williamson, WV; William Maynard, Lexington, KY; Henry Maynard, Lorain, OH; Mrs. Doc (Myrtle) Haskew, Williamson, WV; Mrs. Harley (Elin) Rutherford, Baltimore, MD; Mrs. Homer (Till) Sykes, Mullens, WV; Mrs. Claude (Tootsie) Charles, Phelps, KY; Mrs. Lester (Zella) Hughes, Aftex, Ky; and Mrs. Lee (Alice Mae) Dobbs, Holly Hill, FL. They had approximately 50 grandchildren. Alice Mae Dobbs and I are the only children now living.



ETHEL BEVINS

It is with a saddened heart that I write this final tribute to my mother, Ethel Bevins, who departed this life on November 12, 1988 in Cabel-Huntington Hospital. Quietly, in her sleep, she left those of us who loved her here, to be with the Heavenly Father and her loved ones who had gone before her.

Mother was born on April 10, 1910 at Belfry, KY to John C. and Della Farley Runyon, both of whom preceded her in death. Three



Prepared by your son,
Pete Maynard

sisters: Lucy Bevins, Mabel Reed and Emma May and three brothers: Troy Runyon, Thomas Runyon and E. B. "Burr" Runyon also preceded her in death. She leaves one sister, Lorraine SESCO, and one brother, Rell Runyon, to mourn her loss. On February 5, 1933, Mother was married to Okey Bevins, son of the late Elder Jonah Bevins and the late Ella Harris Bevins. To this union was born three children: two daughters, Mary Jane and Naomi Gail (Bowling) and one son, Okey David. Mother and Dad gave us a home filled with love, caring and the presence of God. It was a sad time for us when Dad passed away on April 28, 1958, but Mother encompasses us with her love and helped ease the pain of our loss.

Mother had always been faithful to attend church and lived an exemplary life and on Sunday, May 4, 1958, she was baptized a member of the Salem Regular Baptist Church at the hands of Elders Ester Hopkins and Harrison Bevins. She continued to be a faithful member of the Church. Mother loved having the people of the Church visit our home and you could always hear her inviting visiting brothers and sisters to go home with her for dinner. We have very happy memories of the many friends and family members who enjoyed the hospitality of our home and basked in the love of our dear Mother. She always made everyone feel at home with her loving smile and warm acceptance of all who came. She always had a kind word for all and her light of Christian love shone so brightly that all who knew her will always remember her.

There are five lonely grandchildren who have lost a loving "Nanny" who was devoted to them. Three of us have lost a dear, loving Mother whose every thought and effort was for our benefit and good. Mother came to Huntington to live with me in 1971 and we had a wonderful life together. Her light continued to shine here, endearing her to all whose lives she touched. I have not only lost my Mother, I have lost a dear companion and my very best friend. We know that Mother will suffer no more and that she is at rest with Dad and our other loved ones who have gone on. Our consolation comes in knowing that someday we will all be together again around the throne of our Heavenly Father.

Written by a daughter in love and a sister in Christ,
Mary Jane Bevins

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 to 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 consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

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

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the 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 the will of the majority of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power to provide 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 the 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 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 of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are 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 the 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 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 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 are 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 shall be rejected by us.

ARTICLE 13. We believe that the Church of Jesus 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 those 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, Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by 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 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 or 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 removed by the Association as they think proper.

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 BETHANY: Archie Prince, David May
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 SALEM: W. H. Hale, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clevis Stump
 SIDNEY: Sabert Nichols, Virgil Fletcher
 DIX FORK: Berlin Thomsbury, Stewart Brown, Glen Williamson
 NARROWS BRANCH: Clyde Brown, Bobby Scott
 LEANNAH: Letter, No Delegates
 BUCK CREEK: Marion Duncan, Wayne Herald, Jr., Thomas J. Dials
 TABITHA: Rush Hensley, Jack Robinette
 LITTLE ROSA: Fay Scott, Emerson Jarrell
 TURKEY CREEK: Willis Lowe, Granville Lowe, Bobby SESCO
 SAMARIA: Paul Vance, Ellis Vance, Eugene Newsome
 ROSA: Howard Sammons, Judd Cline, Charles Testerman
 MUNCY VALLEY: Letter, No Delegates
 LITTLE VIRGIE: James G. Thomsbury, Bob Justice
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 PILGRIMS REST: Danny Runyon, Donnie Skaggs, Leslie McGuire
 OKEECHOBEE: Paul Barney, Jackson Holbrook, Arlice Peaden
 ELIZABETH: Letter, No Delegates
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MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	100	100						1		34	10:00/10:00		2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Wallace Muncy	75	100		1				1	1	36	11:00/11:00		1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	75	75								14	11:00/11:00		1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	150	175						2		58	11:00/11:00		2	May
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	150	150	3							70	10:00/10:00		3	Aug
SARDIS	Joe Evans	150	200	2					4		77	11:00/11:00		4	Aug
BIG BRANCH	Willis L. Lowe	100	100						2		29	11:00/11:00		3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	125	150						2		50	11:00/11:00		3	July
BETHANY	Isom Hannah	80	100	1					1		50	11:00/11:00		4	Aug
ELK FORK	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	110						1	1	17	11:00/11:00		3	Aug
PILGRIMS HOME	Billy Williamson	300	225	5				1	3	2	119	11:00/10:30		4	Aug
SALEM	Clifford Maynard	150	200						1		43	2:00/11:00		1	May
SIDNEY	Wallace Muncy	100	150	1				1	2		31	2:00/10:30		4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	200	3					1		61	11:00/11:00		1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Bobby Scott	125	125						1		34	11:00/11:00		4	July
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	100	3					3		42	10:30/10:30		2	July
BUCK CREEK	Thomas J. Dials	125	125						1		38	10:30/10:30		3	June
TABITHA	S. D. Hensley	125	100			1			2	1	21	11:00/11:00		1	Aug
LITTLE ROSA	Joe Evans	40	50						1	1	16	11:00/11:00		2	Apr
TURKEY CREEK	Willis L. Lowe	150	150	2	1				1	1	79	11:00/11:00		2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	100	150					1		1	52	11:00/11:00		1	July
ROSA	Johnnie Cline	175	175	3					2	2	59	2:00/10:00		3	Aug
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	25	40		1			1	1		15	/11:00		2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Richard Staton	65	75	1							15	11:00/11:00		4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair, Sr.	175	200	6	1					2	53	2:00/10:30		1	Apr
PILGRIMS REST	Clifford Maynard	50	50					1			16	10:30/10:30		2	June
OKEECHOBEE	James Barney	100	100	4						1	25	4:00/10:00		2	Apr
ELIZABETH	Virgil Fields	100	100						1	2	29	10:00/10:00		1	June
LITTLE TAVIE	W. H. Cochran	125	75					2			13	10:30/10:30		2	July
TOTALS		3435	3650	34	4	1	0	7	33	15	1196				