

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDREDTH
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OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In session assembled with the Pilgrim's Home Church

Varney, Pike County, Kentucky

September 11, 12, and 13, 1992

Elder Edwin May - Moderator

Elder Isom Hannah - Assistant Moderator

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

Elder Edwin Hay - Assistant Clerk

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FRIDAY

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The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Pilgrim's Home Church, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1992.

IN DEDICATION

Ninety and nine years have passed since our ancestors moved out by Faith and on August 5, 1893 assembled themselves in Order at the Brushy Fork Church, which later became the Apple Orchard Church, just a few miles farther down Brushy Creek from where we are assembled today. One by one they answered the roll call and were seated in Order - from Sardis Church: G. W. Maynard and Stanley Vernatter; from Big Branch Church: Calvery Runyon, Jordan Maynard, Wm. T. Smith and P. D. Bevins; and from the Brushy Fork Church: A. C. Lowe, W. W. Fields, Jerry Smith, Wm. L. Lowe, Joseph Ray, O. M. B. Lowe and James Ray. Thirteen Brethren dispatched on foot and horseback from three small Churches to sit in the first and organizational session of our Sardis Association.

What doubts, what fear, what agony, what apprehension, what loneliness must have flooded the mind of this little band of Brethren trying to turn them back and push aside the Hope, the Faith and the Belief they were being led of God to find peace for their troubled soul by rejecting the doctrine of their "Absolute Predestination" Brethren to follow and preach the clear message in the Scripture of "Free Attonement" for all people everywhere through the saving power in the blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

After organizing themselves and selecting Brother W. W. Fields as Moderator and Brother P. D. Bevins as Clerk, this historical gathering of Brethren, though filled with hope for the future, looked back to their beloved Mates Creek Association Brethren and "deemed it essential" that the first official act of the Sardis Association would be to extend the right hand of fellowship and love by very diligently setting forth the reasons for their departure from their "Differing and yet highly esteemed Brethren." This unfeigned love of the Brethren still burns in the heart of the Delegates meeting here today and, like a living fire, leaps from breast to breast as our hands touch in the hand-shake of fellowship and we embrace in Brotherly love at this, the One Hundredth Annual Session of the Sardis Association.

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, THAT THIS ONE HUNDREDTH SESSION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION BE DEDICATED TO THOSE BRETHREN COMPOSING THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1893.

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

About the hour of 9:30 a.m. Elder Edwin May, the highly esteemed Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand under the tent in what seemed to be the best health he has enjoyed at Association time in several years and, for this we thank God who answered our many prayers. Brother Ed expressed his thankfulness for our coming together in this our One Hundredth Association. He hoped we have met, as did the Brethren in our First Association, in peace and love, rightly dividing the Word of Truth and desiring that God would direct us to His perfect will in all of our deliberation. Brother Ed welcomed the congregation and announced the arrangements.

Elder Sabert Nichols, having been chosen as alternate last year, came to the Stand to open the services by declaring that God is alive! Brother Sabert testified of a living God whose Word is preached of men through His revelation as it seems good to Him. The only thing necessary for salvation today, he proved by the Scripture, is the saving Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the beloved Son of God who gave His life to atone for the sin of the world. By Grace are ye saved, Brother Sabert continued, and not by any good

works that you might have done, it is the gift of God. Seek for the only true God, the only living God, Brother Sabert pleaded, and when you have been found of Him through His Saving Grace, rejoice forevermore in His love. Brother Sabert then led in prayer.

Elder Hobart Hamilton came to the Stand to preach the Introductory Sermon. Without choosing a particular Text, Brother Hobart was led of the Spirit to preach the love of God for His people yesterday, today and forever. God's love, he stated, was manifest here today when the Brethren and Sisters greeted one another with a Godly love, a shared love that is unlike any other love known in the world. God has everly shown His love for mankind by showering down His blessings of rain and sunshine, of day and night, of fruitful seasons, of breath and life and of health and prosperity to the just and unjust. He has shown His love for His people in particular by allowing them to understand these blessings and where they come from and, he continued, through this understanding to enjoy a peace in their life that is not known to the unjust. "My peace I leave with you," said the Lord. God provokes His people to good works and allows the enemy to overtake them when they rebel but in His love He binds up the wound and fights their battle.

God sent Moses to lead His people out of Egypt and He sent Christ to lead us out of the bondage of sin. Brother Hobart admonished God's people to become as little children, walk as children, love as children, forgive as children and obey as children and there will be peace in the Camp of Israel.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Pilgrim's 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 to enjoy the preaching of:

Elder Clifford Williams, New Salem Association
Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association
Elder David Stone, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Jimmie Hall, New Salem Association
Elder Frank O'Quinn, Union Association
Elder Roger Hicks, New Salem Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in Order, Brother Edwin May, our Moderator, spoke in an unusually quiet voice as he reminded the delegation of a heritage handed down to us through these past 100 - years of the Sardis Association and our responsibility to hand it down to future generations. That heritage was then and is now exactly the same, "salvation is offered to all men and women upon the terms of the Gospel."

THEFORE, THIS ONE HUNDRETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION IS DEDICATED TO THOSE DELEGATES AND OFFICERS WHO COMPOSED THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION AT THE BRUSHY FORK CHURCH ON AUGUST 5, 1893.

Brother Ed then called upon Elder Roger Hicks from the New Salem Association to open the services at the House. Brother Hicks, after singing a song, admonished the Delegates to look to the Lord to build up because, he said, we build in vain unless the Lord builds the House.

Elder Ellis Holbrook from the New Salem Association delivered an humble yet Spirit filled prayer thanking our living God of the Universe for His mercy upon us and all mankind.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, our Moderator who is everly watching over this little flock of sheep with a never ending prayer for God to grant him the wisdom to lead in a manner that is pleasing to God, came to the Stand pleading with the Delegates to have peace with God and themselves as we enter into this Association.

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

Brother James Blackburn
Brother W. H. Hale
Elder Thomas J. Dials

(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 Pilgrim's 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 \$ 3,670.00 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 Paris C. Tackitt, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
- Elder Jessie Viers, Union Association

(7) The Sardis Association then completed its 1992 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

- Elder Edwin May, Moderator
- Elder Isom 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 Pilgrim's Home Church delegation. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

- Elder Forrest Osborne, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder Lee Fields, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
- Elder Freddie Kidd, New Salem Association

SATURDAY

- Elder Lee Fields, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association
- Elder Grover Adkins, New Salem Association
- Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association

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

- Elder Elbert Sisco
- Brother Leslie McGuire
- Elder Richard Stator

(11) By regular move and second, the reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum was omitted.

(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: Jesse L. Williamson, Fon Bowling, Franklin O'Quinn, David O'Quinn, Floyd Jude, Jessie Viers, Orbin May, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Perry Lane, Ked Adkins, Frank M. Coleman, Curtis Carroll, Ralph Adkins, Rollin Hollens, Bob Justice, Foster Huffman, Edgar Bates, Lonnie Mounts, Clarence Bowersock, J. Marshall Davis, Marshall Williamson, Jerry Estep, Herman West, Gary Varney, Hufford Coleman, Arthur Duty, Keen Junior Thacker, Billy Cochran, James Arnett, Mitchell Stone, Gene Hobbs and Bill Hess. Letter in the hands of Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Roger Hicks, Alvin Brown, Norman Conn, Walter Akers, James P. Hensley, J. D. Clarke, Jerry King, Ellis Holbrook, Hiram Adkins, Grover Adkins, Clinton Williams, Teddy Honaker, Orville Hamilton, Hobart Bates, Clifford Williams, Woodrow Dye, Jimmie Hall, Monroe Jones, Donald Parker, John Lowe, Ted Robinson, David Baker, Don B. Little, Wendell Hamilton, James Tackett, Calvin Burke and Freddie Kidd. Letter in the hands of Brother James P. Hensley.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Buddy Carty, Forrest Osborne, Reed Triplatt, Hillard Newsome, Birchel Mosley, Jr., Terry Hall, David Stone, Paris Tackitt, John B. Hale, John Jude, Larry Dixon, Duane Graves, Lee Fields and James Francis. Letter in the hands of Elder Forrest Osborne.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: David Gilliam, Harlan Barney, Billy J. May, Curtis Saagraves, Coy Tolliver, Luther Ramey, Jr., Lowell Adkins, Chester Adkins, Rush Stanley and Walter Morrison. Letter in the hands of Brother Harlan Barney.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: George Baker, Gary Brown, Roger McCoy, Ferrell Scarberry, Leonard Coleman, Billy R. Justice, John R. Justice, Danny Hurley, Roy Lester and Howard Steiger. 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: Stewart Brown, Robert Clay, Hobart Hamilton, James Barney, Charles Jarrell, Bobby Scott, Berlin Thornsbury, Edwin Hay, Landon Taylor, Andy Scott and Elbert Sasco.

(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. By regular move and second this committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. today.

(16) On motion by Elder Stanley Campbell, second by Brother Julius Cochran, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 12, 1992.

SATURDAY

September 12, 1992

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Pilgrim's Home Church house where Elder Ellis Holbrook, Assistant Moderator of the New Salem Association opened this session of our Association with preaching. Elder Hilliard Newsome of the Northern 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 1993 Association: who shall be his alternate: and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1993 Association:

- Elder Rush Stanley, Philadelphia Association
- Elder Hilliard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder Wendell Hamilton, New Salem Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

- Elder Edward Runyon, Preach the Introductory Sermon
- Elder Wallace Muncy, Alternate
- Elder Richard Stalon, 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:

SATURDAY NIGHT

- Elder Wendell Hamilton, New Salem Association
- Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association
- Elder Hilliard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association

SUNDAY

- Elder Ted Robinson, New Salem Association
- Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
- Elder Isom Hannah, Sardis Association
- Elder Edwin May, Sardis Association

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

Balance on hand 9-13-91	\$ 17,668.78
Interest received 8/1/91 to 8/1/92	\$ 534.89
Total available for 1991	\$ 18,203.67

Less 1991 Expenses:

Print 4,000 copies of minutes	\$4,600.00
Mail Minutes to Churches	\$ 83.00

Total 1991 Expenses (\$ 4,683.00)

Balance on hand 9-11-92 \$13,520.67

Add 1992 Receipts:

Contributions from Churches	\$ 3,670.00
Obituary Pictures	\$ 300.00

Total 1992 receipts \$ 3,970.00

Balance on hand 9-14-92 \$17,490.67

(6) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1992 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 Thomas J. Dials, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand expressing a fear of his youthfulness to be addressing such a notable audience of Brethren but with vigor read his well prepared offering. By regular move and second the Letter was received and 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 the Union Association Building, Ash Camp, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1992: Robert Clay, Stewart Brown, Frank Sheppard, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsburg, Ronald Knox, James Blackburn, Bobby Scott, Isom Hannah, Bob Justice, Willie Stillner, Phinus Nichols, Fred Muncy, Sabert Nichols, Virgil Fields, Billy Williamson and Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder Isom Hannah.

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, 1992: Robert Clay, James Gannon, Stewart Brown, Ronald Knox, Hobert Hamilton, Lloyd Sasco, Wayne Herald, Jr., Kelly Castle, David Castle, Fred Muncy, Bobby Scott, Phinus Nichols, Vadis Blackburn, Frankie White, Billy Williamson, Edwin Hay and Thomas J. Dials. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1993: Robert Clay, Edwin Hay, Julius Cochran, Chester Cochran, Clyde Brown, Kelly Castle, David Castle, Maynard Hay, Bill Lackey, Glen Dixon, James Gannon, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Vadis Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Little Rosa Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1993: Edwin Hay, Robert Clay, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsburg, W. H. Cochran, Julius Cochran, Fred Muncy, Chester Cochran, James Barney, Andy Scott, Frank Sheppard, Frankie White, S. D. Hensley, Virgil Fields, Ronald Knox, David Castle, Kelly Castle, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Clyde Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Mary Lou and Old Samariah Churches, Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, WV, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1993: Edwin Hay, Robert Clay, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsburg, W. H. Cochran, Julius Cochran, Fred Muncy, Chester Cochran, Jerry Thompson, Sabert Nichols, Frank Sheppard, Buddy Glenden, S. D. Hensley, Virgil Fields, Ronald Knox, Isom Hannah and Charles Testerman. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsburg.

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

**LETTER OF CONDOLENCE
TO
OUR SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

We, the Northern New Salem Association, wish to express to you our Sister Association, our deepest sympathy in the loss of your late Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last assemblage.

We shall enjoy the fruits of their labour, as they take their rest. Waiting for that glorious resurrection morning, when the Saints of God shall meet in a land, where parting never comes and the weary shall be at rest.

Humbly your servants,
Bro. Hillard Newsome - Clerk
Bro. Wayne Turner - Asst. Clerk

(11) The report of the Committee appointed to meet with Committees from our Sister Associations concerning the Indian Bottom questions was read and by regular move and second was received and the Committee discharged. The report of the meeting of the combined Committees is printed as follows:

Old Beaver Church House
Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky
Third Sat. in Oct. 1991

The committees appointed by corresponding associations met at the established place and time. After singing some old songs of Zion and an humble prayer led by Elder Buddy Garty of the Northern New Salem association, the corresponding committees organized into a working body by choosing Elder Coy Combs moderator and Elder Paris Tackett clerk with Bro. Dexter Dixon to assist. After several brethren speaking as to our purpose for meeting to see if we could assist the Elwood Cornett and the Murl Caudill sides of the Indian Bottom Association to come together again. The committee consisted of:

New Salem	Sardis	Philadelphia
Grover Adkins	Isom Hannah	W. C. Elkins
Hiram Adkins	Berlin Thornsberry	Fealdon Ruggles Jr.
Monroe Jones	Wayne Herald Jr.	Robert Potter
Coy Combs	Bobby Scott	Silas Stumbo
Ellis Holbrook	Lloyd Sesco	Chester Adkins
Roger D. Hicks	Hobart Hamilton	Howard Adkins
Walter Akers	Johnny Cline	Willis Tolliver
Woodrow Dye		
Dexter Dixon		

Friendship	Northern New Salem	Union
George Baker	Roy Caudill	F o n B o w l l i n g
Hurshell Hurley	Paris C. Tackett	(Absent)
Danny Hurley	Buddy W. Garty	Frank O'Quinn
Josh Justice	Russell Hicks	Dallas Ramsey
David Lester	Danny Adams	Herman West
Howard Slinger	Ray Hamilton	Jessie Williamson
Roscoe Crouse	Ralph Caudill	Paul McClanahan
Leonard Coleman	Robert Wallen	J i m m i e D a l e
Sidney Collins	Larry Newsome	Sanders

Indian Bottom	Old Indian Bottom	
(Elwood Cornett side)	(Murl Caudill side)	
Elwood Cornett	Haston Whitaker	Arnold Whitaker
Don Pratt	Delmar Jones	Ronnie Combs
Glen Hampton	Paul Back	Claren Williams
H. B. Reedy Jr.	Columbus Parks	Okie Dean Short
Harvey Creech	Melvin Fields	Murl Caudill
	Erlas Caudill	Orville Mullins

Bro. Frank O'Quinn asked Bro. Elwood Cornett and Bro. Murl Caudill if they would be willing to meet together and try to work out the differences between the two factions of the Indian Bottom associations.

Bro. Elwood's response was "Come let us reason together" and informed the committee that they had met several times, informally, and he was willing to continue.

Bro. Murl Caudill responded to the question by stating "as far as he was concerned he could, but he was not in the position to answer for that side of the association." He also stated that there could be two different associations at this time.

Elder Grover Adkins suggested that we let the matters stand as they are with some associations corresponding and others under watch care.

Elder Hiram Adkins asked the committee if they could accept the fact of two Indian Bottom associations and the Committee responded yes.

Elder Bobby Scott (Sardis association) informed the committee that their purpose for being there was to assist in any way they could to reconcile both sides of the Indian Bottom association to one.

Elder Hurshell Hurlley (Friendship Association) asked if both Indian Bottom associations were present in association meetings, would they be allowed to preach together? Elder Grover Adkins advised that according to old established practices they could preach together in associations and funerals through being in indirect correspondence but it would be left to each association to decide for themselves.

Elder Frank O'Quinn asked both Indian Bottom Associations would they agree to accept the concept of two Indian Bottom associations (The Indian Bottom and The Old Indian Bottom) and relinquish all previous charges against each other and they agreed to do so.

Bro. Ronnie Combs asked if next year would the Old Indian Bottom have the right to letter with any corresponding association and the answer of the committee was yes. With a calm feeling that we had accomplished as much as we could at this time, the work of the committee was closed by a warm and wonderful prayer led by Elder Claren Williams.

Done and signed by order of the committee.

Elder Coy Combs, Moderator
Elder Paris C. Tackett, Clerk
Deacon Dexter Dixon, Asst. Clerk

(12) Elder Bobby Scott, one of the Committee members, spoke concerning the situations some of our preaching brethren would experience due to the combined committees recognition of two Indian Bottom Associations and some Associations corresponding with one side, some another and Sardis corresponding with neither. These indirect correspondence situations seemed to suggest that the Association provide some guidance to our preaching brethren. A motion was made by Elder Billy Williamson and second by Elder Steve Robinson, Jr. to permit the Sardis brethren to preach with either side when they found themselves in Funerals, Memorials and Associations, etc. meetings where the indirect correspondence situation existed. An objection was filed by Elder S. D. Hensley. Vote taken, 43 for the motion, 5 for the objection. Therefore, the motion is carried.

Clerks Note: (In consultation with and concurrence by our Moderator and Assistant Moderator) There was considerable confusion about this order and much discussion took place on the association grounds after the association had dismissed. In explanation, as it now stands (October, 1992), the Northern New Salem, Philadelphia, Old Friendship and New Salem Associations are in correspondence only with the Old Indian Bottom Association (Muri Caudill side). The Union Association is in correspondence only with the Indian Bottom Association (Elwood Cornett side). Sardis Association does not correspond with either side.

As we understand this order, if Sardis preaching brethren are in the Union Association Churches for Funerals, Memorials, Union and Communion meetings and/or at their Association, and they are arranged to preach with brethren from the Indian Bottom (Elwood Cornett side) then they would be permitted (but not required) to do so by this order. If Sardis preaching brethren are in the Northern New Salem, Philadelphia, Old Friendship or New Salem Churches for Funerals, Memorials, Union and Communion meetings and/or at their Associations and they are arranged to preach together with the Old Indian Bottom Brethren (Muri Caudill side) then they would be permitted (but not required) to do so by this order. However, in neither circumstance would the Sardis preaching brethren be allowed to preach with any double married preachers because Item 18 of this years minutes advises our Churches not to allow their preaching brethren to do so. Nothing in this order concerning indirect correspondence supersedes or otherwise nullifies that order. Also remember that even though the Sardis brethren are permitted by this order to preach with the Indian Bottom and Old Indian Bottom brethren in indirect corresponded situations, neither side of the Indian Bottom has passed an order allowing their brethren to preach with the Sardis brethren.

(13) Brother Larry May gave report on Tent. Suggestion was made to consider building up a fund for future replacement of the tent. Brother Clerk was assigned the task of ascertaining some replacement costs. Report was received by regular move and second. A vacancy existed on the tent committee and Brother Leslie McGuire was appointed to that vacancy by the Moderator.

(14) Discussed Liability Insurance and potential reimbursement to the Pilgrim's Home Church for the cost of insurance for this year. By regular move and second, the Brother Clerk was authorized to pay the Pilgrim's Home Church an amount equal to the premium the Association would have had to pay if the Association had not been covered under the Pilgrim's Home Church policy.

To further help the Pilgrim's Home Church with its expense of improvements made to the Church property, a donation was made up at the House and the Tent totaling \$903.00.

(15) 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

(16) 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.

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(17) Read a request from the Southern Home Church to replace Item 16 of our 1990 Minutes with a similar order from our 1929 Minutes. On motion by Elder Bobby Scott, second by Brother Julius Cochran, the request is granted and the following order replaces Item 16 of our 1990 Minutes.

Ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Churches not to marry anyone having a living husband or wife unless they bring scripture evidence for putting their husband or wife away.

(18) By move and second, a Request from the Little Tavia 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.

(19) 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 (20) is defined to include "any means of receiving members."

(20) 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."

(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) Read a Request from the Narrows Branch Church to print the Obituary of Brother Arlin Stanley. A move and second was made to grant the Request.

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(24) Read a Request from the Salem Church to print the Obituary of Elder Charlie Johnson in our minute. This Request was granted by regular move and second.

(25) Read a Request from the Bethany Church to remove Ransom Charfin's name from our register of Ordained Ministers as he now stands excluded from that Church. By regular move and second, the Request is granted.

(26) Read a Request from the Bent Branch Church to remove Clifford Maynard's name from our register of Ordained Ministers as he now stands excluded from that Church. By regular move and second, the Request is granted.

(27) Called for report of Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial meetings. By move and second, this reporting was omitted.

(28) Called on the committee appointed to investigate the acquisition of property for a permanent site for the Sardis Association to make their report. Brother John Henry Elkins reported that no property had been located but there is a possibility some property may be available later. Brother Elkins expressed his concern about the Committee having proper authority to buy property without waiting for the approval of the full Association.

After discussion it was suggested that we consider the idea of finding one or even two Churches in our Association whose property could be improved to host the Association.

By regular move and second, it is ordered that we keep the same Committee, add the Officers of the Sardis Association to the Committee and give the Committee all necessary authority to find and buy property suitable for a permanent meeting site for the Sardis Association. Committee members are:

Brother Joe Fletcher	Elder Edwin May
Brother Isaac Williamson	Elder Isom Hannah
Brother John Henry Elkins	Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
	Elder Edwin Hay

(29) No Request was received from any Church to host our 1993 Association. Elder Billy Williamson, a Delegate from the Pilgrim's Home Church, requested that the Pilgrim's Home Church be permitted to host our Association again in 1993. Requests were made from the Delegates of other Churches to co-host the Association.

By regular move and second, the request from these Churches is granted as follows:

Pilgrim's Home Church will host our 1993 Association
Bent Branch Church, Pilgrim's Rest Church and Big Branch Church will co-host our 1993 Association.

The Pilgrim's Home Church is located on Kentucky Route 881. Follow U.S. Route 119 from Pikeville, Ky towards Williamson, WV for about 12 miles near the top of Bent Mountain, turn left onto Route 881 for about 2 miles to the Church on the left side of the road. If travelling from Williamson, WV toward Pikeville, Ky on U.S. 119, the distance is about 23 miles to Route 881.

All of our Churches should send contributions to help the Pilgrim's Home Church defray the expense of hosting the Association no later than July, 1993.

(30) By regular move and second, the Sardis Association does hereby tender our heartfelt "Thank You" to the entire community of Brushy Creek and to every member of the Pilgrim's Home Church who so unflinchingly gave hours and days of their time to make this Association a success. Many of the Brethren and even more of the Sisters from neighboring Sister Churches pitched in with friends in the Community to help out.

A special thank you is extended to Taney Williamson and her family for allowing us the use of their property. We are grateful for the kindness Taney and the family have bestowed upon us over the years and our prayer is that God will abundantly bless them.

Our heart and a special thank you go out also to the children of Sister Gladys and Dewey Ray who once again have allowed us the use of their property. We are indeed grateful to them and pray that God, whose blessings are without end, will abundantly bless each of these children.

It would not be possible to list all the friends, neighbors and Saints of God who helped in so many ways and who deserve to be named here but these few are mentioned with our heartfelt appreciation for their every deed and kindness: Brothers James Tackett and Freddy Kidd of the Harold IGA Store; Brother Jack Lucas of East Kentucky Chemical; Gene Hall of Rogers Funeral Home; Justice Funeral Home; Gene Hall and Bill Maynard of Pike County Funeral Home; Hatfield Funeral Home; Johns Creek Fire Department; Stoney Brown and Coca Cola Bottling Company; Pike County Board of Education; Billy Webb of Meta IGA Store; and Ervine Maynard's local grocery store.

(31) 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.

(32) On motion by Brother Bruce Forsyth and second by Elder Joe Evans, 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, 1993.

(33) The Sardis Association was closed by way of preaching from Elder Teddy Honaker of the New Salem Association. Prayer by Elder Berlin Thornsberry of the Sardis Association.

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 13, 1992

Well before the time appointed for Services the Brethren, Sisters and friends begin to gather at the tent for the last day of our Association. Their smiling faces and happy chatter manifest an inner spirit of thanksgiving and peace that abounds from a coming together of the Brethren seeking for the Lord's will to be done and ending the Association in harmony. In this Spirit the children were in expectation of Heavenly Manna when our Moderator, Elder Edwin May, came to the Stand about the hour of 10:00 a.m. to announce the arrangements.

Elder Ted Robinson from the New Salem Association came in the introduction very glad to see so many young people here and proclaimed he had heard of a City called Heaven. Brother Ted did not stand long but in an over-shadowing of the Spirit pictured the Church as a virtuous woman that brings her food from afar. This same Spirit filled the congregation as shouting and praising the Lord broke out from every corner of the tent. Brother Ted then led in prayer.

Elder Ellis Holbrook, Assistant Moderator of the New Salem Association, followed the opening stating he had never learned how to preach but is willing to offer himself for the Lord's use if He saw

fit to use him. God has everly loved His creation and there is nothing that can separate you from the love of God, stated Brother Ellis. Because of sin man separated himself from God but in His love God provided a mediator between Himself and man. Moses was that mediator in the Church in the wilderness and foretold of the coming of Jesus as that Prophet whom the Lord will raise up among your Brethren and Him shall ye hear, said Moses. Jesus is, therefore, the mediator between God and man, the High Priest with an unchanging Priesthood, the proclaimed only begotten Son of God who, being wounded for our transgression, broke down the middle wall that separates us from God and established a new and living way to God in mercy and truth through Grace by faith, stated Brother Ellis.

Elder Isom Hannah, our humble and highly blessed preaching Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association, came next in the Stand preaching Jesus as the nail fastened in a sure place that can't be moved and the fulfillment of the new covenant promised of God under the Law in the first covenant when he said, I will make a new covenant with the House of David and I will put my law in their heart and stamp it in their mind. Brother Isom carefully linked the prophecy of the new covenant to Jesus and proclaimed Him to be the new and living way to God and everlasting life. You must believe that Jesus has come in the flesh, suffered, died and was raised again, Brother Isom preached, before you can enter into this new covenant and obtain everlasting life. The Law covenant was given to convict us of sin and show us the need for a Saviour because the blood of animals could not forgive sin. But in these latter days Jesus has come, shed His blood for our sins and by His grace, through faith in Him, our sins are blotted out.

Elder Edwin May, our old soldier of the Cross and Moderator of the Sardis Association, came in the closing remembering this to be 43 - times in the last 44 - years that he has been in the Sunday service of the Sardis Association. How sweet it is, he declared, that God has blessed us with these foregoing Brethren who can rightly divide the Word of Truth in language so plain and simple that everyone can understand. Stating he was not physically able to preach today he asked the congregation to pray for one another as we take the parting hand, for some of us won't be back next year.

Elder Berlin Thornsberry called dismissal by offering up a prayer of thankfulness to God for His care and love showered down on us during this Association.

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

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

I have prayed many times that the Lord would bless me in writing this letter and each time the thought that Paul told Timothy in the fourth Chapter of I Timothy 1. "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

The apostle Paul is relaying to Timothy, the Lord Jesus Christ shall judge the whole world at his returning in the cloud of Glory. He tells him what the preacher should preach and uses the term season to represent when he is blessed with the spirit of God. He instructs Timothy to preach the word and warn with all longsuffering and doctrine for the time will come when they will not listen to sound doctrine but listen to others that will tell them things that sound good to them. I believe this time is here, because people are ready to listen to anything that is called doctrine, with no thought to where the doctrine has come from or with what spirit it is delivered. Some people try to adjust the doctrine to fit their way of life, instead of conforming their life to fit the doctrine of God.

We must find what is the doctrine of Christ in order to preach the word. Where does the Word come from and with what power do the ordained of God preach the Word? Is there a false doctrine that the child of God must reject? These questions must be answered in order to explain the message I have chosen.

Hebrews 34:12 - For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. 14. See then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

The word of God is so powerful that it can divide two things so close as the soul and the spirit. God knows the intent of the heart; all things are naked to him because he can see it from the beginning. Seeing that we have such a Great priest, Jesus Christ, with so much wisdom and power, who has made such a great promise to His people. We should defend the spirit of God that we profess with our very life. A man or woman that is born of the spirit of God is born with love and knows the word of God and has a desire to find out more and keep the word.

In John 7:16 Jesus said "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me." 17. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the

doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself." Jesus is telling us that what He delivered to us as doctrine is not of him but of the Father. John 6:36 "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." Jesus lowered Himself much lower than the angels for the suffering of death, and came down to this low ground of sorrow to die for sin; that thru his death we might have the opportunity to live. John 14:26 says: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." The Holy Ghost will teach you what the doctrine of God is and will enable a little being as us to preach in the power of the Lord. The commandments of God are to be kept by his people. In 1st John 3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments and the commandments are not grievous." So, the children of God must keep the commandments and therefore follow the doctrine. Therefore, the doctrine is from God and the Holy Ghost is used by God to convey the doctrine to his people.

The next idea is to discover if there is a doctrine that is false to the doctrine of God. Eve came to a situation when the serpent said to her you shall not surely die; Genesis 3:5 "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Here we see Eve telling the serpent that the Lord has told Adam Ye shall not eat of the tree neither touch it, lest you die. But the serpent told her that ye shall not surely die, but be as gods. This is in complete opposition to what God has told Adam. False doctrine was introduced into the world by the serpent which is the devil, and he is still the author of all beliefs that is different from the word of God. 1st John 3:1 "He that committeth sin is of the devil for the devil sinneth from the beginning." For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Our children are still listening to the words that the devil tells them and that will lead them down to destruction. So if we teach doctrine contrary to that of the Lord we are delivering false doctrine to the people and the blood of them that we teach will be required at our hands. 1st Timothy 6:3 "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to Godliness; 4: He is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5: Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness, from such withdraw thyself." Therefore we must be content in the doctrine of God and withdraw ourselves from them that teach the word of envy and strife among his people. 1st John 4:1 "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." "Little children let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."

God has lain the foundation of His Church and has sent Jesus Christ, who is the way, to break down the middle wall of partition and make a way for the Gentiles so they may be saved. The Apostle Paul tells us in 1st Corinthians 3:10 "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have lain the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11: "For other foundation, can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Jesus is the one that we must build upon and trust in Him for our life. When we have put on the additions to our faith and have acquired the Holy Ghost to the inward man, we have had our feet lifted out of the mire and clay and set upon the rock, which is Jesus Christ. "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisy, and envies, and all evil speakings." "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." We have then put aside our wickedness and have replaced the evil desires with the sincere milk of the word of God so the children of the Lord can grow in the way of our Lord.

I have shown by using the scriptures that God has a doctrine that he gives by the spirit to his born again children that will keep them in the way of the Lord. That there is a false doctrine that was delivered unto man by the deceit of the serpent. Jesus was made lower than the angels for the suffering of death, so we can live after this life is over. We can then say that what is lost in Adam we gained in Jesus Christ our Lord.

I will conclude with the following advice that Paul gave in 1st Timothy 5:10 "For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach; because we trust in the living God; who is the savior of all men; specially of those that believe. 11 "These things command and teach. 12: "Let no man despise thy youth" but be thou an example of the believers, in the word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 5:16 "Take heed to thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

I, a humble brother in the Lord, do offer this letter to the Sardis Association for their approval and must say that I feel that the Lord above, where all good and perfect gifts come from, has blessed me in writing this letter. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless each of you with a double portion of his Spirit.

Thomas J. Dials

**UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS
AND
MINISTERS TO ATTEND**

APRIL, 1993

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, James Barney, Isom Hannah, and Mark Murphy.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Joe Evans, Paul Vance, Leonard Napier, Richard Staton and Wayne Herald, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Lowe, Otis Williams, Ellis Amburgey, Claude Coffee, Woody Pack, Garland Deel and William Adair, Sr.

MAY, 1993

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Bobby Scott and Steve Robinson, Jr.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Lowe, Arvid Blevins, Thomas J. Dials and Paul Vance.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Berlin Thornsberry, Leonard Napier, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials.

JUNE, 1993

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Dinner served on Sunday near the Church. Ministers called: James Tackett, Clifford Williams, Bobby Sacco and Sabert Nichols.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Sabert Nichols and Moderator attending.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Sam Franks, Steve Robinson, Jr., 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, Andrew Maynard, Jerry Thompson, Hobart Hamilton and Elbert SESCO.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Harold SESCO, Dale Williamson, Sabert Nichols and Ted Robinson.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Sabert Nichols, Monroe Jones, Lacy Walters, Milford Lowe, Jimmie Hall, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Vernon Rose.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Freddie Maynard, Virgil Fields, Clifford Williams and Milford Lowe.

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

JULY, 1993

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ralph Adkins, Alvin Brown, Buford Brooks, Curtis Carroll and Vernon Rose.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Buddy W. Carty, Isom Hannah, Hobart Hamilton and Joe Evans.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Bobby SESCO and David Crigger.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wendell Hamilton, James Tackitt, Thomas J. Dials and Wallace Muncy.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsberry, Paul Vance, Edwin Hay and Sam Franks.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Virgil Fields and Moderators attending. All Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Vernon Rose, Virgil Fields, Dewey Roberts and Herman West.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert SESCO, Danny Runyon, Richard Staton and Bobby Scott.

AUGUST, 1993

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Stiltner, Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis, Roger Stepp and James Barney.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Mark Murphy, Steve Robinson, Jr., Billie Brumfield and Joe Evans.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials and Richard Staton.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Virgil Fields, Paul Vance, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton, Elbert SESCO, Danny Runyon and Burl Sturgill.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: 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 Stiltner, Robert Clay, Berlin Thornsberry, Frank Sheppard and Willie Blackburn.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Freddy Kidd, James Tackett (New Salem), Edwin May and Teddy Honaker.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 1993

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Dorsey Hollon, Edwin Hay, Johnnie Newsome, Isom Hannah, Richard Lowe, Stanford Branham and Chris Watts.

APRIL, 1993

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

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith, Ethel Lane, Maxie Laferty, Gertrude Thacker and great-grandson, Joseph Thornsbury, will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Edwin May, Wendell Hamilton, Richard Stator and Hurshell Huff.

MAY, 1993

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 D. 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, Billy Adair, Dale Williamson, Lacy Walters, Chris Watts, and Richard Stator.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Elk Fork Church on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Stillner, Alson Thornsbury, Lacy Walters and Willie Blackburn.

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 Stator and J. L. Nichols.

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 Stator and Joe Evans.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbury, Bobby SESCO, Leonard SESCO 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: Ted Robinson, Edwin May, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Diels, Lacy Walters and Bobby Scott.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and Trixie Blackburn, his wife, and all the deceased on that cemetery at the old home place on Pigeon Roost Creek on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Diels, Milford Lowe, Edward Runyon and Moderator attending.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, David Crigger, Joe Evans and Moderator to attend. 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 odd Saturday evening (May 29th) at 5:30 p.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Billy Williamson, Danny Runyon and Foster Blackburn. Everyone invited.

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.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on Memorial Day at 2:30 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis and Mark Murphy.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Kirk and Fields Cemetery on the Meathouse Fork of Wolf Creek on the fifth Sunday (May 30th) at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Clifford Williams, Wendell Hamilton and Verron Rose.

JUNE, 1993

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: Sabert Nichols, Paul Barney and Milton Dye.

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

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: Elbert SESCO, Dale Williamson and Billy Williamson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Muncy Cemetery, also Elder Homer Muncy, Sr. and all others buried on the Ruby Muncy Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Freddie Maynard, Richard Staton and Wendell Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING: There will be a special memorial meeting of Elder Bill Jude and his family at the old home place on Wolf Creek on the second Sunday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols and Arvid Blevins.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on the Sunday after the third Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton, Lacy Walters and Billy Williamson.

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: Wallace Muncy, Lacy Walters and Foster Blackburn.

ELK 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 Frank Sheppard.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Millis Roberts will be held the third Saturday and Sunday. The Saturday services will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the home on Robinson Creek. Sunday services will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Jarrett Smith Cemetery on the right fork of Brushy Creek, weather permitting. In case of rain or bad weather, the services will be at the home also. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Leonard SESCO, Lawrence Lester, Paul Vance, Andrew Maynard, Danny Runyon and Roger Stepp.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Nichols, Lowe and Lynch Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Gulnare, KY. Ministers requested are: J. L. Nichols, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton and Roger Stepp. Other Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

JULY, 1993

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Sunday at the Maynard Cemetery in Warfield, KY. Ministers called: Thomas J. Diels, Wayne Herald, Jr., Virgil Fields and Sabert Nichols.

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

AUGUST, 1993

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, Alison Thornbury, Leonard SESCO, Clifford Williams 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 are invited.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dials Cemetery on the Jack Cassidy Branch of Coldwater Road. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Jimmy Hall, Virgil Fields, Paul Vance and Thomas J. Dials.

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: Richard Staton, Bobby Scott, Lacy Walters and Elbert SESCO.

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: Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Richard Staton, J. L. Nichols and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Pilgrims Home 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 Lacy Walters and Harold SESCO.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Meeting begins at the Sardis Church house on Friday at 6:30 p.m. before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Isom Hannah, Charles Jarrell and Billy Adair.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel Stacy, his wife, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Henry Jude and Kenneth B. Jude.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of the Cline family on the right-fork of Gilbert Creek on the first Sunday at 5:00 p. m.. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

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

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 D. Lowe, Thomas J. Dials, James R. Sartin, 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 August 1, the odd Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Elbert SESCO, Hobart Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters. There will be no odd Sunday meeting at the Mary Elizabeth Church on this particular odd Sunday.

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 in August (August 1, 1993) at 10:00 a. m. Ministers called: James Tackett, Herman West, Monroe Jones and Berlin Thornsbury.

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 Clinton Moore.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Roger Hicks, Don Little, Hiram Adkins, Leonard SESCO and Moderator attending.

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: Hatler Kiser, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Marvin Bryant, Lacy Walters and Jethro Hampton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Wendell Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton, Ted Robinson and Don Little.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders H. I. Maynard, Marion Preece, Sr. W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts, A. A. Sheppard and all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, David Crigger, Clinton Moore, James Barney and Joe Evans.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased 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 Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Virgil Fields, Ernest Cochran, Clifford Williams, Hobart Hamilton and Billy Williamson.

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: Joe Evans, Kelly Castle, Wallace Muncy, David Crigger and Isom Hannah.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for the deceased members of the Church and the community. Service beginning at 10:30 a. m. Ministers called: Roger Hicks, Don Little, Woody Pack, Danny Runyon, Richard Staton 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: Clifford Williams, Richard Staton, Leonard Napler and David Crigger.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, David Crigger, Berlin Thornsberry, Paul Vance and Ed Runyon.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, J. L. Nichols and Gabe Lowe.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dave Jude and Fletcher 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 of Elder W. W. Fields and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Paul Vance, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Sabert Nichols.

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, Virgil Fields, Ben Scott, Gabe Lowe and Roger Stepp.

SEPTEMBER, 1993

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Gulnare, KY on the first Saturday at 10:00 a.m., Saturday only, at Anna Lowe's residence. The memorial of Johnnie Nichols, Sr., his wife and their descendants will be combined with this memorial. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Roger Stepp, Johnnie Nichols 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: Steve Robinson, Jr., Milford Lowe, Clifford Williams, Richard Staton and Gabe D. Lowe.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, 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 following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Sabert Nichols, Danny Runyon, J. L. Nichols 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, Larry Tracker, 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, Monroe Jones, Woody Pack, Kelly Castle and Steve Robinson, Jr.

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: James Gannon, Freddie Maynard, Lacy Walters and Wallace Muncy.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Oscar McCoy's home in memory of his wife, Nanie, and their parents and other family members on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, J. L. Nichols, Bradley Billiker, Richard Staton and Hurshell Huff.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude, America Jude, their three sons, other family members and of the Howells on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Isom Hannah, Sabert Nichols and Tom Diels.

OCTOBER, 1993

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Paul Barney, James Barney, Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., Hobart Hamilton and Buddy W. Carty.

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, Edwin May, Leonard SESCO with our Moderator and Assistant Moderator 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, Richard Staton, Billy Williamson, Ted Robinson and Freddie Maynard.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mount Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Woody Pack, Hobart Hamilton, Kermit Newsome and Ted Robinson.

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. Ministers called: Creed Thomas, David Crigger, Hank Forgey, Jerry Runyon and Isom Hannah.

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

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of John Jude and Belle Jude, his wife, Annie Jude and her son T. J. Jude on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy, Clifford Williams and Virgil Fields.

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: Wendell Hamilton, Kermit Newsome, Edwin May and Don Little.

OBITUARIES

ELDER FAY SCOTT

In loving memory of our dearly beloved "Brother" Elder Fay Scott, who went to glory early one fourth Sunday morning.

Born March 22, 1914, died May 24, 1992, son of the late Ras Scott and Maude Ellen Thompson Scott, was married to Esther Thompson Scott December 21, 1934 by Elder G. B. Byrd.



To this union was born Elizabeth Halloway, Newport New, VA, Mrs. Bill (Pansy) Belcher Hampton, VA, Mrs. Corbin (Ollie Mae) Peterson, Durham, NC, Fay Scott Jr. at home.

Baptized the second Sunday in January, 1950, by Elder Wallace Maynard and Elder Tommy Adair. Ordained to preach the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, August 13, 1960.

Brother Fay was very able in prayer and of the laying on the hands. He baptized this writer some 26 years ago, and this bond of affection will never die. If his children can follow Jesus like this OLD BAPTIST did, we can all meet on the sunny banks of Sweet delivrance. Written with the hope of the resurrection of these bodies on the great and noble day.

Elder Joe Evans

ELDER CHARLIE W. JOHNSON

With the help of the Lord and my family, I will try to write the obituary of dear Grandfather and Brother in Christ, Elder Charlie W. Johnson.

Poppy was born August 5, 1914 in Russell County, VA and died September 20, 1991, at his home in Sidney, KY. He was the son of the late Odis C. and Edna Dorothy (Robinson) Johnson.



He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 43 years having his membership with the Frozen Creek Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marie (Criger) Johnson who he was married to for 56 years: a daughter, Mary Charlene Stanton, Sidney, KY; a brother, Herman Johnson, Florida; sisters, Ruth Presley and Pauline Cole, both of Florida; Mable Carlton, Indianapolis, IN; four grandchildren, Sherry Lynn (Blackburn) Thornsberry, OH, Lisa Marie (Thacker) Smith, Sidney, KY, Byrs Michelle Stanton and Christopher Dale Stanton, all of Sidney, KY; four great grandchildren, Amanda, Samantha, Kayla and Brianna. He was preceded in death by my mother, Edna Delores (Johnson) Blackburn and three brothers, Ervin, Gaines and Odis Junio Johnson.

Poppy did not have a lot of money or material things, but he was richly blessed with gifts from the Lord. He had been sick for several years but he didn't let that stop him from doing his life's work. Serving the Lord and preaching His word was his first love, and he always found the strength to do what the Lord bid him to do. Poppy always told me that he wished he had more to give us, but he has given me more than any amount of money can buy. He gave his love and kindness without expecting anything in return. He taught me about faith, trust in God and accepting his will in my life. He worked most of his life for the freedom that he deserves and now has. His body no longer aches and his heart will never be broken again. I will miss him very much and a piece of my heart will always ache for my loss. I know that this terrible loss for me is Heaven's gain and as I sit and cry, the angels are rejoicing. My precious memories of Poppy will always be in my heart, as will the last words he said to me before he was called on, "Poppy loves you, honey."

I want to thank all of the wonderful friends who showed my family so much love. My thanks to the Rogers Funeral Home and the brothers who took care of the funeral services in the way Poppy wanted. To the rest of the family, give your lives to the Lord and live for Him the way Poppy has. Come to the Lord before it is too late and someday we can meet Him in Heaven.

Written by his loving grand daughter,

Sherry Lynn Thornsberry

GLADYS RENA ABBOTT

On May 6, 1918, at Kimper, KY, Alex and Sophia (Bostic) Varney were blessed with a new daughter, whom they named Gladys Rena. She was one of seven children.

Later in life, she met and married Earl W. Abbott. To them were born ten children. One son preceded her in death. The others; Eddie, Larry, Harold and Eulian



James, all of Kimper and Carl of Phelps along with four daughters; Thelma Jean Hunt, Hester Farmer and Margie Hunt of Kimper and Birdie Ball of Phelps, KY and their Dad survive.

Sister Gladys was a housewife, a grandmother of 26, great grandmother of 20 and a great-great grandmother of one.

She joined the Little Virgle Church on August 23, 1981 and was baptized at the hands of Elders Willie Stitner and Lloyd Lowe. Although she lingered in illness, she remained a faithful member and a meek and humble lady until death on December 22, 1991.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends, but we feel she is at rest in the arms of Jesus.

Written by her Brother in Hope,
Alvin Thornbury

JAMES WASHINGTON BAISDEN



It is with much love and admiration and great fond memories that I write this obituary of a beloved husband and father. James was born April 8, 1926, and he departed this life on February 13, 1992. He was born in Mingo County, West Virginia, to Albert Baisden and the late Oma Dillon Baisden. He was married to Gracie Messer Baisden on November 18, 1946. They were blessed with four natural daughters, Alberta Vance, Cornelia Baisden, Virginia Bryant and Angela Willis. They had three adopted daughters, Ethel Marcum, Nettie Newsome and Gracie Lynn Baisden, all of which he loved very much. He also had 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. James was a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church for many years.

We all miss him so very much, our hearts are filled with great sadness every day.

He was a retired coal miner and served in the Navy during World War II. During his last two hours when he was able to talk with his wife and daughters, he gave praise to his almighty God and told us that the Lord was with him. Even in his great illness, he gave praise to God.

James, through his faith and trust he showed his family and friends, of his great faith in Christ. He had a host of friends and relatives who never hesitated to call upon him when they were in need. He never hesitated to be there when he was needed. He never failed to show his wife and daughters of his strength, which he obtained through his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

James loved his church and was a faithful attender. He loved all his brothers and sisters in Christ.

James is sadly missed by his wife and daughters, but we all know that he is resting in Christ. We love him more than we could ever start to write, but I am sure during his life on this earth that he knew this.

He loved the song "Amazing Grace", and it is through the amazing grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we are able to write about our husband and our Daddy, for without the grace of God we could do nothing.

James was 65 years old when he departed this life, which seems to us a very short time. But God chose to call him home and we have our comfort in knowing that he is resting in Christ.

Our home is not the same anymore and can never be the same without him ever again. We miss him so much. In writing this obituary, I pray that his children can be able to see his love he had for his Lord.

We were with him to the end, as was his Lord Jesus and we all hope to be with him again.

We're not saying Goodbye Daddy, only farewell for a little while. We Loved him with all our hearts.

Written By: His wife Gracie and his daughters,
Ethel, Alberta, Cornelia, Virginia, Angie, Nettie and Gracie Lynn

RUTH CHAFINS BROWNING

It is with sadness that I try to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Ruth Chafin Browning, who passed on to a better life on November 15, 1991, making her stay here on this earth 56 years. She was born on February 26, 1936 in Mingo County. She was the daughter of the late Ransom and Sarah (Canturbury) Chafin.

Mom was united in marriage to

the late Moss Browning in April 1957 and to the union raised one child, Marvin Dale Chafins at home. She leaves behind 2 grandchildren and many sisters and brothers along with all of their good children, who loved so well, to mourn her loss. Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church when about 30 years old. She was a faithful member until her health got bad. In her heart she was always there.



Mom lived a good life before me and all she ever wanted was for me to be good and live for the Lord. I'll always remember the good prayers she prayed for me. The songs she used to sing in the old rocking chair. My life 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 Savior Jesus Christ. Oh, how we will all miss her. A voice I love is still. An empty place in my heart that can't be filled. An empty place in our hearts that can't be filled. She can't come to me but I can go to meet her and Daddy to part no more.

Written by her son, Marvin Dale Chalfins

JEFF CLINE

With love, by the help of the Lord, I'll try to write the obituary of my husband, Jeff Cline. I miss him very much. He was sick for so long. He was very patient and bore his sickness well. I feel he has gone to a better home. Jeff was born on June 2, 1911 and went to live with the Lord on July 9, 1992, making his stay on earth 81 years, 1 month and 9 days. He was the son of Ibba



Fields Cline and Roland Cline. He was united in marriage on August 12, 1938 to Antha Moore Cline. To this union was born five children, Billy Watson Cline of Georgetown, SC, Shelby Jean Grimes of Charleston, SC, Phyllis Ann Hulsmann of Wappinger Falls, NY, Hobert Ray Cline and Joseph Daniel Cline of Ocala, FL. He also helped raise five of his nieces and nephews, Charles, Ray, Randy, Gary and Sue Blackburn. He has one sister, Mahala Young of Ocala, FL and two brothers, Jacob Cline of Hatfield, KY and John Cline of Turkey Creek, KY. He has sixteen grandchildren and one great grand-daughter, many good friends and brothers and sisters in Christ to mourn his loss.

Jeff was baptized on August 21, 1983, at the hand of Elder Hiram Young and Brother Kermit Roman at Mary Elizabeth Church on Big Creek, KY.

I want to say to our children, they must live close to Jesus Christ our Lord if they expect to meet their Daddy in Heaven. I dearly miss him.

Written by his wife who loved him very much, Antha Cline

FAYE COCHRAN

It is with much sadness, aching heart, and yet some comfort we will try to write this obituary of Sister Faye Cochran. Sadness and aching heart at the loss of a wife, mother, sister and dear friend. Comfort in knowing the life she lived and the hope she had. She was an outstanding wife, mother and sister-in-law in nature, and a precious sister in Christ.



Sister Faye was born at Canada, Kentucky, February 1, 1933, the daughter of Brother Prosper Maynard and the late Sister Ettie Brown Maynard. On December 17, 1949 she married Harold Cochran to this union was born 2 sons, Gary Lloyd and Gene Edward Cochran, both of Point Pleasant, WV. She also leaves 2 daughters-in-law, Shari Cochran and Carla Cochran, 4 grandchildren, Gary, Jackie, Nicholas, and Rebekah, a sister Dolly Ann May, Ashland, KY, 2 brothers, Charles Maynard, Pontiac, MI., John Maynard, Sidney, KY, and a host of family, friends, and brothers and sisters in the church.

Sister Faye has always been a good wife and mother, but she knew it took more than that to go to Heaven. I have had many talks with sister Faye and Harold while she was in the travail. On April 29, 1988, Harold came to me and said sister Faye came through the house praising God and said she believed the Lord had forgiven all her sins, but she would try to wait until our next meeting time to make her confession to the church. I began to rejoice as soon as Harold told me, I feel the spirit bore witness she was my sister. Our next meeting time on Sunday she came praising God and told a beautiful experience. Brother Donnie Brown and myself baptized her. She came from the water praising God. She placed her membership with the Little Tavie Old Regular Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until God called her home.

I could go on and on about this wonderful sister but time and space would not permit. So I will close by saying to Harold, Gary and Shari, Gene and Carla, and the four grandchildren, weep not for wife, mother, grandmother but weep for yourselves and your children, for I believe our loss is Heaven's eternal gain and don't think for one minute cancer over came sister Faye but that she over came cancer and all pain through our Blessed Lord. And remember the scripture says "blessed are the dead that die in the Lord yea

Henceforth sayeth the spirit they rest from their labor.* No doubt you will call and look for her many times, and she cannot answer. As David said, she cannot come to you but you can go to her. And Children I beg you, Call upon him while he is near. Seek Him while he may be found.

May God bless us all to meet around the throne of glory some sweet day. I love you all.

Written by Elder William H. Cochran,
A Brother in Hope

JONAH ELKINS

Brother Jonah Elkins a "Gentleman" and lover of Gods way, went to the Paradise of God and is singing with the Angels.

A deacon of the Elk Fork Church. Born February 11, 1919, and went to sleep in Jesus, May 30, 1992.

Son of the late George and Ida Bell Elkins, married to Marie Hughes Elkins. To this union were born Jackie Elkins, Alum Creek, WV

Donald and Jonah Jr. Elkins, Micco, WV. Jonetta Thomas, Flat Rock, Mich. Debra Jeffers, Micco, WV. Diana Gambrel, Florence, KY. 17 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren.

Brother Jonah had three sisters, Cora Compton, Jane Lee, Lora Hugh, three brothers, Dodge, Marvin, and Eugene.

I count it a privilege to have met this brother in this life. In his dying hours he waited for his last child to come, then unhooked his oxygen and went to that upper and better world. Where the air is clean and free, at his passing the family knows, the sun brightened his room as he went. Bless God.

If his children could be half the man he is they could attain to great height in this world and the world to come and the scriptures says ye who are troubled rest with us.

Brother in Hope, Elder Joe Evans



CURTIS ELSWICK

Brother Curtis Elswick, born November 8, 1911 the son of the late Charlie Lilburn and Victoria Ratliff Elswick. He passed this life January 22, 1992 at Mount View Health Care Center in Elkhorn City, KY.

Brother Curtis was a heavy equipment operator and had a great reputation for being very skilled at his job.

He was a member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church of Varney, Kentucky where he served faithfully for thirty-seven years. Serving the Lord there for many years as an humble deacon.

Curtis was preceded in death by his wife Josephine Taylor, Elswick in 1985, and a daughter in 1983, Jennifer Kinney.

He is survived by his wife Monell Ratliff, Elswick of Meta, Kentucky, one son Dudley Elswick of Marineo, California, and two brothers Fred Elswick of South Carolina and Marvin Elswick Varney, Kentucky.

Curtis also survived by one sister Hazel Elswick Blackburn of Burnwell, Kentucky, three grandchildren, one great grandchild, two step grandchildren and four step great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends who came to know and love him, will mourn his passing.

Brother Curtis's welcome hand and kind smile will be sadly missed by his brothers and sisters of the church he loved so much, the Pilgrim Home Church near his old home-place. We all will miss our brother. We can't bring him back, but by the Grace of God we can go be with him in a land where parting will be no more.

Written by Brother Billy Williamson and wife Monell Elswick

MARVIN ELSWICK

It is with a broken heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear friend and neighbor, Marvin Elswick.

He was the son of the late Charlie and Victoria (Ratliff) Elswick and was born December 8, 1901, making his stay here 90 years, 2 months and 19 days.

Marvin passed away at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital after a short illness. He was united in



marriage to Orpha (Maynard) Eilswick in 1931. To this union two children were born. Lois Huttenstine of Varney, KY and Phillis Francis also of Varney.

He also had one grand daughter he raised as his own, Ann Barlow Stanley of Varney, KY. He had seven brothers, three sisters and six of his brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. Marvin is survived by one brother, Fred T. Eilswick of Nichols, SC and one sister, Hazel Blackburn of Burrwell, KY. Marvin also had 7 grand children, a host of nieces and nephews, friends, neighbors and brothers and sisters in Christ to mourn his loss.

He has worked hard all of his life and in his younger years he worked in construction, in late years he was a farmer and a logger by trade. It was fascinating to listen to him tell stories about the logging business.

Marvin joined the Pilgrim's Home Church of Regular Baptist in September 25, 1988 and was baptized by Ed May and his natural brother and brother in Christ, Curtis Eilswick. Dale Williamson and Charles Canada aided them.

His desire was to get well enough to come home so he could go to the Pilgrim's Home Church to Worship the Lord, but God called him home where he can praise his name forever.

Marvin, my good friend and neighbor, will not be crippled over there. He can sing and walk those streets of gold and live forever and ever in the paradise of God.

Here his sweet and humble love he has shown us will always be remembered.

Written by: Sharlene Cline and Phillis Francis

VIRGIE ESTEPP

With sad and loving memories,
I will try and write the obituary of my
Mom, Virgie Estep.

She was a member of the Sardis Church, Delbarton, WV for years. Born September 1, 1909 at Delbarton, WV, she was the daughter of Elder Asa Zorn and Della Evans. She departed this life March 3, 1992 at age 83 years, 6 months and 2 days.



Several brothers and sisters preceded her in death. Two sisters living: Vada Farley and Esther Hodge of Delbarton, WV and husband, Greenway Estep. Children: Luther, Lucinda and VanArthur all of Delbarton, WV, Della of Pennsylvania and Tony of Delaware. Several grandchildren and great grandchildren. So remember, only one life, it will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

In Christ,
Luther and Minerva Estep

SHIRLEY (CHAFINS) EVANS

Shirley (Chafins) Evans, the daughter of the late Ransom and Sarah (Canterbury) Chafins, passed on September 15, 1991. She was born on April 29, 1938, dying at the age of 53.

Shirley was united in marriage to George Ruben Evans II. She has left behind two daughters, Mary Thompson of Lenore and Shirley Allen of Matewan, and one son, George Ruben Evans III of Lenore. She also left behind 5 sisters 5 brothers, with 2 sisters already deceased. Shirley was a member of Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church.



Written by her children: George R. Evans III,
Mary Thompson, and Shirley Allen

JAMES W. HIGNITE

It is with a sad heart and many precious memories that I write the obituary of my father, James W. Hignite. He was a son of William and Nannie Hignite who is also deceased. Daddy was born on February 25, 1918 in Graceland, Ky. He departed this life on July 1, 1992. He was married to Mary Chafins Hignite who preceded him in death on March 8, 1984. Mom and Dad was a member of the old Bethany Church on Laurel Creek for over 30 years. They left ten children behind to mourn their death in sadness. The children are: daughters, Gloria Davis, Brenda



Collins, Sarah Music, Nettie Carey, Deanna Stafford; sons are; James Jr, Lester, Freddie Joe, Bobby, and George Hignite; 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. We love and miss you with all our hearts.

Written by James and Vina Hignite

ADA HORN KIRK

Sister Ada took her flight to live with Jesus and his Holy Angels April 20, 1992. Born August 11, 1898, she was 93 at the time of her death. A member of the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church for 56 years, she was baptized October 11, 1936, with Sister Lucy Kirk and Elder Tommy Adair. From that day forward, she had that Hope which would sustain her in all things throughout her natural life.



In her latter years upon this earth, she lived in a world she could longer remember, but when it came to Jesus, she knew and leaned upon him for everything. In the quiet of the night, laying upon her bed, she could be heard praying, singing and talking to the Lord.

Her table grace was simple but with a special beauty about it. She would always ask the Lord to "Bless this food for the nourishments of our bodies and our souls to Thy Service".

We were blessed to witness the goodness of the Lord, to spiritually see Him take a soul He loved home. The bitterness of that moment, so quiet and peaceful. Our loss and Heavens gain.

Sister Ada was the daughter of Michael and Vastitia (Harvey) Horn. She was married to the late Joseph (Joe) Kirk. She was proceeded in death by 3 sons: Harland Kirk, Ira Kirk and Garland Kirk. She is survived by 5 sons and 3 daughters. Ted Kirk, Irvin Kirk, Rush Farley (Bob) Kirk, James Allen (Jim) Kirk, and Millard Kirk. Three (3) daughters, Ethel Evans, Cordell Edwards and Anna Rose Taylor.

Also surviving are one sister, 26 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.
Anxious Awaiting Our Reunion,

Your Daughter
Sister Ethel Evans

VINNIE KIRK

It is with much sadness (also joy) that I try to write the obituary of our dear Mother, Vinnie Fields Kirk. Mom was baptized October 3, 1970 by Elder Wayne Herald and Elder Edd May, and placed her membership in the Leannah Church of the Old Regular Baptist, where she remained a member until her departure from this life. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. She was the youngest child of Frank and Rebecca Maynard Fields. She was married to our dad, Andy Kirk for 70 years, when he died on October 22, 1990. To this union were born 7 children, 3 preceded them in death their only son Arvil at age four years. Irene Kirk at age 13 years and Jean K. Webb at age 39 years of cancer. Also a special grand child who was raised in their home, David Fields at age 19 years it broke our hearts to give him up, to us he was the baby of the family. Mom had a lot of trouble and tragedies in her life, but she was a strong person and an exceptionally good mom. She was always at home with us and provided all our needs. She was a hard working farm wife, doing all the work around the home, but for many years she was Post Master and helped run a General Store. She spent many long hours in the business, besides doing all her house work. She leaves four daughters to mourn her loss, Ruby Stepp of Louisville, Ruth Reed of Louisa, Madge Potter of Elkhorn City and Geneva F. Pack of Louisa. Our sister Geneva stayed in the home with Mom for many years while her son David was growing up. She did most of the care of Mom and Dad in their later years. She is a registered Nurse and knew more about taking care of their sickness than the rest of us. I don't know how we could have made it without her help. Mom also leaves a lot of nieces and nephews who miss her I'm sure as she was the last of her family on the Fields side. Also I must thank the brothers and sisters of Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church, they were so good to visit, and all the neighbors on Wolf Creek. Mom and Dad were well liked in their neighborhood and in Martin County. Mom is resting now. All trouble and sorrow behind her. That is why I feel joy for the good hope of her peace, and rest at last.



Her daughter,
Ruth Reed

JENNINGS LESTER

Brother Jennings Lester who was a bright flicker of light, to the Old Sardis Church, and his little family.

Born February 22, 1924, went to sleep in Jesus April 15, 1992, and is singing in the paradise of God.

Son of the late Harmon and Nancy Justice Lester. Married to Edith Thompson Lester August 20, 1946. To this union were born two sons and one daughter. Edward Lester preceded him in death in 1968. Charles Lester, Chapmanville, WV, Kathleen Butcher, Chapmanville, WV, 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.

Two sisters and three brothers remain. Ruby Mantey, and Burchle McCoy, Henry, Sanford and Delbert Lester.

Brother Jennings didn't realize how close eternity was when baptized by Elder Billy Brumfield and Elder Joe Evans on the fourth Sunday of March, 1991.

He became a beacon of light for his little family and desired to witness longer, but God had purposed that he would have to go.

I do hope his little family, saw that flicker and beacon of light that points to a far off and better land.

When the bell tolls for me, I believe brother Jennings will meet me at the portal.



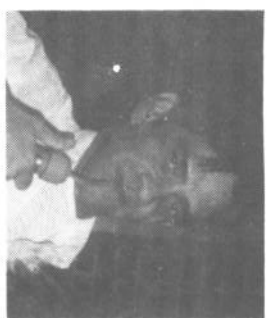
Elder Joe Evans

JOHN L. LOWE

With Gods help I will try to write the obituary of my dear husband John L. Lowe who was born November 13, 1944.

John was a good husband and a good father to his children. John joined the Pilgrim Home Church in 1991 and gave his life to Jesus Christ our Lord and oh how good that made me feel. John had a long battle with cancer, but with faith he

lived over two years when doctors gave up on him, he would just pull his self right back up, until his death he really had a lot of faith in Jesus. I remember when the SESCO boys and Richard Staton came from Kentucky to Tennessee to see him and sing and have prayer oh how that pleased him, he really enjoyed it. John was a good



Christian person he welcomed everyone, visitors in his home even though the cancer was wasting his body. Oh he was so good to every body and even helped with the sick ones in the family. John and me were married in 1965. He was also a veteran in the U.S. Army. Me and John was blessed with two boys, John David Lowe who proceeded him in death July 13, 1990 and George I. Lowe. John left this world June 3, 1992. He was in the Hawkins County Memorial Hospital here in Rogersville, Tennessee. John will dearly be missed by me Nancy Lowe his wife and son George I. Lowe and his family and friends. But his memory and all the good times me and the boys had together will always be with me and George. Me and George feel that he is in Gods hands resting peaceful and will not have to suffer from the cancer he had. John Oh how we miss and we love you.

Written by his lonely wife Nancy Lowe and his son George I. Lowe

TRULY MAYNARD

It is with much sadness, happiness and precious memories that we write the obituary of our wife and mother, Truly Irene Maynard. She was born July 12, 1918, and passed away July 4, 1992, at the age of 73 years, 11 months and 22 days. Mom was the daughter of Roscoe and Cordelia (Keese) McCoy.

December 24, 1936, she

married Ben Maynard. To this union

were born 5 children. A son, Craft Hayes Maynard, proceeded her in death. Survivors include her husband, Ben Maynard; a son, Claude Maynard of Raccoon, KY; 3 daughters, Marie (Mrs. Bilton Maynard) of Zebulon; Grace (Mrs. Eugene Blackburn) of Meta; Louise (Mrs. Charlie Blackburn) of Shelbyana; 2 grandchildren Truly raised as her own, Mahalia Patches Atkinson of Tazewell, VA; Gene Arthur Maynard of the home; 18 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, Clara Ross of Tennessee and Claudia Blackburn of Hardy, KY, four brothers, Arthur and Oscar McCoy both of McCombs, KY, Johnnie McCoy of South Williamson, KY and Donnie McCoy of Dearborn, Michigan.

Mom was a homemaker and a member of the Big Branch Church since the third Saturday in September of 1951. She was baptized by the hands of Elder Harvey Lowe and Elder Edwin May. Mom not only took care of her husband and family but touched the lives of many others: nieces, nephews, neighboring children, and many friends. Mom will be missed by all who knew her. We feel our



loss is heaven's gain. We won't see her here any more but she will live on in our hearts for a long time to come. If we live and serve Jesus we will meet her again someday.

Sadly missed by us all, Ben, Claude, Marie, Grace and Louise

VERNA JUSTICE MORRIS

With sadness I'll try and write the obituary of our dear Mother, Verna Justice Morris. She was born June 28, 1905 and deceased this life Dec. 3, 1991. Making her stay here on earth 86 years 5 mo. 3 days.

She was the daughter of John Albert and Mary Jane Stanley Justice, She was married to James Kenous Morris June 2, 1921.



To this union was born 10 children 5 sons, Ester, Glen, Frannie, Kenous Jr., Edgar Morris 5 daughters Loraine Reed, Ginda Brown, Geraldine Senters, Ethel Mae Hall, and Mary Gugelchuk, also 39 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and one son.

She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Regular Baptist Church of Dix Fork in June 1949 by J. G. Thornsby and H. C. Maynard. She loved to go to church and was a faithful member as long as she was able to go. Mother was sick for a long time, in a wheel chair for 5 years. She had much courage and patience.

Mother or Grandma everyone called her, was a true friend to all who knew her. She was very gentle, kind and good to everyone. She always had a kind word, spoke no harm of anyone.

Mother suffered much in this life bearing her pain humbly, and always calling on the Lord to help her. I believe God in his great mercy called her home, as a relief from her pain, I feel that she is resting in a beautiful place where there is no pain or sorrow, awaiting the coming of Jesus our Lord and Savior. We hope to meet her and sit down together again some sweet day, where all its peace, joy and love forever more.

Written by
Lorraine Reed

ARMENDA BROWN Phipps

With a sad heart I will attempt to write the obituary of my grandmother Armenda Brown Phipps. Born 1901-1992 making her stay on this earth 91 years.

Grandmother was the daughter of the late Tom and Polly Brown of Dix Fork, Sidney, KY.

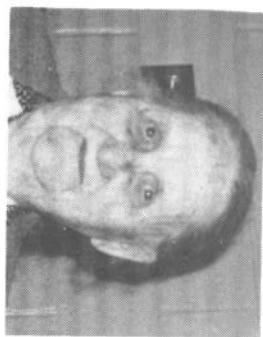
She was the wife of Charles Albert Phipps of Portsmouth, OH who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by one son Ulley W. Phipps, also two brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by one son Russell Smith and one daughter Nellie McCoy, also surviving are 2 brothers and three sisters.

Grandmother was a member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Church, being baptized by the hands of brothers Elder Earnest Cochran and Elder Charley Johnson

Grandma was a resident of Mountain Manner nursing for several years. Grandma enjoyed her years here. The nurses and staff made her stay there very happy.

We miss Grandmother but I am sure her heavenly home is much happier than her earthly one.



Sadly missed by her granddaughter
Ellen A. Smith and all her family

ORLAND HI PREECE

Born March 11, 1916 died January 4, 1992. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis Marion and Nancy Jane Maynard Preece; four brothers Francis Marion, (Bud) John, Henry A. and Harold Preece; and a sister Emma Hall.

A member and deacon of the Rebecca Regular Baptist Church. He was a retired coal miner from Island Creek Coal Co. where he worked for thirty six years.

He is survived by his wife Alice Tingler Preece; sons, Grant and Bob Preece, Ragland, WV; daughters, Joanne Kinder, Newtown, WV and Libby Pope, Delbarton, W.V. Sisters, Mary Sheppard, Martha Runyon, Dixie Lee Vance, Esta Evans and Brookie Preece.



He was a very generous man with his family and especially the church. It was only a few days before he died he asked Bro. Marlon Workman about the church finances.

A week or so before he died he called me to his bedside and asked if I could see the angels and I said where? He said they were coming from the throne and to me that was a good testimony. I knew where his heart was.

I shall close now with love and prayers.

His wife,
Alice Preece

GLADYS ELIZABETH RAY

It is with much sadness I attempt to write the obituary of a good friend, neighbor, and a dear sister in Christ.

Sister Gladys was the daughter of George and Arizona Morrison Elswick. She was born June 7, 1915, making her stay on earth seventy seven years, two months and thirteen days.



Gladys was united in marriage to Dewey Ray March 6, 1932. And to this union was born eleven children, Loretta Triveno of Detroit, MI, Mary Lou Slaughterback of Ypsilanti, MI, Eugene Ray, (no address), Linda Adams of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Janice Walters of Sidney, KY, Catherine Ray of Belfry, KY and Patty Lowe of Sidney, KY, George Malcolm Ray of Varney, KY, and Elizabeth Lowe of Blue River, KY. Two children preceded her in death, Margaret Ann Ray an infant, and Dewey "Duke" Ray Jr. who died in Viet Nam while serving our country.

Also preceding her in death were her husband Dewey Ray, her father and mother, George and Arizona Elswick, one sister, Madlene Sammons, known to us as Maddie. A brother, R. L. Walker and two grandchildren also preceded her in death.

Sister Gladys is survived by one sister, Helen Ray of Varney, Kentucky sixteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She joined the Pilgrim Home Church and was baptized June 19, 1987 by Louie Muncy with Wayne "Bob" Ray and Glen Blackburn assisting him.

Sister Gladys was very sick for over six years spending the last two and one-half of them at the ARH Skilled Nursing Facility of South Williamson, Kentucky where she was when God called her home.

There her little body will never be wracked in pain anymore. She has gone to a home that is eternal and will have a perfect body in that Good Land where suffering will be no more.

Sister Gladys will be sadly missed by all her family and children who stood by her day and night for so many years. Here, as mom lay silent in her hospital bed, they would join the brethren in singing hymns for her. Now angel bands "gathers round" and sing as she rests in the arms of her Lord.

Her neighbors on Brushy Creek and the members of the Pilgrim Home Church certainly mourn her passing and will miss her until Christ's coming. Having the love of God we can all meet again where we will never have to part anymore. Our only hope is in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior.

Truly we, and these children and grandchildren have suffered a great loss, but all who have known her since Jesus came into her life have to say that our loss is sweet Heaven's gain.

Written by: Billy Williamson and Sharlene Williamson Cline

BERTHA ROBINETTE

It is with much emptiness and sadness that we try to write the obituary of our mother, Bertha Robinette. She was born October 25, 1906 and was called home to be with Jesus April 4, 1992 making her stay on this earth 85 years seven months and four days. She was the daughter of John W. and America (Stanley) Young. She was united in marriage December 3, 1933 to Curtis Robinette, who preceded her in death. To this union was born four (4) children, two boys and two girls, one of whom preceded her in death. Joyce (Robinette) Gillman of Winchester, KY, Bobby Charles Robinette (deceased), Glorice Robinette of Lexington, KY whom she lived with the last twenty five years and John Lloyd Robinette of Pinson Fork, KY.



Mommie had one sister, Bronis (Young) Robinette and one brother Alfred Young, six half-brothers, Marlon, Amos, John B., Buddy and Julius Young and George Stanley. Three half-sisters, Rebecca (Stanley) Smith and Veda (Young) Burris and Emmie (Young) Burris. All have preceded her in death except for one sister Bronis Robinette of Varney, KY. Mommie leaves three (3) grandchildren, and three (3) step-grandchildren, and three (3) great grandchildren.

Mommie joined the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist church at Varney, KY on August 25, 1946. As children we remember when she was raised from the water shouting and praising God. On church time she would get up early and partially fix dinner and then walk to church. Many times poor health prevented her from being there, but her heart was there with all the people she loved. Our hearts are broken and we are so lonely with out you and we need you so much, but remembering the pain and suffering you endured so humbly for the last five years helps us to accept our loss and heavens gain. Your work on earth is done and you are awaiting that glorious morning when you will receive your crown of glory. We know you are at rest with Jesus, but your chair, your bed and your place at the table is empty. The memories you left us will give us the strength to walk down that straight and narrow path you so willingly walked while here on earth. Rest in peace until we meet again.

Written by her children, Joyce, Glorice and John Lloyd

BEULAH SMITH

In loving memory of Beulah Ann Smith, my mother. I will attempt to write her obituary. Mom was a kind and gentle person whom we all loved and cherished.

She was born on May 2, 1908, in Washington. She was the daughter of Dock and Delphia Hale, Maynard. Her husband Ballard preceded her in death along with one daughter, Betty Guglechuck.

Mom was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 42 years. She was baptized by Brother Jonah Ester Williamson and Brother Ernest Cochran.

She is also survived by four sons, James Albert, Willie, Danny and Ballard Jr., two sisters Elizabeth Bare and Louise Grindstaff and eight grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Mom departed this life October 25, 1991. She would always say she had a hard life raising her children but a good one.

The family all miss her very much but we feel in our hearts that she is in a Land of Paradise.



Written by her son, James Albert and Daughter-in-law, Genola

ARLIN STANLEY

It is with much sadness and with the help of God we will write the obituary of our loving Dad, Arlin Stanley.

Dad was born on March 24, 1913 and died Saturday, September 7, 1991, making his stay on earth 78 years.

He was the son of the late Mose and Nancy Jane Stanley. Dad was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, a member of the UMW and a World War II veteran.

He was married to Vinia Viras Stanley and to this union was born six children. Surviving children are: Betty Jane Cash of Alabama, Brenda Franklin and Patricia Adkins of TX, Arlin Jr. Stanley and Jimmy D. Stanley of Hardy, KY and Tommy Lee Stanley of Phelps, KY. He has another daughter, Nancy Arlene Reed of Turkey Creek, KY, 27 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren and one brother, George Stanley of Hardy, KY.

The last 14 or 15 years were the happiest of Dad's life because he returned to the Lord Jesus Christ and made the Old Regular Baptist Church his home. I believe when Dad died he went away with a friend. Dad is sadly missed by all that knew him.

Written by his family



DEWEY AND HESTER NELSON STANLEY

With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my mother and daddy Dewey and Hester Stanley.

Daddy was born Feb. 2, 1899. He was the son of George H. and Mary Ellen (Williamson) Stanley departed this life Feb. 3, 1989, making his stay on earth 90 years.

He became a member of the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church July 3, 1930 was baptized by the late Elder J. H. Brown and Elder Jonah Bevins.

Mother was born Feb. 23, 1908 daughter of Tom and Polly Nelson departed this life Feb 27, 1992 making her stay on earth 84 years.

She joined the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church July 8, 1928 and was baptized by the late Elder J. H. Brown.



Mother and Daddy had five children. Two sons Calvin and Billy Lloyd one daughter Vera Johnson and four grandchildren preceded them in death. Surviving children are Mary Ellen Rohrer, New Camp, KY, Willma Zerke, Akron, OH, one daughter-in-law, Nannie Hodge Jones of Kings, NC, seven grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Daddy left us first leaving a sad home and family to mourn his loss. We would spend time with Mother trying to comfort her but she missed Daddy dearly and her health began to fail. This past year she went on to be with him.

I believe they are together again resting in the arms of Jesus. It was wonderful to hear Mother testify of her faith in God, and our loss is Heavens gain.

We all love you, Their daughter,
Mary Ellen Rohrer

BERNIE STOLLINGS

One of Mom's request was that I write this obituary for her. This seemed very important to her and at that time I didn't understand why. However, as I look back now I do understand. She knew from past experience that it would be after much prayer, I would write only what which God laid upon my heart. Today trusting in him, I will try to fulfill that request.



Mom was born June 21, 1909 at Grapavine, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Ruben and Mary Jane Justice Thacker. She was preceded in death by her husband, HI Stollings and by 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

Survivors, include three sons; Frennie, Hershel, Irvin Stollings. Eight daughters, Magdaline, Pearl Smith, Mildred Stanley, Adith Young, Doris Wellman, Jewel Scott, Gale Bolen, and Alane Hunt. One brother Russell Thacker and 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

She became a Christian and a member of the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church July 28, 1933, which she faithfully attended until her health no longer permitted. Mom was the oldest member of the church. She loved it dearly and had raised her family there. Many of them are Christians today because of the seeds that were planted there at a young age.

Every time she was asked how she manage to raise eleven children, her reply was always the same, "I brought them up in the way they should go."

Mom never achieved great fame or wealth as most people would perceive wealth and fame. Nevertheless, she left a legacy worth more than silver and gold. She loved the Lord and her family with all her heart and taught her children to do the same. She also taught us about decency, honor, and respectability. All of her family has lived up to those expectations. That is the legacy Mom left behind and we as a family will cherish and carry on.

The last few days of her life were full of pain and she would beg for the Lord to take her home. On Sunday, she said she could see Him and she stretched forth her hands and told Him to hurry. On the following Wednesday morning, He answered that cry and she just slipped away.

She's gone to be with Him now and through my tears of sadness I try to see Mom in a country where there is only peace, joy, and love. Until we meet again, I will always miss and love her.

Written by her daughter,
Alane Hunt

MAUDIE ELIZABETH MUNCY THOMPSON

Sister Maudie was born February 19, 1923 and departed this life October 31, 1991. Making her stay on this earth 68 years.

Sister Maudie gave her hand to become a member of the Pilgrim Home Church in August, 1958 and filled her seat as often as she could for 37 years.



She was the daughter of Bascum and Ollie Hale Muncy who preceded her in death. Sister Maudie's husband Harold Thompson and her son Lloyd Harold Thompson and one brother Emory Ray Muncy also preceded her in death.

Sister Maudie is survived by her step mother Vada Muncy of Varney, KY. Her daughters Yvonne Thompson and Bonnie Lee Williamson of Varney, daughter-in-law Rita Thompson of Stone. Five grandsons, Eric Williamson of Meta, Mitchell Williamson and Teddy Thompson both of Redford, MI, Harold Thompson of Chattanooga, TN and Jason Thompson of Stone, KY. Two granddaughters, Michelle Masa of Redford, MI and Tonya May of Stone, KY. Four great grandchildren: Dougie Masa, Ashley Nicole Thompson, Leanna Yvonne Williamson. Five brothers James Monroe Ray, Claude Muncy and Freddie Muncy of Varney, KY. Jay Dee Muncy of Bellville, MI and Eddie Muncy of Columbia, TN. Five sisters Ruth Stepp Kopperston, WV, Luola Young and Mary Lois Stevens of Sidney, KY, Joanna Williamson of Varney, KY and Mildred Woodson

of Berea, KY. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends.

Sister Maudie was not only a faithful member of our little church but a friend to all the people she came into contact with. When I think of how the children loved her and how she treated them with kindness and respect. No matter how young or old.

When you came to the end of the dusty road where she lived instead of a frown there was always a smile and a wonderful welcome. Always willing to share what she had with anyone in need, to me this was true love. The love that only Jesus Christ can put down into one's heart.

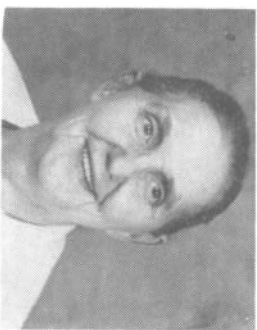
If I am blessed to get to that beautiful city called Heaven I believe Sister Maudie will be awaiting me with that wonderful smile that always said welcome.

Your Brother in Christ

EUNA VARNEY

I will attempt to write an obituary in loving memory of my dear sweet mother, Euna Varney. She was born on January 29, 1928 in Pike county, KY, and departed this life on April 30, 1991.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Onia (Norman) Kayser and Elmer Kayser. Her mother died when she was just 5 days old. She was taken in and



raised until she was about 9 years of age by her grandparents, Peter and Nancy Ann Norman of Elk Creek, WV. Then she went to make her home with John and Martha Evans, (her aunt) at Chattaroy, WV, until her marriage to William (Bill) Varney on November 17, 1945. Daddy died on September 12, 1987. Mom grieved over the loss of her husband until the day she was taken home. She longed for the day she could go to be with him in heaven.

Mom is very sadly missed by her 9 children. Evelyn Estep of Beech Creek, WV, Leigh Onia VanHoose of Nolan, WV, Juanita Hunt of Delbarton, WV, John Varney of Inez, KY, William Varney of Pinosfork, KY, Nancy and Jeffrey R. Varney of Pie, WV, Iva Marie Davis and James Dewey Varney of Chattaroy, WV. Also left to mourn her are 25 grandchildren.

Mom became a member of the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church on June 23, 1957. She was a faithful member of the church. I think that my mother was one of the kindest and most generous-hearted persons that has ever lived on this earth. Even though she had nine children to care for, she still took time to help other people

that were in need. She never turned away anyone from her door in need of a place to sleep or a good meal to eat. She always had room in her heart to care for other people and treated everyone that came around her like a member of her family. I know in my heart that Mom is resting in peace and she will be greatly rewarded in heaven for being the wonderful person that she was while she lived here on earth. I will miss her as long as I live and never forget the love she showed me.

Written by her daughter with love,

Juanita Hunt

GLADYS WARD WALTERS

It is with much sadness that I write the obituary of my dear sweet mother Gladys Ward Walters. Mom was the dearest and best friend in this world to me. Mommie loved all her children and was ready to go to them at any time they needed her. She cared about every body and didn't ask for any thanks. I know that she will be rewarded. I thank the Lord for not letting her suffer. When Mommie left us she was ready to go, because I watched her go.



Mom was born February 29, 1907 and died June 18, 1992 in Pike County, KY. She was the daughter of George and Mint Francis Ward. She was a homemaker and a member of Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband George W. Walters, two sons Zack Walters and Arle Junior Walters two brothers Oscar and Lake Erie Ward, and one sister Tilda Runyon and four grandchildren. The survivors are Bradley Walters, Barberton, OH, Bill Walters of Varney, KY, J. S. E. Windle Walters of Hatfield, KY, George C. Walters of FL; four daughters, Betty Caines of Harold, KY, Etta Tunnicliff of Central City, KY, Nancy Lowe of Rogersville, TN and Barbara Hall of Hatfield, KY. Two sisters, Maxie and Clarie Ward of Varney, KY. She had 29 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren and many friends. Yes my mother is gone but me and my family will never forget her sweet face. We all loved her very much and with the Lords will I hope to see her and my dad again.

Written by her daughter and granddaughter,
Barbara Hall and Paula Hall

JOHNNY WHITE

It is with much sadness but with the help of God, I will attempt to write the obituary of Brother Johnny White. Brother Johnny was born June 11, 1928 and deceased this life on April 21, making his stay here on earth sixty four years and ten months. He was preceded in death by his parents, Brother James (Jim) White and Mary White.



He is survived by his wife Lillie Mae (Lackey) White of Lenore, WV, and seven children: Five sons, James, Sammy, and Walter Ed White of Lenore, WV, Curtis Ray White of Dingess, WV, and John Wayne White of Ironton, OH. A grandson Everett Lee White whom he raised as his own. Two daughters, Betty Lou Newsome of Lenore, WV and Roxie Lois Smith of Huntington, WV and several grandchildren.

He is survived by three brothers, Ollie White of Tennessee, Frankie White of Borderland, WV and Aaron White of Claypool Hill, VA. Three sisters, Norma Lackey of Lenore, WV, Oillie Lackey of Lenore, WV and Mary Lackey of Lenore, WV.

Brother Johnny was a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Dingess, WV. Brother Johnny went to church as long as his health would permit. When he was unable to go, he would have the Brothers and Sisters come in to his home to preach and pray with him. I believe that Brother Johnny is at rest awaiting the return of the Lord.

I would like to say to the children that does not know the Lord, if you want to see Brother Johnny again, repent and be baptized. Sleep on, Brother Johnny, we will see you there.

Written by a Brother-in-law in the flesh
and a Brother in Christ, Brother Bill Lackey

EMZY WILLIAMSON

We will try to write an obituary of dad, with the help of our Lord, to guide us. (Dad) Emzy Williamson, was born to the late Harvey Williamson and Pearlina (Howard) Williamson on October 22, 1898 and he was called to meet our Lord, on May 29, 1992, making his stay on God's foot-stool 93 years and 7 months and 7 days. We all miss dad



very much. Dad was married to Alice (Blackburn) Williamson, 64 years, 9 months and 25 days and to this union was born 10 children, two who preceded him in death, a son Dike Williamson, and daughter Beatrice Johnson, the surviving children are Curtis Williamson, of Riverside CA, James F. Williamson of Varney, KY, Wendell Williamson of Columbus, OH, Virgil Williamson of Reddick, FL, Thomas Williamson of Varney, KY, Gary Joe Williamson of Varney, KY. Two daughters Ora P. Robinette of Turkey Creek, KY and Callista Murphy of Virgie, KY. Dad also had one grandson they raised as their own, Darrell G. Kesse, of Michigan. Also 39 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren. I know dad will be missed by all of the family and friends. Dad was a member of Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church for many years, he came into Old Regular Baptist family in year of 1955.

We would love to say to all of children and brothers, if you ever want to meet Dad you must fall out with your sins and live for Jesus, as Dad did, for approx. 37 years. Dad was always concerned about the family, any time you talked with him his mind would be on Mom and his children; and on a land far away. After losing both legs and being very sick Dad would rejoice when brothers, sisters and friends would come in an sing and praise the Lord, with the family. We loved him very much and miss him but by the Grace of God, we can go to be with him. We would like to thank the people who was so good to Dad the last 11 months we kept him with us. Mom has lost the most precious person in this life.

Written by his daughters,
Ora Robinette and Callista Murphy

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 induce 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 and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 3. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

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

ARTICLE 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as 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.

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MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	100	100	1					2		29	10:00/10:00		2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Thomas J. Dials	75	100		2			3			33	11:00/11:00		1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	75	100								14	11:00/11:00		1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	150	175						1	2	55	11:00/11:00		2	May
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	150	150	1		1			1	1	87	10:00/10:00		3	Aug
SARDIS	Joe Evans	150	200	1	1			1	5		69	11:00/11:00		4	Aug
BIG BRANCH	Richard Staton	125	125					1	1		26	11:00/11:00		3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	125	150	1						2	49	11:00/11:00		3	July
BETHANY	Isom Hannah	75	150						3	2	41	11:00/11:00		4	Aug
ELK FORK	Joe Evans	80	100						1		18	11:00/11:00		3	Aug
PILGRIMS HOME	Elbert Sesco	300	250	2	1			2		1	110	10:00/10:00		4	Aug
SALEM	Elbert Sesco	200	100	2				8		1	44	11:00/11:00		1	May
SIDNEY	Wallace Muncy	100	150	2							29	2:00/10:30		4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	175	200	1					3		59	11:00/11:00		1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Bobby Scott	100	100	1					1		36	11:00/11:00		4	July
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	125	100	3					1	2	48	10:30/10:30		2	July
BUCK CREEK	Thomas J. Dials	125	130		1						26	10:30/10:30		3	June
TABITHA	S. D. Hensley	75	100								17	2:30/11:00		1	Aug
LITTLE ROSA	Joe Evans	30	40					1	3		10	11:00/11:00		2	Apr
TURKEY CREEK	Andrew Maynard	150	150						1	2	77	11:00/11:00		2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	100	150	2	1				3	1	47	11:00/11:00		1	July
ROSA	Leslie Blair	150	150								54	2:00/10:00		3	Aug
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	25	50								7	/11:00		2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Richard Staton	75	75						1		13	11:00/11:00		4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair, Br.	200	200	2					1	2	81	2:00/10:30		1	Apr
PILGRIMS REST	Elbert Sesco	50	50	3					1		17	10:30/10:30		2	June
OKEECHOBEE	James Barney	125	150					8			23	4:00/10:00		3	Apr
ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	100	100	1	4						39	10:30/10:30		1	June
LITTLE TAVIE	W. H. Cochran	100	75					1	1		9	10:30/10:30		2	July
TOTALS		3390	3670	25	10	1	0	14	38	14	1125				

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