

Minutes
of the
*One Hundred and Fourth
Annual Session of the
Sardis Association of
Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ*

IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH THE
SARDIS CHURCH
DELBARTON, MINGO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 13, 14 AND 15, 1996

Elder Isom Hannah - *Moderator*

Elder Thomas J. Dials - *Assistant Moderator*

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

Elder Edwin Hay - *Assistant Clerk*

Brother Archie Prince - *Assistant Clerk*

PROCEEDINGS
of the
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

FRIDAY

September 13, 1996

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Sardis Church at Delbarton, Mingo County, West Virginia on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1996.

Before you could park your car the sweet melody of joyous singing perked up your spirit and made you hasten to join a large and beautiful congregation already gathered on the grounds. New arrivals were greeted in love by laughter, hand shaking and hugs typical of Old Regular Baptist home coming at Association time.

About the hour of 9:30 a.m. Elder Isom Hannah, our Moderator, came to the Stand under the tent speaking a few words of welcome and to announce the arrangements. Giving praise to the God of Glory for His manifold blessings in allowing us to meet again. Brother Isom expressed his strong desire that this Association be led by God's Spirit and, if so, everything will be alright, but if not, we will have warfare.

Brother Isom dedicated this 104th Sardis Association to Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. and Elder Kelly Castle who were faithful to God and so abundantly loved by Regular Baptist everywhere.

Elder Richard Staton, having been chosen as alternate for this sessions Introductory Sermon, came to preach the Opening of the service. Stating his fear because we are accountable for all we say, Brother Richard admonished that "we gather in our lines and lay aside every weight, everly looking to the Lord for our help."

There are, he said, a lot of things wrong in the World but one thing is right - Jesus Christ, the Son of God, crucified for the sin of the world and raised for our justification. Put your trust in God, he preached, and the Spirit will teach you God's will. It's not our opinion that counts, he stated, but rather, what saith the word of God. Brother Richard then led in prayer.

Elder Wayne Herald, Jr. came to deliver the Introductory Sermon. After speaking a few words of John being taken up from the Isle of Patmos and viewing the city that lies four square, he sang the song, "A City That Lies Four Square."

Preaching and talking, Brother Wayne preached Christ the First Resurrection unto eternal life, not as Lazarus was restored to natural life and had to die again, and our spirit witnesses the resurrection today. Preaching of the Saints raised after the resurrection of Christ, Brother Wayne

expressed his fear of the doctrine of a 1000-year reign in which men would have a chance to repent. Today, he said, is the day of salvation.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Sardis 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 Dave Gibson, Old Friendship Association
Elder Murl Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Ked Adkins, Union Association
Elder Jimmie Hall, New Salem Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in order, Elder Isom Hannah, our Moderator, called to seats the delegates from our churches sent to represent them in the Association and the delegates sent by our Corresponding Sister Associations. He spoke of our Articles of Faith and our belief the Old and New Testament is the written word of God. We need to follow them, he said, and not bring anything else among us. We will not see eye to eye on everything, he stated, but in love we can consider one another.

Brother Isom then called upon Elder Ellis Holbrook, Assistant Moderator of New Salem Association, to open the Service at the house. Brother Ellis preached of God's presence today. He's not asleep or gone on a journey, he said, but he's everywhere and big enough to fill the whole world, yet small enough to come into your heart. Draw in your heart and mind, everly looking to the Lord for His will to be done and follow the good old way.

Elder Arnold Whitaker, Assistant Moderator of the Old Indian Bottom Association, led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Isom Hannah, our Moderator, came to the Stand advising that when we come together, his duty as moderator is to try to give advice as best he knows how.

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

Brother James Blackburn
Elder Thomas J. Dials
Elder Hobart Hamilton

(3) The Moderator 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 Sardis 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 \$ 4,050 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 a Committee to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association and the entire Sardis Church delegation.

(7) 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 Frank O'Quinn, Union Association
Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 1996 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

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

(9) The Clerk and Assistant Clerk had asked the delegation for additional assistance in performing the Clerk's duties. Under the 15th Article of our Constitution, a motion and second was made to re-appoint Brother Archie Prince, with his consent, to serve as an Assistant Clerk. No Objection. Therefore, Brother Archie Prince is listed with the Officers of the Sardis Association for the 1996 year as an Assistant Clerk.

(10) By move and second, it is ordered that our Moderator make all temporary appointments during the sitting of the Association and in future settings of the Association unless changed by the delegates.

(11) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Melvin Fields, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Chris Watts, Sardis Association
Elder Harrison Runyon, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Ray Hamilton, Northern New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder Doug McCarty, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Claren Williams, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Woody Pack, New Salem Association
Elder Arnold Whitaker, Old Indian Bottom Association

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

Brother Mel Mahorn
Brother James Bailey
Brother Richard Maynard

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

(14) 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: Frank O'Quinn, Jesse L. Williamson, Robert Clay, Floyd Jude, Jerry Estep, Arthur Duty, Thomas E. Thacker, David O'Quinn, Ked Adkins, Ira Williams, Howard Daniels, James Gannon, Earl Hill, Arvid Blevins, Harold Staten, Paul Hogston, Herman West, Terry Bryant, Harvey Estep, Gene Johnson and Robert Osborne. Letter in the hands of Elder Frank O'Quinn.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Pete Hensley, John E. Hicks, Jim Tuttle, James Tackett, David Hicks, Willard Hicks, Forrest D. Hall, J. D. Clarke, Monroe Jones, Ellis Holbrook, Ted Robinson, Hiram Adkins, Wendell Hamilton, Woody Pack, Clyde Lewis, Jimmie Hall, C. B. Smith, John Justice, Clinton Moore, Bill Hamilton, Hershell Slone, William Slone and Bill Cotton. Letter in the hands of Brother Pete Hensley.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Sam Franks, Jerry Runyon, Raymond Stapleton, Floyd Newsome, William Holbrook, Harrison Runyon, C. W. Turner, Paris C. Tackett, Larry Dixon, John Jude, Ray Hamilton, Doug McCarty and Raymond Gillman. Letter in the hands of Brother Raymond Gillman.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Harlan E. Barney, Paul Morrison, John Paul Clark, Lowell Adkins, Walter Morrison, David Gilliam, Ira C. Adkins, Jr., Donnie Brown, Howard Adkins, Charon Gilliam, Creed Thomas, Paul Moore, Willis Tolliver, Glen Merritt and Luther Ramey, Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder John Paul Clark.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Leonard Coleman, A. C. Matney, Danny Hurley, Junior Lester, Herbert May, Gary Justus, Josh Justus, Jr., Jeff Owens, George Baker, David Bailey, Dave Gibson, Russell Hunt, Lawrence Estep, Gary Brown, Junior Coleman, Charlie Gibson, Ernie Stacy, Burl Justus, John R. Justice, John Payne, Phillip Estep, Curtis Crouse, Roger McCoy, Doug Reed, David Lester, Monroe Matney and Woodrow Whitt. Letter in the hands of Elder John R. Justice.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Rodney D. Slone, Leo Slone, Don Akers, Ford Madden, Ted Amburgey, Vance Blair, Claren Williams and Melvin Fields. Letter in the hands of Brother Rodney Slone.

(15) 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: W. H. Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Kenneth B. Jude, Richard Staton, Stanley Campbell, Henry Jude, Frank Sheppard, Ernest Sesco, Rutherford Cline and Billy Williamson.

(16) 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.

(17) 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.

(18) On motion by Elder Chris Watts, second by Elder William Campbell, Jr., the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 14, 1996.

SATURDAY

September 14, 1996

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sardis Church house where, about the hour of 9:00 a. m., our Moderator, Elder Isom Hannah, called the house to order, and asked Elder Creed Thomas, Assistant Moderator of the Philadelphia Association, to open these Services.

Brother Creed preached love and peace among Old Regular Baptist through the blessings of our Master, Jesus Christ. The Old Church always had problems to overcome and, he said, we have all come through the fire, been born again and are marching forward, keeping down problems and living in peace, having put on the whole armor of God. Brother Creed then 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 1997 Association; who shall be his Alternate; and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1997 Association:

Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association
Elder Murl Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder William Adair, Sr., Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Wallace Muncy, Alternate
Elder Jerry Thompson, 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

Brother Jason May, Sardis Association
Brother Larry R. May, Sardis Association
Elder William Campbell, Jr., Sardis Association

SUNDAY

Elder Melvin Fields, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Clinton Moore, New Salem Association
Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association
Elder Isom Hannah, Sardis Association

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

Balance on hand 9-9-95		\$ 29,925.98
Interest received 8/8/95 to 8/30/96		\$ 1,329.43
Building Fund Contribution		<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Total available for 1995		\$ 32,255.41
Less 1995 Expenses:		
Print 4,000 copies of minutes	\$ 4,305.00	
Liability Insurance to Southern Home Church	\$ 525.00	
Mailing Minutes Expense	\$ 113.51	
Miscellaneous Cash Expense	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	
Total 1995 Expenses		<u>(\$ 4,953.51)</u>
Balance on hand 9-13-96		\$ 27,301.90
Add 1996 Receipts:		
Contributions from Churches	\$ 4,050.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 480.00	
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$ 220.00</u>	
Total 1996 receipts		<u>\$ 4,750.00</u>
Balance on hand 9-14-96		\$ 32,051.90

SUMMARY:

Association Fund	\$18,442.90
Building Fund	<u>13,609.00</u>
Total As Above	\$32,051.90

(6) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1996 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 John Paul Hamilton, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand and overcame a weak and nervous body to read his Letter in a forceful voice. 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, Old Friendship Association and Old Indian Bottom 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, 1996: Billy Williamson, Kenneth Jude, Bobby Scott, Sr., Bob Justice, David Crigger, Bobby SESCO, Ralph W.E. Varney Jr., Frank Sheppard, James Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Willie Blackburn, Isom Hannah, Hobart Hamilton, Berlin Thornsbery, Stewart Brown, Hershell Jude, Willie Stiltner, Johnnie P. Cline, Buddy Glandon, Jason May and Larry R. May. 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, 1996: Hobart Hamilton, Willie Blackburn, Frank Sheppard, James Blackburn, Stewart Brown, Berlin Thornsbery, Richard Staton, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Billy Williamson, Gary Young, Bobby Scott, Sr., David Crigger, Frankie Scott, Hershell Jude, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1997: Chester Cochran, Marion Duncan, Gary Young, Frank Sheppard, Gordon Akers, Willie Blackburn, James Barney, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Jim Cochran, Clyde Brown, Thomas J. Dials, Danny Runyon, Lester Cochran, Billy Williamson, Glen Dixon, Isom Hannah, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Edwin Hay. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the New Mount Olive Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1997: Ron Knox, Clyde Brown, Chester Cochran, Jim Cochran, Frankie White, Frank Sheppard, Isom Hannah, S. D. Hensley, Glen Dixon, Gordon Akers, Willie Blackburn, James Barney, Archie Prince, Damon Runyon, Larry R. May, W. H. Cochran, Lester Cochran, Frankie Scott, Billy Williamson, Greg Scott, Bobby Scott, Sr., David Crigger, Jason May, Richard Staton, James Brown, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edwin Hay and Wayne Herald, Jr. Letter in the hands of Brother Archie Prince

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the North Springs Church, Wolford, VA, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1997: Berlin Thornsbery, Jerry Thompson, Elbert SESCO, Isom Hannah, Joe Evans, Willie Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay, W. H. Cochran, Johnnie P. Cline, Buddy Glandon, David Crigger, Willie Stiltner, Danny Runyon, Billy Williamson, Billie Brumfield, Stewart Brown and Frank Sheppard. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbery .

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the Little Home Church, Red Fox, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1997: Edwin Hay, Joe Evans, Berlin Thornsbery, Bobby SESCO, Damon Runyon, James Blackburn, Frank Sheppard, Glen Dixon, Willie Blackburn, Billie Brumfield, Thomas J. Dials, Stewart Brown, James Bailey, Frankie Scott, Maynard

Hay, Billy Williamson, Chester Cochran, David Crigger, Lester Cochran, Gary Young, Jim Cochran, Buddy Glandon, Ron Knox, S. D. Hensley, Jack Robinette, W. H. Cochran and James Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Joe Evans.

(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.

(11) In the absence of other Tent Committee members, the Clerk gave the Tent Committee report that it was old, frayed and needed to be replaced. Report was received by move and second.

(12) Discussed Liability Insurance and re-imbusement to the Sardis Church for the cost of insurance for this year. By regular move and second, the Brother Clerk was authorized to pay the Sardis Church \$200.00 for Liability Insurance premium.

To further help the Sardis Church with its expense of hosting the Association, a donation was made up at the House and the Stand totaling \$887.47.

(13) 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

(14) 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.

(15) 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. (1929 minute)

(16) Ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women. (1919 minute)

(17) Read the Requests from the Mt. Pleasant, Narrows Branch and Enon Churches regarding Item (18), page 9, in our 1995 Minutes, and requesting that the following advice be adopted by the Association and printed in our minutes from this time forward:

"We, the Sardis Association, advise our Sister Churches that it is not our practice to use sisters or double married men in any function of the ministry, including leading prayer in any of our Church Services."

With Elder Thomas J. Dials standing as Moderator, Elder Isom Hannah, our Moderator, apologized for not seeing the Order we have against using double married men in any function of the ministry at item (16), 1995 Minute, but Elder Bobby Scott showed him that we do have.

Brother Tommy asking for patience and understanding, led a good discussion for and against granting the requests. A move from Elder Frankie Scott to grant these Requests, second by Brother Dewey Blackburn, met with an objection filed by Elder Joe Evans. A vote of the delegates showed 44 in favor of the motion 24 against it. Therefore the Requests are granted and the advice replaces item 18, page 9, of our 1995 Minute.

(18) Read the Report of the Committee on the study of the Requests from Big Branch Church, Pilgrims Rest Church, Pilgrims Home Church and Salem Church regarding the receiving of members having more than one living companion. Elder David Crigger, a member of the Committee read the following report:

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR ADVICE ON RECEIVING MEMBERS**

Salem Church, Goody, Pike County, KY

March 30, 1996

Dearly Beloved Brethren of the Sardis Association:

Your Committee appointed at Item 19, page 9, of our 1995 Minute has performed its duty to the best of its ability and presents its Report and Recommended Answer to the Request presented to you by the Churches at our 1995 Association.

Hear and understand this was not a simple undertaking and each member of your Committee labored in much prayer seeking the Will of the Lord as we struggled with three differing beliefs and opinions among Sardis Association Brethren on the question of receiving members with more than one living companion:

- (1) Neither party is entitled to membership as long as they remain in that condition.
- (2) Only the innocent party is entitled to membership, if that party can prove by Gospel or Church evidence it is the innocent party.
- (3) Either party is entitled to membership upon demonstration of an Experience of Grace and New Birth.

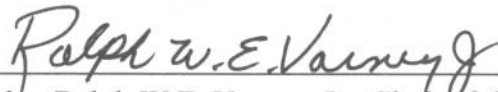
The Receiving of Members is the only question before this Committee and we do not consider any other question. Therefore, we recommend that Item 20 and Item 22, page 10, of our 1995 Minute be changed to read:

"We advise the member Churches of the Sardis Association that in the receiving of members by any means who have more than one living husband or wife to only receive those that have put away their companion for the cause of fornication and that each Church shall be the judge of the evidence presented and if any Sister Church knows of evidence to the contrary they would have a right to present such evidence to that Church."

Prayerfully consider this Report and diligently strive for peace among the Churches.



Elder Isom Hannah, Moderator of the Committee



Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., Clerk of the Committee

After discussion, a motion was made by Brother Jimmy Blackburn, second by Elder Frankie Scott to receive the Committee's Report, discharge the Committee and adopt the advice as given in the Report. Objection by Elder Glen Dixon. Vote taken, 63 for the motion, 5 against. Therefore the motion is carried and the advice recommended by the Committee will be printed in our minutes as replacements for Items 20 and 22 of our 1995 Minutes.

With the adoption of the Committee's Report, requests from the Pilgrims Rest, Salem and Elk Fork Churches were withdrawn by the respective delegations.

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

(20) 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. Also, friends of the Churches that are recommended by the Churches be printed in a separate section of our minute. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$15.00 will be made for a picture with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

Clerks Note: Please note the above order - it is incumbent upon the churches in the Sardis Association that they be the screen and recommending body of Obituaries of Friends to be printed in our minutes and identify the same (by note or otherwise) to the Clerks when the Obituary is turned in. Also, it has been noted that a few obituaries are turned in along with an electronic copy on floppy disc (3 1/2" discs). Since the Sardis manuscript is on a computer in **WORDPERFECT 6.0** and can read and or translate several word processing formats (**WORD, WRITE**, etc) and almost any **ASCII Text file**, an Obituary turned in with an electronic copy on floppy disc would be a great and needed help to your clerks. Any typed copies can make better use of the **Page Scanner** used by the Association if the **font size is 12 or greater** and the lines are double spaced. Not a requirement, but we need all the help we can get.

(21) By regular move and second, the report of Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings was omitted for this year because of time already used today.

(22) Report of the Committee on Acquisition of Property was given by Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr. who stated the committee's desire to accept real estate offered to the Sardis Association by our beloved Mary Elizabeth Church. Elder Hobart Hamilton then reported that Mary Elizabeth Church had received a deed for about 2 acres of real estate located behind the Church house and had agreed to give this property to the Sardis Association, if the Association would agree to build a building and develop a permanent site to host the Sardis Association upon the property, with only a reservation in the deed for the property to come back to the Mary Elizabeth Church in the event the Sardis Association ceased to exist or ceased to use the property for its intended purpose.

Brother Ralph reported on work done that showed a 60-foot by 100-foot metal building can be placed upon the property above the floodplain for about \$100,000, with gifted material and labor, and that a parking lot can be constructed in the floodplain.

On motion by Elder Joe Evans, second by Elder Wayne Herald, Jr., and no objection, the offer from the Mary Elizabeth Church is accepted and the Permanent Site Committee is changed to a Building Committee with the same members. The Building Committee and Trustees of the Sardis Association are authorized and instructed to receive the gift of real estate from Mary Elizabeth Church; and to solicit and receive other gifts of property, labor and money; and secure a building and development loan not to exceed \$100,000; and to proceed with all reasonable speed to construct a building upon said real estate.

Trustees of the Sardis Association are (see 1989 Minute)

Elder Ernest Cochran
Brother Bob Justice
Brother John Henry Elkins

Members of the Building Committee are (see 1995 Minute)

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.	Elder Isom Hannah
Brother Isaac Williamson	Elder Thomas J. Dials
Brother John Henry Elkins	Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr
Elder Jerry Thompson	Elder Edwin Hay
Elder Billie Brumfield	Brother Archie Prince

(23) The Requests from the Southern Home and Pilgrims Home Churches to host our 1997 Association were read and by regular move and second the Pilgrims Home Request was granted. Therefore, the Pilgrims Home Church will host our 1997 session.

The Pilgrims Home Church is located on the Brushy Fork of Johns Creek at Varney, KY, on KY 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 traveling 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 Pilgrims Home Church defray the expense of hosting the Association no later than July 1997.

(24) By regular move and second, the Sardis Association first of all wants to thank the Good Lord for His blessings and being mindful of us during this session of the Sardis Association. Then the Association wants to extend a truly heartfelt "Thank You" to each and every member and friend of the Sardis Church and a "Special Thank You" to our good Sisters from the Rosa, Little Rosie, Muncy Valley, Rebecca and Samaria churches and many more that we can't think of just now, whose gracious help we sorely needed. Also, our special thanks to the Hannah Lumber Co., Kiwanis Club of Delbarton, Town of Delbarton and Johnny Mahon for the use of his property, water and kindness; and a host of others who helped make this Association such a success.

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

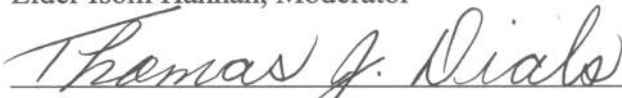
(26) Elder Tommy Dials spoke for the entire Sardis Association when he humbly expressed eternal thanks to the great God above for His blessings upon us this day for, we believe, His mighty hand led us. On motion by Elder William Campbell, Jr., second by Elder S. D. Hensley, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the place set out above at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1997.

(27) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Monroe Jones of the New Salem Association and Prayer by Elder Ellis Holbrook of the New Salem Association.

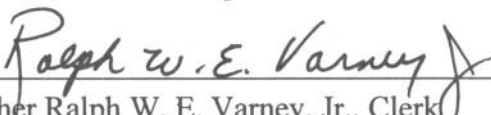
(28) This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.



Elder Isom Hannah, Moderator



Elder Thomas J. Dials, Assistant Moderator



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



Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk



Brother Archie Prince, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY

September 15, 1996

Another gorgeous day began to unfold as we drove through the valleys and over the hills to the Association, totally caught up in the awesome splendor of God's natural handiwork. As much as our natural self basked in this earthly sight so was our Spiritual self engulfed in the unseen heavenly hand of God. It was, then, no surprise to arrive on the grounds and hear the Children giving the Father all honor and praise for making this one of the best Associations we ever had.

Elder Tommy Dials, our capable Assistant Moderator, who at times standing as Moderator led us over some rough ground, came to the Stand to announce the Arrangements. Thankful for God's leadership and care of this old Association during our hour of need, Brother Tommy praised Him for moving the clouds of trouble out of our sky and declared the prayers of our Brethren and Sisters have been answered beyond our greatest expectations. His love, he said, has covered us with blue skies and clear sailing through a troubled sea because, when Jesus speaks, the tempest is stilled.

Elder Melvin Fields from the Old Indian Bottom Association was first in the Stand. Totally surprised at being called upon to open these Services he rejoiced over the Work done here yesterday and thanked the eternal God for having witnessed His hand move upon the Brethren.

Brother Melvin, stating his belief that God is a Light and shines in the dark hearts of men, declared that we can have a witness of that Light and a sure foundation in Jesus if we take heed to "the Light that lighteneth the heart of every man". There is a man within a man, he preached, and the inward man, the hidden man of the heart, must be illuminated if he ever sees the way from earth to heaven, just as this outward man must have the light of the sun to see his way with these natural eyes.

Elder Clinton Moore from New Salem Association followed the opening singing, "Gone Away With a Friend". He then sang, "A Letter from Heaven", amidst much rejoicing and, shouting from our ever so lovely and faithful Sisters. Brother Clinton expressed his thankfulness at being able to witness the hand of God upon the Work done in the Sardis Association yesterday. The love shown by the Brethren has already spilled over into the other Associations, he said. Preaching of a land we can see by an eye of faith, he declared us to be a poor and afflicted people that Jesus shall feed as a shepherd feeds his flock and leads them into pastures of plenty. But you can't sit on your seat and do nothing, he said, you must turn from the path of sin, draw near unto God and He will draw near to you.

Elder Monroe Jones from New Salem Association was next in the Stand. He, too, praised God for having been here yesterday and desired the same Spirit of the Living God to direct his mind today.

Brother Monroe, always a pleasure to hear, stated his belief that God "Called" His preachers and entrusted the Gospel into the hands of those He "Called". The, Gospel, he said, is the Power of God unto Salvation and Salvation is deliverance from sin. Preaching the Living Word and the Written Word, he declared the Living Word to be the author of the Written Word recorded by Holy men who wrote as they were led to write. He preached Jesus to be the Living Word who shall save His people from their sins.

Elder Isom Hannah, Moderator of our beloved Sardis Association, whose gentle demeanor belies his wisdom in everly searching for and striving to perform the Will of God, came in the closing. He preached of the covenant made in heaven between God and the Son that opened the Way for men to reach heaven, an everlasting Covenant. God spoke through the Prophets in olden times, he said, but speaks to us in these last days through Jesus Christ by the Spirit and through the Preachers He called.

Preaching sin to be in three-tense, past, present and future, he declared Jesus delivers from all three because He received grace without limit but we by measure. Jesus, he said, is the beginning, the middle and the end. Peter confirmed this when he said, "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God".

Brother Isom concluded this Association by stating he did rejoice in the Lord who worked in the delegates to bring about a good Association long to be remembered throughout the Churches.

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. called dismissal.

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

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association,

At our last session you chose me for this honor. I thank you for your confidence. With the help of God, I will try to write this letter for your inspection. Since I have been chosen to write this letter I have thought of many things to write about. There are so many things that concern me about the welfare of our churches.

It seems to me that our memberships are decreasing far faster than our incoming members. I think it's time that we sit down together and evaluate our situation to see if we can come up with some answers.

I find today that our children and grandchildren aren't coming to the Old Regular Baptist Church. If we lose our families and friends, who will be coming to church?

Brethren, I am trying to write a letter, not a sermon. There are so many things to consider, I don't have the understanding to put all of them into words. We must lay aside all unrighteousness and remember that Jesus died for all men everywhere, giving them a right to choose him or darkness and everlasting death.

Brethren, I found out very early that hardness is not strength. And, that humbleness is not weakness, but it is strength in Jesus. We must remember that we as men are weak and that God is great and merciful.

We must lay aside all of our differences and walk together in the love that God gave us. I want our children, friends, and enemies to repent and be born again. If we have peace and the Love of God in our souls, the world will see this, and some will want to have this peace and love- and will come to live with us. This is the way we will gain memberships. But, if we fight, then we have no peace and they will also see this and have no desire to live with us.

I fear that if we continue as we are now, in 20 or 30 years there might not be any Old Regular Baptists left. My brethren, be not afraid of changes, especially if they will help God's kingdom here on earth. Remember, God changed the priesthood giving us a high priest, Jesus Christ. The bible says let the mind of Christ be in you. If this mind be in us, we will love one another and even those who oppose us. If we live upright before God, he will withhold no good thing from us. Let your light shine and the world will know that you are God's Children.

We must show our children and our friends that there is reality in serving our God, who is rich in Love and Mercy toward mankind, who became sin for us that we, through his poverty, could live. Someday we will reign with him in Glory.

Brethren, pray that God will renew our faith and strength, and that we can understand his will. For we must have a willing mind and heart to do those things that God instructs us to do. Let every one of us examine ourselves and see if we be in the faith. It is not our duty to judge the world, but it is to warn them of the danger of living and dying in sin. There is a beautiful place where we can live forever with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will be able to sing that new song, "we have been redeemed both soul and body" and Glorify him in his presence.

Brethren, is there not a wise man among us? I think so, but we are not teaching the commandments of God as we ought to. It seems that some have fallen asleep concerning their duties as Christians. Jesus said, "take my yoke upon you and learn of me". Jesus put his laws in our hearts and minds. If we keep an open mind, God will let us understand his laws and ways. Then we can use this understanding for the up-build of his church, but if we close our minds and hearts, we can't understand even if God shows us the very understanding we need. Let each one pray and study for the understanding of his ways.

The word of God was written with a spiritual mind. Therefore, it takes a spiritual mind to understand the written word of God. We also need to remember that everyone does not have the same ability to understand. But, everyone should learn to abide in his own calling with God. We are responsible for our own understanding and not that of anyone else. We do not have the right to judge others by our conscience.

Again brethren I say, is there not a wise man among us? Children of God can not go to heaven without a change. But in time God will fulfill his promise to us.

Written by your unworthy brother in Jesus,

Elder John Paul Hamilton

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE
TO
OUR SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

We, your sister, the Northern New Salem Association wish to express to you our condolence in the loss of your Elders, beloved Brothers and Sisters since your last setting.

Their labor wasn't in vain, may the memory of them sustain you in your sorrow, for knowing them was to love them. Some day when time shall be no more here, but eternal in heaven, it is then we hope to meet them, to live forever in that holy city, not made with hands

Prayerfully,
Bro. Hillard Newsome, Bro. C. W. Turner;
Clerks

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

APRIL, 1997

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, Gene Johnson, Floyd Jude, Mark Murphy, Billy Blevins and Arvid Blevins.

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Thomas J. Dials, John Wayne White, Paul Vance, Edwin Hay, Richard Staton and Wayne Herald, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Albert Hamilton, Johnnie Newsome, John B. Hamilton, Gary Adair, Odes Williams, Ellis Amburgey, Garland Deel and Floyd Jude.

MAY, 1997

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p. m. immediately following our once per year special business meeting set for 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Gary Compton, Roger Hicks, Leonard Sesco, Jr. and Bobby Scott.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Bobby Scott, Sr., Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton and Leonard Sesco, Jr.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Gary Blevins, Phillip Estep, Kenneth B. Jude, Paul Vance, Murl Caudill and Moderator attending.

JUNE, 1997

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: James Tackett, Don Little, Paul Vance and Sabert Nichols.

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

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Steve Robinson, Jr., Vernon Rose and Richard Staton.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Hobart Hamilton, Lacy Walters, Joe Evans, Steve Robinson, Jr., Jack Robinette, Henry Jude, Jerry Thompson and Elbert Sesco.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, Jerry Estep. Bobby Sesco and Dale Williamson.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Paul Vance, Virgil Fields, Homer Muncy, Jr., Milford Lowe, Henry Jude, Isom Hannah, Kenneth B. Jude and Vernon Rose.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Homer Muncy, Jr., Paul Vance, Lacy Walters and Berlin Thornsbery.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wendell Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

JULY, 1997

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Herman West, Ked Adkins, Buford Brooks, Lacy Walters and Curtis Carroll.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Harrison Runyon, Isom Hannah, Thomas J. Dials, Sam Franks, Gary Blevins, Jerry Runyon and Murl Caudill.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Elbert SESCO and Richard Staton.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ellis Holbrook, Claren Williams, Dewey Roberts and Paul Vance.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Isom Hannah, Hank Forgey, Berlin Thornsbery and Edwin Hay.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Paul Hamilton, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Virgil Fields. Everyone welcome.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Kenneth B. Jude, Isom Hannah and Wayne Herald, Jr..

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 Wendell Hamilton with Moderator attending.

AUGUST, 1997

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis, Willie Stiltner, Paul Vance, John Wayne White, 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 Leon Robinson.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Foster Blackburn, Leon Robinson and John P. Hamilton.

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

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Paul Vance, Hobart Hamilton, Edward Runyon, Clinton Moore and Edwin Hay.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Teddy Robinson, Robert Haney, Paris Tackitt and Hobart Hamilton.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Robert R. Clay, Stanley Campbell, Dave Gibson, Berlin Thornsby and Willie Blackburn.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 1997

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Roy Caudill, Doug McCarty, Edwin Hay, Isom Hannah, Stanford Branham and Walter Mullins.

APRIL, 1997

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, Jerry Thompson, Elbert SESCO and Thomas J. Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith, great-grandson Joseph Donovan Thornsby, Gertrude Thacker, Ethel Layne, Maxie Laferty, and Patty Thornsby, daughter-in-law of Mary Thornsby, will be held at the Mt Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Dale Williamson, Wendell Hamilton, Richard Staton and Hurshell Huff.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Sunday following the second Saturday at the Leannah Church for all of Jim and Laura Maynard's family that are buried on the cemetery at the mouth of Peter Cave and on Pigeon Roost. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Milford Lowe, Richard Staton and Gabe D. Lowe.

MAY, 1997

MUNCY VALLEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Muncy Valley Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billy Adair, Dale Williamsom, Chris Watts and Richard Staton.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Elk Fork Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Tommy Ellis, Lacy Walters and Willie Blackburn.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy and Blackburn families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Danny Runyon, Gabe Lowe, Richard Staton 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, Lacy Walters 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: Bobby Scott, Sr., Berlin Thornsby, Foster Blackburn, Bobby Sesco and Leonard Sesco.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Ted Robinson, Leonard Sesco, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, 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 Fork of Wolf Creek on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Thomas J. Dials, Milford Lowe, Edward Runyon and Wallace Muncy.

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 fourth Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Don Little, Billy Williamson, Richard Staton and Foster Blackburn.

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 fourth Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jason May, Teddy Honaker, Teddy Robinson and Jerry Estep. 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: Lacy Walters and Berlin Thornsby.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. Ministers called: Billy Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran and Berlin Thornsby.

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

JUNE, 1997

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the odd Sunday (June 1, 1997) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the A. C. and Bertha Young Cemetery in the memory of A. C. and Bertha Young and other deceased on the odd Sunday (June 1) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Roger Stepp, Larry Thacker, Dale Williamson, Danny Runyon, Richard Staton and Billy Williamson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the odd Sunday in June (June 1st) at 10:30 a.m.. This will include Elder E. F. (Frank) Fields, his wife, Rebecca, Ellen (Kirk) Moore and Dim Moore, Vina (Fields) Kirk and Andy Kirk, Jean K. Webb, David Fields, Elmer Fields and Mint Fields and others. The cemetery is located about a mile below the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco, Kenneth B. Jude and Vernon Rose.

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: Edwin Hay, Dale Williamson, Danny Runyon, Odes Williams, James Barney and Isom Hannah.

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

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 in June at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Leonard Sesco, Harold Sesco, 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 as well as Garnet (Lowe) Maynard who is buried near the mouth of Lackey Branch. This will be on the cemetery, weather permitting, at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Wayne Herald, Jr., Kenneth B. Jude and Elbert Sesco.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial of Elder Bill Jude and other family members at the old home place on Wolf Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Tom Dials, Ralph Caudill, Floyd Jude, Arvid Blevins and Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Glen Lowe and his wife, Mary E. Lowe, at the home on Big Creek on the second Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Wendell Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

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, Bobby Scott, Lacy Walters and Billy Williamson.

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 third Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe and Gabe D. Lowe.

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: Jerry Estep, Clinton Moore, Bobby Scott, Bill Campbell and Don Little.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Joe Evans, Danny Runyon and Frank Sheppard.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Jack Robinette, Willie Blackburn, Leonard Sesco, Rex Napier and Ed Runyon.

JULY, 1997

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the first Saturday at the Maynard Cemetery in Warfield, KY. Ministers called: Henry Jude, Thomas J. Dials, 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: Hobart Hamilton, Bobby Scott, Sr., Harold Sesco, Leonard Sesco Jr. and Richard Staton. Dinner will be served nearby.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Leonard Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Vernon Rose and Clifford Williams.

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, Joe Evans and Isom Hannah. Other Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Sunday in July at 5:00 p.m. at the Turkey Creek Church house for Mary M. Maynard and deceased family. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Richard Staton and Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

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: Virgil Fields, Wallace Muncy, Thomas J. Dials, Ben Scott and Paul Vance.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Edwin Hay, Bobby Scott, Sr., 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 before the fourth Saturday and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Ministers called: Chris Watts, Isom Hannah, Charles Jarrell and Billy Adair.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel Stacy, his wife, and of Cora Stacy, Tan Howell, Ora Howell, his wife, May Jude, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., Steve Robinson, Jr. and Thomas J. Dials.

AUGUST, 1997

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 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: Richard Staton, Milford Lowe, Gabe D. Lowe and Wayne Herald, Jr.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Hobart Hamilton, John Wayne White, Arthur May, Jeffrey Dillon and Lacy Walters.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, John Paul Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton and Leonard Sesco.

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: Monroe Jones, Bobby Scott, Sr., Steve Robinson, Jr., James C. Tackett and Jethro Hampton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Apple Orchard Cemetery, the Pine Grove Cemetery in Lennox, GA and the Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Thomas J. Dials, Foster Blackburn, Berlin Thornsby and Ted Robinson.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, Marion Preece, Sr., M. J. Mounts, A. A. Sheppard and all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Greg Scott, Isom Hannah, John Wayne White, Sam Franks and Berlin Thornsby.

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

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, Clifford Williams, Billy Williamson, Ben Scott and Ernest Cochran.

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosie Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, John Wayne White, Elbert Sesco, 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. Services will begin at 10:30 a. m. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Elbert Sesco, Dewey Ratliff, Don Little, Arvid Blevins and Moderators attending. Dinner will be served.

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: Johnny Bentley, John Luxmore, Gabe Lowe, Hobart Hamilton and Berlin Thornsby.

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

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy family including Johnny Nichols, Sr., his wife and family, and the Lowe family of Gulnare, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, 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: Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols and Thomas J. Dials.

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: Virgil Fields, Paul Vance, Milford Lowe and Richard Staton.

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 Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Virgil Fields, Ben Scott, Gabe Lowe and Roger Stepp. Dinner will be served nearby. Everyone welcome to bring a dish of their choice.

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 31) at 10:00 a. m. Ministers called: Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones and Richard Staton

SEPTEMBER, 1997

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

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meathouse, about a mile above the Leannah Church, on the first Sunday (September 7) at 10:30 a.m. in memory of Shirlen McCoy, his wife, Lucy McCoy, Van Ivory McCoy, and others buried on this Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife Ora Blackburn, and daughter Mae Blackburn and all others buried near the mouth of Buck Branch are included. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Gabe D. Lowe, Clifford Williams and Ben Scott.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the home of Brother Charles Lowe on Lower Brushy Creek for those buried in the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Sabert Nichols, Danny Runyon, J. L. Nichols and Thomas J. Dials.

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, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Maynard Hay, Edwin Hay, Sabert Nichols, Steve Robinson, Jr., Monroe Jones and Bobby Scott, Sr.

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: Bobby Scott, David Lester, Monroe Jones, Lacy Walters and Howard Daniels.

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

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude, America Jude, his wife, their three sons, Ambrose, Matthew and Russell, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott, Sabert Nichols and Thomas J. Dials.

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ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Richard Staton, John Paul Hamilton, Gabe Lowe, Isom Hannah, Hobart Hamilton and Wayne Herald, Jr. with Moderator attending.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Bobby SESCO, Jerry Estep and Lacy Walters 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: Harold SESCO, Jason Lowery, Wendell Hamilton and Paul Vance.

MT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mt Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Don Blake Little and Thomas J. Dials.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased who are buried on the Scott Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy and Steve Robinson, Jr.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Gary Compton, Haston Whitaker, Claren Williams, Sam Franks and Harrison Runyon.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Freddy Ramey, Herman West, Roscoe Crouse, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans, Sidney Collins 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 and friends of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Bill Tackett and Clyde Jacobs.

OBITUARIES
of
BRETHREN AND SISTERS

ELDER TOMMY ADAIR, SR.

“Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing, onward through life he goes, each morning sees some task begun, each evening sees it close; something attempted, something done, has earned a night’s repose.” These words written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow were often quoted by Bro. Tommy who believed they summed up a man’s life.



It is with great love and honor we write the obituary of our beloved, Elder Tommy Adair, Sr., dearest husband, cherished father and father-in-law, and adored grandfather and great-grandfather. He was born, November 9, 1915 at Goodman, WV near Delbarton and died on November 22, 1995 at Ocala, FL at 80 years of age. He was the son of James Adair and Rebecca Evans Adair Grubb and the step-son of Carlos Grubb. Five brothers and three sisters preceded him in death; Billy Adair, Albert Adair, Johnny Adair, Clarence Grubb, Rush Grubb, Melissa Adair, Nancy Rowlands, and Clara Grubb. Surviving brothers and sisters are Henry Adair, Sacramento, CA, George Adair, LaMirada, CA, and Maudie Mahorn, Ravenswood, WV.

Bro. Tommy was such a kind, loving man. Many have heard him tell how he loved Sister Margaret and prayed that the Lord would give her to him for his wife. It was the Lord’s will for him to have her, both in Christ and as a wife. and so many of us were blessed by this union. They were married May 14, 1938 at Stone, KY and to this union were born 10 children. One, Otis Adair, preceded him in death. Surviving children are Ima Jean Watts, Rebecca Jarrell, Ethel Adair, Erma Youmans, and Mary Youmans of Sparr, FL, Judy Young and Lola Campbell of Anthony, FL, Tommy Adair Jr. and Elder William Adair, Sr. of Ocala, FL. He was blessed to baptize all 9 of his children into the Old Regular Baptist Church. As each of them are workers in the vineyard, the Lord has seen fit to use them to gather more workers in the Church, and thus did Bro. Tommy reap great blessings in his life by Christ’s love. Among his sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, grandchildren-in-law, nieces and nephews most are also laboring in Christ. He was blessed with 25 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. It made Bro. Tommy so happy to tell how his great-granddaughter, Nakia Watts joined the church and that he was privileged to baptize her.

Remembering his love for his family and the Church touches the heart so deeply. His children, grandchildren, and some great-grandchildren will remember trotting on his knee, or getting caught in a “beartrap”. He always had a riddle, poem or story to tell you, to make you think or laugh. Yet, as a soldier in Christ, he was always at his post.

He joined Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church in Delbarton, WV and was baptized on October 11, 1936 by Elder Asa Evans, his beloved uncle. He said that when he was first forgiven, he sat on his porch and saw the leaves blowing in the trees and felt at peace with all men and all things. Now, trusting in the Lord, he has that perfect peace. He was a member of the Church for more than 59 years. He was ordained on October 25, 1941 at Sardis Church and served as clerk of Sardis Church

for 17 years. He was Moderator of Sardis Church 6 years. In 1959, he moved to Florida and became Moderator of Southern Home Church in Citra, and served the Church in this position until his death on November 22, 1995, a total of 36 years. At times while in the stand, he would say that he thought of himself as a failure in all he did, except in Christ, but by the Grace of God he would not fail because he trusted that Christ could not fail him. Indeed, those of us who knew and loved him could never think of him as a failure. When he was filled with the Holy Spirit, he would be uplifted from the infirmities in his flesh, blessed to preach with power from the Lord saying, "All things work together for good to them that love God..." Whenever you sat with Bro. Tommy, he was sure to speak of Jesus and the Bible, or to start singing an Old Baptist song. In his home you were awakened by the sound of his beautiful morning prayers and at night Bro. Tommy called everyone around to offer a family prayer before bedtime. Brothers and sisters could seek counsel from him and he would advise them as best as the Lord taught him, always telling them to pray foremost for the Lord's guidance and will in their lives. Looking back at Bro. Tommy's life, it is visible how trials and tribulation increased his faith through experience, and the knowledge the Lord blessed him to gain from these things. He also blessed him to impart to others.

He said it would be nice to live until he was 80, and the Lord granted him this small wish. He died peacefully, following a stroke, and those who were with him that previous Sunday before his death, will cherish the last great and wonderful meeting the Lord blessed him to have at Southern Home as a reassurance both to us and to Bro. Tommy that God is still God and His Spirit remains with us always.

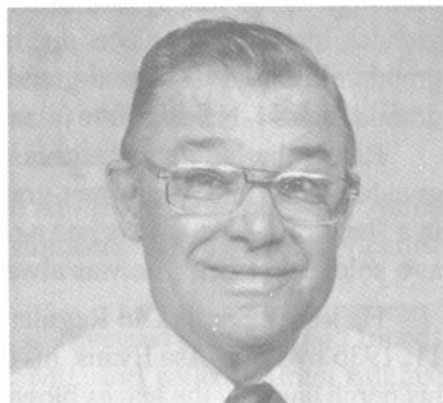
Brother Tommy was a strength to his church and family and a pillar in his community. We miss him dearly. As the sorrow and grief never seem to lessen, but rather becomes more bearable by Christ's Comforter, our love for him also never diminishes. And as, Brother Tommy used to sing, "Now our meeting's over and we must part." We will never more see him here, but yet love him in our hearts. By Christ's mercy and grace, we hope to land on that shore and join Jesus our Savior and Bro. Tommy shouting and singing forevermore. Always trusting in the Lord, when a loved one was gone, Bro. Tommy would say, "We long for the voices of loved ones gone, but it was God who took him by the hand and led him away and He can do no wrong."

Lovingly written by his family

ELDER KELLY CASTLE

With the help of the good Lord I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear precious husband, Kelly Castle. He was born March 10, 1918 at Lowmansville, KY and died peacefully in his sleep on January 22, 1996 at our home in Louisa, KY. His life's work is over now and he has gone home.

He was the son of the late Elder John and Bulah (Daniels) Castle, both of whom preceded him in death twelve years ago. On November 7, 1937, he married Lily Wellman and was married 58 happy years. To this union five children were born. Two daughters; Jeanette Pack of South Point, OH and Carol Miller of Orient, OH. Three sons; Gary Castle of Louisa, KY, Kelly Lee Castle of



Paintsville, KY and David Castle of Louisa, KY. He is also survived by two brothers; John J. Castle, Jr. and Bascom Castle both of Fort Gay, WV. One sister; Eulah Caudill of Fort Gay, WV. He has six grandchildren, four great - grandchildren, two sons - in - law, three daughters - in - law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss him very much.

He was a retired businessman --- owned and operated a garage in Louisa for many years. He acquired a host of friends throughout his life but his main enjoyment was going to church to be with his brothers and sisters in the Lord and to worship his God. The good Lord came into his life and saved his soul on November 7, 1944 while he was driving on the highway. I will never forget him stopping the car to praise and thank the Lord. He told of that good salvation experience many times. He said it was as though he had a bath on the inside. Ten years later, he was ordained to preach the gospel. He was very faithful to this calling and worked diligently in the church for what he felt and believed to be right.

Kelly was a loving husband and a respected father. My home is so sad and lonesome without him. I loved him so much and I am looking forward to seeing him again some sweet day. I am thankful that two of our children have been serving the Lord for several years now and I pray the others in our family will come to know the Lord as their savior before it is too late. Kelly always told them to seek the Lord with their whole heart and to pray earnestly. It would be wonderful for us all to be together again in heaven.

It is hard to go on without him but I am leaning on the Lord and I know He will help me make it through. God bless everyone is my prayer.

Written by his loving wife, Lily Castle and children

CLAUDE CANTERBURY

Claude Canterbury was born Oct. 25, 1920. He was the son of the late Joseph (Big Joe) and Ellen Fannin Canterbury of Laurel Creek. He departed this life July 20, 1996. He left behind two sons Jess Canterbury of Chicago, Ill. Silas Canterbury of Columbus OH; a daughter Jean Frances Maynard of Laurel Creek; 7 grandchildren; and 5 great - grand children. I always called him the Old Man. We love and miss him very much. He was a member of Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church and a Deacon for many years. He loved the Lord and loved going to church, when he was in his right mind. He is loved and missed by his family and friends. By the Grace of God we can see him again.



Written by his daughter, Jean Frances Maynard

STEVE CAREY

It is with a prayerful heart and many good memories, I attempt to write the obituary of my husband, Steve "Toe" Carey, who was born February 24, 1949 at Laurel Creek and died Tuesday, July 16, 1996 in Williamson Memorial Hospital. He was a son of Lorraine Hundley Carey of Lenore, and the late Joe Carey. Surviving are his wife, Nettie Hignite Carey of Lenore; a son, Steve Carey Jr., and a daughter, Sarah Ann Carey, both of home; a brother, Chuck Carey of Lenore; and sisters, Mary Ada Evans of Lenore, Joetta Dillion of Lenore, Donna McCoy, of Burnwell, KY, and Melissa Runyon of Lenore. Toe was a member of Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church at Laurel Creek. God chose to call him home and we have comfort in knowing that he is resting in Christ.



He was sick for a short time, he was so humble and never complained. He was a loving husband and a wonderful father. He will be sadly missed by many of his friends and loved ones. A month or so before he died he called me to his beside and asked me, "Can you See the Angels?" and, I said, where? He said, "They are there." And to me, that was a good testimony, I knew where his heart was. Now you too have flown to heaven, there in that bright and happy land. Someday, I know that I to can meet you, then we will sing a new song and walk once again hand in hand. We're not saying, Good-bye Daddy, Only farewell for a little while, We loved you with all our hearts.

Written By: His Wife, Nettie

SYLVIA CLAY

Sylvia Clay, 91, of Okeechobee, FL, widow of Thomas Edgar Clay, died March 24, 1996, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring, FL. She was born July 1, 1904, in Nestlow, WV, a daughter of the late Albert Jenkins and Safronia Bell Clay Merritt. She was a member of Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church, Sparr, FL. She came to Southern Home by recommendation from the Kyova Association, where she had been a member for many years. Survivors include two daughters, Betty R. Wilson of Okeechobee, FL and Marie Casteel of Wayne, WV; two sons, Elder Robert Clay of Unicoi, TN and Hobert Clay of Wildwood, FL; six sisters, Leatha Adkins of Greenup, KY, Maye Nance of Ona, WV, Rachael Skeans of Detroit, MI, Bessie Fortner of Lorain, OH, Thelma Pouget of Greenup, KY, Ruth Asbury of East Lynn, WV, two brothers; Bruce Merritt of Huntington, WV, and Albert Merritt of Michigan; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted March 29 at Johnson-Nichols Funeral Home, Wayne, WV, by Elder Paris Tackitt. Burial was in Watson Cemetery, Lincoln Co. WV.



Written by her son, Elder Robert Clay.

IDA CLINE

It is with much sadness and with the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear sweet sister, Ida Cline, who departed this life January 6, 1996 at the age of 67. She was born on August 4, 1928 to the large family of Troy and Rosa Hatfield Blankenship. On September 16, 1946, she married Ula Cline, who preceded her in death. To this union were born six children: Layton Cline, Clayton Cline, Rosa Cline Jeffrey, Betty Cline Sammons, Vanessa Cline Bragg, and Dainese Cline Branham.



She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in February 1950 and was a very active and devout member her entire life. Although she was at a terrible loss after the death of her husband, she always focused on the Lord and the day she could meet her Lord and husband. She was an excellent mother and grandmother and a friend to all who came in contact with her. Her light shined immensely and this was vividly portrayed at her death for the flowers she received and the people who weathered the snow storm to appear at her wake and funeral were indescribable.

During her lonely hours she often wrote poetry to describe her love for the Lord and the desire for all mankind to share the joy and peace she had found. She called me daily and many times she would reveal to me the beautiful words that had come to her. The following is the last poem she wrote: A JOURNEY - In that home, that beautiful home, There's room for everyone. It's already been purchased, By the blood of God's Dear Son. Just think of a city, Where streets are of pure gold, Where we can live without worry, And be happy forevermore. I have been longing to go there, It seems to me it has been a long time. I'll keep praying until he calls me, I hope no one is left behind. If you would like to see Jesus, Who is God's precious Son, Just fall down on your knees and ask forgiveness He will save everyone. I can't wait to leave this world of trouble; It seems to be everywhere. But over the hill of glory, I'll shout and praise God forevermore.

So to the children and friends everywhere, if you want to see my sister and your mother again, do what she would want you to do--fall down on your-knees and beg God to forgive you of your sins and be born again as she did a long time ago.

Written by: Dale Glanden, Her Sister

SELA COCHRAN

By the help of God, I will try to fulfill the request of this beloved family who have always treated me as one of there own, and attempt to write this Obituary for Sister Sela. When I compare my life to her's I don't feel worthy this morning to even speak her name. Sister Sela was born February 14, 1922 in Canada, KY. She was the daughter of the late (brother) Albert and (sister) Mary (Ball) Stanley. Sister Sela is survived by her husband, Elder William H. Cochran, with whom, before God she became one flesh (49) forty-nine years ago on October 1, 1946. To this union God added three precious children, who she truly did love with all her heart, Sister



Brenda and her husband John Sayre of Point Pleasant WV, Billy and his wife Debbie Cochran of Charlotte NC, Brother Lester and his wife Shelia Cochran of Point Pleasant WV. Eight grandchildren (Brenda and John) added John Sayre, Jr. and Melissa Muncy, (Billy and Debbie) added Ida Lynn Bowen, Roger, Nathan, and Kristin, (Lester and Shelia) added Tony Jaloy, Shane. Three great-grandchildren (Ida Lynn and her husband Joe Bowen) added April, and Alex, (John Jr. and his wife Robin Sayre) added Johnny Tanner, as well as the following natural brothers and sisters are left to mourn our loss, sisters Ann Knight of Michigan, Anita Williamson of Canada, KY., and Carmen Edwards of Newark, OH. Brothers - George Stanley of Williamson, WV., Floyd Stanley of Columbus, OH., Jeff Stanley of Somerset, OH., and Daniel Stanley of Canada, KY. Sister Sela also has one step-sister and three step brothers that she loved dearly in this life. Some over 23 years ago Sister Sela admitted that she was a sinner, without God and without Hope in her life. She didn't want to leave this world in that condition and she begin to take heed to that true light that led her on a long suffering travel of repentance, at the end of that travel I believe a new birth in Christ Jesus took place and that light began to shine that we love so well.

On May 6, 1972 she came forth showing and telling what great things the Lord had done for her. She was baptized by Elders Earnest Cochran and Claude Brown, placing her membership at the Dix Fork Church where it remained until 1977. She came in the arm that organized the Little Tavie Church that she loved so well, she said many times she felt by this little Church as if it were one of her children. She truly was a mother to its members. I know the Church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, but I also believe that God builds upon that foundation and raises up pillars, Sister Sea has been one of those pillars that I, as well as many others have leaned upon these many years. Solomon in the wisdom that God gave him saw someone like Sister Sea, when he said, "who can find a virtuous women? For her price is far above rubies. the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She is like the merchant ships, she bringeth her food from afar, she stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea she reaches forth her hands to the needy. Strength and honor are her clothing; And she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also and he praiseth her."

I didn't think I could write a word and now I can find nowhere to stop, but the life she has lived before the world has already said more then I could ever write or say. To those loved ones and friends yet in the world, if you want to meet the Lord in peace when this appointment with death comes to you, turn to the Lord, repent of your sins, and be born again. If you follow the stones and markers that Sister Sea laid up along the way, I believe they will lead you in the path Jesus laid out for us all. Brother Bill, I know you feel now as the Apostle Paul spoke of sorrow upon sorrow, but remember he also said, God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. I must bring this to an end, Billy Roger ask me to mention something his mother always did. I've saved it for last. Whenever we were leaving or talking on the phone her last words never were goodbye, but "I love you with all my heart". How good the Lord is to us, very early Friday morning I leaned over and kissed her on her head, she looked around the room at us, the last words she spoke were, "I love all of you with all my heart". Sister Sea, We love you with all our hearts, sleep on my precious Sister until the morning of eternity, when I pray that we will be worthy to awaken with his likeness, and to walk with you on that street of pure gold and give God perfect praise forever and ever.

Written By: Elder Donnie Brown

HOMER COLLINS

Never a day goes by that he is not thought of or something reminds you so much of him. There are so many days that all you want is to hear the sound of his voice or to hear him breathe. He was so loved by everyone and has certainly been missed. Dad was born August 13, 1916 to the late Epp and Maudie (Smith) Collins. Dad had four brothers; George, Ire, Tunis and Joe Hugh Collins (all of whom preceded him in death) and three sisters; Vicy Charles, Eva Johnson (preceding him in death) and Ruth Collinsworth.



Dad married Imal Marie Justice on October 21, 1943 and to this union were born two sons, Eddie Homer and George Wendell, and two daughters, Betty Karen Murphy and Eppie Ann Deboard. In addition, he leaves 7 grandchildren, 9 step-grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren to mourn his death. Life for Dad was not always easy but he never complained, not even when we knew he was in a great deal of pain. He taught us the meaning of love, respect for everyone around us and how to give an honest days work with appreciation. Dad gave meaning to the word family and loved having all of them together as often as possible.

Dad's membership was with the Bent Branch Church and he served as Clerk for that Church until his death, September 27, 1995. He was baptized July 18, 1971 at the hands of Elder Lloyd Sesco and Ted Blackburn. All who knew and loved him will never forget him, will always miss him and are waiting for the day when we will all be reunited. Our loss was certainly Heaven's gain and we can be reminded of that everyday in remembering his smile.

With the greatest of love, His family

CAL EDMISTON

Brother Cal Edmiston the son of the late Wayne and Anna Marcum Edmiston was born March 26, 1916, and deceased this life on Friday October 20, 1995, making his stay in this life 79 years, 7 months, and 4 days.

Cal became a member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Church on October 2, 1990, being baptized by Elders Ernest Cochran and Berlin Thornsby and remained a good and faithful member. He was a retired coal miner.

He was married to the late Carrie Justice Edmiston. He is survived by one son George Easley Edmiston and a daughter Jo Coney Smith, both of Sidney, KY, and seven brothers Harmon and Raymond Edmiston, both of Sidney, KY, Charlie Edmiston of Canada, KY, Alex Edmiston of Hatfield, KY, Wayne Jr. and Lawrence Edmiston both of McAndrews, KY, and Dewey Edmiston of Carlsbad, NM., and two sisters Bobbie Jean Rowe of Ballfork, KY, and Mae Hatfield of Bradenton, FL., and one step brother Ronnie Edmiston of Sidney, KY, and two granddaughters Carrie Mae Edmiston and Pamela Kaye Speakman both of Sidney, KY. He has one deceased brother Pearly Edmiston and one deceased sister Mary Church.



I hope I can be as good a father to my children as he was to me. And to be as loving and understanding all the time as he was. We're thankful for our fathers Lord, They're special gifts from you, Help us to show we honor them, By what we say and do

Written by his loving son and daughter-in-law, George and Amanda

GROVER HOWARD GILMAN

It is with sad and aching heart that I will try by the help of my true and holy father to write the obituary of my beloved husband. Howard, as he was known to his family, friends, brothers, and sisters in the church, was born May 8, 1916, in Boone County, WV, to the late Albert and Mary Marcum Gilman, and departed this life March 27, 1996. Making his stay here in this troublesome world, seventy nine years, ten and half months.



He was married to Vicie Maynard, August 1935, to this union was born one son, Bernard Lee Gilman. Vicie preceded him in death May, 1938. On August 14, 1944 he was united in marriage to Minnie Mae Mullins and to this union was born seven children. Besides his father and mother, he was preceded in death by his first wife, two sons Bernard Lee Gilman and Danny Ray Gilman, three brothers and three sisters. He is survived by his wife Minnie Mae Gilman, two sons: Grover Howard Gilman Jr. of Romney, WV, and Lovell Reed Gilman of Talbott, TN, four daughters: Donna Jean Brewer of Gallipolis, OH, Delores Fay Mullins of Dingess, WV, Sharon Rose Gordon of Poca, WV, and Felicia Ruth Finley of Dingess, WV, three brothers, Bill Clay of Kermit, WV, Albert Jr. Gilman of Marrowbone, WV, Robert Martin Gilman of Fort Pierce, FL. Four sisters, Ada Hornsby, Newport News, VA, Evadee DeRosset, GA, and twins Bertha and Martha, address unknown. Twenty one grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

He was a coal miner and a member of Rebecca Regular Baptist Church. He resided on Trace Creek. He was a good husband, father, and grandfather. A good neighbor, friend and brother in the church. He was very faithful to attend church as long as he was able. He was stricken with Alzheimer's disease and for nine years he begged God to take him home. And I believe he is resting now and just waiting for Christ to come and take him home to be with the Lord forever more.

Howard wrote me a letter and left it in his bible. He said when he left this world his hope was to live with Christ, and that God went with him through the valley and was with him to the end. He said he loved the baptist church and for me to tell his brothers and sisters that he loved them all.

Howard left a good testimony and I am thankful. He loved his family and was a good provider. He loved the church and his community. I miss him so much and visit his grave often. We were married almost fifty two years and God blessed us greatly. I would not trade those years for a thousand years without him. Children and grandchildren the ones that don't know the Lord, if you ever want to see daddy and papaw again you had better make your preparations now before it is too late. He said he wanted all of you to be there with him in that glory world.

I would like to leave you with one of Howard's favorite scriptures from the book of Psalm 121: " I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth

thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The lord is they keeper: The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for ever more."

In his memory by his loving and devoted wife, Minnie Mae Gilman

JUDY GALE GLANDEN

It is with much sadness that I try to write this Obituary of my dear little sister who suffered so long here on earth and now I feel her suffering has ended and that she is asleep in the arms of Jesus, no more suffering for her.

With the help of the Lord, I will write this obituary of my little sister Judy Gale Glanden, born August 25, 1945 at Baisden, WV, making her stay here on earth 50 years and 10 months. She joined the Rosa Regular Baptist Church on September 18, 1994 and was baptized by Elders Hubert Glanden, Jerry Thompson, Hobert Hamilton, and Brother Judd Cline.



She was the daughter of the late Fred Glanden and one sister preceded her in death, Glenda Lea Glanden. She is survived by her mother, Vernia Andrea Glanden, three sisters, Patsy Carter, Sandra Sims, Bernice Henderson, and one brother Hubert Glanden, 5 nephews, 4 nieces, 1 great nephew and 1 great niece.

I know family, we are all deeply grieved, but I feel our loss is Heavens gain. So if we want to see Judy and Dad again we will have to repent and be born again. Judy is always on our minds and in our hearts. Sadly missed by family and friends.

Prepared by her brother, Hubert Glanden

GEORGIA N. HALE

With a sad and broken heart, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear mother, Georgia N. Hale. Mom was born December 17, 1906 at Gulnare, KY to the late Reverend John E. Taylor and Sophia Maynard Taylor. The Lord called Mom home December 8, 1995, making her stay on earth 88 years 11 months and 8 days.

She was married to John Wesley Hale, who preceded her in death. To this union was born two children; Necia Aleyena Webb, who preceded her in death, and Loucinda Margarete Wolford of Ocala, FL. Mom and Dad helped raise several children including a niece, Gladys Hale Sartin and a nephew, George Harrison Hale; both preceded her in death.



Mom had so much love in her heart to give all who met her. She instantly became "Mawmaw" to them. Mom dearly loved her 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Two

grandchildren and two great grandchildren preceded her in death. She leaves behind two son-in-laws; Virgil Webb of Brushy, KY and Tommy G. Wolford of Ocala, FL. Mom was preceded in death by three brothers; John D. Taylor, Jordan Taylor and Thomas Taylor and six sisters; Annie Pack, Bam Stepp, Vangeline Maynard, Angeline Maynard and Fanny Hale. Mom was the last of 10 (or 12) children.

Mom and Dad were both members of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church at Turkey Creek, KY. Mom was buried in Williamson Cemetery at Varney, KY resting beside Dad.

Mom is at rest now with no pain and is sadly missed by all of her loved ones left behind.

Written by her daughter, Margarette Hale Wolford

ANDY HOWARD

With much sadness and emptiness, my mommy and I will try to write the obituary of my loving daddy and our best friend, Andy Howard. Daddy was born on May 13, 1955 in Peter Cave, at Pilgrim, KY. My Daddy died on May 28, 1996 at his home. Making his stay here on earth with us 41 years and 15 days. Daddy was a disabled coal miner. He was employed by Martin County Coal since 1973.

Daddy was the son of the late Elder Clinton Howard and Azzie (Jude) Howard. He had several brothers and sisters. His brothers are Calvin Howard of Pike County, Clinton B., Bill H., and Milford Ed Howard all of Pilgrim, and Langley Howard of Louisa. He has one Half brother, Garlon Howard of Lovely. Daddy has two sisters. Eva Stacy of Pike County and Edna Spaulding of Pilgrim.

Daddy grew up from a little, beautiful baby to a loving husband and daddy. He met my mommy, Connie Sue Nichols at her great grandma Maggie Jude's funeral here on Meathouse. They got married on December 7, 1974 in Clintwood, VA. In their marriage of 21 years, 5 months, and 21 days, they had two children, Andy Howard, Jr. born on October 12, 1975 and Connie Ann Howard born on November 2, 1978.

My daddy got sick and was put in the hospital last October. He stayed in there until December 7, 1995. Mommy always said that they would be able to come home and spend their anniversary together and they did. In UK Medical Hospital, my mom and dad got right with God and God got daddy well enough to come home and get baptized and spend his last Christmas with me, Mommy, and Andy Jr. The day after he came home, December 8, Kenneth B. Jude and Junior Lowe baptized Mommy and Daddy both at the Martin County Community Mission.

My dear daddy had a short life and he went through a lot of pain and suffering, but with Mommy, Andy, Jr. and me, he thought he had to live for us. He also thought that he couldn't leave us. My daddy was so sick and wouldn't talk to anyone hardly. But, every time I walked in the room, he would watch me and I would always say, "I love you, Daddy!" He would always say, "I love you, Baby!" He never would say, "I love you, too," but would always say, "I love you, Baby!" When he got to where he couldn't talk, he would move his lips when I said "I love you, Daddy!"

My mommy tells me that she knows that Daddy is in the arms of Jesus and is waiting for her



and she says that she will join him someday. I feel and honestly believe in my heart that Daddy is our Guardian Angel that watches over us and comforts us. He doesn't let us get hurt. Because everywhere we go, we feel that he's with us! Andy, I love you. I will see you soon! Love, Connie.

Written by your loving wife and daughter, Connie Sue and Connie Ann Howard

TOM JUDE

It is with great sadness, but lots of loving memories, and the help of our blessed Lord, that we will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband and our loving and wonderful daddy, James Thomas Jude, better known as Tom Jude. Tom was the light of my life for 51 years. Daddy was born Sept. 20, 1922 at Three Forks, KY in Martin Co. He died on Oct. 27, 1995 at 8:01 p.m. at Charleston Area Medical Center in Charleston WV. Making his stay here on earth 73 years and 1 month and 7 days. He was a member of Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church at Big Creek KY. On June 16, 1979, he was baptized by the hands of Brother Wallace Muncy and Brother Faye Scott on the third Saturday in June.



He was the son of the late Big Tom Jude and Cordilla Jude formerly of Martin Co. He was married to Mahala Maynard Jude on March 2, 1945 in Inez, KY. Daddy and Mommy was blessed with 12 children; two preceded him in death, Harvey Jude and Billy Jude. But yet he left ten of us with broken hearts to mourn his death. Five son's from the oldest to the youngest. Clifford Jude of KY, Robert (Buck) Jude of Burnwell KY, Cleston (Pete) Jude of Lawrence, KY, Vondy Jude of Martin Co. KY, Ed Jude of Burnwell KY and five Daughters from oldest to youngest; HESSIE Church of Fort Myers, FL, Bonnie Mullins of Milan MI, Arminda Bevins of Burnwell KY, Mary Rose of Martin Co. KY, and Julie Baily of Burnwell KY. Daddy had twenty six grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and one great grandchild who preceded him in death, little D. J. Maynard. Daddy has one brother Freal Taylor of Louisa KY and three sisters, Vericy Muncey and Mary Howard, both of Martin Co. KY, and Alphey Adams of Columbus OH, and one who preceded him in death, Pearl Hardin of Stone KY.

We will all miss him more than any one of us could ever explain. Daddy was a hard working man. He made sure we had plenty of food on the table. But most of all he gave us all something that money couldn't buy. He gave us all the love that our hearts could hold. I know we all love him dearly. And there is a place in our hearts for him that can never be filled with no one else's love. And I know our dear sweet mommy grieves for him ever day and her life will never be the same. And she will always love him and think of him until she meets him again in Heaven. To explain our daddy here is a poem I wrote about him. The Four Season of My Daddy -- Last winter when the snow fell upon the ground our daddy was strong and he was still around. He tracked through the snow to carry in coal, to keep mommy warm right down to her toes. And then when spring, finally came to these hills daddy was so happy there was no more chills. The flowers did bloom and the birds did sing to give daddy harmony on his front porch swing. And then when summer came around Daddy would feed the birds and the little ground squirrels that came from the ground. Then when Fall finally took its toll the leaves started turning the colors of red yellow and gold. Daddy

had mommy and ten children to hold and the Lord sent an angel after his soul. And then when the snow comes around again all of our heart aches will just have begin. We will still miss him so very much will not have our daddy for that final loving touch. We will never forget him. Daddy lives in our hearts. Someday I pray we will be with him to never no more part.

This poem was written by his daughter Mary. I know our loss is heavens gain and daddy is still happy in heaven with his mommy and all of his loved ones. So for now we will say farewell and hope to see you in heaven someday. Sweet dreams and rest in peace daddy. Until we see you again.

We all love you and miss you dearly, Your loving wife Haley and children.

OTELLIA LACKEY

With great sadness in or hearts, but with the help of the Lord, we will try to write the obituary of our precious mommy, sister Otellia "Pebo" Lackey. Mommy was born April 10, 1926 at Parsley, WV, and went to be with the Lord on April 15, 1996 after about six month diagnosed with lung and bone cancer, making her stay here on earth 70 years and 5 days. She was the wife of the late Cornelius "Nebo" Lackey, who had preceded her in death only 17 months earlier. Also preceding her in death are her parents James and Mary White, brothers Daniel, Johnny and Joshua and sisters Gracie Newsome, Edna Smith and Zella White.



Leaving to mourn her loss are 4 sons, James, Chester, Cornelius Jr. and Tracy all of Lenore, WV and 4 daughters Earnestine Hall, and Wilma Brewer both of Lenore, WV, Rachel Fleming of Dingess ,WV, and Eva Little of Lima, Ohio, 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Also leaving to morn her loss are brothers, James A. White, of Lebanon, VA, Robert White, of TN, and Frankie White of Borderland, WV and sisters Mary and Norma Lackey both of Lenore, WV and host of friends.

Mommy was a homemaker and a member of Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church of Dingess, WV, many years. As through nature we don't understand why she had to die, especially so soon after we had just lost daddy. It seems as though mommy just lost her will to live after daddy died. She knew her race was almost run and she talked to us children about going home and when God's plan was complete she had to go. Oh, how much we all miss her.

We have such a merciful God, for mommy had lung and bone cancer and usually people having cancer are in so much pain, but thank our merciful God she never had any severe pain.

For everyone who has a mom and dad you should cherish every minute you have with them cause once they are gone you can't make up for anything you might have wanted to.

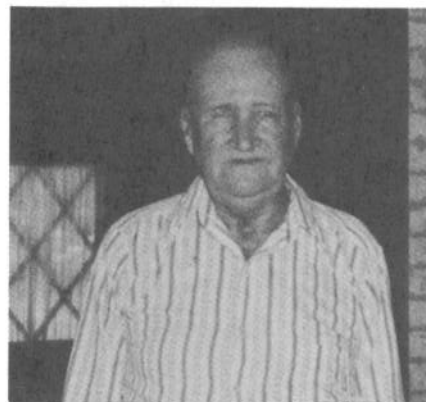
Children we know mommy has gone to a better home and Mom and Daddy raised us up to believe in God and everlasting life and we know what we must do if we are ever to see Mommy again and we know if we live the life we should we can see her and Daddy and God.

Written by her son Chester Lackey
and daughter Rachel Fleming and sadly missed by all the family

FRANK LOWE

With the help of the Lord and with much regret; I will try to write my Uncle Frank Lowe's obituary.

He was born July 23, 1907 in Pike County, KY to Lark and Ellen Lowe. One of thirteen children-seven brothers and five sisters. He is preceded in death by his brothers-Willis, Ben, Charley, Fred and Willie. Two sisters Bessie and Cousie preceded him in death. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: John Lowe of Anthony, FL; Avery Brown of Turkey Creek, KY; Sarah Hazel Reed of Turkey Creek, KY; Sadie Pauley of Forest Hills, KY and Mary McElwee of Sunbury, OH.



He first married Gracie Pauley which brought his first born son, Ferrell Pauley Lowe. He then married Janette (Nettie) Lowe on February 4, 1937 which brought him four more children: Patsy Ruth Hogan of Georgia; Naomi Joyce Morris of Ocala, FL; Frank E. Lowe of Summerfield, FL; and Betsy L. Daugherty of Belleview, FL. He Married Lakie R. Potter in June, 1971. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptist called Turkey Creek. He died on February 17, 1996. He was an uncle, a friend, a father and a brother. He will be sorely missed.

Written by his Nephew, John Matthew Lowe

GRANVILLE LOWE

With the help of our Lord I will try to write the obituary of my husband Granville Lowe. Granville was born March 13, 1926 to the late Everette and Ora (Blackburn) Lowe. Granville passed away December 1, 1995 at the Appalachian Regional Skilled Nursing Facility. Granville lived 69 years, 9 months and 1 day here on earth. He was also preceded in death by a son Robert Mitchell, two sisters, Mida James and Emie Lowe.



Granville retired from the Norfolk and Western Railroad after thirty seven years, his co-workers called him Granny.

Survived by wife Florence (Lou) Lowe. One son Kenneth Ray Lowe. One daughter-in-law Jackie Lowe of Chattaroy, WV. One grandson Brian Keith Lowe Chattaroy, WV. One sister Mary Megdeline Murrlo of Maryville, TN. Brothers; Emzie Lowe of Maryville, TN, Ervin Lowe of Denver, KY. Reafice Lowe and Everette Lowe, Jr. both of Louisa KY - Willis and Gratt Lowe both Turkey Creek KY. James Lewis Lowe, address unknown.

Granville joined the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on April 14, 1968 by John Lowe and Lloyd Sesco. Granville was a faithful member until he got sick July 4, 1995 and was Deacon of the Turkey Creek Church. Granville always loved and enjoyed our union and communion times. Granville wanted to be buried at the Reed Cemetery. He said that they had church once a year.

Granville is missed by family and friends and brothers and sisters of the church. I feel that Granville is walking the street of gold and singing with the Lord and we know that our loss is heavens gain.

With much love and sad heart, Written by Wife, Florence Lowe

VADA RAY MAYNARD

In loving memory I make this attempt to write the obituary of sister Vada Ray Maynard, who departed this life July 3, 1996. Born October 25, 1910 in Pike County, making her stay on God's footstool 85 years, 7 months 23 days. She was the daughter of the late George Harvey and Pricy Staton Ray. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Finley Albert Maynard, three daughters: Mabel Maynard, Sadie Wiggington, and Louretta Maynard, and one son Linzie Maynard, two brothers, two sisters, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren also preceded her in death.



She was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church. She is survived by six daughters and one son: Gladys Charles of Chicago, IL, Alba Young of Varney, KY, Nettie Blackburn, of Varney, KY, Jo Ann Blackburn of Benton, KY, Minnie Bevins of Lake-View, AK, and Pallue Illic, of Riverside, IL, Dallas Maynard of Varney, KY. One brother William Joseph Bill Ray of Barboursville, OH, thirty grandchildren and forty great grandchildren and a host of friends. Sister Vada, attended church faithfully until her illness. She will be sadly missed by many of the brothers and sisters of the other churches. Sister Vada will be remembered as a mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a friend of the Brushy community where she lived.

We will miss the many little hugs and kisses she gave so tenderly. The little smile and hand shake she so freely gave and sometimes tears of joy would wet her face. Surely these tears were sent from heaven. So sleep on mom while we wonder why death has to take our loved ones and leave us alone but its not goodbye just farewell for a little while and we feel in our hearts you are not alone. The victory has been sweet and now mom you are safe at home in the arms of our dear saviour Jesus Christ.

Written for the family by Brother(in Christ) and son in law, Foster Blackburn

REBECCA MOORE

Rebecca Muncy Moore, born November 12, 1911 and died at her home September 20, 1996 after a long illness at the age of 84 years, 10 months and 8 days. She was the daughter of the late Elijah and Virgie Fields Muncy and was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Moore. Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Ruby Muncy and Pearly Blankenship and a brother, Homer Muncy. Three sisters still survive; Alice Pack and Elma Fannin of Beauty, KY and Ovie Moore of Pilgrim, KY. Rebecca never had any children of her own but left several nieces and nephews to mourn her passing.



She was a retired postmistress, had taught school for seventeen years, and had been a member of the Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church for thirty six years, where she was faithful to attend as long as her health was good. She enjoyed her salvation, loved to meet with her brothers and sisters, and enjoyed inviting them to her home. Rebecca will be greatly missed by her family, neighbors and loved ones, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by sister, Ovie Moore

JAMES EARL PAULEY

Brother James E. Pauley, was born June 4, 1928. He was the son of the late, Brother Joe Pauley and Sister Gracie Pauley of Hardy, KY. He went to be with the Lord Oct. 4, 1995. He was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church, for over thirty years.



Survivors other than his mother, are his wife, Sadie Staton Pauley of Forest Hills, KY. Three step daughters: Betty Jo Goble, Forest Hills, KY, Anna Lois Francis, Williamson, WV and Nella Joyce Thompson of Martin, TN. There are eleven grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

One sister Estalene Jordon, and brothers: Clifford Pauley, Gifford Pauley, Paul Eugene Pauley, Billy Wade Pauley and Mitchell Pauley. He was preceded in death by his brother, Freddie Pauley, and sister Betty Pauley Burgett, and dad Joe Pauley.

We believe our loss is Heaven's gain, and expect to meet James when we step through those pearly gates where there will be no more aches, pains or tears of sorrow, but all will be peace and joy forever. We urge all of his family and friends, that want to see James again, if you haven't accepted the Lord as your personal Savior, please do so today. Now is the day of salvation. Repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. We would also like to thank all of his brothers and sisters in Christ and his many friends for being so sweet and comforting to us. We thank the preachers, those that sang, sent food, and flowers or gave money for his funeral bill and especially your prayers most of all. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Just as Brother Richard sang: James has just, "Gone Away With A Friend."

His wife, Sadie Pauley

RANDOLPH PAULEY

With much sadness, I write the obituary of our dear friend Brother Randolph. He was 84 years old and lived at Point Pleasant, WV where he passed away on August 3, 1996. He was born June 14, 1912 in Pike County, Kentucky and was the son of the late Thomas H. and Jane Collins Pauley. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Thomas Allen Pauley and two sisters. Brother Randolph was a former resident of Sidney, Kentucky and a very special neighbor to all of us. He was retired from the Pauley Lumber Company where he was a salesperson. He joined the church



and was baptized with Sister Lucille on May 12, 1972 by Elders David Crigger and Lloyd Sesco and placed their membership with the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church. Survivors include his precious wife, Lucille Smith Pauley, daughters; Barbara Sue Trout and her husband Floyd B. Trout, Mary Jane Stanley and her husband, Harold Stanley, all of Point Pleasant, W.V. Also surviving are 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Brother Randolph was a man who loved the simple things in life. It didn't take much to please him and Lucille, sometimes it was just a picture of a friend or loved one, or just sitting around a warm fire on a Sunday afternoon reminiscing about old times with friends. Once you visited their home, you would always want to go back. Some of our fondest memories were of the holidays when you entered the kitchen and could smell the aroma of Lucille's Christmas cookies.

They are more than friends and neighbors to us, they are family. Brother Randolph may be gone but he most certainly will never be forgotten. Memories are one gift of God that will cause you to catch a glimpse of him and remember something he said or did that brought a smile to your face. So farewell dear friend. The battle has been fought and the war is over and your soul is at rest on a far celestial shore, but the best is still yet to come. Sleep on until we meet again,

Written by: Sister Geraldine Crigger

REEFORD ROBINETTE

It is with much sadness that I write the obituary of my beloved husband, Reeford Robinette. Reeford was born Jan. 3, 1940, at Rockhouse, KY. He was the son of the late Grayson Robinette and Jane (Smith) Robinette. He departed this life on Monday morning at the hour of 12:55 a.m., August 5, 1996, making his stay on God's Footstool 56 years, 7 months, and 2 days. He was married to Elkie Catherine (McGuire) Robinette on January 27, 1962. To this union one son was born, Ricky Robinette of Varney, KY. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and one brother, Ishmael Robinette. He is survived by his wife Catherine, son Ricky, daughter-in-law, Sandra (Gambill) Robinette, brother Paul Grayson Robinette of Varney, KY, brother Raymond Robinette of Pikeville, KY, and one sister, Sylvia Robinette of Elkhorn City, KY. He was retired from the Pike County Board of Education as a bus driver with 17 years of dedicated service.



Reeford joined the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church of Varney, KY on July 27, 1996, and was baptized on July 28, 1996, by Elders Hiram Adkins and Billy Williamson. Also assisting were several other brothers of the Church. He placed his membership at Pilgrim Home Church of Varney. He was sick for a long time and wasn't able to go to church. He loved to hear the old songs and sermons preached by Elders of the Church. Reeford was a loving husband and father. He never met a stranger and always made friends with everyone. He was loved by everyone that knew him. He bore his pain with a lot of patience and love. He left a light shining for all of us that will never go out. He never complained when he suffered so bad. He is gone to a better place where he won't have to suffer any more. Reeford, I loved you so much.

Written by his wife of 34 years, Catherine

AMERICA AVENOLA YOUNG SESCO

By the grace of God, I will try to write the obituary of America Avenola Young Sesco, better known as Mercia. She was born January 17, 1915. She deceased this life on June 23, 1996, making her stay 81 years. She was a member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church for many years. She was baptized September 24, 1972 by Louie Muncy and Tracy Hatfield.



She was preceded in death by two husbands, her first husband was Lee Porter and her second husband was Ira Sesco. She was also preceded in death by: three children; daughters Betty Jean, Lura Faye Rose and one son Leroy Porter; three brothers Willard Young, James Young, Arnold Young and two sisters Viola Fields and Izola Ray.

She leaves to mourn her loss one son Ronald Dale Porter and one daughter Sylvia Make Rose. One brother Roger Young and six sisters; Carrol Hall, Ola Tackett, Lola Wallace, Ocie Adams, Oma McCown, Wyzona Kinney and Sue Branham, 17 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren, and a host of friends. We will miss her.

Written by a brother and sister in the Lord, Gary and Winferd Young

ALICE MARIE (ROMANS) STEPP

In loving memory I will write the obituary of my mother, Alice Marie (Romans) Stepp. On August 11, 1996 she passed away at the age of 82. Alice was born January 7, 1914. She was the daughter of Melvin and Carrie (Stepp) Romans. She was married to George William Stepp on September 14, 1939. To this union was born one son, George Ronald Stepp. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, two sisters and two brothers.



Alice was a long time member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church at Hatfield, KY.

She leaves one brother, Kermit Romans, two sisters, Mrs. Woodrow (Hope) Lowe and Mrs. Lena Bevins, one granddaughter, Mrs. Michael (Tammy) May and one great-grandson, Dustin May.

She will be sadly missed by her family and a host of friends.

Written by Son, Ron and Family

KERMIT VIRES

Kermit Vires was born September 30, 1910 in Thomas, KY. He passed away August 1, 1996 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville, KY.

He was the son of James R. Vires and Arminda Lowe Vires, who preceded him in death. He was married to Nona Morrison Vires for 61 years and 8 months, and to this union was born 2 children, Nell Ruth Gilliam of Varney, KY and Annilee Ray of Winchester, KY. He had 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Fountain, Charley and Morgan, and 3 sisters: Becky Stepp, Vista Howell and Lucy Vires.



Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in September 1982, as a member of the Apple Orchard Church. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Written by his daughters, Nell Ruth Gilliam and Annilee Ray

OBITUARIES
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VERLA HARRISON

With a sad and aching heart, I will try with the help of God to write an obituary of my mother, Mrs. Verla Harrison. She was the daughter of the late Henry Fraley and Vicy Lowe Fraley. She was married to William Homer Harrison who preceded her in death in October of 1978. Left to mourn her passing are two children, Bill Harrison and Maxine Adkins, a daughter-in-law whom she considered her daughter, Helen Harrison, two grandchildren, Colene Perry and John Adkins, and two great grandchildren, Cynthia Harrison and Thomas Perry, all of Jacksonville, FL. She is also survived by one brother, Tom Fraley, of Hatfield KY, two brothers-in-law, E. H. Harrison and Edward Harrison, four sisters-in-law, Mrs. Tom (Inas) Fraley, Mrs. S. B. (Anna-Make) Fraley, Mrs. Roy (Mary) Nichols, and Mrs. E.H. (Wanda) Harrison, as well as several nieces, nephews, and friends. She is preceded in death by two brothers, George Fraley and Elder S.B. Fraley, and one sister, Mrs. Zella Harrison.



A few years ago, Mother told me that she wanted to go to North Carolina where her twin brother's family lived and be Baptized in the Church that he was Moderator of until his death. My sister-in-law Helen and I took her there. She talked with her nephew, Chester Fraley, and told him that she felt like the Lord had forgiven her of her sins and she wanted to be baptized. We took her to the Church, and while we were waiting for services to end so they could take her and baptize her, she suffered a minor stroke. She didn't remember who anyone was or where she was at. We became scared and left to get her back to Florida and to her doctor as quickly as possible. After that, she was never the same and soon got to the place where she was bed ridden and did not know her family very often. She always asked for her Father, though. I asked her if she was talking about God, and she looked at me like I was crazy for not realizing that and said that was who she was talking about.

My mother was born May 14, 1905 and passed away March 28, 1996. Everyone said she was blessed that God let her live almost 91 years. Of course she was, but I feel that I was the one who was blessed to have her that long. No one had a better Mother than Bill and I did. She was always there for us no matter what. If I did something she thought was wrong, she was the first to tell me so, but she still stood by me. I could keep writing and writing about all the good times I had with my mother. I know that there is not enough space to do this. Before I close this out, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Elders Bobby Scott, Richard Staten, Willie Blackburn, Hobert Hamilton, David Crigger, and Wallace Muncy along with Hatfield Funeral Chapel and all the family and friends who came to us when we needed them most.

I'll close this by saying sleep in peace, Mother. We love you and miss you so much.

Maxine Adkins, Bill Harrison, and Family

MADIE ALICE HOWELL

With a sad heart, I will try to write an obituary of my dear precious mother whom we loved very much. Mom, whom I feel went to heaven on January 22, 1996. Mother was born on March 21, 1923 at Varney, KY. She was the daughter of the late William Boyd Howell and Vistie (Varies) Howell.



She was preceded in death by a sister Sadie (Howell) Maynard and two brothers, Millard Howell and Ester Howell and sister-in-law Vonlee (Maynard) Howell. Left to mourn her loss are: her daughter Vadie Scott, son-in-law James Scott, and two grandsons, James Curtis Scott and Dennis Ray Scott, and Curtis's wife, Kara Scott. Also surviving are: one sister, Vadie Maynard and six brothers: Tony Howell, Jonah Howell, Elmer Howell, all of Inez, KY and James Robert Howell of Warfield, KY, Clinton Howell of Pilgrim, KY, Boyd Jr. Howell of Columbus, OH, half sister, Charity Karen Sammons of Louisa, KY, and a half brother Hayse Howell of Inez, KY.

It is a lonesome house without you and sad has been our way, for life and home are not the same since you were called away. I don't hear your footsteps anymore. Oh, God, I really miss you, Mom with all my heart. The family loves you always.

Written by Vadie and James Scott, two grandchildren, and family

SPICIE HOWELL JUDE

With the help of the Lord I will attempt to write the obituary of my beloved Mother, Spicy Howell Jude. She was born February 20, 1926 at Threeforks, KY and departed this life November 25, 1995 making her stay here on earth sixty nine years and nine months. She passed away at home following a long illness. Mommy was the daughter of Simpson Howell and Dixie Blackburn Howell, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were five brothers and three sisters. One sister, Ethel Maynard who lives at Nolan, WV.



She was married to Sherman Jude on April 3, 1941. To this union was born two sons: Henry Lee Jude of Laura, KY and Kenneth B. Jude of Pilgrim, Ky. One daughter Roberta Jude preceded her in death. Mommy had four grandchildren Lora Jude Hale, Pamela Sue Jude Yates, Mitchell D. Jude, Michelle Lynn Jude and two great grandchildren, Breanna Nicole Hale and Katelyn Jude.

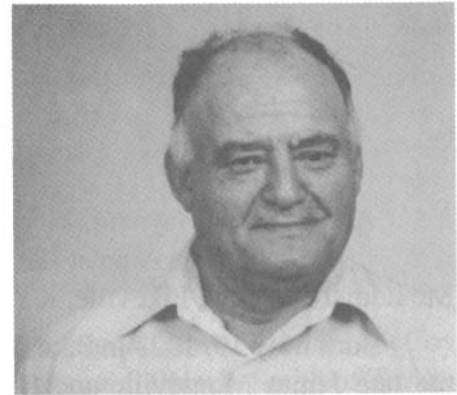
She was baptized by the hands of Elder Jack Jordan and her son, Kenneth B. Jude. She joined the church on July 13, 1979. Her membership was at Antioch Full Gospel United Baptist Church. She loved going to church in and around the community. When she was a sinner she would walk for miles to Leannah and Sidney Church. Mommy attended church every Sunday until her illness hindered her from going. She will be greatly missed by her friends and family. I think about Mommy a lot, but I feel she has gone to rest where she will have no more pain.

I think so much about the last few words she spoke to me before she left this world. She looked up at me and replied, "Bee, don't let them take me to the hospital." Then closing her eyes, she went to sleep. She cannot speak anymore to me here on earth, but I hope to talk to her again around the throne of God. Good-bye for now Mommy. We all love you and hope to meet you again some day in God's country.

Written By Your Loving Son, Elder Kenneth B. Jude

DELBERT KAZEE

With sadness in my heart, and most precious memories, I will attempt to write an obituary of my beloved daddy. He was born on October 29, 1923 at Inez KY , to the late Wallace Kazee and Darcus(Hensley) Kazee. He is survived by his wife, Mae (Dials) Kazee, whom he married on March 21, 1944. Two sons, Carlas Kazee, and Lee Kazee, four daughters, Darlas Kazee, Carolyn Scott, Wanda Faye Collins, and Connie Maynard, eighteen grandchildren, and twenty-three great-grand children, and a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by one infant daughter and one brother.



Daddy was baptized on the second Saturday in July, 1958, by the hands of Elder Ed May. He took his membership to the Buck Creek church, where he was a faithful member for thirty-two years and seven months. He served as a Deacon for several years. Daddy always stood on the word through many troubles and trials, He was just an old time baptist and believed in sticking to the old time ways. Daddy had joined the New Hope church in the New Hope association of the Old United Baptist, where he belonged at the time of his death.

Even though he was not in good health, he was a faithful servant, and traveled many miles to be with the brothers and sisters, serving God every day. He was always ready to lend a helping hand. Daddy's troubles are over, and I feel our loss is heaven's gain, and his soul is resting in the paradise of God, awaiting to be reunited with his body. Then he will be satisfied.

Written by his daughter: Carolyn Scott

JAMES WESLEY LAWSON

With the help of the Lord, we will write the obituary of my uncle James Wesley Lawson. He was born May 11, 1913. He was the son of the late Ishmel and Ellen (Gibson). He passed away September 20, 1995 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital at the age of 82 years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Elsie (Sesco) Lawson on March 19, 1995. He was preceded in death by his three(3) sons; Henry, Cyde Williard, and James Louise. He was also preceded by two brothers and two sisters.



Uncle Wesley is survived by two sons; James Lawson Jr. of Pikeville, KY and Giford Lawson of Mt. Sterling, MI., and two daughters; Maxine Sword of Pikeville, KY, and Roxie Lawson of Chicago, IL. Also left to mourn his loss are twelve (12) grandchildren and three (3) great-grandchildren.

Uncle Wesley's memory was very good most of his life. Most of all he remembered the one that held his life in the palm of his hand. He gave his hand to the Primitive Baptist preacher in the hospital, but was unable to be baptized.

May the Lord be with all the family and friends that are with us. We will miss Uncle Wesley and Aunt Elsie. We hope one day that we all can meet again, where we will not have to part no more. Thank you all very much.

Written by, Vernel and Daisy Sesco

ALICE VIVIAN MAYNARD

Alice Vivian Maynard, 73, of Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY, died Thursday, August 22, 1996, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, KY.

Born May 19, 1923 in Pike County, KY, a daughter of the late James Monteville and Ruth Leona Taylor Lowe. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Taylor Lowe and Moses Lowe and one sister, Mary Belle Maynard. She was of the Regular Baptist Faith and was a devoted wife and homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur Maynard; one son Harold Maynard of Brushy and daughter-in-law, Betty Maynard; one brother, Byrd Lowe of Brushy; one sister, Myrtle Maynard of Louisville, KY; three grandchildren, Michael and Kay Maynard, Sue and Randy Lowe, and Timothy Maynard; one great grandchild, Michael Austin Maynard; and a host of friends who will sadly miss her



The Family

JAMES HASKEL MAYNARD

Haskel, was born March 24, 1914 to Elvert and Susie Howard Maynard at Heenon, KY. He died sitting on the couch at home with a massive heart attack May 28, 1996. Left to mourn his passing is his wife Lakie Smith Maynard of Citra, FL. Sons Danny Ray of Citra, FL., Forrest Michael of Altha, FL. Daughter Janet Gay Ray of Naples, FL. Two grandsons: Stephen and Dallas, two granddaughters: Amanda and Brandy. Two brothers: Hanley B. Maynard of Ocala, FL., and J.H. Maynard of Anthony, FL. Two sisters: Herma Blackburn of Cottondale, FL, and Hertha Ziegler of Woodsville, FL. Also several nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends.

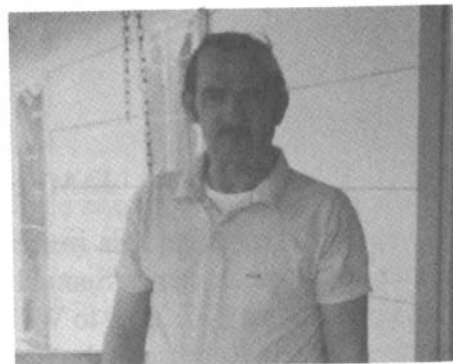


One son, Crandell Lynn, and two brothers, Hansell and Howard Maynard, preceded him in death: He was a WWII Veteran served in Infantry. He was a good husband, father, and grandfather and neighbor. He was layed to rest in Southern Home Church Cemetery, Spare, FL.

Sadly missed, Written by Lakie Maynard and Children

JOHNNIE McCOY, SR

It is with much sadness and sorrow that we attempt to write the obituary of our dear husband and daddy, Johnnie McCoy Sr. Johnnie was born August 21, 1930, a son of the late Roscoe and Cordelia Kessee McCoy. He departed this life August 31, 1996, making his stay here on this earth 66 years and 10 days.



He is survived by his wife, Roberta (Robinson) McCoy. They were united in holy matrimony April 10, 1957. They were blessed to spend 39 beautiful years together, before God saw fit to call him home. To this union was born 7 children, 1 boy and 6 girls, all of whom are still surviving. They are as follows: Johnnie McCoy Jr. of Turkey Creek, Christine Wolford, Patricia Hardin, Sharon Lowe, and Pamela Smith of Turkey Creek, Joann Parsley of Jacksonville, Fl and Donna Cannon of Dryridge, KY. He is also survived by 2 brothers and 1 sister, Donnie McCoy of Detroit, MI, Oscar McCoy of McCombs, KY, and Claudie Blackburn of Hardy, KY. He was preceded in death by 1 brother and 6 sisters. He is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and relatives.

Johnnie didn't belong to any church, but he sure was searching for one. He loved to go and listen to the beautiful preaching and singing. He read his bible daily, even taking it to bed with him at night. Daddy was in the hospital not long ago in Huntington, WV. with his heart. We asked if he needed anything, his reply was, "Don't forget my bible." I believe with all my heart that before the death angel came, he got in touch with God.

Daddy, you left so suddenly, we didn't get a chance to say farewell daddy and tell you how much we loved you, but I think you knew, for we tried to prove it everyday. We know if you could speak back to us, you would say, "Children, don't worry about me, I'm safely home at last. Don't cry over me, but prepare to meet me in heaven someday. Take care of mommy and each other. You know I loved your mommy so much." There won't be any heart attacks or sickness in heaven to take our loved ones away so suddenly. If we get ourselves in the right condition, we can meet all our loved ones someday, then we can have a family reunion that will never break up. Won't it be wonderful there? Until then precious memories flood my soul. Daddy just went away with a friend. This is not Goodbye, just farewell for a little while. We will meet you again daddy, where the roses never fade, all will be peace and joy forever and forever. We love you and miss you more than we can ever tell. Home is just not the same since you went away. There's a vacancy inside us that can never be filled.

Written by his broken hearted wife Roberta and Children
Farewell Dear Husband and Daddy, We love you

JACKELYN RAE NICHOLS

Jackelyn Rae Nichols was born a tiny angel into this world August 27, 1996, at 7:45 p.m. Left to mourn her passing are her parents, Dudley and Penny Nichols, her two older sisters, Jessica Paige and Haley Jordyn Nichols, her maternal grandparents, Leslie and Gloretta McGuire, her paternal grandparents, Dixie Carol Nichols and the late Emmett Nichols. Scores of other friends and family also mourn her passing.

Jackelyn Rae was so special that we were only given a brief glimpse of her. She earned her wings early and is one of the tiniest angels in heaven. Jesus, safeguard our precious daughter.

Written by her Mother, Penny Nichols

JAMES SAMUEL (SAMMY) ROBINSON

We are writing this in memory of a dear husband, father and brother, James Samuel (Sammy) Robinson. He was born February 27, 1939 to William Burley Robinson and Gladys Canada Robinson who both preceded him in death. Sammy deceased this life August 7, 1995.

Sammy was united in holy wedlock June 15, 1974 and to this union was born one daughter, Ruby Lynn Robinson. He also has one son, Richie Robinson, Pikeville, KY and one daughter Sherry Robinson, Pikeville, KY by a previous marriage. Sammy also has 6 grandchildren, four girls and two boys.

Samuel had one brother to precede him in death, Willie Robinson. He also had one sister, Emma Robinson who preceded him in death. Two sisters who miss him very much, Mary McCord, Ocala, FL and Alice Maynard, Rush, KY. He also had a dear loving niece who preceded him in death the same year, Janet Robinson Ross.

Sammy worked for Chisholm Coal mines at Phelps, KY for 13 years before moving to Florida. He spent the rest of his life working for Franklin Industries, Inc. Sammy worked the day he died. Our dear, sweet husband, father and brother is gone, but will live on in our memories. We all miss you so much dear, sweet, little brother. You may be gone, but the ones you left will never forget your sweet smile.

TIME WILL EASE THE HURT - The sadness of the present days, is locked and set in time, And moving to the future, is a slow and painful climb. But all the feelings that are now, so vivid and so real, Can't hold their fresh intensity, As time begins to heal. No wound so deep will every go, Entirely away; Yet every hurt becomes, A little less from day to day. Nothing can erase the painful, Imprints on your mind; But there is softer memories, That time will let you find. Though your heart won't let the sadness, Simply slide away, The echoes will diminish, Even though the memories stay.

--Bruce B. Wilmer



Sadly missed by all, Merinda,
Richie, Sherry, Ruby Lynn, Alice and Mary.

TYLER LEE SCOTT

One of the hardest things in life is writing an obituary for your child. Tyler Lee Scott was born on March 31, 1996. He died on April 5, 1996 at U.K. Hospital in Lexington due to a short illness.

Tyler is survived by his parents, Jackie Lee Scott, Jr. and Alice Marie Scott. He is also survived by his grandparents, Sophia and Johnny Baldwin and Jackie and Laura Scott. Tyler's great grandparents are Blanche Baldwin and Ben Scott.

Even though we only had our beautiful baby boy for such a short time, we know how precious a child is. We know the love of a child. We will always love you, Tyler, and we will not forget you. Now you are safe in the arms of Jesus. Someday we will meet again.

Love, Mommy and Daddy



RODNEY DARRELL STANLEY

This obituary is written in memory of our sweet and darling son, Rodney Darrell Stanley. This bundle of love was given to us on the morning of January 7, 1971 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Kentucky. He deceased this life on May 17, 1996. Survivors are his parents, Clayton and Judy (Farley) Stanley, Grandparents, Charlie and Greetis Stanley, Sidney, KY, Nolie Farley of Hardy, KY, and the late Lawrence Farley. He also leaves a girlfriend, Lucianda Stanley, Lexington, KY.

He attended Bevins Elementary, Belfry High School, Morehead State University for two years and Graduated from Mayo State Vo-Tech School, Paintsville, KY. He was an electrician and employed by Carolina Steels at Versailles, KY at the time of his fatal accident, when the death angels called him away.

Rodney, with his sweet smile and kind ways, was a great inspiration to all who knew him and is sadly missed by everyone. Our home is very lonely now that he is gone but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

He suffered a lot with his Crohn's Disease, but he hardly ever complained. His suffering is over now and we feel that he has gone home to live with Jesus in a land of peace and joy forever. So Rodney you sleep on and mom and dad prays that we can live a life for Jesus so we can be with you, where we can walk the streets of gold together, never have to say good-bye, die no more and be free from all our pains.

Rodney is gone but will never be forgotten. His memories will live on forever. To all who knew and loved him so dearly, love one another, do your best in whatever you attempt to do, as he did and some day we will see him again.

Written by mom and dad who loved you very much, Clayton and Judy Stanley



**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

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

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and, upon their producing Letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

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

ARTICLE 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the Churches nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in the Union.

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

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

ARTICLE 6. New Churches may be admitted to this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and to send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

ARTICLE 11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association who shall receive a compensation for his services.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power to provide for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have the power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God; the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost; and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

ARTICLE 2. We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.

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

ARTICLE 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the saviour is needed for our redemption.

ARTICLE 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none shall fall away and be lost.

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

ARTICLE 7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's Church on earth and the mode IMMERSION, back foremost, so as to cover all over.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by use of bread and the fruit of the vine, and feet washing should be kept up until his second coming by his believers.

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

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as are regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the Church.

ARTICLE 11. We believe it to be the duty of all Church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the Church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.

ARTICLE 12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous, and such doctrine shall be rejected by us.

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

ARTICLE 14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and the government thereof is upon His Shoulders.

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

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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.

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

ARTICLE 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.

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

ARTICLE 12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

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

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TO THE
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SARDIS: Mel Mahorn, James Bailey, Richard Maynard
BIG BRANCH: James W. Blackburn, Landon Taylor, Gene Blackburn
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ROSA: Buddy Glandon, Jerry Thompson, Johnnie P. Cline
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PILGRIMS REST	Piso, KY	Foster Blackburn, 870 Stanley Fork, Varney, KY 41571
OKEECHOBEE	Okeechobee, FL	Gordon Akers, 8951 Hwy 78W, Okeechobee, FL 34974
ELIZABETH	Rt. 3, Louisa, KY	David Castle, Rt 6, Box 901 N. Public Way, Louisa, KY 41230
LITTLE TAVIE	Rt. 2, N. Pt. Pleasant, WV	Julius Cochran, 2223 Jackson Ave., Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	MODERATOR	Minutes Requested	Contribution	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Received by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Excluded	Total Membership	Starting Time	Meeting Time	Union and Communion
Mt. Pleasant	Frankie Scott	100	150		2			1	1		22	10:00/10:00	2	July
Apple Orchard	Thomas J. Dials	75	100	1					1		29	11:00/11:00	1	June
Enon	Richard L. Staton	60	100								11	11:00/11:00	1	June
Rebecca	Edward Runyon	150	250	1							50	11:00/11:00	2	May
Bent Branch	Billy Williamson	150	150	1				3	1	1	53	10:00/10:00	3	Aug
Sardis	Joe Evans	150	200	4						1	78	11:00/11:00	4	Aug
Big Branch	Richard Staton	125	140					1			23	11:00/11:00	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	125	150	2				1	1		43	11:00/11:00	3	July
Bethany	Ison Hannah	75	200	1		1			2		43	11:00/11:00	4	Aug
Elk Fork	Joe Evans	50	75	2							17	11:00/11:00	3	Aug
Pilgrims Home	Elbert SESCO	300	300	4	2				2	1	112	10:00/10:00	4	Aug
Salem	Elbert SESCO	100	100	1	2	1			1		56	11:00/11:00	1	May
Sidney	Wallace Muncy	100	100							1	27	2:00/10:30	4	June
Dix Fork	Ernest Cochran	200	225	1					2		44	11:00/11:00	1	July
Narrows Branch	Bobby Scott, Sr.	100	100	3	1						39	11:00/11:00	4	July
Leannah	Steve Robinson, Jr.	125	150	3				2	1	3	49	10:30/10:30	2	July
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dials	100	150								25	10:30/10:30	3	June
Tabitha	S. D. Hensley	75	100								21	2:30/11:00	1	Aug
Little Rosie	Wayne Herald, Jr.	40	50	1							12	11:00/11:00	2	Apr
Turkey Creek	Leonard SESCO, Jr.	150	150	2					4		71	11:00/11:00	2	May
Samaria	Edward Runyon	100	150	6					1	1	53	11:00/11:00	1	July
Rosa	Johnnie Cline	150	150	1					2		44	2:00/10:00	3	Aug
Muncy Valley	Tommy Ellis	20	100						1		9	11:00/11:00	2	June
Little Virgie	Richard Staton	75	100						1		10	11:00/11:00	4	June
Southern Home	William Adair, Sr.	200	200	2					2	1	69	2:00/10:30	1	Apr
Pilgrims Rest	Billy Williamson	50	50	1					1		13	10:30/10:30	2	June
Okeechobee	James Barney	125	185	1				1			26	4:00/10:00	3	Apr
Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	75	75						1	1	20	10:30/10:30	1	June
Little Tavie	W. H. Cochran	100	100						1	1	12	10:30/10:30	2	July
TOTALS		3245	4050	38	8	2	0	9	26	10	1081			