

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

IN SESSION AND ASSEMBLED WITH THE
PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH
AT THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING
VARNEY, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
SEPTEMBER 12, 13 AND 14, 1997

Elder Thomas J. Dials - *Moderator*

Elder Hobart Hamilton - *Assistant Moderator*

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

Elder Edwin Hay - *Assistant Clerk*

Brother Archie Prince - *Assistant Clerk*

DEDICATION

After many months of feeling and seeing the hand of God, the Father, performing miracle upon miracle to bring our dream of a "home" for our beloved Sardis Association to fruition, it is with humble hearts and great joy that we come together as a family in dedication of these grounds to Him who made a way where there was no way. The hand of our living God was upon us for good and the people said, "*Let us rise up and build*".

According to our several abilities and as the Lord prospered us, everyone did what they could in prayer, work and donations and not one of these would want to be set forth herein for praise but rather, we give all praise, honor and glory to God who made it all possible. Every deed brought undescrivable joy to the giver and bonded love so close it can never be severed. Oh, how we would rejoice to record here for everlasting time the name of every Brother, every Sister and every Friend who wrought in this great work and of every Elder taking part in this first and dedication Service! We do, however, commend you to God whose hand is not slack toward those who love and serve Him.

NOW, therefore, **TO ALL WHO MAY READ THESE LETTERS, GREETINGS**, and be it known unto you that God has drawn near unto us and blessed us beyond measure with a "home" and by these preaching services we do hereby dedicate these grounds to Him and pray that His eye and His hand will everly be upon all who gather here. Amen.

Given under our hand this 11th day of September, 1997.

**The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist,
the Church of Jesus Christ**

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

FRIDAY
September 12, 1997

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled in the Business Room of our Permanent Site with the Pilgrims Home Church, our host Church, and the Pilgrims Rest Church as co-host, at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1997.

The mighty God of Heaven performed His wonderous work and for the first time ever we assembled in our new Home! It was, therefore, fitting that a joyous and Holy Ghost filled meeting was held here last night to dedicate this Site to the Lord and ask His blessings upon it. We were not surprised by perhaps the largest congregation in our history arriving today and over 1000 people ate dinner in the cafeteria. This display of confidence and approval by our members, our corresponding Sister Associations, other Associations and our friends does not give cause for pride but rather a deep feeling of humbleness and thankfulness to God who thought of us for good.

About the hour of 9:30 a.m. Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Assistant Moderator, came to the Stand to a congregation overflowing the Business Room and announced the arrangements. Brother Tommy spoke for all of us when he again thanked God for blessing us at every turn in our desire to be sitting in this building today and hoped He would continue blessing us throughout this Association.

Brother Tommy very lovingly remembered Elder Isom Hannah, our beloved deceased Moderator, who stood in this place only a year ago. Brother Isom was, he said, a dear friend, a confident to whom he could turn for advice and an Elder we all shall surely miss. Brother Isom loved this Association and did not seek notoriety and, for this reason, Brother Tommy asked that this Association be dedicated to all our deceased Elders.

Elder Wallace Muncy came in the opening, having been chosen last year as alternate for this years Introductory Sermon, stating his reliance upon the Lord from whose side flowed the "Living Water." If you want a drink of this water, he preached, seek out Jesus who will abundantly pardon. When you drink thereof you will never thirst again, he said, because the living Spirit will come in and lead you and you will be able to fight the battle with Satan. Brother Wallace then led in prayer.

Elder William Adair, Sr. came to preach the Introductory Sermon stating his fears but depending upon and desiring God's Spirit to lift him up. Brother Billy then sang, "Troublesome Waters."

Fully persuaded that God is able to keep whatsoever we have committed to His hand, Brother Billy preached that God will keep us in the Way and declared Jesus to be the Way. But, he declared, God has dealt to every man a measure of faith and we must exercise that faith, seek Jesus and draw near to Him. We have work to do, he said, but salvation is the free gift of God and we can't do enough work to earn it. God leads us by His Spirit and when we override that Spirit our conscience will condemn us. Hold on to that pure faith, he declared, endure to the end and persevere to Glory and eternal life.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations remained in the Business Room for the Work of this Association and, as is our custom, the many non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends were dismissed to assemble in the Preaching Room to hear the preaching of:

Elder Robert Clay, Union Association

Elder Claren Williams, Old Indian Bottom Association

Elder Walter Akers, New Salem Association

Elder Jimmy Dye, New Salem Association

Elder Buddy Carty, Northern New Salem Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in order, Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Assistant Moderator, called to seats the delegates from our churches sent to represent them in this Association and the delegates sent by our Corresponding Sister Associations.

Brother Tommy then called upon Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Assistant Moderator of the Union Association, to open the Service. Brother Jimmy Dale preached repentance toward God and Jesus to be the Saviour of the world. I am glad, he said, there are still men of God calling upon our children to repent. The Church, he declared, is ready to go to Heaven where Christ will present it to the Father without spot or blemish.

Elder Franklin O'Quinn, Moderator of the Union Association, led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Assistant Moderator standing as Moderator, came to the Stand remembering times of old among the Brethren when three Churches; Sardis, Big Branch and Brushy Fork, met just down the road at Brushy Fork Church (now Apple Orchard) on August 5, 1893 in the organization of our beloved Sardis Association. He admonished the Brethren to remember every other Brother when speaking and, he said, we are going to differ but we can differ in love.

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

Brother James Blackburn

Brother Damon Runyon

Elder Jerry Thompson

(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 Pilgrims Home Church, and, upon regular move and

second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$ 4,450 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 Pilgrims Home 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 Tackitt, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Franklin O'Quinn, Union Association
Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 1997 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator
Elder Hobart Hamilton , 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 1997 year as an Assistant Clerk.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder William Campbell, Jr., Sardis Association
Elder Arnold Whitaker, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Jerry Estep, Union Association

SATURDAY

Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association
Elder Paris C. Tackitt, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Walter Akers, New Salem Association
Elder Murl Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Franklin O'Quinn, Union Association

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

Elder Elbert Sesco
Elder Richard Staton
Elder Danny Runyon

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

(13) 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: Franklin O'Quinn, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jesse L. Williamson, Fon Bowling, Thomas E. Thacker, Onis Hogston, Garfield Thacker, Robert Clay, David O'Quinn, Ked Adkins, James Gannon, Curtis Carroll, George Rose, Gary Varney, Doug Coleman, Terry Bryant, Jerry Newsome, Bobby Robinson, Clifford Stanley, Jerry Estep, Floyd Jude, Paul Hogston and Herman West. Letter in the hands of Elder Franklin O'Quinn.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Pete Hensley, Paul Griffey, John E. Hicks, Alvin Brown, James Tackett, David Hicks, Williard Hicks, Norman Conn, Forrest D. Hall, J. D. Clarke, Ellis Holbrook, Jason Lowery, Hiram Adkins, Grover Adkins, Woody Pack, Clyde Lewis, Wendell Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Billy Hamilton, Clinton Moore, Roger Hicks, Walter Akers, Hershell Slone, Teddy Burke, John Paul Hamilton, Dan Sammons, Chuck Hall, Charley Warrix, Johnny Stumbo, Clifford Williams, Don Blake Little, Glen Hall, Monroe Jones, John G. Stratton and John Justice. Letter in the hands of Brother Pete Hensley.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Ezra Thornsbury, Milton Dye, Don Lawson, Jay Sammons, Gillis Hamilton, Doug Dye, Bill Blevins, Howard Parsley, Dennis Parsley, Paris Tackitt, John Jude, John M. Elkins, Larry Dixon, Wilbur Nichols, Raymond Gillman, Ray Hamilton, C. W. Turner and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Elder Paris Tackitt.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Harlan E. Barney, Paul Morrison, Charles Barney, Lowell Adkins, Walter Morrison, David Gilliam, Ira C. Adkins, Donnie Brown, Luther Ramey, Jr., Creed Thomas, Harrison Runyon, Willis Tolliver, Gary Blevins, Paul Moore, Silas Stumbo, Bob Whitaker, Paul Stapleton, Howard Adkins and Charon Gilliam. Letter in the hands of Brother Luther Ramey, Jr.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Leonard Coleman, Danny Hurley, David Lester, Gary Justus, George Baker, Kermit Lester, David Bailey, Dave Gibson, Gary Brown, Charlie Gibson, A. C. Matney, Monroe Matney, Bill McCoy, James Stacy, Woodrow Whitt, Austine Salmons, Zeb Justus, Herbert May, Lacy Justice, Mathew Justus, Danny C. Justus, Roger McCoy, Doug Reed, John R. Justice and Phillip Estep. Letter in the hands of Elder Dave Gibson.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Leo Slone, Arnold Whitaker, Ford Madden, Ted Amburgey, Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Rodney D. Slone, Paul Couch, Jr., Bennett Adams, Claren Williams and Melvin Fields. Letter in the hands of Elder Haston Whitaker.

(14) 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: Kenneth B. Jude, Richard Staton, Stanley Campbell, Eddie Marcum, Gary Adair, Ron Knox, Arthur May, William Campbell, Jr., Frankie Scott, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Larry R. May, Edwin Hay and Archie Prince.

(15) 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.

(16) 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.

(17) On motion by Brother Doug Mullins, second by James Gillman, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 13, 1997.

SATURDAY
September 13, 1997

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Association building where, about the hour of 9:00 a. m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, called the house to order, and asked Elder David Lester, of the Old Friendship Association, to open these Services. He preached that this is the greatest family he has come in contact with. When young he used to shun this family. Let us eat our own bread and wear our own apparel. God has dressed us up. We are waiting for Him to make that call. We believe in a resurrection and in that morning, we will all wake up. We need the Lord on our side and we need His help. Wait for the Lord to move you and wait for His spirit and it will come out right. Elder Ellis Holbrook, Assistant Moderator of the New Salem Association led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.
- (3) Appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our 1998 Association; who shall be his Alternate; and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1998 Association:

Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association
Elder Arnold Whitaker, Old Indian Bottom Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Sabert Nichols, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Richard Staton, Alternate
Elder Bobby Scott, Sr., Prepare Circular Letter

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

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Jason Lowery, New Salem Association
 Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
 Elder C. W. Turner, Northern New Salem Association
 Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association

SUNDAY

Elder Clinton Moore, New Salem Association
 Elder Clifford Williams, New Salem Association
 Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association
 Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

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

Balance on hand 9-14-96		\$ 32,051.90
Interest received 8/30/96 to 8/30/97		\$ 973.89
Loans, Community Trust Bank		\$ 2,000.00
Building Fund Contribution		<u>\$ 54,469.00</u>
Total available for 1996		\$ 89,494.79
Less 1996 Expenses:		
Print 4,000 copies of minutes	\$ 4,158.25	
Elder Isom Hannah Flowers	\$ 79.50	
Liability Insurance to Sardis Church	\$ 200.00	
Mailing Minutes Letters Expense	\$ 152.13	
Work on Mary Elizabeth Church Property	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	
Total 1996 Expenses		<u>(\$ 4,789.88)</u>
Subtotal		\$84,704.91
Less 1996 Sardis Association Building Expense:		
Purchase Brushy Creek School Property	\$77,000.00	
Record Deed	\$ 95.40	
Liability Insurance	\$ 599.00	
American Electric Power	\$ 4.37	
Remodel, Repair & Clean Building	<u>\$ 6,211.03</u>	
Total 1996 Building Expenses		<u>(\$83,909.80)</u>
Balance on Hand 9/12/97		795.11
Add 1997 Receipts:		
Contributions from Churches	\$ 4,450.00	
Returned Supplies	\$ 72.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 620.00	
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$ 2,953.00</u>	
Total 1997 receipts		<u>\$ 8,095.00</u>
Balance on hand 9-13-97		\$ 8,890.11

(6) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1997 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 \$400 for his expense.

(8) Elder Jerry Thompson, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand and in his own humble and quiet manner read his Letter. By regular move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our minutes.

(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, 1997: Gary Adair, Kenneth Jude, Sabert Nichols, Bobby Scott, Sr., Bob Justice, David Crigger, Frank Sheppard, James Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Willie Blackburn, Dewey Blackburn, Hobart Hamilton, Berlin Thornsby, Gordon Akers, Willie Stiltner, Virgil Fletcher, Billie Brumfield, Les McGuire, Charles Canada, Fred Muncy, Leon Robinson, Wayne Herald, Jr., Henry Jude, Arthur May, Clyde Brown, Roger Spillman and Larry R. May. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials

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, 1997: Hobart Hamilton, Willie Blackburn, James Blackburn, Berlin Thornsby, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Bobby Scott, Sr., David Crigger, Frankie Scott, Joe Evans, Larry R. May, Charles Lowe, Henry Jude, Gary Adair, Les McGuire, Charles Canada, Dewey Blackburn, Buddy Glanden, Virgil Fletcher, John Wayne White, Damon Runyon, Monty Messer and Kenneth B. Jude. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1998: Chester Cochran, Marion Duncan, Gary Adair, Hobart Hamilton, Jim Cochran, Thomas J. Dials, Lester Cochran, Roger Spillman, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Edwin Hay. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Little Mary Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1998: Ron Knox, Clyde Brown, Chester Cochran, Jim Cochran, S. D. Hensley, Willie Blackburn, James Barney, Archie Prince, Damon Runyon, Larry R. May, Lester Cochran, Julius Cochran, Frankie Scott, Kenneth B. Jude, Eddie Marcum, Bobby Scott, Sr., Henry Jude, Virgil Fletcher, Jimmy Blackburn, George Jude, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Dewey Blackburn, Gary Adair, Roger Spillman, Berlin Thornsby, Gene Blackburn, John Wayne White, Billie Brumfield, Monty Messer, James Hensley, Edwin Hay and Wayne Herald, Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Bee Branch Church, Stacy, VA, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1998: Berlin Thornsby, Jerry Thompson, Bobby

L. Scott, Joe Evans, Willie Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Edwin Hay, Lester Cochran, Jimmy Cochran, Chester Cochran, Marion Duncan, Wayne Herald, Jr., James Stumbo, Bobby Sesco, George Jude, Buddy Glandon, Bobby Scott, Sr., Henry Jude, Kenneth B. Jude, Gary Adair, Roger Spillman and Frank Sheppard. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsberry.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the Doty Creek Church, Jeremiah, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1998: Edwin Hay, Joe Evans, Berlin Thornsberry, Larry R. May, Damon Runyon, James Blackburn, Frank Sheppard, John Wayne White, Willie Blackburn, Billie Brumfield, Thomas J. Dials, Ransom Marcum, Henry Jude, Monty Messer, Gary Adair, Roger Spillman, Chester Cochran, Clarence Deskins, Lester Cochran, James Stumbo, Jim Cochran, Sabert Nichols, Ron Knox, Buddy Glandon, George Jude, Hobart Hamilton, Marion Duncan, Virgil Fletcher, Wayne Herald, Jr., Dewey Blackburn and Bobby Scott, Sr. 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, in bad need of repair and we no longer have a need for the tent or the Tent Committee. By regular move and second, the report was received and the Tent Committee was discharged.

Read the Sardis Church Request to buy the tent. After discussion about this and other inquiries to buy or borrow the tent, it was ordered on move from Brother James Blackburn; second by Brother Clarence Deskins, that we store the tent for possible use by our Churches.

(12) The Clerk reported that he had only purchased liability insurance on the building because he did not have enough money to buy full coverage. After discussion it was ordered, on move from Elder Berlin Thornsberry and second by Elder Chester Cochran, that the clerk purchase fire and liability insurance on the Sardis Association property.

(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 Southern Home, Elk Fork and Sardis Churches regarding Item (17), page 9, in our 1996 Minutes be rescinded or dropped.

After being advised by our Moderator to respect the differences of opinions and to accept the work done, a good discussion was had on the subject. A move from Elder John Wayne White to reject the three Requests, second by Elder Chester Cochran, met with an objection filed by Elder Billie Brumfield. Vote of the delegates showed 61 for the motion and 8 for the objection. Therefore, the Request are denied and on motion from Elder Bobby Scott, Sr., second by Brother Les McGuire, the advice is reprinted as follows:

“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.”

(18) Read the Request from the Southern Home Church asking that the advice given in Item (18), page (9), of our 1996 Minute be amended to remove that part of the advice which reads “...and if any Sister Church knows of evidence to the contrary they would have a right to present such evidence to that Church.” Following advice from our Moderator that the advice given by the Committee in that report last year was good advice and can be lived with, discussion was had on the floor. A move from Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. to reject the Request, second by Elder Berlin Thornsby, met with an objection filed by Brother Tommy Adair, Jr.. Vote of the delegates showed 59 for the motion and 12 for the objection, Therefore, the Request is denied and on motion from Elder Chester Cochran, second by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr., the report is reprinted as follows:

**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

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

Read the Request from the Salem Church asking that a Memorial Meeting be held for all deceased members of the Sardis Association and the Request from the Buck Creek Church asking that two Memorial Meetings be held, one for the deceased Elders of the Sardis Association and one for the deceased Members of the Sardis Association. After some discussion, the delegates from the Buck Creek Church took their Request back. Motion by Brother Jimmy Blackburn, second by Brother Alvin Thornbury to grant the Request from the Salem Church and let the new Building Committee set the date. No objection. The Building Committee met at the Association and chose to hold this memorial meeting on the odd Sunday in May, 1998 (May 31) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Robert Haney, Claren Williams, Ellis Holbrook, Thomas J. Dials and Buddy W. Carty.

(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.

Read the Request from the Tabitha Church regarding the lack of sufficient screening by the churches of the Obituaries of Friends being submitted by the Churches. The delegates of the Tabitha Church agreed to take this Request back after a move was made by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr., second by Brother Lester Cochran, to change the wording of the Clerks Note in this item to require the Church moderator to screen and approve any obituary of a Friend of the Church and to reject any obituary that has language that is offensive to the Sardis Association.

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. Each Church Moderator is further required to screen and approve any obituary of a Friend of the Church and to reject any obituary that has language that is offensive to the Sardis Association.

(21) By regular move and second, the report of Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings was omitted today.

(22) Report of the Building Committee was given by the Clerk who briefly stated why we did not build upon the gifted Mary Elizabeth Church property and how we bought and fully paid for the Brushy Creek School property. Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. reported on the donations and work done to prepare the property for our use at this Association. Both gave God the Glory and Honor for leading us in every step we took.

(23) We are extremely grateful for the generous and loving gift of real estate last year from our beloved Mary Elizabeth Church but it is now evident we have ceased to use the property for its intended purpose. Therefore, because no deed has ever been issued or recorded, we do, upon move from Elder Berlin Thornsbury, second by Elder Tommy Ellis, and no objection, authorize and instruct the Sardis Association Trustees to forthwith return and restore, by gift, the said real estate unto the Mary Elizabeth Church, the same as if the original gift and acceptance had never been made.

(24) Realizing our need for additional trustees, upon move from Brother Alvin Thornbury, second by Brother Jim Cochran, the moderator appointed, by their consent, Elder Arthur May, Elder Tommy Ellis and Brother Archie Prince as trustees.

Trustees of the Sardis Association are:

Elder Ernest Cochran Elder Arthur May Brother John Henry Elkins
Brother Bob Justice Elder Tommy Ellis Brother Archie Prince

(25) The work of the original Building Committee has been completed and, upon move from Elder Berlin Thornsbury, second by Elder Tommy Ellis, this Committee is discharged and Elder Bobby Scotts, Sr. is appointed to write a "Thanks" to everyone who helped in the work done.

(26) By regular move and second, the moderator appointed, by their consent, a New Building Committee to be responsible for all use, repair, improvements, maintenance and preservation of the property, as follows:

Brother Paul Maynard Elder Paul Vance Brother Les McGuire
Brother Damon Runyon Brother David May Brother Charles Canada
Brother Donald Joe Evans Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

THANKS

I was chosen by the Association to write a thank you to all those who helped in any way on purchasing and renovating the New Sardis Association Permanent Site.

When we first purchased the Brushy Creek School it seemed like an impossible task to have the building ready for our 1997 Association Meeting, but the scriptures say with enough faith you can move mountains and we moved a mountain. My family was very distraught that I had agreed to take on such a heavy task. They were afraid with my having only half of my heart beating that I would never be able to hold up under such a stress, but God had given me two dreams of being with Brother Edwin May and Brother Ed had asked me to help him build a building, I believed then and still do that God had called me to do this job and how could I refuse. I had enough faith that He would deliver me through and He did, the Sardis Association now has the building that I had dreamed of helping Brother Ed May build.

I could not have built this building without the help of many very dear brothers, sisters and friends. I only make claim to having the knowledge of knowing how to do the work and to be able to keep everyone working together to accomplish this heavy task, all of the very hard and sometimes dangerous work belongs to the dear ones I have mentioned above. Without their help I would not have been able to do any of the work that was performed in order to have the building ready. Please understand that others could have accomplished what I did for the Association but none that I knew of had the time. Several of us had to forsake our families for the entire summer of 1997, along with all of the other activities we stay engaged with. I had to leave home in the early hours of the morning and return at dusk always with my body racked with so much pain I was hardly able to bear, many times when I left the building in the evening hours I wondered how I could possibly be able to drive to my home and family.

I feel it necessary to list some of the work that had to be done for the Sardis Association to be able to enjoy such a wonderful building this year. We first had to agree on a plan of how we were going to renovate the building. When we arrived on the site it seem almost impossible with the time we had to have the building ready. We had to remove over two thousand and five hundred cinder block and with back breaking work remove them from the building. One brother needs surgery on his hand today from nerve damage to his hand from using a sledge hammer. The entire building had to be scrubbed down with bleach water to remove the mold and mildew and many were made sick from the fumes and bleach running down their faces and arms. One brother with black lung became sick and it was two months before he was able to return back to help. We had to take a huge cement grinder to the floors, cut all of the trees and grass, fix the water system and install water filtration, fix all of the refrigeration, use well over 150 gallons of paint, build roads around the back and front of the building, scrub the entire kitchen and bathrooms on our hands and knees, build all of the dining room and serving tables along with other tables for various uses, build the preacher stands, build the podiums and repair the pews, purchase the Bibles, install the hookups for the campers along with all of the other electrical work such as replacing burnt out motors and wiring up stoves, clean up the entire outside of the building with high pressure washer, replace much of the lighting system, clean up the grounds such as removing posts along with trees and trash, remove heavy steel pipe and heating units from overhead, see that chairs were brought in, having signs made and installed, keeping records of all of the donations and how the money was spent, install dehumidifiers

to stop the water from running down the walls and floors. I could never list all of the work that was done by such a wonderful bunch of brothers, sisters and friends for space would not permit but many times at night I was saddened and would ask God for His blessings because of having to ask them to do some of the very hard and many times dangerous jobs of which they did without question. I said to one brother when this was over I would apologize to everyone for having to push them and ask them to do such heavy tasks and I now say forgive me if I pushed too hard or asked you to do something you did not want to do. I do believe that God will reward you and even though you were so very tired when we left in the evening I still could see the peace on your faces of feeling that you were doing the Lord's work. I wish that I could mention names for I probably could tell you what each and every one did and who they were for I feel they deserve to be remembered as Jesus said to remember the woman in the Bible as a memorial to her as long as time lasts, but the chance of missing one would grieve my heart so I will leave it up to one much mightier than I, the Lord himself. As I have said many times I have a special feeling for you that I will take to my grave and in Heaven we will live together in a mansion not made with hands. May God always bless you with a special blessing and I love you with all of my heart and soul.

We want to thank everyone for their financial help of which those who labored also gave of their purses for without the money we could not have even began to build this permanent site. I also want to thank the anonymous donors who gave money, equipment for the kitchen, pews, benches and other things that were needed for the building. We will need your continued support in order to maintain this building of the Lord. We also thank every one for their prayers and moral support and we realize that many would liked to have helped with the work but were not physically able to do so or had to work on their jobs in order to support their families, but we felt we had your love and support and without everyone that makes up the Sardis Association there would not be a need for a building.

A special thanks to the Lord for making it possible for us to purchase this building at the price we paid and the strength, patience and knowledge to get it ready for the Association this year. I know that this is probably one of the longest thank you letters ever written but it is well deserved. Thank you.

Your unworthy servant, Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

Elder Bobby Scott Sr.

(27) Read the Request from the Little Tavie Church asking that the Association Building be dedicated in memory of all deceased members of the Sardis Association. The request was granted by regular move and second.

(28) Read the Requests from the Pilgrims Home Church to host our 1998 Association and Narrows Branch, Big Branch, Dix Fork, Enon, Salem and Mt. Pleasant Churches to co-host our 1998 Association [Turkey Creek Church had made a motion and second to send a co-hosting Request but it had been misplaced but their delegates wanted the Church to be included]. The Pilgrims Home Church withdrew their Request and by regular move and second the Narrows Branch, Big Branch, Dix Fork, Enon, Turkey Creek, Salem and Mt. Pleasant Churches will co-host our 1998 Association at the Sardis Association permanent site.

The Permanent Site of the Sardis Association 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 foot of Bent Mountain, turn left onto Route 881 for about 10 miles to

the Sardis Association Building designated by a sign on the left side of the road. If traveling from Williamson, WV toward Pikeville, KY on U. S. 119, the distance is about 16 miles to Route 881.

All of our Churches should send contributions to Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Treasurer of the Sardis Association, to help defray the expense of hosting the Association no later than July 1998.

(29) By regular move and second, the Sardis Association does again, with all humility, praise the Living God in Heaven for his bountiful and countless blessings bestowed upon us over the past few months and during the Association. And, because it is impossible to name and to thank everyone who helped in this great effort and joyously gave so freely of your prayers, work and money, we do commend you to the same God and earnestly pray He will increase your joy and bless you 10 fold for your every kindness.

(30) 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.

(31) On motion by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr., second by Brother Dewey Blackburn, 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, 1998.

(32) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Willis Tolliver, Moderator of the Philadelphia Association and he then led in Prayer.

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

Thomas J. Dials
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator

Hobart Hamilton
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator

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

Edwin Hay
Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

Archie Prince
Brother Archie Prince, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY
September 14, 1996

Thankful hearts bring smiling faces upon the children of God and puts a twinkle in the eye as another overflow congregation gathers for this final day of the 1997 Sardis Association. Having witnessed the Master's hand move in all the preaching services and work of this Association our spirits have soared to the top of the mountain with unspeakable joy. Thank you Lord and we give you all the honor and praise for your blessings on us!

Elder Clinton Moore from the New Salem Association opened these services challenging everyone everywhere to "come and try this man, Jesus." Brother Clinton declared that you will find, as he did, only joy, peace and happiness in Him as you travel in this world. As the children of Israel sought a city in a strange land, we are, he preached, strangers and pilgrims in this land seeking a city not made by hands. Brother Clinton led in prayer.

Elder Clifford Williams from the New Salem Association followed the opening and peached in power the "word", Jesus Christ, and him crucified, to be the way, the truth and the life. Bring all your tithes into the storehouse, God has said, and I will open the windows of heaven and pour out my spirit upon you. The voice of the turtle is heard in the land and Jesus has said, I am Alpha and Omega; I am the root and the offspring of David and the bright and morning star. Come into His garden, he preached, taste of Him and see that he is good.

Elder Monroe Jones from the New Salem Association came next in the Stand trusting that God will use him for his glory and honor because, he said, we are gathered here today to glorify him. Stating he was not a "text" preacher, Brother Monroe, nonetheless, quoted Exodus 25:8, "and let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them," and with scriptural reasoning preached God's house is still in building and Jesus is the doorway through which all must enter. This house, he declared, is the Church, the sanctuary, wherein God dwells among us. New timbers for this house are in the field, outside the Church, and still has something to do, he said. "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double minded," as sayeth the scriptures, while the fountain that flows from Jesus side is still open, he preached, because this house, he declared, will only remain in building until the appointed time of God when he will tell Jesus, go get my church, my children.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, our young but very able moderator came in the closing. Talking more than preaching, Brother Tommy was so humble and thankful for God's unbounded blessings upon our Sardis Association in recent months and days. We first met Thursday night, he remembered, to thank the Lord for giving us this building and to dedicate it to Him and his spirit filled the house. We met Friday and Friday night and his spirit was there. We met yesterday to do the work of this Association and, though hard decisions were made, not a harsh word was spoken. We met again last night with ever so thankful hearts and we continue today in Spirit filled meetings, surely God has visited us! Reciting the question Pilate asked the Jews, "What shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ?" Brother Tommy then asked, what will you do with Jesus and who are you following? If you are not following Jesus, he stated, you have to be following Satan because there are only two ways to follow. You didn't do a thing to get natural life, he said, but you must follow Jesus if you get everlasting life.

Elder Bob Justice, Union Association, 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,

I will try to fulfill an honor you chose me for at our last association. It is with much praying and fear that I attempt to write this letter for your consideration. Since our last association, there have not been many nights that I have fallen asleep without thinking about this task and asking The Great I Am to lead me and give me wisdom to write a letter that would meet your approval and cause all our churches to come together in pure love and fellowship.

First of all, I want to say to you that I love our association and corresponding associations and feel that God is leading us to chart a course that will cause us to grow and continue to be, "a city that sits on the hill that cannot be hid." (St. Matthew-Ch. 5-Verses 14). As the Apostle Paul wrote in Hebrews (Ch.12-Verses 22-24) "But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and Church of the first born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." As our beloved brother John Paul Hamilton wrote last year, I too, found out very early that hardness is not necessarily strength and humbleness is not weakness. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Hebrews (Ch. 12-Verses 28-29), "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."

My beloved brothers of the Sardis Association, we still have an order on receiving members with more than one living companion, that is dividing us. Our constitution states in 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 our union. Article 12 of our articles of Faith states: 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 the saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous and such doctrine shall be rejected by us.

God took one of Adam's ribs and formed Eve for the natural man needs a helpmeet. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." This commandment to men and women becomes broken when the man or woman commit fornication and dishonor this commandment. Jesus told his disciples when they said, "if the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry, that all men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given." (Matthew-Ch. 19-Verses 10-11). So we see our Lord saying to the disciples that a man or woman can be forgiven and God will be the judge of all men and women. He goes on to say, "For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs, for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it." We are told that we must return to God's fold as humble as a little child. He said to them, "Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." The disciples, when they heard His teaching were exceedingly amazed, and said, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." (Matthew Ch. 19-Verses 12-26) Jesus goes on to say, "Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or fathers, or mother, or wife, or

children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first." (Matthew Ch.19-Verses 28-30) So brothers, we see a merciful God calling sinners unto repentance and a loving Saviour calling His children back to His sheepfold while they have life and opportunity. In St. John, Jesus says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." (St. John-Ch. 3-Verses 16-21) Jesus tells us in St. Matthew, "Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men and whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." (St. Matthew-Ch. 12-Verse 31-32) In the Apostle Paul's writing to the Hebrews, we learn about the new covenant, when he writes, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord. I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." (Hebrews-Ch. 10-Verses 16-17)

My beloved brothers of the Sardis Association, if we have such a High Priest that He will remember our sins no more, who are we to go beyond His forgiveness. My precious brothers of the Sardis Association, I have thrown no remarks to any of my brothers, but I feel that the Prince of Peace, the one I want to obey, has directed my mind to write this circular letter to you. I hope and trust that you will receive this letter with the same kind of love that Jonathan and David had many years ago.

A Brother In Hope,
Elder Jerry R. Thompson

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

Please accept our condolence from your Sister the Northern New Salem Association in expressing to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last gathering.

We share in your loss in the departure of your highly respected Moderator, the late Elder Isom Hannah. May his teachings, advice and counsel, cause you to continue in peace and love, prospering in the goodness of the Lord. That we may realize that his labor wasn't in vain.

Trust you will find comfort in the hope that when our departure comes, we hope to meet them in a land where sorrow shall never come, and peace shall abound forever.

Yours in hope,
Bro. Newsome, Bro. Turner;
Clerks

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

APRIL, 1998

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, Frank Sheppard and Arvid Blevins.

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: 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, Ray Hamilton, Odes Williams, Saval Combs and Garland Deel .

MAY, 1998

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., Bobby Scott, Lacy Walters and Teddy Honaker.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Paul Vance and Lacy Walters.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: William Adair, Sr., Chris Watts, Kenneth B. Jude, Joe Evans, Gregg Scott, Henry Jude and Murl Caudill.

JUNE, 1998

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Don Little, Paul Vance, Foster Blackburn and Hobart Hamilton. Dinner will be served on Sunday.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Wendell Hamilton, Roger Hicks and Leon Robinson.

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, Joe Evans, 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: Paul Vance, Homer Muncy, Jr., Milford Lowe, Henry Jude, Vernon Rose, Lacy Walters and Richard Staton.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Homer Muncy, Jr., Paul Vance, Lacy Walters, Wayne Herald, Jr., Thomas J. Dials and Floyd Jude.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Steve Robinson, Jr., Gary Compton and Joe Evans.

JULY, 1998

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Herman West, Kenneth Jude, Thomas J. Dials, and Vernon Rose..

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Harrison Runyon, 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: Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton and Leon Robinson.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones and Teddy Honaker.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Edwin Hay, Danny Hurley, Earnest Cochran and Lacy Walters.

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

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Curt Carrol, Johnny Bentley, Wendell Hamilton, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Vernon Rose.

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 Jerry Estep with Moderator attending.

AUGUST, 1998

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis, Willie Stiltner, Paul Vance, John Wayne White, Roger Stepp, Chris Watts 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: Don Little, Leon Robinson, Ted Robinson, Robert Haney and Jason Lowery.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton, Leonard SESCO, Elbert SESCO, Howard Daniels, 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: Paul Vance, Robert Haney, Thomas J. Dials and John Thornsby.

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 Bruce Forsyth.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 1998

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Doug McCarty, Edwin Hay, John Wayne White, Stanford Branham and Ellis Amburgey.

APRIL, 1998

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: 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.

MAY, 1998

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 Williamson, 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, Arthur May 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, J. L. Nichols and Dale Williamson.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May (Frale) 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: 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, Hiram Adkins 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.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the odd Sunday on May 31, 1998 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, Leon Robinson, Ben Scott, and Milford Lowe

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the odd Sunday (May 31) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert SESCO, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (May 31) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Robert Haney, Claren Williams, Ellis Holbrook, Thomas J. Dials and Buddy W. Carty.

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 (May 31) at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Roger Stepp, Larry Thacker, Dale Williamson, Danny Runyon and Billy Williamson.

JUNE, 1998

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, Tommy Ellis, Dale Williamson, Danny Runyon, Odes Williams, and James Barney.

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 Virgil Fields.

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, John Paul Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on the third Sunday (June 21, 1998) 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, Kenneth B. Jude 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: Hiram Adkins, Wendell Hamilton, Richard Staton, and Foster Blackburn.

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, 1998

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, Harold Sesco, Elbert Sesco and Richard Staton.

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 John Wayne White. Other Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Narrows Branch Church 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, 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, Mary Moore, Ralph and Carey Reed, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., Richard Staton, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Thomas J. Dials.

AUGUST, 1998

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: Clinton Moore, 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, Richard Staton 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: Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters., 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, Foster Blackburn, Sabert Nichols 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: Sam Franks, Danny Hurley, Monroe Jones, Richard Staton. John B. Hamilton and Buddy Carty.

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: Bobby Scott, Paul Vance, John Wayne White, Elbert Sesco, David Crigger, Joe Evans and Lacy Walters.

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, Don Little, Arvid Blevins and Moderators attending. Dinner will be served.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Sunday in August at 5:00 p.m. at the Turkey Creek Church house for Mary M. Maynard and deceased family. Minister called: Kenneth B. Jude, Lacy Walters, Harold Sesco, Danny Runyon, Hobart Hamilton and Bobby Sesco.

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: John Luxmore, Hobart Hamilton, Vernon Rose, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Joe Evans, David Crigger, Berlin Thornsby and Edwin Hay.

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, Dale Williamson, 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, Floyd Jude 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, Milford Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude, Arvid Blevins, Berlin Thornsby 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 Sardis Association Building, Varney, KY on the odd Sunday in August (August 30) at 10:00 a. m. Ministers called: Jerry Estep, Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones and Richard Staton

SEPTEMBER, 1998

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, John Wayne White 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 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, Wallace Muncy, David Crigger, Monroe Jones, and Lacy Walters.

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.

OCTOBER, 1998

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Gabe Lowe, Wallace Muncy, Floyd Jude and Wayne Herald, Jr.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Gary Compton, Hobart Hamilton, Leonard SESCO, Jerry Estep and Jimmy Dye 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: Dewey Roberts, John P. Hamilton, Jimmy D. Sanders and Jimmie Hall.

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: Milton Dye, Bob Adkins, Creed Thomas and Buddy Carty.

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, Raymond Smith, Herman West, 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: Gary Compton, Hillard Newsome, Bill Tackett, Omery Chuck Hall and Clyde Jacobs.

OBITUARIES
of
BRETHREN AND SISTERS

ELDER ISOM HANNAH

By the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write this obituary of my dad, Elder Isom Hannah. It is with a sad heart, but many loving and precious memories that dad has left with us all, that we should not forget the doctrine and teachings that dad left us. Dad was born July 21, 1926 in Mingo County, WV. He was a son of the late Joseph and Amanda Hannah. He was married to Alpha Mae Stacey Hannah. To this union was born five children: Brenda Cable, Lenore, WV, Doris Neeley, Dwight Lee Hannah, and Terry Hannah, Kopperston, WV, and Thomas Hannah, Oceana, WV. He had 13 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Dad had three brothers, two of whom preceded him in death, James Hollie Hannah, and William Hannah, leaving behind to mourn his loss, Arland Hannah, one sister, Elisabeth Hannah Brewer. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a Army and Navy Veteran. Dad was a retired coal miner, and was in District 17, Local 7604. He was a wonderful father and husband.



Dad believed and trusted in the Lord so very much. He was a strong believer in the Lord. He was given such a wonderful gift from God, his Preaching. Through faith and amazing grace that God has for all of us. Daddy was Moderator of the Bethany Church of the Sardis Association, the Old Sulphur Springs Church of the Union Association, and the Sardis Association. He worried so much about the Churches and trouble within. And no doubt, dad really did a lot of praying for the Bethany Church because it seems like it has really been blessed since dad's death. We miss daddy so much. I strongly believe dad is at rest right now around the throne of God. He has left this troublesome world.

He has gone to a land of no sorrow, no sickness, and no more suffering. I would like to say to my brothers and my sister, if we ever want to see daddy again we have to make preparations to go to him because daddy can't come to us, and he wouldn't even if he could. Be good to mother, that is what dad would want us to do. And love each other and be good to each other. And get out and go to church and take mom. Dad loved us very much.

He attended Church somewhere every weekend. He never missed going to church unless it was so bad he couldn't go, or he or mom was sick. He was faithful to the churches.

Sadly missed,

Written by daughter Brenda Cable and Family

Your Assistant Clerk traveled extensively with Brother Isom over the last several years and came to be a great buddy to him. Our trips to Florida every year and to Northern Ohio for a few Octobers and to the several Associations were especially memorable. He was a great servant to many churches and to the Rebecca Church in particular. His last sermon was preached there the second Sunday in November and his Text was from Proverbs, Chapter 6, verses 16-19; he was blessed above measure. I still feel that Brother Isom's Obituary was written long ago in the Scriptures, Acts, Chapter 20, verses 18-36 which I read at his funeral. I miss him,,,,, Brother Hay.

ELDER CHARLES HALL

With love, and sad hearts, by the help of the Lord we will try to write the obituary of my husband and our beloved dad, Charles Hall. We were so very blessed to have him as our Daddy for so many years and as a husband for almost 55 years. He was born July 4, 1921 and died January 22, 1997. He was the son of William and Sarah Hall. He married Mabel (Ledson) Hall March 11, 1942. To this union was born Larry Hall (deceased), Brenda (Hall) Springsteen (deceased), John David Hall, Lenore, WV and Lena (Hall) Kirk, Lenore, WV.



He was baptized by Elder Ellis Davis February 16, 1949. He served the Bethany Church for many years as a Deacon and was the Assistant Clerk at the time of his death. He was blessed to know all four of his children had come to know the Lord as their savior as well. Wonderful memories sustain us during our lonely days since his departure. By God's great mercy someday we will meet again. One of Brother Charles' favorite Scriptures was Rev. 2:17, ".....and I will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

Written by his wife, Mabel, and his children, David and Lena

ELDER LAWRENCE L. LESTER

Elder Lawrence L. Lester, 68, of Baisden, WV, died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, September 29, 1996, in Man Appalachian Regional Hospital Man, WV.

He was born August 28, 1928 at Baisden, WV. He was a son of the late William and Victoria Mounts Lester. He was also preceded in death by Brother Burley "Red" Lester and sisters: Allie Blankenship, Vicie Sheppard, and Merkie Murphy.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at Baisden for nearly 40 years and an ordained Elder.

He is survived by his wife Bertha Trent Lester, sons Timmy, Keith and Conrad Lester all of Baisden, WV, Doug Lester, Briar Creek, WV and Jamey Lester at home, daughters: Edith Lester, Geneva Hatfield and Janet Galyean, all of Baisden, WV and Zelpha Sims, Bruno, WV, and 15 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Brother Lawrence was a quiet, unassuming Brother that helped the churches all he could. He had a special feeling for the smaller Churches and brought his Letter the last few years to the Muncy Valley Church to try and help strengthen it. He was a member there when he died.

Written by the Assistant Clerks

NELL KINNEY BRANHAM

She was born October 12, 1909 in Shelbiana, KY and passed away June 2, 1997 at her home. She was a home maker and a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dorothy Branham Blackburn. She is survived by her husband Leonard "Trap" Branham, sons: Alfred, Link, and Teddy, and one brother, Harlan Kinney. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

She was known to family and friends as "Big Mommy".

Written by her family

DORA BREWER

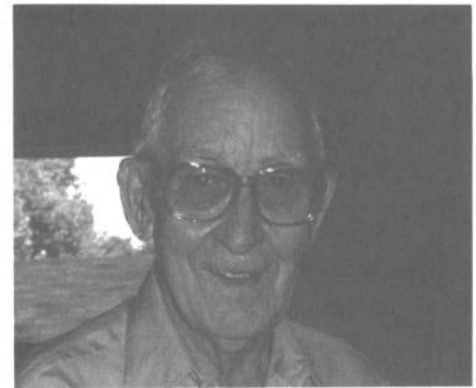
In loving memories of our precious mother, Dora (Mayhorn) Brewer. She was born May 7, 1910 and went to be with the Lord August 8, 1997. She was the daughter of John Mayhorn and Susie (Adams) Mayhorn. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elzie Brewer, and two sons, Elzie Brewer, Jr. and Elzie Ray Brewer. She is survived by eight daughters and two sons; Shirley Dillow, Gladys Jarrells, Martha O'Brian, Dora Mae Newsome, Helen Brewer, Barbara Blair, Lorenë Thomas, Allene Hundley, Charles Brewer and John Lee Brewer. Also, she left behind one brother, Fred Mayhorn. Mom and dad were both members of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. Our loss is Heavens gain.



Written by Wanda Brewer

WILLIAM S. BROWN

I will attempt to fulfill Brother Steward's request and write his obituary. He was born May 20, 1910 in Pike County, Ky. and died Oct. 19, 1996 at his home. He was the son of the late Tom and Polly Stanley Brown and was married to the late Ethel Maynard Brown Jan. 30, 1933 and to this union was born a baby son and one daughter, Polly Elizabeth Bostic, who preceded them in death. Also preceding him in death were brothers: Joe, Roy and George Brown and sisters: Jane Nowlin, Celia Russell Brown, Arminda Brown and Sara Ann Wright. He was a retired coal miner, retired from Belfry Gas Co., a member of the United Mine Workers of America and the Dix Fork Church where he served as a deacon for many years. He and Sister Ethel were both baptized in April 1954 by Elders Ernest Cochran and Charlie Johnson. Survivors include a son, James Steward Brown and daughter, Eva Marie Fields both of Belfry, KY, sisters: Alley Williamson of Sidney, KY, Lucy Wyatt, Maryville, OH, and Martha Felix, Deland, FL; granddaughter, Polly Michelle Brown and step-son, Joey Grierson.



The Regular Baptist couldn't have ask for a better brother and deacon than Brother Steward. He was well known for his traveling far and wide to visit all the Associations and funerals. We all miss him so much and even though his seat is empty, we can still feel his presence. He was a pillar of strength in the church and was always up and about his fathers business. The Lord had blessed him with good health until his last few weeks. He didn't have to linger and suffer very long. What more could we ask for than to serve the Lord all the days of our life and receive the blessings that he has in store for those that love and serve him and when we come down to the end of our journey, another door opens for us and sweet Jesus sends angels to carry our souls home to Paradise where we shall rest until the Resurrection. We should all rejoice when we read in the holy scriptures that it has not entered our hearts and minds, the good things that he has in store for his children. This is just one promise among many that he has made to us that can bring us peace of mind when the trials of life seem to be more than we can bear. Sleep on Brother Steward, you did your job well. Your life has now come full circle with the promise of an eternal life in Heaven's most precious garden.

Written by his daughter in Christ, Sister Geraldine Crigger

TRULA MCCOY BURKE

Mom was born March 15, 1905 at Road Fork, KY. She was the daughter of the late Lovell and Rebecca Stanley McCoy Oney. She was married to the late Sherman Burke. She was preceded in death by brothers: Cecil, Trimble, Walter, and Grayson McCoy and Earl and James Oney. Also, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Opal Oney Muncy and Ruby Oney Burchett and two grandchildren, Carol and James Sherman Robinette.

She is survived by two sons, Leroy Burke, Roanoke, VA and Billy Burke, Christiansburg, VA and three daughters: Goldean B. Francis, Riner, VA and Roberta B. Varney, Charlotte, NC, and Delores B. Robinette, Floyd, VA. Also, one sister, Myrtle Oney Curry of Turkey Creek, KY, twenty grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, twenty eight great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren.

Mom joined the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church about fifty two years ago. She always loved going to church. Our circle has been broken. We can all mend that circle by obeying the word of God. May his blessing be on each and everyone. Thanks mom and dad for a job well done.

Our love to everyone, Daughter and Sister in Christ, Goldean Francis

STELLA WILLIAMSON CHAFFINS

Once upon a time an angel was born to Perry and Lucinda Ray. Her name was Stella. She grew up with ten brothers and sisters here on Brushy: Bill, Ben, Grover, John Ray (who are deceased), Greatis (deceased), Bob, Vernon, Alice, Fannie and O'dessa. At the age of 16 she married Jonah Ester Williamson. Through this union ten beautiful children were born: Fayette (deceased), Sharlene, Bobby Lee, Billy Joe, Anna Sue, Archie Danial, Elouise, Stella Beatrice, Shelia Kay and Johnny Ester.

On a beautiful summer day in 1951 she took her walk to the old mill pond and took hold of the Lords hand to begin to climb that high mountain. By walking in the way of the Lord, Stella guided her children through many troubles and trials, weaving the family together with strands of love.

Tragedy struck her home when her oldest daughter, Fayette, and grandson, Steven Kelly, died in May of 1969. Only two weeks later her husband, Elder Jonah Ester Williamson, passed away. During this time of tragedy Stella became the rock that her children learned to lean on, but time goes on and wounds do heal. The Lord them provided her with a friend... a companion. She met and married "Big Ed" Chaffins. Big Ed had children of his own whom Stella dearly loved. Tom, Greg, Jeff, and John were then a part of our loving family.

Another sorrowful day arose when her grandson, Barry Kent, was taken away. Again, Mama was our rock, especially for her daughter Sharlene. A few short years later, Papa Ed was taken away, and the Lord again provided her strength and a gift of love, her special angel Rebecca Lynn. She traveled much to keep the strands of love strong for family, even though the strands reach from Michigan to Florida. Many times she would speak of her "Florida Pathway" listening to the sounds



of nature through God's sweet voice, while she was there. What a peaceful, happy home that was for her.

She was Mommy to her 10 children, Mama to her 19 grandchildren, Mama Tell to her 22 great grandchildren, and never came to know her new great great grandchild. But most of you know her as Sister Stella, an elegant woman. Her natural body came to rest Monday August 25, 1997 but her spiritual body will live on....

Written by her grandchildren: Lisa Kay, Tammy, Bobbi Lynn, Duane, Angela Fay, John Alden, Natelie and dear friend Stacey

MARGIE CLINE

In loving memory of my dear mother. I will try to write her obituary. As long as I can remember my mom has been a Christian. Mom was born on March 29, 1928. She departed this life on April 20, 1997. She was a member of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church for 36 years. Mom loved her children more than her own life. She was a wonderful mother.

While sitting in the hospital room that last week she went through a lot of changes until death came. What I remember has stayed with me was the night she told me she was ready to go home and be with Jesus and all the angels she had seen. The testimony she gave that there was so many angels that she couldn't count them and that she saw her babies and dad, too. She said she was so happy. I don't think I will ever forget the peace I saw there. So, children and grandchildren if you ever want to see her, follow the path she would tell you about. There was four children dead and four living, one grandchild dead and ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren living. I heard her say many times she loved each one of them. She left behind other relatives, friend, and neighbors to mourn her death.



Written by her daughter, Linda Morgan, and daughter-in-law, Mae Cline

LANTY HAROLD DAMRON

In grief, I write this obituary in memory of my brother, Lanty Harold Damron of Miami, FL. He was born at Pinson Fork, KY September 11, 1922. He died March 15, 1997 at the age of 74. He was preceded in death by his mother, Grace Webb Damron, his father, Richard Damron, and his step-mother, Bertha Browning Damron.

He married Lois Jameson November 14, 1953. There were no children. Lois died September 29, 1990. He never was happy after her death. He spent many lonely years mourning her death. I tried to get him to move near me so I could look after him, but Florida was his home.

He served in the Navy during World War II and in Korea. Upon returning home, he taught classes at Huntington East Trade School at night. He was superintendent at Sherman Construction Company. He later graduated from Perdue University in hospital management. He worked several years as Chief Engineer at Cabell Huntington Hospital, where he received an award and national



recognition for developing a sanitation process which saved hospitals everywhere millions of dollars.

After moving to Florida, he served as Chief Engineer at several hospitals, one being Dearing Hospital where he died.

Harold, as our family called him, belonged to the Okeechobee Regular Baptist Church in Florida. He loved to attend churches everywhere. He sometimes came to his sister's and went to churches in Pike County, KY and Mingo County, WV.

He leaves behind his sister, Ernestine Scalf of Canada, KY, his half sister Eugenia Ann Johnson of Dingmans Ferry, PA, and a half brother, Roger Damron of Huntington, WV.

Written by his sister, Ernestine Scalf

GREENWAY ESTEPP

With a sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear father-in-law Greenway Estep. Greenway was the son of the late Abb and Lucinda Hunt Estep of Delbarton, WV. He was preceded in death by his wife Virgia Evans Estep, a son, Westle D. Estep, a daughter, Lucinda Estep Collins, and brothers: Russell, Lon, Herbert, and Elmer. Also, preceding him in death are sisters: Reesa Cline, Brizie Smith, and Sadie Young.

Survivors are sons: Robert of Meador, WV, Van Arthur of Delbarton, WV, James T. of Townsend, DE, Luther of Delbarton, WV, and daughter Delila Malchione of Kennett Square, PA. Also, a brother Homer of McCarr, KY and sisters Roxie Davis and Edna Davis of Delbarton, WV, Bertha Hale of Martin County, KY and Opal Elkins and Margie Curry of Columbus, OH. He is survived by several grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Greenway came to live with us December 19, 1996 after his daughter Lucinda passed away in her sleep, December 18, 1996. He was with us only for a little while. He had a mini stroke, lung cancer, and he smothered a lot. He never complained of pain. He read his Bible up to a week before he died. He was very knowledgeable about the Bible. He couldn't hear to go to church. He probably was lonely and depressed at home for there was no one to talk about God with. He would always give good advice concerning God and the Bible. He was good to every one he met and helped people all his life. He practically raised three families: his brothers and sisters, his own, and later his three grandchildren of Cindy's. He was 90 years old. He left us that Saturday night April 5. He raised his left hand up and slowly lowered it and he was gone. I feel he was waving farewell. He always waved and spoke to everyone he met or passed. After the breath left his body he closed his mouth. I feel he is home now to rest at last. Friends and family will always miss him.

To his special little friend who came everyday to visit him and give him hugs and help him to eat, etc. Keep Jesus in your heart and always remember he loves you and someday you could be with your old "Buddy" again. Kenneth, he would give you a hug. We all miss him.

Sister, Minerva Estep



MALLIE FINDLEY

Our beloved sister, Mallie Findley, age 91, of Okeechobee, FL died May 1, 1997. She was born Nov. 15, 1905 in Knott County Ky and moved to FL in 1970. She lettered up to the Okeechobee Church on January 8, 1972. Preceding her in death, her husband, Sidney Findley and her sister Dallie Musick.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 6, 1997 at the Okeechobee Church, burial was at Golden Oaks Gardens in Ashland KY.

The memories remain of her bright smile, joyous laughter, and her great voice, which rang out the old songs of Zion. Even in the nursing home before her voice was silenced, she was referred to by the staff as singing Mallie. She now sings the song that we cannot yet sing, I've Been Redeemed.

Written by a sister in Christ, Sister Louise Peaden.



ROBERT M. HENSLEY

Brother Robert M. Hensley, 68, of Big Ugly, WV died Tuesday April 15, 1997 at his residence. He was born January 1, 1929 in Mingo County, WV. He was the son of the late Isaac Sr. and Nora Evans Hensley. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Tabitha. He was preceded in death by one brother, Isaac Hensley, Jr. Survivors include one brother, John Hensley of Wapakoneta, Oh and his guardians of 32 years, Brother Rush Hensley and Sister Vivian Hensley. Brother Robert was a wonderful and kind person and spoke of longing to go to be with our Lord. We believe Brother Robert is with our Lord at this time.



Written by a friend, Micky Preece

TENNESSEE HINKLE

With much sadness and with the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of my sweet, loving mother, Sister Tennessee Hinkle. Mommy was born on July 30, 1909 to David and Sarah Whitt Crum. She died on April 2, 1997 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, KY, making her stay on God's footstool 87 years 8 months and three days.

She was married to Tive Hinkle, who preceded her in death. To this union was born twelve children, three of which preceded her in death. Her children that are left to mourn her passing are: her son, James Franklin Hinkle of Inez, KY; her daughters, Maggia Hinkle and Betty Joe Waller of Beauty, KY; Ellen Hinkle, Georgia Hinkle, and Oma Whiting all of Columbus, OH; Margie Whitaker and Helen Don Stage, both of Mt. Sterling, OH; and Ada Sluss of Logan, OH. She also has one sister, Victoria Hinkle of Beauty, KY.



Mommy and Aunt Vic lived within a short walking distance from each other. Regardless of their age or health problems, they managed to stay close and visit as often as they could. Also mourning the loss of my dear mother are 17 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. The older grandchildren and great-grandchildren have wonderful memories of Mommy and someday they can relate them to their children. The word grandmother truly describes what Mommy was not only to her grandchildren but to her own children. She loved us deeply--the way only a mother can love her children.

Mommy was a member of the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for 58 years. She loved the Lord and was a light to her family and anyone who knew her. Mommy was laid to rest beside my Daddy in the Tive Hinkle Family Cemetery at Beauty, Kentucky.

Mommy's house is sad and lonesome without her, but wonderful memories fill every nook and cranny. I am looking forward to seeing Mommy again some sweet day where death can never part us again. It is my prayer that all of my family who do not know the Lord as their Savior will repent before it is too late and we can all meet in Heaven. Sadly missed by her son, daughters, and family

Written by her son, Brother James Franklin Hinkle

ESTHER EVANS HODGE

On April 8, 1921 the Lord blessed Asa and Delilah Evans with a daughter which they named Esther. She was one of 9 children and they were raised in Delbarton, WV. Maw Maw gave herself to serve Jesus at a young age. She was a member of the Sardis Church of the Old Regular Baptist for over 60 years. She married Howard Hodge and they were blessed with 7 children before his death in 1958. After his death she did the best she could to raise their children on her own. Esther left this world on April 24, 1997. She was proceeded in death by her father, mother and 4 brothers: Brian, Buddy, Cornwell, and Woodrow. She was



also proceeded in death by 3 sisters: Virgie, Bertha, and Daisy; and a granddaughter, Caroline Hodge. She is survived by a sister Vada Farley of Delbarton, WV and her 7 children: Connie (Bill) Smith, Marysville, OH; David Hodge, Delbarton, WV; Charlotte Ann (Grant) Blair, Harts, WV; Robert (Karen) Hodge, Delbarton, WV, Roberta (Paul) Hunt, Delbarton WV; Howard (Tammy) Hodge, Delbarton, WV and Woodrow (Connie) Hodge, Delbarton, WV. She also left behind 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Maw Maw was very ill for many years before her death, but she still yet served as a light unto her family. I often think of stories I will never hear her tell again. Or hear her sing a hymn, and I know all of us miss you very much Maw Maw. This is a poem I wrote shortly after Maw Maw's death: As close as we were but now far apart I want you to know you are here in my heart. Always beside me that's where you'll stay I hope I can meet you in heaven someday.

Written with love by Sister Stephanie Phipps, her granddaughter.

CECIL MARCUM

With a sad and empty heart I will try and write the obituary of my Uncle Cecil (Wee Wee) and father who raised me. He was the son of Greenway Marcum and Laura Thompson Marcum of Crum, WV. He was born January 13, 1905. He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, and his wife Mary Mullins Maynard. Also, four brothers: Everett, Archie, Paul, and Keither and a sister Corda. He is survived by an adopted daughter, Mrs. Luther Estep (Minerva) with whom he made his home at Millstone (Delbarton), WV and a host of nieces and nephews.



He was a retired coal miner of thirty five years. He was a member of the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, Delbarton, WV. He loved to go to church when he was able. He couldn't hear too good or see too good but he was always ready to go. Later his mind got wavy at times but talking about the Lord made sense. With lungs so bad and couldn't walk or hear or see good; he asked Luther one day to ask the Lord to take him. He didn't want to be bound down and suffer anymore. He left us 12 days before his 92 birthday.

In all his sickness he was a very humble person. He never complained about anything. Our home is empty but we feel he is happy with the Lord. God wiped the tears from his eyes and he can hear and see now and walk and talk in Glory. His special little friend who helped get him to eat and drink juices and to do other errands. Just remember, Little Jerry, someday get Jesus in your life and he will always guide you right.

Sister, Minerva Estep

ETTA JANE MAY

Etta Jane May, 81, died February 19, 1997 at the Williamson A. R. H. Skilled Nursing Unit. She was born July 27, 1915 and was the daughter of the late James "Uncle Jim" and Buena Morris Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty four years, Charlie May, a grandchild, Gregory Dale (Leedy) Baldwin and several brothers and sisters. She is survived by a son, Charles Gary May and daughter in law, Pat May and a daughter Janet Baldwin. Also, she is survived by the following grandchildren: Heather, Keriston, Katelyn, Angela, Hank and Shawn; and great grandchildren: Heather, Kim, Jacob and Ashley.



The Apostle Paul stated, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that also love his appearing." We knew this to be Mom's testimony also. She loved her Lord and her Church, Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. She a member of the Church for over forty years.

She is deeply missed by all, but we know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her son, Charles Gary May

FLORENCE MAY

It is with much love and a great sadness that we will try to write the obituary of our wife and mother, Florence May. Mommy was born January 10, 1923 and passed away on August 27, 1997 in Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.Va. She was blessed to live 74 years, 7 months and 17 days. Mommy was the daughter of William and Betty Sartin Lackey who preceded her in death.

Mommy was married to our daddy, Sherman May, on October 10, 1940. We are so blessed to still have our Daddy with us. The Lord blessed Mommy and Daddy with 13 children. Two children, James Thomas and Willis preceded her in death. Eleven children are left to mourn her loss. Six sons: William Henry "Bill" of Darien, IL; Clyde Ellis of Louisa, KY; Blackburn, Julius Ray "Buckeye", Sherman Jr. and Ronnie of Lenore, WV; and five daughters: Wanda Jean Moore and Wilma Lea Stollings of Williamson, WV; Eunice Aldridge of Lenore, WV; Glendine Staton of Moneta, VA and Connie Hodge of Delbarton, WV. She was also blessed with 29 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. One grandson James Ellis, preceded her in death. She was also "MomMaw" to most of the kids in the neighborhood.

Mommy also leaves behind four brothers; Clyde, Raymond and Bill Lackey of Lenore, WV and Lonnie Lackey of Delbarton, WV and two sisters; Ethel Mullins of Grundy, VA and Edith Faye White of Lenore, WV. She was preceded in death by a sister, Lilly Mae White.

Mommy joined the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church on the third Sunday in May 1945 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Willie White and was given off in the arm when Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church was organized. She attended church as long as she was able. The Lord blessed her to be able to attend communion services on the 1st Sunday in July. Mommy looked so forward to communion time. She cooked for church for many, many years and always had a houseful of visitors.

Mommy had lung problems and was on oxygen at home for the last 2 1/2 years. Just 9 days before she died, we learned she had lung cancer. The doctors had suspected it for several months, but she didn't want any tests done. Mommy will be missed by all who knew her. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her husband, Sherman May and daughters, Wanda Moore and Eunice Aldridge

ARTHUR MAYNARD

With much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my dear father-in-law, Arthur Maynard. He left this world on September 24, 1996. Arthur was born July 13, 1917 at Piso, KY. He was the son of the late George and Artie (Williamson) Maynard. He was preceded in death by his wife Alice Vivian (Lowe) Maynard, three sisters: Della (Maynard) Ray of Meta, KY, Alice (Maynard) Murphy of Meta, KY, and Mary (Maynard) Stanley of Piso, KY and two brothers, Christopher (Kip) Maynard of Heenon, KY and Craft Maynard of Pikeville, KY.

Two sisters survive, Nancy (Maynard) Elkins of



Gulnare, and Condelee (Maynard) Runyon of Citra, FL. He leaves to mourn his loss, one son, Harold Maynard, daughter-in-law; Betty (Robinson) Maynard, two grandsons, one granddaughter, great grandson, grand-son-in-law and grand-daughter-in-law. Arthur joined the church and was baptized Sunday, March 25, 1990. He attended church as long as he was capable of attending. We feel like our loss is heaven's gain. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Written by Betty Maynard his daughter-in-law

FAYETTE MAYNARD

Fayette Maynard, born October 26, 1922 and passed away from this life October 9, 1996 making his stay here 73 years, 11 months, and 13 days. He was the son of the late Dewey Maynard and Trudy Stanley Maynard. He was married to the late Mary Faye Francis Maynard. To this union was born eight children. Two preceded him in death, an infant son, Roger and daughter, Verna Sue "Wendy" Maynard.



Besides his mother, left to mourn his loss are daughter Judy Kay McKinney, Detroit, MI, sons Ronnie, Richard, and Doyle Maynard of Varney, KY, Jimmy Maynard of Delaware and Micheal David Maynard of Yspilanti, MI. Two stepdaughters, Reba Webb of Varney, KY and Brenda Wilson of Michigan and three stepsons: Clayton Robinette of Pikeville, KY, Verlin Robinette of Ashland, KY, and Larry Robinette of Pontiac, MI. He also has three sisters: Peggy Robinette of Varney, KY, Janet Dowd, Columbus, OH and Jean Dickinson of Warren, MI, two brothers, Ersel and Floyd Maynard of Wyandotte, MI, fourteen grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

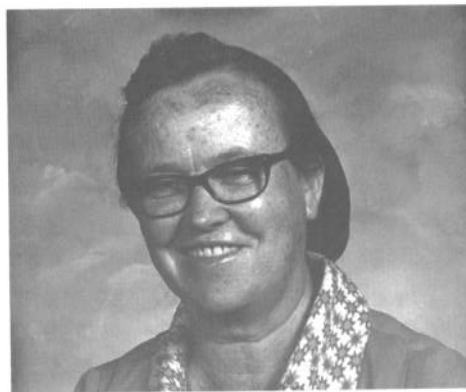
He was a retired heavy equipment operator. He also served in World War II. Papaw is sadly missed by his family and friends. He was especially close to his granddaughters, Amanda and Stacy. Papaw hid his pain from everyone so it was a great shock when he suddenly left us. Papaw is no longer suffering and although we miss him, greatly, our loss is Heaven's gain. So Papaw if you can hear us rest in peace and we love and miss you with all our hearts.

Love your only daughter in law, Julia and granddaughters Amanda and Stacy Maynard

HESTER MAYNARD

With much sadness and broken hearts, we write the obituary of our dear wife, mother, and grandmother. Hester Smith Maynard was born at Piso, KY, July 17, 1918 and departed this life February 7, 1997 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late Jarrett and Jane Williamson Smith. In December 1944, mother married our daddy, Eldon L. Maynard. To this union was born two children, Grover L. Maynard of Pedro, FL and Linda Gale Muncy of Pikeville, KY. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, two sisters, Lakie Maynard of Citra, FL and Lola Roberts of Robinson Creek, KY.



She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers: J.D., Ossie, Carl and Earl Smith and

two sisters: Thursie Smith and Brookie (Smith) Scott. Also her only son-in-law Louie M. Muncy. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends, brothers and sisters of the churches who will miss her greatly.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about 50 years ago and was a faithful member through all the years.

We are all very grateful for all of our friends and family that were so good to us during her stay in the hospital. We feel that our loss is heavens gain and if we live for the Lord we will all be able to meet her when this life is over.

Written by Linda Gale, Grover, JoAnn and grandchildren.

NANCY MAYNARD

It is with great love, respect, and admiration that I write of my mother Nancy Maynard, who died January 7, 1997, at her home at the age of 85.

She was born April 4, 1911, to the late Jacob and Susannah Marcum in Wayne Co., WV. She was married August 31, 1929, to the late Burley Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY. To this union was born eleven children. Two preceded her in death, an infant daughter and a twenty-two month old son, Jonah Ellis. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Turkey Creek for over fifty years. Among my happiest childhood memories are the ones when mommy and daddy would take us to church on Sunday. We had to walk part of the way. I believe sometimes we walked all the way, a three mile trip one way. That church and those days and the people there will always have a special place in my heart.

We, all her children, owe so much to our mother for instilling in us her wonderful faith. We owe so much to mommy and daddy for the Christian example they set for us. Our mother was ill for many years and could not attend church, but she lived her life in Jesus. My mother's life was hard but she lived it well. Praise the Lord.



Written by Opal Maynard

NATHAN MAYNARD

After a long illness Brother Nathan Maynard of Debord, KY, at the age of 88 years left this Earth to go to the Place that Jesus spoke about when he said I go away to prepare a place for you that where I am there you may be also. I believe as I write this obituary tonight that Nathan Maynard is resting from his labours and his works do follow him and his body is sleeping in the dust of the earth but his soul is resting somewhere in the paradise of God and his suffering is over. Brother Nate Maynard will never shed another tear.

*And I sometimes grieve, For the friends I must leave,
For the bond is so hard to sever, But the joy is so sweet, When
I know we shall meet, In that beatify that blessed forever.*

Brother Nathan Maynard was born in Martin County KY, July 10, 1908 and deceased this life Sunday March 16, 1997. He was the son of the late Jessie and Patty Jude Maynard. He was preceded in death by his wife Viola Sartin Maynard.



Brother Nate leaves to mourn his passing five sons: Tennis Maynard, Elmer Maynard, Nathan Maynard, Jr. and Leonard Maynard all of Debord, KY, and James Maynard of Columbus, OH; four daughters: Irene Marcum of Laurelville, OH; Merlene Maynard of New Plymouth, OH; Betty Johnson of Beauty, KY and Christine Grisco of Debord, KY; and one sister: Dencie Fletcher of Milo, KY; and 21 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

Brother Nate was by any standard a distinguished gentleman and a God fearing man who loved his family always remembering his late wife Viola. It has often been said "behind every great man there is a great woman" and Brother Nate always told of the love he had for his wife Viola and what a great wife she was to him.

Brother Nate joined the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist at Beauty KY, on the third Saturday in August, 1991 and was a faithful member until his death and attended faithfully as long as his health permitted. He loved the Lord and His Holy Laws and obeyed them to the letter standing on the promises of Almighty God.

So, farewell Brother Nate, but not goodbye, because I believe with all my heart that when we board that cloud of Glory with our Saviour that we will meet again. He said to comfort yourselves one and other with these words. Brother Nate has laid his armor by. He has fought the good fight of faith; for Him to live was Christ but to die was gain. And to the children and loved ones repent and get ready to meet the lord because He is surely coming soon.

Farewell, farewell to all below, My Jesus calls and I must go, I launched My boat upon the sea, This land is not the land for me.

Written for the Family by Elder Wayne Herald Jr.

PHINAS NICHOLS

With great love, and respect in my heart, for my dad, a feeling of loss and loneliness, which possibly, I will always feel in my natural life. At the same time, it's a joy having so many wonderful memories and a great hope of meeting him again. Knowing his life, gives me comfort, that he is at rest. There remaineth, therefore a rest, to the people of God.

Dad was born December 10, 1912 in Pike County KY. He was the son of the late Bill and Parlie Lowe Nichols. He was also preceded in death by son; Emmett Nichols, sisters: Dixie Enfinger, Hester, Lucy, and Ida Maynard, Lizzie Taylor, and Angeline Lowe, brothers: Jimmy, Joe, Robert, and Willie Nichols, also Brad, and Ernest Hanners; grandchild; Nicholas Hale and great grandchild; Jacklyn Nichols.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Ann Maynard Nichols, daughters: Orpha Walters and Bethel Setser, both of Gulnar, KY and Lillian Hale of OH, sons: Sabert Nichols, Pilgrim, KY, Danny Dale, and Phinas Linsey Nichols, both of Pikeville, KY; sisters: Sally Canada and Johnny Nichols. He also had twenty two grandchildren, and twentyone great grandchildren.

Dad was a man of few words, with his own special way of quietness, and meekness. Each one of his children could have his or her special place in his heart, and in the home, even at the dinner table. Each one knew their place on the bench, or in a chair. Oh, those precious memories of childhood we hold so dear with mom and dad, the love it was there, our house was a home.

Dad worked hard in the heat and in the cold. He didn't have a lot in the way of earthly treasures and didn't have the luxuries of life that many enjoy. But, daddy had a heart full of love,



and we could see that light of love in his eyes. As we watched his life as a child, dad was special. He was a man of honesty, and integrity, and he lived his life; I feel to the highest moral standards that any man could live by, and also raise up his children in that way. I feel that is a requirement of a parent, according to Gods word, which many today have abandoned, and traded everything which is right for any thing that goes.

Dad gave his hand at the Apple Orchard Church, a place he loved, served, and cherished as a deacon for several years.

So to my brothers and sisters, I know you will always remember his love, affection, and that sparkle of light, and love in his eyes. The appreciation of the way and manner, we were taught in our young lives will never leave us. So, please take heed to that which you have been taught. Think and meditate on your soul and eternal things. Heaven is real!

Mom I love you, and pray, that it gives you comfort, peace of mind, and a wonderful feeling, knowing that dad is at rest. No more pains, no more suffering, just perfect peace. We can't bring him back, but we can go to him. He piled up some stone, and left his foot prints in the sand. Walking in the good old way, dad just slipped away and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. What a way to say goodbye.

With love and respect to my dad, Elder Sabert Nichols

LUCILLE PAULEY

Out of the deepest respect and love, I wrote this obituary of our precious friend, Sister Lucille Pauley. She was born September 10, 1914 in Pike County, KY and deceased June 5, 1997 at Point Pleasant, WV making her 83 years old. She was a former resident of Sidney, KY and a homemaker. She was the daughter of the late Allen D. and Lenora Varney Smith and was married to the late Shaddle Randolph Pauley. She was also preceded in death by a son, Thomas Allen Pauley, six sisters and three brothers. Survivors include daughters, Barbare Sue Trout and husband, Floyd B. Trout, Mary Jane Stanley and husband, Harold Stanley all of Point Pleasant, WV, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



She was baptized with Brother Randolph on May 12, 1972 by Elders David Crigger and Lloyd Sesco and placed her membership with the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church.

I was 16 years old the first time I met Sister Lucille and Brother Randolph and it was instant love. The night she joined the Church, she was in the hospital. When David and I got there, she reached forth her tender hand and said, "David", when I get out of here, I want you to baptize me." I will never forget how the Holy Spirit filled the room. If I ever felt like shouting, it was that night in that hospital room.

Sister Lucille was a special lady and these scriptures describe her better than anything I could say: She was a virtuous woman and heart of her husband did safely trust in her. Strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come. In her tongue was the law of kindness. Her children rise up and call her blessed. Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

I rejoice for her that her journey has ended and she and Brother Randolph are together, resting in Paradise. Take your peaceful sleep, precious one. Until we meet again.

Written by Sister Geraldine Crigger

IRA ROBINSON

God saw he was getting tired, And a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around him, And whispered, come with me. With tearful eyes we watched him suffer And saw him fade away. Although we loved him dearly, We could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best. --Author Unknown

With sad and broken hearts we will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved daddy, Brother Ira Robinson. Dad was born Sept. 8, 1924 in Martin County. He was called home on June 19, 1997. He was the son of the late Sam and Stella McCoy Robinson. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara Robinson, three brothers: Elmer, Tom and Henry Robinson, two sisters, Pearl Cline and Ivory Robinson.

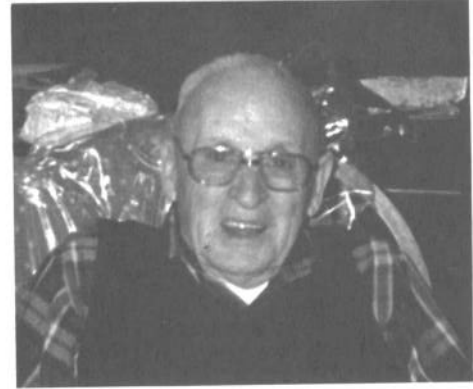
Dad leaves behind a wife Luchie Robinson, 7 sons and 1 daughter, 19 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 3 sisters.

Dad belonged to the Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church for 29 years, where he served as a Deacon until the time of his death. He is missed most of all by our dear mother. They shared 51 years together. We all miss him more than anyone can imagine.

Dad was a hard-working man. He had such great love for his family and a great love for the Church and the Lord. We feel that dad had his home prepared and waiting for God to call him home. Our loss is Heavens' gain.

We have the promise that through Christ we can all be united again where parting will be no more. Thus we say, "Farewell, for a little while, dear husband and daddy."

Written with love by: Wife and Family



CONDOLEE RUNYON

With much sadness and help of the Lord we will try to write the obituary of our dear Aunt. Aunt Condolee was born October 28, 1921 in Pike County, KY to the late George and Artie (Williamson) Maynard and departed this life August 3, 1997 at the Cypress Rehabilitation Center in Florida.

Aunt Condolee was married to Wayne Runyon on December 24, 1940 and to this union five children were born. Two preceded her in death: Nancy Lee Runyon (infant) and Melba Brooks.

She is survived by her husband Wayne Runyon of Citra, FL, one son, George Vernon Runyon of Ludowici, GA, two daughters, Artie Ann Young and Mary Karen Webb of Sparr, FL. Also to mourn her loss are 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild and several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by five brothers: Craft, C.C.(Kip), George Henderson, Johnny Willis and Arthur Maynard and four sisters Della Ray, Alice Murphy, Mary (Tucker) Stanley, and Nancy Elkins.

She joined the Pilgrims Home Regular Baptist Church at Varney, KY in the year of 1950,



but moved to Florida in 1959 where she attended the Southern Home Regular Baptist Church as long as she was able. She lived close by the Southern Home Church and enjoyed listening to the church bells. When she heard the bells ringing she would say it is time to go to church. She was a homemaker and enjoyed working in her flowers and vegetable garden when she was able.

She will be sadly missed by all. We believe our loss is heavens gain. She was laid to rest at the Southern Home Church cemetery in Citra, FL.

Written By Her Nieces who loved her dearly, Mary Helen (Stanley) Burke and Betty Sue (Stanley) Maynard

NICHOLAS RUNYON, JR.

It is with much sorrow and pain that I write my daddy's testimony. Nicholas Runyon, Jr. was born April 14, 1923 to Nicholas Runyon, Sr. and Leta (Estep) Runyon. He had five brothers and five sisters. He was married to Nancy Ann Sheppard April 11, 1950. To this union was born 4 children. Daddy became a member of the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church in June 1951. Both, he and mother were members of the Rebecca Church at Trace Creek. I just have to close my eyes and I can see the beautiful visions of my parents and I will always remember the lessons they taught us children about God and life. Mother passed away May, 1994. Daddy was so sad and lonely without her. Daddy left this world December 26, 1996. They left behind children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family, and friends who will always love and miss them. But yet, if they had not departed they would not have received their bright crowns. Thank you, God, for having gave us the pleasure and blessings of such wonderful parents.



Written by daughters, Doris and Donna and sons, Larry and Darel

OLIVER SESCO

With the help of the good Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear Uncle Oliver Sesco, who departed this life May 31, 1997. He was born September 13, 1921 in Pike County, making his stay here on earth 75 years. He was a son of the later Rodolph and Elize (Maynard) Sesco. He was preceded in death by his wife Emma Jean (Adkins) Sesco. Also preceding him in death were three brothers: Ira Sesco, Leonard Sesco, and Denny Sesco and one sister Elsie Sesco Lawson.

Brother Oliver left behind to mourn his loss, one son Larry Sesco of Elkhorn City, three daughters: Carol Obenshaine of Pikeville, KY, Marquetta Dameron of Floyd County, KY, and Trease Stewart of Elkhorn City, a brother Junior Sesco of Florida; a sister Elkie Young of Pikeville, KY, eight grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a very close friend Elzie Stanley.

He was a retired metal worker. He served in WWII. He was a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church. Brother Oliver left so many memories. I think back as I go along, I think about the wonderful words that he spoke to me from time to time.

It had been a long time since I heard from him. He'd call and say, "Vern, I have been very



sick, I got something I want to tell you.” I had a deep feeling down in my heart that the Lord had done something for him. He said “Vern, I saw every member of the Pilgrims Home Church, they were gathered around me, and the Lord was, too.” He told me that the Lord was standing at the foot of his bed. I really do believe the Lord has done something for him, and forgive him for his sins. Brother Oliver was baptized at the nursing home where he spent his last days on earth.

I believe that our loss is Heaven’s gain. Brother Oliver when we step through those pearly gates, where there will be no more sickness, or pains, no more worry about our children. I believe with all my heart that one day we will be together, where we will not have to part no more. In a land of peace and joy forever. I know Daddy is gone, but children, Daddy has gone to a better home. We will miss him very much. Daddy is at rest now, with no more pain, and sadly missed by his children.

Written by his nephew and brother (in Christ), Vernel Sesco

ARNOLD SMITH

With precious thoughts and loving memories of Arnold Smith; born January 25, 1913 at Thomas, KY to Henry C. and Ollie Blackburn Smith. Daddy was married to Susie Jude on July 29, 1937. To their union God blessed them with 10 children, 23 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. He was a member of the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church at Brushy, Pike County, KY.

Our Dad passed from this life on September 18, 1996 by taking the hand of the Lord and Saviour, leaving us after being our Dad for 83 years, 7 months and 18 days. Daddy's vessel was laid to rest at the Henry Taylor Cemetery at Brushy beside his son, Nick.

Our Dad, while on this earth, had obtained such a wealth of wisdom and knowledge through his walk with our Lord and Saviour that when he left us he left a void and much sadness. Daddy, you gave us eternal hope by your walk and faith in God. Daddy told me one day that he never prayed to die, but if he would go to sleep and not wake up that would be alright with him. That is how God chose to take him. We all miss you Daddy and by the mercy and love of our Saviour, we will see you at home. Until then, your memories are still with us, your loss we still feel. Through faith and prayer God will guide us and we will be with you again.

We Love You Daddy: Written by his wife, Susie Smith, and Children

SHERMA JANE (LOWE) SPILLMAN

With much love and a broken heart, we will try with the help of our Lord, to write the obituary of our beloved wife and mother. Sherma Jane (Lowe) Spillman was born on September 30, 1947 in Pike County, KY. She departed this life on June 1, 1997 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL, making her stay on earth 49 years, 3 months and 1 day. She was laid to rest at Southern Home Church in Sparr, FL, where she had made her Christian home. She joined Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church in 1970. She was still a faithful member when she left this life on earth and made her journey home to God's palace in heaven.



She married Roger Lee Spillman Sr. on December 12, 1965. Together, they raised two children, Roger Lee Spillman Jr. and Elizabeth Marie (Spillman) Gilley. She was preceded in death by her father, John Sherman Lowe, and her mother Martha Jane (Maynard) Lowe, also by a brother, Donald L. Lowe and a sister Helena Lowe. She is survived by her devoted husband, Roger Lee Spillman Sr., and a loving son, Roger Lee Spillman Jr. and loving daughter, Elizabeth Marie (Spillman) Gilley. She is also survived by four brothers, six sisters and six grandchildren. Others left to mourn her passing are many brothers and sisters in Christ. She was loved by all that knew her.

She had been sick with various illnesses for many years but she had been blessed with a loving, caring and devoted husband to care for her with much love and patience. Our prayer for her in her last days was that the good Lord would take her without much suffering and he did just that and for that we are thankful. She went with the sweetest angelic smile on her face. We know that she is surely with our sweet savior Jesus Christ.

Written in loving memory by her beloved family, Roger Lee Spillman Sr.,
Roger Lee Spillman Jr. and Elizabeth Marie (Spillman) Gilley

HAROLD E. STATON

With great sadness and an aching heart and by the request of Brother Harold just before the Lord called him home, I write the obituary of my dear friend and Brother in Christ, Brother Harold E. Staton, who was 57 years old when he passed away. He was born September 8, 1939 at Hardy, KY and was the son of the late Freeland and Shirley Stafford Staton. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Dr. James Lorin Staton and a sister Loretta. He passed away on Sunday, Aug. 24, 1997, in the Veteran's Administration Hospital Detroit, MI.



He is survived by his wife Carolyn Stanley Staton, daughters, Rita Simerly and Sharon Boardman, sisters: Mrs. T.W. (Lucille) Stuart of Cocoa, FL, Magdalene Varney of Milton, WV and Mrs. Howard (Doris) Hatfield of Winchester, KY, brothers: Carl Staton and Glen E. Staton of Cocoa, FL, Garland Staton of Springsboro, OH, Larry Staton of Columbus, OH and Weldon Staton of Hardy, KY.

He was a member of Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church at Ypsilanti, MI. Brother Harold loved the Church and the Lord and he especially loved the Moderator, Elder Gene Johnson, whom he loved very much and was a very dear friend, a brother in Christ and like a natural brother to Brother Harold. Brother Harold spoke often to me of Brother Gene and that he thought we were very much alike, that both of us were very set in our ways, but we still were able to love those with whom we disagree. And he always gave me his special laugh when he talked about Brother Gene and me. Brother Harold's wife, Carolyn told me just before he passed away that Brother Gene Johnson was a very special person. There has been a special bond established between Brother Gene and myself because we both were loved by such a dear friend. He was a very dear friend of mine from the days of our youth and until the Lord called him home. We grew up together at Hardy, KY and I was only a few days older than him so we were always together in school and spent our childhood days together. Also we both served in the Army in Augburg, Germany close to the same time. And we have walked together serving the Lord for several years. Just before he passed away he called and we talked about how we had lived all these years being friends and how much we cared

for each other. He spoke of all of his family and how he loved them and how special his wife and children were to him and had been so loving and caring during his illness. He spoke of calling his brothers and sisters and that he loved them all. He told me that he would take me to his grave with him and feeling helpless at a time when I knew that a loved one was leaving me I was struggling for words to say to him, all I could feel in my heart to say was, "Brother Harold I will see you on the other side" and I certainly believe that to be true. I talked to him once more after that before he passed away and he said that what I had said gave him peace and that he had heard me preach at his mother's funeral, (Sister Shirley Staton,) that the Lord would call us by name when He comes back to receive us from the grave and always mentioned that ever time we talked and told me how much he believed and wanted to hear the Lord call his name in the resurrection. He said that he expected to see his mother and loved ones on the shores of Glory and if he went first he would be waiting for me. I was not able to go and see Brother Harold during his illness but we talked often on the phone. At first we laughed at the early days of our youth and about the things that had happened down through life, I wanted to take his mind away from the cancer that was surely taking his life away, but at the last, we knew that the time was at hand and we only talked of our love for each other and the Lord and mostly about living again together in the resurrection. He said that he would be looking for me in the morning and before too long I expect to see Brother Harold again. There is so much I could write about Brother Harold for we lived a life time together and my heart is filled with a lifetime of memories but space and time would not allow it. In all of my journeys through life he was one of my very dearest friends. Sleep on my friend, I will miss your special laugh and friendship and the many times you visited me when you came down to Kentucky, but by the grace of God and His tender mercies, I will see you again soon.

To Brother Harold's family and the Staton family, my heart and my prayers go out to you. You have lost three members of your family in the last three years that I also loved very much. I know that it has been a heartbreaking time for you. I pray that God himself will comfort you and watch over you. May God bless is my prayer and as long as God permits me to live I will always be here for you.

Written by a friend and brother in Christ, Your unworthy servant, Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

SHIRLEY STATON

With much sadness and by the request of the family, I write the obituary of our dear friend Sister Shirley Staton. She was 88 years old and lived at Hardy, KY and she passed away on November 7, 1996 at the Logan General Hospital, Logan, WV. She was born March 27, 1908 at Burnwell, KY. She was a daughter of the late John and Jimmie Blackburn Stafford. She was also preceded in death by: her husband Freeland Staton, son Dr. James Lorin, daughter Loretta and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by sons: Carl Staton and Glen Staton of Cocoa, FL, Garland Staton of Springsboro, OH, Harold Staton of Lincoln Park, MI, Larry Staton of Columbus, OH and Weldon Staton of Hardy, KY, daughters: Mrs. T.W. (Lucille) Stuart of Cocoa, FL, Magdalene Varney of Milton, WV and Mrs. Howard (Doris) Hatfield of Winchester, KY and a sister Myrtle Roberts of Burnwell, KY. She is also survived by a grandson of whom she raised, Darrin O. Staton of Hebron, OH, and 24 grandchildren,



24 great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren, three step grandchildren. She was buried in the McCoy Cemetery, Burnwell, KY.

She was a member of Narrows Branch Regular Baptist Church at Hardy, KY for over 50 years. She was baptized May 25, 1946 by the hands of Elder Lewis Smith and her name was recorded on the Narrows Branch Church Record on June 22, 1946, which was the following church time after her baptism. Sister Staton loved the Narrows Branch Church very much of which she called "her church". She always attended faithfully until she became unable to go to church because of sickness, but she continually inquired about the church and helped financially until her death. She called me from time to time on the phone to talk about the church and how it was doing and she always expressed her love for the church. . After we had remodeled the Church, Carl, her son, asked her one day while he was visiting, if there was any where she would like for him to drive her and even though she was not able she wanted to drive by and see what we had done to remodel the church.

Each year I always tried to see that she received a copy of the new minutes of the Sardis Association and a new song book. I visited her at the Logan General Hospital a few days before she went to be with Jesus and gave her one of my new song books with a picture of "her church" on the back not realizing that it would be the last time I would be able to talk with Sister Staton. The family told me later that she had kept the song book next to her until the Lord called her away. She loved pretty singing and her favorite was Beulah Land which Brother Harold, her son, sang for her at the hospital before she left us. I loved Sister Staton and knew that she loved me. I grew up with the Staton family and they have been a big part of my life and I love each and every one of them and my prayer is that we all will meet your dear Mother and my dear friend and sister in Christ when the Lord comes to take his children home. The Narrows Branch Church has lost a dear and faithful member for one by one their seats are empty and one by one they go away. She had a certain seat where she always sat when she was able to come to church and I can still vision her sitting there, but now she has entered into that peaceful rest which God has promised to all of his little children. Mother is not dead she is only sleeping and someday God will send the angels to redeem her body from the bondage of the grave.

So rest on Sister Staton until the Heavens open and the last trump sounds and we can take the wings of an angel and go to that City where God and the Lamb are the Lights and the Temple therein.

Written by a brother in Christ, Elder Bobby Scott

VIRGIE (LOWE) STRATTON

She was born October 19, 1891 in Pike County, KY, the daughter of the late William "Bill" and Marilyn (West) Lowe. Preceding her in death were brother, John Lowe; sisters, Ellie (Lowe) Lowe and Truley (Lowe) Elkins; half brother, Willie Lowe; and half sister, Parlee (Lowe) Nickols.

She married James Hugh Stratton, who preceded her in death. They had seven children: William "Bill", Mabel, George "Shorty," Edith, Stella "Pearl," John "Johnny," and Joseph. Three preceded her in death: Joe, Edith, and Bill. She had twelve grandchildren, twenty seven great grandchildren, and six great, great grandchildren.

At 105 years old she remembered almost everyone she ever knew.



She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, baptized at Salem Church, Goody, KY. She said many times, "I talk to God and Jesus looks after me." She died February 2, 1997 in Michigan.

She is now where she wanted to be, beside her Pa and Ma on her beloved Apple Orchard Cemetery by the Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was referred to by most of the family as Grannie. In Heaven she is asking Jesus to look after all of us, family and friends.

The Family

BETTY JOE WALLER

With a heart full of sorrow and with the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear precious sister, Sister Betty Joe Waller. Betty Joe was born on March 23, 1948 to the late Tive and Tennessee Hinkle. She died on July 5, 1997 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, KY.

Betty Joe was united in marriage to Bryant Waller on October 26, 1968. To the union was born four children. One daughter, Cynthia Tennessee Waller, preceded her in death. Her three sons who are left to mourn her passing are: Jeffery Bryant Waller, James Bradley Waller, and Jerry Lee Waller, all of Beauty, KY. Betty Joe had eight sisters: Maggia Hinkle of Beauty, KY; Ellen Hinkle, Georgia Hinkle, and Oma Whiting, all of Columbus, OH; Margie Whitaker and Helen Don Stage, both of Mt. Sterling, OH; Ada Sluss of Logan, OH; and one sister Opal Boggs preceded her in death. I, James Franklin Hinkle, was her only brother. She had two grandsons, James Bryant McArthur Waller, and Ricky Lee Waller.



Betty Joe was a homemaker and a member of the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. Betty Joe was buried beside her daughter in the Tive Hinkle family cemetery at Beauty, KY.

The last months of her life, Betty Joe spent drawing beautiful pictures. She gave them to family and friends. As her body grew weaker and her condition grew worse, she refused to be placed on life support. It is a comfort to know that Betty Joe loved and served the Lord.

Only three months and three days mark the time between my mother, Tennessee Hinkle, and Betty Joe's death; however, our loss is Heaven's gain and I look forward to the day that I can see Mommy and Betty Joe again.

Betty Joe would always say, "Come and see me," and I know that she would want us all to come and see her in her new home in Heaven. It is my sincere hope and prayer that everyone who does not know the Lord in the pardon and remission of their sins will repent before it is too late.

Sadly missed by her husband, sons, brother, sisters and grandchildren

Written by her brother, Brother James Franklin Hinkle

CHLOEY WHITE

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of Chloey Mayhorn White. She was born January 7, 1907 in Mingo County, WV. She was the daughter of John Mayhorn and Susie (Adams) Mayhorn. She was married to Elder William J. (Willie) White, who preceded her in death.

She raised two children, Albert Cable of Lenore, WV and Lottie Cable who preceded her in death. She had three sisters who preceded her in death and a brother, Fred Mayhorn, of Richlands, VA.

She was a member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church for many, many years. Maw loved for the brothers and sisters of the Church to come out and have service with her. We have good memories of Ma-Ma. She loved to cook and feed the Church crowds, which she did for years. We miss her very much. She is sadly missed. Our loss is heavens gain.

Written by her daughter in law, Brenda Cable



FRANKIE WHITE

Shortly after the hour of 11:00 am July 15, 1997, God Almighty in his infinite wisdom called brother Frankie White home. His life's work is over, he's gone home to be with Jesus where there is no pain and suffering and all is peace and joy and happiness around the Throne of God. Brother Frankie died as he lived, quietly breathing out his life in the bosom of Jesus who he loved and served so faithfully while he lived here on this earth.

Pains and death around us fly; Till he bids we cannot die; Not a single shaft can hit; Unless the God of heaven sees fit; In Heaven and earth and air and seas; He executes His firm decrees; And by His saints it stands confessed; That what He does is always best.

Brother Frankie was born March 11, 1923 at Crawley Creek WV to the late Jim and Mary White making his stay here on earth 74 years 4 months and 4 days. He was also preceded in death by five brothers: Joesph, Daniel, Aaron, Johnny and Ollie White; four sisters: Otellia, Grace, Edna, and Stella and one daughter, Bessie Louise White, and one granddaughter, McKenna White.

Brother Frankie leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 52 years, Sister Nancy Jane Jude White, of Borderland WV. Six sons: James Harvey, Alonzo, Oscar, Paul, Richard and Darrell; three daughters: Betty Gordon, Edna Mae Scott and Rebecca Robinson; twenty eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Brother Frankie joined the Old Regular Baptist June 4, 1964 at the Samaria Church at Dingess WV and was baptized by the late Elder Jeff May and in 1975 moved his membership to the Little Rosa Church at Chattaroy WV where he was a faithful member until his death. Brother Frankie lived a Christ like life before his children and I pray they will follow in his footsteps and call on Jesus while they have life and opportunity. It was Brother Frankie's request to preach to his



children what it takes to go to Heaven.

daughter: I believe Brother Frankie is resting from his labors and his works do follow him as the old song says:

When I can read my tittles clear, To mansions in the sky, I bid farewell to every fear, And wipe my weeping eyes; There I shall bathe my weary soul, In seas of Heavenly rest, And not a wave of trouble roll, Across my peaceful breast

So sleep on Brother Frankie until the God of Heaven declares that time shall be no more and the body that was sown in weakness and dishonor shall be raised in power and glory and rejoin it's companion spirit in that tearless and sinless state. And to the children and loved ones, I say like David of old said, "I can't bring him back but by the Grace of God I can go where he is."

Written by request of sister Nancy by Elder Wayne Herald Jr.

YUVONNE WILLIAMSON

By the help of the Lord I'll try to write the obituary of Yuvonne Thompson Williamson. With the understanding that words on a page cannot sum up ones life or heal broken hearts, only God can.

Yuvonne was the daughter of Maudie Elizabeth Muncy Thompson and Harold Thompson who preceded her in death. Yuvonne was born on May 15, 1943 and departed this life February 10, 1997, making her stay on earth 53 years 8 months and 26 days. Yuvonne was married to Bennie Lee Williamson and unto this union two children were born, Mitchell Lee Williamson and Eric Williamson. She was preceded in death by her brother, Harold Lloyd Thompson, her father, Harold Thompson, and her mother, Maudie Elizabeth Thompson. Yuvonne leaves to mourn her passing, her husband Bennie Lee (or John) Williamson, her oldest son, Mitchell Lee and his wife Patty and their son, Ryan Mitchell of Redford, MI and her youngest son, Eric Williamson and his wife Michelle and their daughter Leanne Yuvonne of Kimber, KY.



She was a good wife to John, a good mother to these boys, and a wonderful grandmother to Leanne and Ryan who most of her conversation circled around. She was a member of the Pilgrims Home Church.

I cannot imagine the grief this family must feel. But all her neighbors, friends and family share her grief. I think of a family reunion in my mind and the rejoicing there will be in the morning. I think of what King David said when his son left this world. I cannot bring him back but by the grace of God I can go where he is. And so with our sister we can't bring her back and if you could see where she is you wouldn't want to bring her back. In the morning she will be made whole where no pain or sorrow can ever come and I'm sure she would want you all to come and be with her where parting will be no more. To this family Sister Yuvonne would have you to love one another, trust in the Lord and get ready to meet her in Heaven. Where all things will be made anew and God will wipe all tears from our eyes.

With precious love for this family, your brother in Christ, Elder Dale Williamson

OBITUARIES
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NANCY ANN MAYNARD ELKINS

It is with a prayerful heart and many good memories that I will try to write the obituary of my mother and aunt, Nancy Ann Maynard Elkins of Sycamore Road, Pikeville, KY. She was born on September 28, 1910 at Piso, KY, and died March 1, 1997 at her residence, making her stay on earth eighty-six years and and five months.



She was the daughter of George and Artie Williamson Maynard. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Adron Elkins; brothers: Craft, C.C. (Kip), Arthur, George Henderson, and Johnny Willis Maynard, sisters: Della Ray, Mary Stanley, and Alice Murphy. Since her death, her last sister, Condolee Runyon of Citra, FL, has passed away.

She leaves one son, Willis (Buck) Elkins, of Okeechobee, FL, and one daughter, Zetta Elkins Lowe, of Pikeville, KY; a sister-in-law, who she loved like a sister, Myrtle Maynard of Louisville, KY, and a brother-in-law, who she loved like a brother, Wayne Runyon of Citra, FL. Also she leaves two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, three step great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was baptized by Regular Baptist Ministers about 1936, and loved to go to church whenever she could. She attended the Regular Baptist Church in Okeechobee, FL, where she lived for many years. She loved to listen to gospel music and sing. Her favorite song was Amazing Grace. I remember when she would call my mother, her sister, to sing that song to her. Many times she told me she was leaving for that new home. I believe with all my heart that our loss is Heavens gain.

Written by her daughter Zetta Lowe and her nephew, Arthur Murphy

EDWARD LANGLEY HOWARD

With sadness and most precious memories in my heart, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved father, Edward Langley Howard. Daddy was born on June 1, 1944 in Petercave at Pilgrim, KY. He died at Three Rivers Medical Center on October 11, 1996, after a short illness. Daddy will be missed by many friends and family. Daddy was the son of Elder Clinton Howard and Azzie Jude Howard. He had six brothers and two sisters: Andy Howard, Bill Howard, Edna Howard Spaulding, Milford Howard, and Clinton B. Howard all of Pilgrim, KY; Calvin Howard and Eva Howard Stacy of Pike County, KY. Also, a half-brother, Garlon Howard of Lovely, KY.



My loving father was married to my mother, Gracie Moore Howard for 33 years on October 3, 1996. Together they raised four children, two girls and two boys: Margie Howard Stacy, Donnie

Ray Howard, Marcus Howard, and Azzie Faye Howard, all of Louisa, KY. He had two daughters-in-law: Maddie Maynard Howard and Donna Jean Sites Howard. One son-in-law, Jeff Stacy. All three live in Louisa, KY. Daddy has eight beautiful grandchildren.

Daddy, we all miss you very, very much. We hope to meet you someday.

Written by your baby girl, Azzie Faye Howard

ROSA KAZEE

With the help of the good Lord we will try to write an obituary of our dear mother and grandmother. We loved her so very much and miss her so. She fell asleep in the arms of Jesus December 20, 1996. She was born January 1, 1911 in Martin County, KY. She was the daughter of the late Sheridan and Morning Jude Preece. She was preceded in death by her husband Everett E. Kazee and several brothers and sisters.

She was a member of the Middle Fork United Baptist Church and a friend of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church. Surviving are three daughters: Ellen Lowe and Anna Blackburn of Turkey Creek, KY and Lena Gay Kitchen of Ashland, KY and ten grandchildren.

MaMa the day you went away it was the saddest day of our lives. It seems like we miss you more as time goes by, but we had to say good bye.



Sadly missed by your loving family

WILLIAM LACKEY, JR.

With much sadness and with the help of God we well try to write the obituary of our son, and brother William (Peewee) Lackey, Jr. William was born May 22, 1962 at Breeden, WV to Bill and Frances Lackey. He departed this life July 16, 1996 in Columbus, OH. He leaves behind to mourn his loss his parents, Bill and Frances Lackey, one sister Donna Kay Rayser, one half sister Betty Karen Mounts, two brothers Allen Wade Lackey and Eugene Lackey, many nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

William was a good son and brother and was loved by all who knew him. William was sick a short period of time and during that time he gave his life to God. He told mom and dad that he had been praying, and that God forgave him of his sins. William wanted to be baptized, but his sickness prevented him from leaving the hospital. He told mom and dad that he loved the Lord and that the Lord loved him and that the Lord would take care of him. He told me just days before he died that he was at peace with God. I believe with all my heart that William is in Heaven now. Although he's gone from this world, he will never be forgotten and someday, if it be Gods will, we shall meet again.

Sadly missed by Mom, Dad, Donna, Allen, Eugene, Karen and family and friends.

Written by his father Bill, sister Donna, and brother Allen



CHRISTOPHER HALEY LOGAN

Christopher Haley Logan was born here in the mountains he loved on April 23, 1982. He stayed with us exactly 14 years, 10 months, and 2 days. Every moment was precious and wonderful. On February 25, 1997 he left us to join his daddy, Joseph Wayne Logan, who preceded him in death on April 30, 1985. He left behind many who loved him: his mother, Nancy Lynn Logan, his brother and sister-in law, Joseph Wayne and Melissa Gail Logan, his niece, Hannah Nicole Logan. Christopher is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Clifford and Alice Holbrook of Varney, KY, his paternal grandparents Willard and Lois Logan of Pikeville, KY, and his great grandmother Hannah Newsome of Cornettsville, KY. Christopher also left behind a host of other family members and friends who loved him, and he will live forever in their hearts.

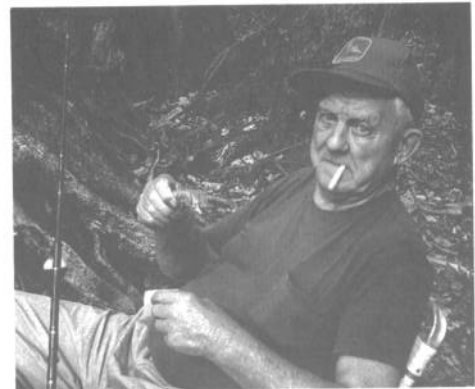
Christopher was born at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He attended Kindergarten through 7th grade with Millard area students, and 8th grade at John's Creek Grade School. He was currently a Freshman at Pike County Central High School. He was a member of the Junior ROTC program where he participated in the Rifle Team. He wore that 'pickle suit' proudly. He was presented the "Best Dressed" Pin which has currently only been awarded to two other students since the beginning of the Jr. ROTC program at Pike Central. He has earned a Blue Belt in Sha-Lin-Do Karate, and was a master at video games.

Chris was the very definition of joy and happiness. He made his way through life just doing whatever came natural to him...lighting up the lives of everyone he encountered, or passed, in his path. And that was many---because Chris never met a stranger. He was an incredible young man who could always make you smile, although he preferred to make you laugh. He has so many friends who loved him because Chris knew how to be a good friend and he loved them all. But none more than his family. Chris had an understanding beyond his years about the importance of his family in his life. And whatever they were involved in, he wanted to be involved in too; he always wanted "to help". Chris was a very lucky soul to have been blessed with the family he was born into---and he knew it. And this family and community of friends were blessed to have had the privilege of having Christopher Haley Logan born to them. The enormity of the pain we are experiencing is only proportional to the immense joy he provided.

Written by his mother, Nancy Logan, his brother, Joseph Logan, and Family

JOSEPH CHILDMER MARCUM

Joseph Childmer "Pa-Pa" Marcum was born June 6, 1916 in Wayne County, WV and died June 28, 1997 at his home in Sparr, FL. He was and will always be the cornerstone of our family. He provided for his family the very best he could, material things mattered very little. It was more important to him for his family to be fed, sheltered, and healthy. A philosophy he held from his childhood and the great depression he survived. He was the son of Jacob and Suzanna Pack Marcum. He has one surviving sister, Polly Taylor of Wayne County, WV, Preceding him in death were brothers: Luther, Noah, Josh, Lewis, Keith, and Isaac Marcum; and sisters: Hattie Smith, Nancy Maynard, Rebecca Nelson, Elizabeth Marcum and Ruth Comford. He was married to Lola Moore daughter of Thomas Moore and Lacinda Wiley in 1935 and four children were born of this union: Thomas, Jacob C., and Wayne Marcum of Bonifay,



FL and Minnie Sue Hukill of Phoenix, AZ. After the death of his first wife he married Georgia Maynard daughter of Levi and Nancy Smith Maynard in 1944. They were blessed with eleven children: Betty Swearingen of Summerfield, FL; Carl Marcum, Jodie Wallace and Romaine Sanders of Ocala, FL; Darlene Martin-McLeod, Teena Hale, and Faye Coblenz of Williston, FL; Mae Nichols, Eddie and Larry Marcum of Sparr, FL and Nancy Hilliard of Anthony, FL. They were also blessed with 51 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

His love for us was real. He always wanted to know how we were doing, never talking about himself. He shared so much of himself that you never wanted to let him down, or tell him no. He always tried to make us feel special in his own "Pa-Pa" way. We never heard him say one harsh word about another person. He truly believed in helping others.

God puts special people on this earth every so often and Pa-Pa was one of them. All of us owe his memory our respect and never-ending love. He was a big man physically, and an even bigger man spiritually and emotionally. We will miss him, but his love for us and our love for him will LAST FOREVER.

Written with love by a son and a grandson, Eddie Marcum and Todd Swearingen

LOUIS CRAIG MUNCY

With hearts that seem to be torn apart and only with God's sweet help can we attempt to write the obituary of our dear Craig.

Louis Craig Muncy, beloved brother and friend was born December 21, 1965 at Williamson, WV, to the late Louis and Fayette Muncy who preceded him in death. Craig also had an infant baby sister, Sharon and brother, Steven Kelly who preceded him in death. Craig left us on a beautiful summer morning, August 10, 1997, making his short stay here with us 31 years.



Craig was married to Julie Williams Muncy and to this union was born two beautiful children, Bradley Craig and Ashley Dawn Muncy. From a previous marriage was born a son, Joshua Craig Muncy.

Craig left home around age 18 to go out on his own, where he worked for Jesse Branch Coal Co. as an end loader driver and he later worked for Alma Land Co. He leaves behind to mourn his passing, Julie; three children: Bradley Craig, Ashley Dawn and Joshua Craig Muncy; three sisters: Edith Ann Morris of Meta, KY; Lesa Kaye Dorton of Shelbiana, KY and Tawana Leigh Muncy of Morehead, KY. One brother, Jason Wayne Muncy. His stepmother, Linda Gail Muncy of Varney, KY. Also his dear aunt Edith Phillips of Pikeville, KY with whom he had resided with for the past year. Craig leaves behind his grandmother, Stella Williamson Chaffins and a host of aunts, uncles, and his special friends, who'll miss him always.

Craig was such a sweet little boy and for the most part such a happy person. He could always cheer us up when we were down, whether a joke or just that smile of his. He loved playing practical jokes on us all. Such a kind hearted brother and friend he was and so very much like his daddy.

Craig's life was happily lived, he made us all laugh and wherever we are in this life we will hear his laughter and see his sweet face in our memory.

Written by: His Sister, Lesa Kaye, and aunts, Elouise and Bea

LLOYD IRVINE SESCO

It is with much love and memories, I will attempt to write the obituary of my precious brother. He was born in Williamson, WV on November 20, 1946, the son of the late Elder Lloyd Sesco and Loraine Runyon Sesco. He departed this life on November 17, 1996 at Columbia Medical Center in Plano, TX after a lingering battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elder Lloyd Sesco, who went to be with the Lord just 17 months before Lloyd Irvine. Lloyd Irvine was very close to Dad despite the distance in miles between them. Even though he was seriously ill, he flew from his home in Plano, TX to be by Dad's bedside as he neared death.

Mourning his passing are: his precious mother, Loraine Runyon Sesco, of Meta, Ky who always knew when something was not right with Lloyd Irvine; his dear companion Robin Sesco, who was by his side each step of the way, two sons Patrick Glenn Sesco of Beaumont, TX and Raymond Lloyd Sesco of Garland, TX. Left also to mourn his passing are two sisters: Mrs. Jack (Della Sue) Reed of Sidney, KY and Mrs. Randall (Deborah) Justice of Raccoon, KY. He also leaves 2 nieces, 1 nephew, and numerous relatives and friends.

He graduated from Johns Creek High School in May, 1965 and joined the US Air Force the following month. With the exception of one year served in Vietnam, he was stationed in Texas during his four year term. He remained in the Dallas-Plano area the rest of his life, working as a salesman in the electronic industry. He was a very proud American and was a lifetime member of the America Legion and the V.F.W. He spent every Thanksgiving for many years cooking and serving dinner for the needy at the V.F.W.

He was always the typical "big brother" giving orders to my sister and me even when he was 1000 miles away. He often tried to be tough, but we always managed to be able to call him his nickname from childhood, "Perk", and get our way.

He was diagnosed with terminal stomach and esophagus cancer in February, 1995. Doctors gave him a short time to live, but God gave him 21 months. He was always setting goals to live at least until Christmas, Super Bowl, etc. His last goal was to make it until his 50th birthday, on November 20, 1997. During October it became evident he may not make it. My sister and I, inspired by God's encouragement, requested friends, relatives, and church family to mail birthday cards to him so he might receive 50 cards for his 50th birthday. When cards started arriving at his home on November 1st he was overwhelmed at this outpouring of love from Kentucky, (even the mailman questioned all his cards). He received a total of 137 cards, some arriving on his birthday but after his death, as he died three days before his birthday.

My brother gave his heart to the Lord in August, 1995 and was baptized in a Freewill Baptist Church in Plano, TX. He attended each Sunday that he was physically able. The pastor says his passing left a huge void for someone that was with them a short time. But Lloyd Irvine always left memorable impressions wherever he went. I would like to thank Brother Billy Williamson for his spiritual guidance and prayers he offered so freely to Lloyd Irvine.

Written by his little sister, Deborah A. Justice

CARLIS STANLEY

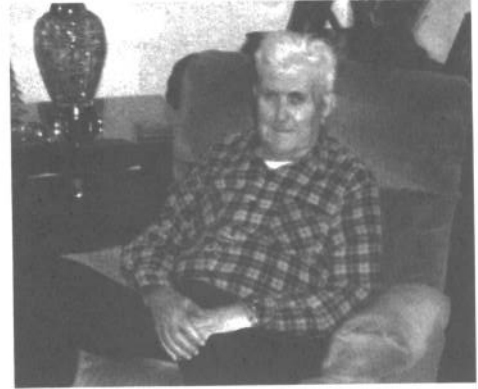
Carlisle Stanley, 89, of Pikeville died Thursday, August 7th at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was born May 31, 1908 to the late Mont B. and Nancy (Bowling) Stanley. He was retired from the State Highway Department. He was married June 6, 1927 to Mae (Gaines) Stanley, who preceded him in death on April 14, 1961.

Besides his parents and wife he was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Willie, Jerry, and Earl Stanley and 5 sisters: Fannie Robinette, Wilda Hinkle, Zellie Stanley, Annie SESCO and Pernie Stanley, and a daughter-in-law Dottie Stanley.

He is survived by 2 sons: Lear Stanley of Detroit, MI and Clifton Stanley of Pikeville and 2 daughters: Wannie and Myrtle Stanley of Pikeville and a daughter-in-law Virginia Stanley of Pikeville. He is also survived by 3 grandchildren: Linda and Robert Stanley of Detroit, MI and Steven Stanley and (his wife Melissa) of Nancy, KY; two great grandchildren: Matthew and Hannah Stanley of Nancy, KY; one sister: Trudy Maynard of Pikeville and several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Uncle Carlisle was a very special Uncle to all of us and we loved him dearly. He will sadly be missed by all.

Written by His Nieces



DR. JAMES LORIN STATON

Dr. James Lorin "Jimmy" Staton, Sr. 59, of Waverly, OH, formerly of Hardy, KY died Friday, March 3, 1995 at his residence. Born February 3, 1936 at Hardy, KY, he was the son of Shirley Staton and the late Freeland Staton of Hardy. He was employed as an anesthetist at Pike County Community Hospital in Waverly. He was a graduate of Hardy Grade School, Belfry High School Class of 1954, Pikeville College, St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in Covington, KY and received a P.H.D. in Education and Management at the University of California, Los Angeles, CA. He was also a Vietnam War veteran.

Survivors: his mother, Shirley Staton of Hardy, KY; sons: James L. Staton, Ashland, KY, Jeff Hinkle, Covington, KY; brothers: Glen Earl and Carl Staton, both of Cocoa, FL, Garland Staton, Springboro, OH, Harold Staton, Lincoln Park, MI, Weldon Staton, Hardy, KY, Larry Staton, Columbus, OH; sisters: Lucille Stewart, Cocoa, FL, Magdalene Varney, Milton, WV, Doris Hatfield, Winchester, KY.

Jimmy was well liked by all who knew him and continued to apply himself to the field of Education of Medicine and helping others until the time of his death. When he returned home to visit he often brought Sister Staton (his mother) to the Narrows Branch Regular Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday of the month, for he knew how much she loved her home church. He was often there on the fourth Sunday of May of each year which was our memorial meeting of all of the deceased members and friends of the Narrows Branch Regular Baptist Church.



I personally was very proud of Jimmy who was able to apply himself to the goals of becoming a Doctor and to overcome all of the obstacles that were against him by being born in a place where to receive such a high education hardly ever entered most of our minds, but Jimmy never quit even after he had received his Doctorate degree, he still continued his education until his death. I will never forget our childhood and the days of our youth which have gone by "Oh so quickly". He was buried at the McCoy Cemetery, Burnwell, Kentucky.

Jimmy will be sadly missed by his family and a host of friends.

Written by a friend, Elder Bobby Scott

SUSIE M. VARNEY

Mother was born March 2, 1914 at Goody in Pike County, KY. She was preceded in death by her parents, James L. Sandefur and Henrietta Pauley Sandefur and one son Paul L. Varney, one sister and five brothers. She is survived by three sons: Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. of Pikeville, KY, Jack R. Varney of Loveland, OH and Larry G. Varney of Frankfort, KY, two sisters Roberta Sandefur of Pikeville, KY and Ruby Gillette of Minneapolis, MN and two brothers James L (Jim) Sandefur, Jr. of Highview, WV and Henry Sandefur of Suffolk, VA, also nine grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Mother died July 10, 1997 at Vencor Hospital in Louisville, KY after a short illness.



Mother will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Nothing will bring her back but our love for her will keep her with us always.

Written by her sons, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Jack R. Varney, and Larry G. Varney

**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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

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TO THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION 1997**

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APPLE ORCHARD: Milford Lowe, Elwood Maynard, Charles Lowe
ENON: Willis Staton, Pete Maynard, James Spencer
REBECCA: Frank Sheppard, Maynard Hay, James Gillman
BENT BRANCH: Andy Maynard, Phillip Justice, Dean Lowe
SARDIS: Donald Joe (Joey) Evans, Luke Estep, Billie Brumfield
BIG BRANCH: James W. Blackburn, Wes Lowe, Gene Blackburn
MARY ELIZABETH: J. D. Walters, Clarence Deskins, Ransom Marcum
BETHANY: David May, Jesse Chafin, Albert Cable
ELK FORK: Joe Evans
PILGRIMS HOME: Jack Robinette, Les McGuire, Charles Canada
SALEM: George Jude, Bobby Lee Scott, Bobby Sesco
SIDNEY: Sabert Nichols, Virgil Fletcher, Henry Jude
DIX FORK: Glen Williamson, David Crigger, Berlin Thornsbury
NARROWS BRANCH: Clyde Brown, Kelly Stanley, Bobby Scott, Sr.
LEANNAH: Lonnie Robinson, Clarence Stacy, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr.
BUCK CREEK: Tony Howell, Wayne Herald, Jr., Vadis Blackburn
TABITHA: Alex Hensley, S. D. Hensley, James Hensley
LITTLE ROSIE: Lacy Marcum, Marion Duncan, David Staten
TURKEY CREEK: Willie Blackburn, Eugene Taylor, Leonard Sesco, Jr.
SAMARIA: Damon Runyon, John Wayne White, Monty Messer
ROSA: Buddy Glandon, Jerry Thompson, Iven Blankenship
MUNCY VALLEY: Tommy Ellis, Jim Stumbo
LITTLE VIRGIE: Willie Stiltner, Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury
SOUTHERN HOME: Tommy Adair, Jr., William Adair, Sr., Doug Mullins
PILGRIMS REST: Vernon Maynard, Lee Stanley, Raymond Maynard
OKEECHOBEE: James Barney, Gordon Akers, Glen Dixon
ELIZABETH: David Castle, Virgil Fields, Clyde Perry
LITTLE TAVIE: Chester Cochran, Jim Cochran, Lester Cochran

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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	75	300						1		21	10:00/10:00	2	July
Apple Orchard	Thomas J. Dials	75	135	3					2		30	11:00/11:00	1	June
Enon	Richard L. Staton	75	100								11	11:00/11:00	1	June
Rebecca	Edward Runyon	100	125						2		48	11:00/11:00	2	May
Bent Branch	Billy Williamson	150	150	2					1		57	10:00/10:00	3	Aug
Sardis	Joe Evans	125	200	2	1				3		78	11:00/11:00	4	Aug
Big Branch	Richard Staton	125	200	4					1		26	11:00/11:00	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	125	150	3							46	11:00/11:00	3	July
Bethany	Arthur May	75	200	2	1				4		42	11:00/11:00	4	Aug
Elk Fork	Joe Evans	50	75								17	11:00/11:00	3	Aug
Pilgrims Home	Elbert SESCO	300	325	2				1	5	2	106	10:00/10:00	4	Aug
Salem	Elbert SESCO	125	200	6					1		61	11:00/11:00	1	May
Sidney	Wallace Muncy	100	100	1							27	2:00/10:30	4	June
Dix Fork	Ernest Cochran	150	300	1							44	11:00/11:00	1	July
Narrows Branch	Bobby Scott, Sr.	100	200	1							37	11:00/11:00	4	July
Leannah	Steve Robinson, Jr.	125	150	3				3	2	1	46	10:30/10:30	2	July
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dials	100	150								22	10:30/10:30	3	June
Tabitha	S. D. Hensley	50	50								16	2:30/11:00	1	Aug
Little Rosie	Wayne Herald, Jr.	40	25						1		10	11:00/11:00	2	Apr
Turkey Creek	Leonard SESCO, Jr.	150	200	2					2		71	11:00/11:00	2	May
Samaria	Edward Runyon	100	150	1					1	2	50	11:00/11:00	1	July
Rosa	Jerry Thompson	100	150			1			2		41	2:00/10:00	3	Aug
Muncy Valley	Tommy Ellis	20	100						1		8	11:00/11:00	2	June
Little Virgie	Richard Staton	75	100								9	11:00/11:00	4	June
Southern Home	William Adair, Sr.	200	200	1					2	1	67	10:30/10:30	1	Apr
Pilgrims Rest	Billy Williamson	50	50		2				2	1	12	10:30/10:30	2	June
Okeechobee	James Barney	150	190						2		22	4:00/10:00	3	Apr
Elizabeth	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	75	75			1					21	10:30/10:30	1	June
Little Tavie	W. H. Cochran	100	100								12	10:30/10:30	2	July
TOTALS		3085	4450	33	5	1	0	8	41	10	1058			