

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION  
OF  
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST  
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**In session and assembled at the  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING  
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky  
September 12, 13 and 14, 2003**

**Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator  
Elder Hobart Hamilton - Assistant Moderator  
Brother Archie Prince - Clerk  
Brother Edward Lee Smith - Assistant Clerk**

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**FRIDAY**  
**September 12, 2003**

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled in the Business Room of the Sardis Association Building at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, with our host, the Buck Creek Church, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2003.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the Stand and welcomed the congregation. Brother Tommy said, "one more year the Lord has blessed us to live." We need to let the Lord lead us. If you let the man on the outside lead you this is what gets you in trouble. I trust you will respect this office as of one having authority over you. What a great body this Old Baptist family is. What a wonderful group. We should respect this old Association and respect ourselves.

Elder Danny Runyon came in the opening, having been chosen last year as alternate for this years Introductory Sermon. Brother Danny stated, I hope what I might say will be to the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. We need one another and need to take care of one another. We need to treat one another right. He then sang, "Lord, You're The Best Thing". He said the Lord is the best thing that ever happened to him. To every nation, kindred and tongue and people, saying with a loud voice fear God, and give glory to him. God said he would call his people from the four corners of the world. If you haven't got Jesus in you today, pour out your heart to him today. If you are luke warm, he will spit you out. How we treat one another has an effect on your family. We need to work through the love and kindness of Jesus. I hope I have been good to you. He said this morning he thought about the good old brothers who helped lead us. I urge you to reach out and take the hand of the Lord. Let the Lord lead you. If we come in the right way, God will lead us. Let's work in a way in that morning we can say, come welcome death. If we go like the three Hebrew brothers, he will lead us out like he did them. If you want to go to Heaven, God has got a place for you. Jesus said me and my father will come in and go no more out. Even the winds obey him. When you trust in the Lord things will work out. God is reaching out, he is reaching out today. He said for I am God and beside me there is no other. When God's Spirit comes around, you won't need a brother to tell you about it. The whole duty of man is to glorify God and keep his commandments. How great that Spirit is.

Brother Danny then led in prayer.

Elder Dale Williamson came to preach the Introductory Sermon stating that it's with a heart full of love that I come before you. It's a great honor to come before you. I have started on a journey. There comes a time that what we are will be shown to us. Let God come in your life and make you a new creature.

It's a sure thing with God. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death. A great multitude went up to battle. There was thirty and two thousand. Get hold of Jesus and let him guide you. Gideon came and talked to them and told the ones who were afraid to go down off the mountain. Be sure and steadfast in what you do in this world. There was ten thousand left. The Lord told Gideon that was still to many. Gideon brought the people down to the water and the ones that lapped like a dog are the ones to go to battle. God knows more than what we know. I would rather have Jesus than all the riches in this world. I want to be as close to Jesus as I can be. The things in this world can be taken away but Jesus cannot be taken out of our hearts. I believe I am on the right path today. Today is the day of Salvation. God is real and Heaven is real. The more we lean upon him the better off we will be. I am blessed to know my brothers and sisters. We can overcome the things in this world. Trust in the Lord and let him do the things we cannot do for ourselves. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. I have treasures over in Heaven. Ask yourself, Am I doing right in the eyes of the Lord? I try to pray everyday and to do what the Lord says. Draw nigh unto God and let him fill your heart with love. The Bible says rebuke a wise man and he will love you for it. Draw nigh unto God and he will make a way for you. I've got love down in my heart. The people of God are going somewhere when this life is over. I want to walk the street of gold. God is everly with his people. Ask from the heart. Our prays are not always answered, sometimes we are told to be patient. He hung upon the cross for us. I believe God's people can see things. When God comes in your life people can see the difference. Believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that dilligently seek him. God can bring strength out of weakness. Tell my children about Jesus. I want Jesus to reign over me. It's needful for troubles to come to make us stronger. Band together as a great bunch of warriors and fight against satan.

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 Clyde Lewis, New Salem Association  
Elder Arvid Blevins, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Jeb Justice, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Haston Whitaker, Old Indian Bottom Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in order, Elder Thomas J. Dials, our 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 called upon Elder Ellis Holbrook, of the New Salem Association, to open these services. Brother Ellis came forth and stated that it is in much weakness that I approach you and in much, much fear. Fear not man which is able to destroy this body but fear God who can destroy both soul and body. There is one mediator between God and man. I begin to see the Rock hewed right out of the mountain. I hope I may lift up my eyes and look unto the Lord. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of the Lord. How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach lest they be sent? John was in the Isle of Patmos, for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. God showed him many things. He showed him a angel flying in the mist of Heaven. Every brother God has called will be a witness to that angel. Condemnation has come in this world. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Samson's riddle asked, What is sweeter than honey and what is stronger than a lion? Let's show love toward one another. So children, what is stronger than a roaring lion? That Spirit of God is able to come unto you. Bless the Lord today. He came in my life a long time ago and made me ready. So, be like David and look unto the hills where our help comes from. Though thou make thy bed in hell the Lord is there. The Lord said behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me. The Lord is leading and guiding in the way of righteousness. March in the good old way and Jesus is that way.

Elder Danny Hurley, of the Old Friendship Association, led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said, "my job is to keep the rules of decorum and to keep order; you delegates need to support me." He then asked the delegates to appoint Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. to serve as Assistant Clerk until a new Assistant Clerk is elected. Motion by Brother Jim Cochran and second by Brother Ron Knox to appoint Brother Ralph to serve.

(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 Richard Lowe  
Elder Chester Cochran

(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 Letter from the Buck Creek Church was read. The Moderator advised the delegates that since the Sardis Church has written a letter stating they cannot abide by Item 7 of the 2002 minutes of the Sardis Association to refer the Sardis Church Letter to the Committee on Arrangements. Also, the Elk Fork Church Letter should be referred to the Committee on Arrangements since the Moderator is the same at both these Churches. Motion by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. and second by Elder Wallace Muncy to receive all the letters, seat the delegates and refer the Sardis Church and the Elk Fork Church Letters and the Queries and Request to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$4,820.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table, less money returned to the Elk Fork delegate and after turning this amount over to the Treasurer was discharged, by regular move and second.

(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 delegation from the host church.

(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 David Lester, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Chuck Hall, New Salem Association  
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 2003 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 Archie Prince, Clerk  
Brother Edward Lee Smith, Assistant Clerk

(9) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday reported. The following Brethren were used:

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT**

Elder Delmas Hall, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association  
Elder Garland H. Deel, Union Association

#### **SATURDAY**

Elder Jimmy Dye, New Salem Association  
Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association  
Elder John Paul Hamilton, New Salem Association  
Elder Sam Franks, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

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

Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.  
Elder David May  
Elder Willie Blackburn

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

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

**UNION:** Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jesse L. Williamson, Danny Belcher, Ira Williams, Roger Coleman, James Gannon, Jerry Newsome, Floyd Jude, Gary Varney, Howard Daniels, Herman West, Robert Clay, Ralph Clevinger, Jimmy Stacy, A. B. Thacker, Perry Hagerman, William Hutchings, Wallace Mitchell, Allen Thacker, Floyd Ratliff, J. T. Evans, Garland H. Deel, Jerry Estep, Doug Thompson, Hugo Caudill, Billy Cochran and Paul Hogston. Letter in the hands of Brother Jesse L. Williamson.

**NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: James Tackett, Bud Bates, Coy Combs, Norman Conn, Ellis Holbrook, Clyde Lewis, Woodrow Dye, Terry Hall, John Paul Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Chuck Hall, Bill Cotton, Monroe Jones, David D. Hicks, James A. Waddles, Charles Mullins, Roger Hicks, Hershel Slone, Frank Adams, Charlie Samon, Eric Johnson, Ted Burke, Clyde Newsome, Randy Newsome, Jeff Hicks, Gary Hampton, Hubert Conn, Don Blake Little, Tony Roberts, Bill Dixon, Wanda Lee Roberts, Glenn Frazier, Freddie Kidd, Virgil Ratliff, Bert Ratliff, Red Alley, Johnnie Stumbo, Ron Halbert, Omery Compton and Jimmy Dye. Letter in the hands of Elder Monroe Jones.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: Sam Franks, Arvid Blevins, John Jude, John M. Elkins, Delmas Hall, Ray Hamilton, Lavone Issac, C. W. Turner, Buddy W. Carty, Dan Thornsberry, Johnnie Bentley, John B. Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Bill Blevins, Willis Little, Charles Edwards, Fred Jones, Raymond Stapleton, Danny Carty, Don Mullins, Raymond Gillman, Carol Addington and Don Lawson. Letter in the hands of Elder Arvid Blevins.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following delegates: Walter Morrison, Luther Ramey, Jr., Creed Thomas, Willis Tolliver, Bob Taylor, Ira Adkins, Bert Samons, Lowell Adkins, and Paul Boggs. Letter in the hands of Brother Luther Ramey, Jr.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** Represented by the following delegates: Danny Hurley, Dewey Matney, Shird Mullins, Kevin Salmons, David Lester, Gary Justus, Kermit Lester, Danny C. Justus, James D. Stacy, George Thomason, Dave Gibson, Phillip Estep, Fred Bailey, A. C. Matney, Willard Hicks, Zeb Justice, Doug Reed, Allen Hunt, John R. Justus, Bill McCoy, Lyman Estep, Gary Brown, Will Matney, Larry Gibson and Monroe Matney. Letter in the hands of Elder Dave Gibson.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** Represented by the following delegates: Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Randy Combs, Ronnie Combs, Columbus Parks, Bordis Slone, Delmer Jones, Leo Slone and Marvin Thornsberry. Letter in the hands of Elder Haston Whitaker.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our same faith and order desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Charles Canada, Archie Prince, Larry R. May, Brian Crosley, Richard Staton, Billy Williamson, W. H. Cochran, Steve White, Bobby SESCO and Sabert Nichols.

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

(15) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our Corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second, this Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. today.

(16) On motion from Elder Chester Cochran, second by Brother Ron Knox, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 13, 2003.

## SATURDAY

September 13, 2003

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sardis Association Building where, about the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and stated that he was thankful that all had come out to this One Hundred and Eleventh Session of the Sardis Association. He said we are glad you could be here. It's a blessing to serve you. He said during the week he had asked the Lord to be with us. We need to work in love and peace. We need to protect this old time way. We need to uphold this old time way. And when we do this stand upon the Rock. I hope you come to worship the Lord. This should be a worship service. We love each other so much. He then called upon Elder Hillard Newsome of the Northern New Salem Association to open these services.

Brother Hillard came to the stand feeling like Brother Tommy had made a mistake. He said he feels so little. He said, look unto the Lord. If you don't have life come to him. He will give you everything you need. Come to the Lord. He is a burden barrier. He is our King this morning. He said one day he was told to let his light shine. Talk to the Lord this morning. When my burdens get heavy I find him there. I love this family this morning. Love one another. If you talk about your Brother, shame on you. When I had nothing he made me rich. Elder Roger Hicks 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. At this time the Moderator released the Brethren, Sisters and friends to assemble in the Preaching room.

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

(3) Read the letter from the Sardis Church dated May 5, 2003 which stated that the Sardis Church cannot abide with Item 7 of the 2002 minutes of the Sardis Association. After discussion, motion by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. and second by Elder Chester Cochran that because of their decision to not abide by the Orders of the Sardis Association to withdraw fellowship from the Sardis Church and to make a way for any member who wants to remain in the Sardis Association to do so, and to be able to go to any of our churches by recommendation.

The Moderator advised the Brethren from the Sardis Church that if they agreed to abide by the Orders of the Sardis Association they could come back to the Sardis Association if they come back through the proper channels.

(4) The Moderator explained that after the meeting of the Committee on Arrangement on Friday the delegate from the Elk Fork Church had picked up the Elk Fork Letter of Correspondence and the money the Elk Fork Church had sent. Motion by Brother Ron Knox and second by Elder Chester Cochran, that because of Elder Frank Sheppard's actions, to declare the Elk Fork Church in non fellowship and send a Committee with the authority to question the Elk Fork Church members on obeying the Sardis Association Orders, to give the Committee the power to report back to the Association with no open discussion on the Association floor and to make a way for any member of the Elk Fork Church to remain in the Sardis Association.

Also, give this Committee the authority to ask the Elk Fork Church if they want to remain in the Association and to remove any element that may prevent this from happening. The Moderator appointed:

Brother Archie Prince  
Elder W. H. Cochran

Elder Thomas J. Dials  
Brother Randy Lackey

Elder Hobart Hamilton

(5) The Committee appointed to see why the Muncy Valley Church did not letter up in 2002 reported that the Muncy Valley Church gave the reasons listed in the letter to our last Association as the reason for their leaving. The letter reads as follows:

We the Church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptist called Muncy Valley met in regular session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August. Elder James Stumbo made a motion to not letter up with the Sardis Association this time. Brother Paul Coleman seconded the motion. There was no objection. We feel we are trapped in a situation with no way to have our differences heard, due to last years actions of the Association. We were denied the right to be heard. It seemed as if no one really cared. We feel that these actions caused the association to violate their own rules. We feel that the association does not show much love for our church. The churches won't visit with us. We get in trouble anytime we allow anyone outside our correspondence to come and worship with us. We do not believe that the Regular Baptists are the only people going to heaven. It seems as though the association is more concerned with tradition, in many ways than with the commandments of God

**Mark 7:8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men.**

One example of this is the use of the word Pastor. It offends many of our brothers, yet it is the biblical term used for the overseer of the church. We are just so far apart on several issues and the association has denied us the right to reason together. We are leaving in peace, hoping that someday the association can come together in peace with all of the churches. We believe that it is important for the Muncy Valley Church to be led by the Spirit.

**Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, They are the Sons of God.**

We cannot be led by the Spirit and follow the rules of the association.

**II Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.**

We have no liberty in the Association. We pray and trust that our actions in this matter do not offend the Association any more. We don't want any harsh feelings. We only want peace. We love each and every one of our brothers and sisters and we trust that you feel the same toward us, and that you will still come and worship with us. We feel that if our differences are heard that it will just cause more problems in the association and that is not our goal. Dear Brothers and Sisters pray for us and come visit us. Done by the order of the Muncy Valley Church.

Pastor, Tommy Ellis Clerk, Tommy Ellis

Regular move and second to receive the report, to declare that the Muncy Valley Church remain in non fellowship and discharge the Committee.

(6) Read the Request from the Little Rosie Church asking the Association to give the Trustees of the Association the authority to sign over ownership of the present Little Rosie Church property to the Church so it can be sold since the Little Rosie Church wants to move back home where they used to be. Motion by Brother Eddie Marcum and second by Brother Jim Cochran to grant the Request and that they take the money and use it.

(7) Read the Request from the Little Rosie Church concerning plans for showers for the campers. Motion by Brother Jim Cochran and second by Elder Chester Cochran to acknowledge the Request and to check on the cost and bring it back to the Association.

(8) Read the Request from the Apple Orchard Church asking that baby's and small children's obituaries be put in the first of the obituaries and not in the friends of the church. Motion by Elder Chester Cochran and second by Brother Alex Hensley to grant the Request.

(9) Appointed a Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our year 2004 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association  
Elder Herman West, Union Association  
Elder Ray Hamilton, Northern New Salem Association

Appointed a second Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 2004 Association:

Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association

These Committees reported as follows and were discharged by regular move and second:

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

(10) The Committee appointed on Friday to arrange the preaching met and the following Brethren preached Saturday night and Sunday and the Committee was discharged by regular move and second:

#### **SATURDAY NIGHT**

Elder Robert Clay, Union Association  
Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Danny Carty, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Chuck Hall, New Salem Association

#### **SUNDAY**

Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association  
Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association  
Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association  
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association



(11) A Request came through the Clerk from the family of Sister Minnie Gilman to print her obituary in the 2003 Minutes of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second it is ordered that this obituary be printed.

(12) Read a Request from the Turkey Creek Church (Pilgrims Rest Church Request, very similar to the Turkey Creek Request, was acknowledged but not read) asking the Association to print an ordinance in our minute book, stating that the view of a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and woman only. As set forth in Saint Mark Chapter 10, verse 6, 7 and 8 which reads:

Verse 6: But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female

Verse 7: For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife

Verse 8: And they twain shall be one flesh; so then they are no more twain but on flesh.

Additionally in Ephesians Chapter 5, Verses 22, 23 and 28 it reads:

Verse 22: Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands, as unto the Lord

Verse 23: For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the Savior of the body.

Verse 28: So ought men to love their wives, as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

By regular move and second the Request was granted and it is ordered that this be printed in the Minute.

(13) Called for the Sardis Association Treasurer Report. A move and second was made to receive the following report:

Balance on hand 9-01-02		\$ 9,091.86
Add 2002 Income:		
Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 5,080.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 879.00	
Interest Income	\$ 57.07	
Rent Income	\$ 1,390.00	
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00	
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 3,477.75	
Food Fund Contributions	\$ 6,119.00	
Pews Contributions	\$ 4,870.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 4,039.90	
Total 2002 Income		<u>\$26,412.72</u>
Total Available for 2002		\$35,504.58
Less 2002 Expenses		
Equipment Cost	\$ 46.65	
Minute and Mailing Expense	\$ 5,477.46	
Clerk Expense	\$ 78.36	
Building and Land Expense	\$15,352.15	
Electric Expense	\$ 2,364.70	
Apartment Expense	\$ 211.96	
Insurance Expense	\$ 862.13	
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 5,525.41	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 900.12	
Total 2002 Expense		<u>(\$30,818.94)</u>
Balance on Hand 8-31-03		\$ 4,685.64

(14) Read the Request from the Samaria Church asking that the name of Thomas Jason May be removed from the list of ordained ministers and the name of Rayburn May be removed from the list of liberated brothers. By regular move and second the Request was granted.

(15) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2003 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

(16) Received the report of the Building Committee and, by regular move and second, ordered it be discharged and the Moderator appoint a new Building Committee to be responsible for all use, repair, improvements, maintenance and preservation of the property as follows:

Elder Larry R. May	Brother Alex Hensley	Elder Paul Maynard
Brother Les McGuire	Elder David May	Brother Charles Canada
Brother Archie Prince	Elder Leon Robinson	Elder Condor Maynard
Brother James Blackburn	Brother Johnny Adair, Jr.	Brother Ervin Thacker
Brother Charles Testerman	Brother Jim Cochran	Elder Chester Cochran
Brother Bobby L. Scott	Brother Randall Lee Lackey	Brother Harold Blackburn
Brother David Staton		

(17) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 4000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300.00 for his expense.

(18) Elder Albert Cable chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand and read his letter. By regular move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minute.

(19) 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, KY, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 2003: Bobby Scott, Sr., James Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Hobart Hamilton, Condor Maynard, Charles Jarrell, Wallace Muncy, Sabert Nichols, Charles Canada, Danny Runyon, Paul Maynard, Bobby Fields, Roger Bevins, Stephen Baldrige, Richard Staton, Chester Cochran and Eddie Williamson. Letter in the hands of Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

**NEW SALEM:** When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 2003: James Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Bobby Scott, Sr., Condor Maynard, Hobart Hamilton, Charles Jarrell, Richard Staton, Wallace Muncy, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Eddie Williamson, Edward L. Smith, Eddie Marcum, Chester Cochran, Danny Runyon, Paul Maynard, Bobby Fields and Roger Bevins. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Rose of Sharon Church, 5665 Carleton S. Rockwood Road, Rockwood, MI, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2004: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Ron Hamilton, Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Roger Bevins and Charles Jarrell. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

**PHILADELPHIA:** When convened with the Little Mary Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2004: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Sabert Nichols, Condor Maynard, Edward Smith, Charles Jarrell, Chester Cochran, Wallace Muncy, Eddie Williamson, Roger Bevins, Danny Runyon, Harold Blackburn, Monty Messer and Albert Cable. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** When convened with the Little Dove Church, Hurley, VA beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2004: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Charles Jarrell, Chester Cochran, Charles Testerman, Eddie Williamson, Danny Runyon, Roger Bevins, Lester Cochran, Monty Messer, Albert Cable, Bobby Scott, Sr., Emerson Thompson, Drexel Cline, Harold Blackburn and Condor Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** When convened with the host Churches at their permanent Association site at Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2004: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Condor Maynard, Hobart Hamilton, Charles Jarrell, Eddie Williamson, Danny Runyon, Roger Bevins and Lester Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

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

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

(22) Read the Requests from the Little Rosie Church and the Pilgrims Home Church asking to host the 2004 Association. By regular move and second the Request of the Little Rosie Church was granted. The Pilgrims Home Church and the Salem Church agreed to co-host the Association.

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2004, to:

Brother Archie Prince  
3475 Whites Creek Road, Box 96F  
Prichard, WV 25555

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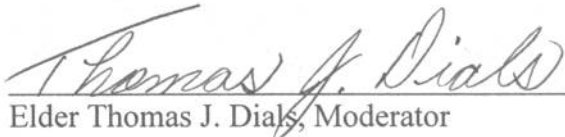
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(26) On motion from Brother Jimmy Cochran, second by Elder Chester Cochran, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2004.


(27) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder David Lester of the Old Friendship Association, who then led in prayer.

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

  
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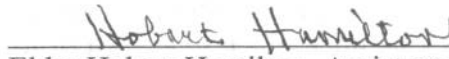
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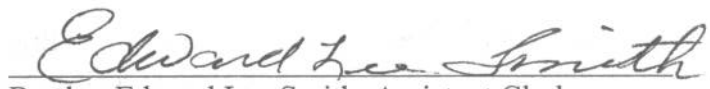
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## STANDING ITEMS

**Item 1.** Item 14 of our 1975 Minutes is reprinted, without the preamble, as follows:

Sardis Association  
of Old Regular Baptist

September 13, 1975  
Dingess, West Virginia

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

**Item 2.** 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.

**Item 3.** It is 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)

**Item 4.** It is ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women. (1919 minute)

**Item 5.** It is ordered that requests for Union, Communion and Memorial meetings be published in our Minutes.

**Item 6.** By motion and second, it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brethren and Sisters that are in good standing with the Churches at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. Also, friends of the Churches that are recommended by the Churches be printed in a separate section of our minute. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$15.00 will be made for a picture with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

**Clerks Note:** Please note the above order - it is incumbent upon the churches in the Sardis Association that they be the screen and recommending body of Obituaries of Friends to be printed in our minutes and identify the same (by note or otherwise) to the Clerks when the Obituary is turned in. 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.

**Item 7.** "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."

**Item 8.** By regular move and second, it is ordered that Item (15) of our 1999 Minute be reprinted as follows:

"It is a sin for anyone to put away their wife or husband for any cause except for fornication and marry another. In regards to going behind one's experience or receiving one in the Church with more than one living companion, we say that each Church shall be the sole judge to the validity of one's experience. Churches should not be forced to receive members, however, that would destroy the body. (Receive should be interpreted to include all means of receiving members.)"

## SUNDAY

September 14, 2003

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand to announce the arrangements stating, God has always got food available to us. If you were here you would have been able to feel that good Spirit that was with us. You would have been able to have that good feeling. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the shirts of his garment: as the dew of Hermon and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. God has blessed the Sardis Association this weekend. Behold, bless ye the Lord. Lift up your hands and bless the Lord that made Heaven. The children of God will bless him and give him praise. There is nothing that could prevent us from doing that.

Elder James Tackett, of the New Salem Association, came to the stand very humble. He said, God has been very good to us. They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever. God don't just walk off and leave us, he will make a way for us. If you don't believe in prayers you should have been here. When Mary and Martha were in trouble and weeping Jesus began to weep. Every step Jesus took was leading him to Calvary's cross. Jesus was upon the mountain. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! As the mount is round about Jerusalem, so is the Lord round about us here. The Bible says: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. When Jesus was going through the land, going to Jericho people began to follow him. And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus had passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. The Lord is passing this way. I cried out Jesus have mercy on me. Can you remember crying out Jesus have mercy on me. I am glad he is around about us. I am glad to stand before you and to declare his name.

Elder Monroe Jones, of the New Salem Association, followed him stating it is a great blessing to meet with the brothers. Pray for me. If I knew what I was going to say it wouldn't be by revelation. If there is a sinner man or woman in the house, I pray God will bless you. I believe God calls his servants and they have different gifts, but all have the same calling. He calls sinners to repentance. There are two men in this race. Both men have to have that bread and water to live. When I was seven years old I heard a brother quote a scripture and I can still remember that scripture. The hour commeth, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. When I was a child my mom set me at the root of a tree and I listened to that preacher and wondered how a man in a grave could hear. There are two men in the race. I have everly preached the Church and the world. The world is sinner man and sinner women. This boy here was on earth twelve or twelve and one half years before I come into the world. When the light of God's Spirit came into me, the inner man died in trespass and sin. Repentance is required at the hands of all men. If sons and daughters ever repent they must take heed to God's teachings. The Church is a congregation of faithful believers baptized upon a profession of faith. If they are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, they are in God's Kingdom. I am the water from Heaven that a man may drink thereof and never thirst. When the inward man eats of that bread and drinks of that water he will never die. When light came in your life and brought condemnation that soul died in trespass and sin. You must have faith.

I received faith when condemnation come to that man. First of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks. If a man die, shall he live again? Just as sure as the inward man eats of that bread and drinks of that water he will live again. The inward man receives hope. Jesus is that hope. That inward man can't die anymore. I have everly preached it to be a Baptist church. He sent John the Baptist. There is one way to Heaven; Jesus said, I am the way. I have never asked no man or woman to join the Church. I talk to sons and daughters and tell them this man is going back to the earth. Anything the Bible supports is not false doctrine. For Heaven's sake don't leave an impression that will down our sons and daughters confidence in us. If you eat of the bread and drink of that water the inner man is alive. Jesus said I am the resurrection. Look unto me for I am God and beside me there is none other. It takes a new birth in God to make a Baptist. Baptist are whats going to Heaven.

Elder Buddy W. Carty, of the Northern New Salem Association came next. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek, For there in is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. I love Jesus today. He is revealed to us by his Spirit. Our children have the same opportunity we had. John came preaching in the wilderness saying, repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Man is responsible. When He calls a man to preach he can't blame his wife for this and that. He has to take responsibility for what he does. It is his fault if he adds to it or takes away from it. The Bible says a woman might forsake suckling babe but the Lord will never leave or forsake you. Herod set out to kill all the male children two years old and younger to get Jesus. When God sees fit to preserve this old family, it will be here. God will find faith when he comes back again. The old sainted mothers can pray and ask prayer for me to preach the truth in Christ Jesus. What is there to preach except Jesus and him crucified. There is no other way to be saved except through Jesus. The wise men were told he was going to be born and laid in a manger. I being in the way the Lord led me to the house of my masters brother. I am seeking Heaven today. God can't lie and he saved me. He took the ground and molded it into a man and breathed into his nostrils and he became a living soul. There are two men in the race. They are not turned loose and one go one way and one go the other way. David said, I cried mighty unto the Lord. God gave me a promise. He did not leave me alone. He guides me in this land. When the mother took her baby and wrapped him and put him in the brook, God was right there. God has been here, that is why we had a good Association. Where the Lord is there is peace. There are times God predestinates things. This is the way he had to preserve his people. Fear not man who can destroy this body but fear God who can destroy both soul and body. God holds all power in Heaven and on earth. Lady came and wanted to know if she could go get the baby's mother. Our mother today is Mother Jerusalem. If you don't get what you want it is not mother s fault. The mother came and took care of her baby. Anyone who has had their robe washed white by the blood of the lamb is a little baby. When Moses grew up he chose rather to suffer. We don't tell God to do things, we ask God to do things. He chose rather to suffer the persecutions. Have you got tired of suffering today? I thank God he lifted my feet from the mire and the clay. I want to preach the truth in Christ Jesus. The spirit told me I was already a sinner. You must choose to suffer as a child of God. He has a long white robe for us, made white in the blood of the Lamb. You must bear the cross to wear the crown. God don't persecute us for serving him. He said, let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in Heaven. When out in sin many told me they were Christians. I was not interested. I distinguished a child of God by their eyes. If they showed me love I felt they must be a good person. Let your light so shine that others might see. Let your light shine to the world that they might see. Let your light so shine before men that they might see your good work. The spirit will make you walk and talk different.



The life that I live is not mine, it belongs to the Lord. It's for me to tell you how good the Lord is today. Life is serious today. Jesus took unto himself a body of flesh for the suffering of man. Jesus came walking by the blinded boy and he cried out. Brother Buddy told of his youngest son calling him when he got in trouble for his sins. God is no respecter of person. Brother Buddy preached that nothing he ever did that caused the Lord to save him. It's not work of righteousness. When God began to work with me I had no righteousness, I was lost. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God. God has everly been there, you must deny yourself. Your own righteousness must become as nought. Our righteousness is as filthy rags. Respect comes from the fear of God. Paul said, When I preached the gospel to you at first and my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected but would have plucked your eyes out and gave them to me, now that I tell you the truth, you seek my life. Paul, said of the thing that gave me trouble, God delivered me. The Bible says don't settle down on anything short of the saving grace of God. I hope I have not said anything that would cause you to do that. Let us live the best we can and it still will be bad enough.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, our Assistant Moderator, came to the stand saying, I am happy to be one of you. I am happy to be here to tell you about Jesus Christ. God heard our prayers and came to help us yesterday. I am thankful that the Spirit of the Lord is here today. When we get in trouble we begin to call for prayer. Peter was put in prison for preaching what we preach today: that being Christ Jesus. God sent an angel down in the dark dungeon and said unto Peter put on thy sandals and the angel led him out. One day God's Spirit came along and made me realize I had nothing in this world. I'm sorry today that I only have one life to give to Jesus for all he has done for me. Cry from the heart, you need help to repent. You need Christ to help you. One time another man was in trouble, Christ came to him and he came from the tomb of the dead and cried aloud. He was able to go where Jesus was. Your prayers can reach the son of God. We love God and we love his son. In the spirit we would be willing to die for one another. If you want the Lord, he is available. He did not die in vain. Jesus died for you. Jesus died that man might live. I had a burden that I didn't like. God let me understand that through Christ Jesus a mountain of sin could be removed. If you are in sin you are blessed if you can call an old preacher and asked him questions. If you don't know the Lord in the pardon and remission of your sin, don't let the sun go down before you pray to the Lord. One day God came along and lifted a burden from my soul. There is something to this old church. You are a servant of God forever. How wonderful the Lord is.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, came forward declaring we have had a drought in our Association. Through our trouble we realize that we have had someone to go to, to ask for help. I ask the Lord to help me. We are blessed because the Lord is with us. We have worked together and we have worked with love. When we are in Jesus, we are something; we are different. We must call upon him. Our meetings have been real spiritual. The Lord is that Rock, the stone the builder rejected. Get anchored in that Rock. The farther you go down that road, the farther you must come back. We are going home, Jesus is coming again. Jesus went and made a way. I've got my eyes set on a home. He has a Kingdom already set up. The place has been prepared. There came a time in my life at the New Salem Association an old preacher name Kirby Isom preached to me, "stay out of the oat field". I went outside to get away from the sound that was touching me, but could hear the sound outside. That is when I began to change. The three boys were put in the furnace for not obeying the King. There is a sound in this. My sheep hear my voice, the voice of a stranger they will not obey them. He has been with us and blessed us. He will bless us if we keep the good old way.

Dismission was called by Elder Wallace Muncy.

Your Clerks



## CIRCULAR LETTER

Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis association. After much praying and searching the scriptures, by the help of the Lord, I will try to write this circular Letter.

It is with much weakness and fear that I come before you. Not with the enticing words of mans wisdom, but by the will of God, when I was moved on by the spirit to write.

I feel that God has given me three important subjects to write about; Repentance, the Foundation and the Resurrection. God and his Son Jesus Christ is the only foundation that a man can build upon to get eternal life. Isaiah 28: 16, Therefore; saith the Lord God, behold I lay in Zion, for a foundation, a Stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation, he that believeth shall not make haste.

And Now Brethren, to us that have received a new birth by repentance, Let us who are called of God preach repentance to a lost and dying world. As God has commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30.

As John came preaching in the wilderness of Judaea saying; Repent ye for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. To have a new birth in Christ Jesus the Lord we must repent and forsake the world because the world and the Church are two different things.

Revelation; 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of that city. James 4:7 says submit yourselves therefore to God, resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you, cleanse your hands ye sinners and purify your hearts, ye double minded, be afflicted and mourn and weep, let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness. The sinner man is to humble himself in the sight of the Lord, and what the sinner is doing he or she needs to stop doing the things of the sinful world. John 6:44 says: No man come to me except the Father which sent me draw him, and I will raise him up in the last day. He saves them from their sins, and not in their Sins. So they must call upon him while he may be found and call while he is near.

1 Cor. 3:10 Paul a wise master builder by the Grace of God, said for other foundations can no man lay, than that which is laid which is Jesus Christ. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

Ephesians 2:20 As we are fellow citizens of the house hold of God, and are built upon the same foundation that the Apostles and Prophets build upon, Jesus Christ the Chief corner Stone.

Luke 6:47-48 Whosoever cometh to me and heareth my sayings, and doeth them I will shew you to whom he is like a man a wise man, that diggeth deep and built his house upon a rock which is Jesus Christ.

And now I would like to speak God Permitting on the resurrection. As we know brethren according to John 5:28 Marvel not for the hour is coming in thee which all that are in their graves, shall hear his voice and shall come forth, they that have done good to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation. Both shall come forth, the good will have a body that will never have no sickness, pain nor death in that great city of God. But; to them that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation shall be cast into

a lake of fire where there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. A place prepared for the devil and his angels  
Matt 25:41.

Now Brethren let us by the power of God preach repentance and the foundation that a man must build upon.  
To have the resurrection of eternal happiness, Love, Joy forevermore, never no end and when we been there  
ten thousand years, we will have no less days to sing Gods praise. What a time that will be for them that believe  
and repent.

So let us come together with prayer and supplication, and ask God according to his will that we all may be  
blessed. That we that are chosen shall go home to live forevermore.

As one writer said the half has not been told even in this letter, but; one day we will know all things for here  
we know in part and we prophesy in part but; when that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall  
be done away with. 1 Cor 13:13-9

So now Brethren we see that God has made us, that has believed a great promise, that we can all go home  
together to live forever more, and when the good shepherd shall appear we will receive a Crown of life that  
will never fade away.

Now Brethren as Jesus said my peace and love I leave with you. So; to the Sardis association and all the  
corresponding associations, I love you all, He that is born of God is born of love.

Your Brother in Christ, Elder Albert Cable

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**JUNE, 2004**

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Wallace Sartin with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

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**ELIZABETH:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Kenneth B. Jude, Milford Lowe and Ben Scott.

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Bobby SESCO, Arvid Blevins, Greg Stanley, Gary Young, Duane Smith and Dale Williamson.

**BUCK CREEK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Homer Muncy, Jr., Chuck Hall, Vernon Rose, Wallace Sartin, Arthur May, Jack Robinette and Albert Cable.

**SIDNEY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Ben Scott, Lacy Walters and Thomas J. Dials with Moderator attending.

**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Danny Belcher and Jimmy Dale Sanders with Moderator attending.

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**ELIZABETH:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Kenneth B. Jude, Milford Lowe and Ben Scott.

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Bobby SESCO, Arvid Blevins, Greg Stanley, Gary Young, Duane Smith and Dale Williamson.

**BUCK CREEK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Homer Muncy, Jr., Chuck Hall, Vernon Rose, Wallace Sartin, Arthur May, Jack Robinette and Albert Cable.

**SIDNEY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Ben Scott, Lacy Walters and Thomas J. Dials with Moderator attending.

**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Danny Belcher and Jimmy Dale Sanders with Moderator attending.

## JULY, 2004

**DIX FORK:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Herman West, Richard Staton, Danny Hurley, Frankie Scott and Wallace Muncy.

**SAMARIA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Murl F. Caudill, Wayne Herald, Jr., Chris Watts and Ben Scott.

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

**MT. PLEASANT:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton and Ellis Holbrook.

**LITTLE TAVIE:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Sam Franks, Murl Caudill, Don Lawson, A. B. Thacker, Charles Edwards and Scott Hamilton.

**BIG BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Paul Hamilton, Sabert Nichols, Jimmy Dye, Billy Joe Robinson and Leon Robinson.

**MARY ELIZABETH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Arthur May, Arvid Blevins, Gayle Brown, Herman West and Curtis Crouse.

**NARROWS BRANCH:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Jerry Estep, Lacy Walters, Wallace Muncy, Willie Blackburn and Gary Young with Moderator attending.

## AUGUST, 2004

**TABITHA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Sabert Nichols, Condor Maynard, Arthur May, Billy Joe Robinson and Albert Cable.

**BENT BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Teddy Honaker, Elbert SESCO, Willis Bartley, Jerry Estep, Leon Robinson and Jerry Overstreet.

**ROSA:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton, Hobart Hamilton, Gary Young, Leon Robinson, Elbert SESCO and Danny Runyon.

**BETHANY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Leon Robinson, David Crigger, Harrison Runyon, and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**PILGRIMS HOME:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Jimmy Dye, Thomas J. Dial and Johnny Thornsberry.

## OCTOBER, 2004

**CHARITY:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: William Adair, Sr., Stanley Campbell, Henry Adair, Danny Runyon and Billy Williamson with Moderator Charles Jarrell attending.



## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

### MARCH, 2004

**OKEECHOBEE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: William Adair, Sr., Bruce Forsyth, Paris Tuttle, Ellis Amburgey, Arlice Peaden, Dennis Kidd, Gary Holbrook, Garland H. Deel, John M. Lowe, Ezra Thornsberry, Ted O'Quinn and Freddie Kidd.

### APRIL, 2004

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Wallace Muncy, Elbert Sesco and Billy Joe Robinson.

### MAY, 2004

**LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the White family on Sunday following the second Saturday at the Church. Ministers called: Steve White, Larry R. May, Harold Sesco and Albert Cable with the Moderator attending.

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Richard Staton and Dale Williamson.

**MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May (Frale) Harrison and son, Charles E. Harrison and family at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., David Crigger, Lacy Walters and Wallace Muncy.

**CHARITY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Charity Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Bruce Forsyth, Bill Campbell, Danny Belcher, Richard Lowe and Dale Williamson.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the home of Brother Daniel Stanley at Dix Fork in memory of Brother Albert Stanley and Brother Rush Coney Williamson on the third Saturday at 4:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers welcome.

**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: Danny Runyon, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials.

**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: Richard Staton, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters and Bobby Scott, Sr.

**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 Sunday following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Thomas J. Dials, Milford Lowe, Lacy Walters and Wallace Muncy.

**BETHANY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Larry R. May, Jack Robinette with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending. Everyone is welcome.

**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: Arvid Blevins, Greg Stanley, Don Little, Billy Williamson, Gary Young and Danny Runyon.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork on Saturday before the last Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Clifford Stanley and David Crigger.

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

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Williamson Family Cemetery located one fourth mile below the Pilgrims Home church on the fourth Saturday (May 22, 2004) at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Duane Smith, Eric Williamson and Greg Stanley.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the last Sunday in May (May 30) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the last Sunday in May (May 30) at 10:30 a.m. This will include Elder E. F. (Frank) Fields, his wife, Rebecca, Ellen (Kirk) Moore and Dim Moore, Vina (Fields) Kirk and Andy Kirk, Jean K. Webb, David Fields, Elmer Fields and Mint Fields and others. The cemetery is located about a mile below the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco, Leon Robinson and Dale Williamson.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Sartin Cemetery at the home place at Emily Creek for Sister Eva Sartin, also Brother Tom Stepp and Johnny Dials and all others that are buried on the cemetery on the last Sunday (May 30). All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

#### **JUNE, 2004**

**LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Cemetery next to the Church for all deceased members of the church on June 6 at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Hank Forgey, Raymond Stapleton, Johnny Thornsberry and Thomas J. Dials.

**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: Danny Runyon, Odes Williams, Larry R. May, Gary Young and Billy Williamson.

**TABITHA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Willis Fletcher, Chester Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Thomas J. Dials and Hubert Glandon.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Mary Thompson, husband George, and all the deceased on the Thompson Cemetery will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on the first Sunday in June (June 6) at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jerry Estep, Richard Staton, Eric Williamson and Teddy Honaker.

**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 Sister Garnet (Lowe) Maynard who is buried on the cemetery near the mouth of Lackey Branch. This will be at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial of Elder Bill Jude, Sister Sally 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, Thomas J. Dials, Estill Hamilton, 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 Sunday after the second Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco, John Paul Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on Sunday following the third Saturday (June 20, 2004) at 11:00 a. m. Ministers called: Jimmy Dye, Lloyd Brown, Leon Robinson, Gary Young, Lacy Walters and Elbert Sesco.

**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, Jr.

**BENT BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Jerry Estep, Clarence Bowersock, Richard Staton and Danny Runyon.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork on the fourth Saturday in June at 3:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers welcome.

### **JULY, 2004**

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Brother Dewey Jude's Family will be held on the Jude Cemetery in the head of Big Peter Cave on the first Sunday in July. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott, Raymond Smith, Milford Lowe and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

**TURKEY CREEK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the church house for all those buried on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Fletcher, Lloyd Brown, Dale Williamson, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Gary Young and Richard Staton. Dinner will be served nearby.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery near the Leannah Church at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., Vernon Rose and Clifford Williams.

**BETHANY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek in West Virginia. All corresponding ministers are invited. Everyone is welcome.

**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, Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Albert Cable, Ben Scott and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**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: Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Bobby Scott, Sr., Albert Cable, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Lacy Walters.

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the J. M. Taylor family and will include the Maynard, Lowe, Taylor, Scott, Blackburn and Nichols families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Roger Hicks, Richard Staton and Moderator attending.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at Pilgrims Home Church on the Sunday after the third Saturday (July 18) at 6:00 p.m. in memory of John Gilbert Blackburn and his son Willis Raymond (Wig) Blackburn. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Billy Williamson, Lacy Walters and Harold Sesco.

**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, Robert Howell and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Butler Fletcher, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Thomas J. Dials.

#### AUGUST, 2004

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (August 1) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Milton Dye, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jimmy Dye and Roger Hicks with Moderator attending. Everyone bring covered dishes.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, at 4450 West Tunnell Hill Road, Sharpesburg, KY (near Mt. Sterling) on the odd Sunday (August 1) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hillard Newsome, Don Blake Little and Lacy Walters.

**LITTLE ROSIE** will hold a memorial meeting on the Runyon Cemetery in the head of Dan's Branch Hollow on the odd Sunday (August 1) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Wayne Herald, Jr., Albert Cable, Danny Runyon and Steven White.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Jeff Robinette Cemetery on the first Saturday in August (August 7) at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco and Danny Runyon.

**ROSA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting in memory of the Cline family on the right hand fork of Gilbert Creek on the first Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

**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 Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Lonnie Staton, Milford Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. and Wayne Herald, Jr. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Arthur May, Wallace Sartin and Jeffrey Dillon.



**ENON CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Danny Hamilton, Richard Staton and Kenneth B. Jude.

**DIX FORK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters, Wayne Herald Jr. and A. B. Thacker.

**APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Apple Orchard Cemetery, the Pine Grove Cemetery in Lennox, GA, the Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL, the Joe Taylor Cemetery and Joe Taylor family buried at Maher, WV, the McCealy Cemetery at Maher, WV, Bent Ridge Cemetery, Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland, KY, and Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton and Danny Runyon with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

**BUCK CREEK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the deceased on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, WV. This meeting will be held at the Buck Creek Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Steve Robinson,

**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, Paul Maynard, Billy Joe Robinson and Ben Scott.

**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: Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Bobby Sesco, Larry R. May, David Crigger, John Jude and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**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: Teddy Honaker, Danny Runyon, Leon Robinson, and Billy Williamson.

**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 Rell and Mary M. Maynard and deceased family. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Gary Young, Richard Staton and Wallace Muncy.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on Saturday, August 21, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. for all those buried on the Alfred Young Cemetery. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Elbert Sesco, Richard Staton and Hobart Hamilton.

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the church house in memory of Oscar and Nannie McCoy and their parents and other family members and Brother Talbert and Sister Cora McCoy's 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, Albert Cable, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson and Gabe Lowe, Jr.

**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.



**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: Vernon Rose, Bobby Robinson, Roger Bevins and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Will and Charity Jude and all family members buried at the head of Peter Cave on Sunday following the third Saturday. Minister called Ben Scott, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude.

**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: David Crigger, Sabert Nichols, Thomas J. Dial, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Homer Muncy, Jr.

**BETHANY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, David Crigger, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Leon Robinson.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Henry Taylor Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Ben Scott, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Kenneth B. Jude and Roger Stepp. Dinner will be served nearby. Everyone welcome to bring a dish of their choice.

#### SEPTEMBER, 2004

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Collins Cemetery near the Annie Church on Saturday September 4, 2004 (the first Saturday before Labor Day) at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Billy Joe Robinson, Homer Muncy, Jr., Kenneth B. Jude and James Luther Scott.

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Larry R. May and Albert Cable.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meathouse, about a mile above the Leannah Church, on the first Sunday (September 5) 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 Wolf Creek are included. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Richard Staton, Wayne Herald, Jr., Milford Lowe and Ben Scott.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting in memory of Brother Ira Robinson and Brother Malcomn Muncy on the first Sunday (September 5) night at 5:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Wallace Muncy, Richard Staton and Sabert Nichols.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Ervin Morrison and all else buried on the Maynard Fork Cemetery on Wolf Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Minister called: Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr.

**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: Claren Williams, Richard Staton, Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones, Paul Maynard, and Bobby Scott, Sr.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Garnett (Lowe) Maynard and all others on this cemetery at the home of Sabert Nichols on Wolf Creek on the third Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Leon Robinson, Billy Joe Robinson with Moderator attending.

**LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH** will hold a special called memorial meeting of Sister Ruby Honaker Hunt and her family on Sunday following the third Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the home of her son which is located approximately three fourths mile up Sunshine Lane at Kimper, KY. Everyone is welcome and all Old Regular Baptist ministers are called.

**MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, William (Tom) Fraley and his wife Inis Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, David Crigger, Frankie Scott, Jimmy Dye and Ted Robinson.

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: David Crigger, David May and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude, America Jude, his wife, their three sons, Ambrose, Matthew and Russell, three great grandchildren, Mark Jude, infant son of Kenneth B. Jude, Dollie Jude and Tom Stacy, husband of Pauline Stacy on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Butler Fletcher and Milford Lowe.

#### **OCTOBER, 2004**

**ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Kenneth B. Jude, Vernon Rose and Raymond Smith.

**SALEM CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Lloyd Brown, Jimmy Dye and Bobby Scott, Sr., Thomas J. Dials, Monty Iverson and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Lowe Cemetery on Big Branch of Brushy Creek for all deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. and Marie Lowe who are buried at Maher, WV on the first Sunday in October. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton, Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters and Kenneth B. Jude.

**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: Monty Iverson, Johnnie Bentley, Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton and Gary Young.

**MT. PLEASANT CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Hobart Hamilton, John B. Hamilton and James Tackett.

**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: Bob Adkins, Ronnie Combs, Clyde Lewis, Eddie Walden, Kelly Slone and Gabe Lowe, Jr.

**ROSA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Jack Robinette, Paul Boggs, Richard Staton, Zeb Justice and Phillip Estep.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the fourth Saturday for John Jude and Belle Jude, his wife; Annie (Howell) Jude, wife of Warren G. Jude; J. T. Jude, son of Warren G. Jude and Annie Jude; two daughters, Mary Ann and Betty Jane, children of Henry and Connie Jude. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Wallace Muncy, Sabert Nichols and Clifford Williams.

**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: Lloyd Brown, Elisha Branham and Jerry Overstreet.

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

Please accept our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your beloved elders, brothers, and sisters since your last setting.

It's been a joy to have shared in their fellowship, while laboring here in the vineyard of the Lord. Our prayer is that you may find great consolation in the thought that some day, in God's own good time, we shall see them again.

Sincerely yours,

Brother Hillard Newsome  
Brother Wayne Turner  
Clerks

**OBITUARIES**  
**of**  
**BRETHREN AND SISTERS**

**ELDER ERNEST COCHRAN**

Elder Ernest Cochran was born June 3, 1917 to the late John H. and Octavia Cochran at Canada KY. The Lord called Brother Ernest home on May 22, 2003.

He married the love of his life Audrey Blackburn on December 30, 1936. They shared their love and sorrow for 66 years and to this union were born seven children: Joy (Edward) Smith, Stony Cochran (deceased), June (Walter) Ferguson, Gail (Dan) Bailey, Judy (Jack) Walters, Ernie (Deanna) Cochran, and John (Dana) Cochran. His memory will live on through Mom, his children, eleven grandchildren and seven great grand children. Dad loved and cherished us all.

He will be greatly missed by many people especially his five brothers: W.H., Luther, Harold, Gene, and Chester Cochran, and two sisters: Grace Slone and Magdalene Smith. He will be missed by many nephews and nieces, friends, neighbors and the Brothers and Sisters of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Stony Cochran, his parents and three brothers: John Jr., Earl and Julies Cochran.

Brother Ernest joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Bent Branch and was baptized the third Sunday in December, 1947 (they had to break the ice to baptize him). He placed his membership at the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church. He was a faithful member of the old Church for almost 56 years. He loved the Old Regular Baptist Church and what it stood for.

Brother Ernest received a calling from God to Preach the Gospel. He held Prayer for the first time on the Stanley Cemetery in May, 1949. He was ordained in to the Ministry at the Dix Fork Church in November, 1950. He was elected Moderator of the Dix Fork Church in April, 1963 and he served faithful until his death. He was also Moderator of the Big Branch Church for 20 plus years and was a trustee of the Sardis Association. God blessed Brother Ernest with the gift of providing counsel to the Church and others. He always used the Scriptures as counsel. He believed the Scriptures were God's Truth, not a man's point of view. He believed them to be words of love and encouragement; never to be used as words of anger or offense.

Brother Earnest was richly blessed with the Gift from God to Preach the Gospel. He loved to travel to the various Regular Baptist Churches and visit his Brothers and Sisters in the Church. As we travel around to different Churches so many people tell us they loved him and how much they enjoyed hearing Brother Ernest preach. He had a special love for his Brothers and Sisters in the Old Regular Baptist Church and the Sardis Association.

Mom and Dad's home was always open to everyone. On Church time it wasn't unusual for several people to stop and eat dinner with them. After dinner they would gather and talk about the Church, Bible and family. Dad loved Sundays because that was the Lord's day. He told one of his grandsons that his most precious time was when his children were still small and they all attended church together and he knew his children was safe in the arms of Jesus. Dad often said what a wonderful life it was and how the Lord had blessed and protected him and his family. Each Sunday night at bedtime, Daddy held a special "family" prayer.



As children, after we were in bed, Dad's words would ring through the house as he praised God for His blessings and asked God to protect his family. As we got older, and stayed up later than he did, we would wait and the house would get totally quiet, as we again listened for Daddy, now softly, beg God to lead us to a home in Heaven.

Dad wanted to die at home with his family. The last three days of Dad's life he could not talk but he held (so tight) to one of our hands. We sang and read the Bible to him and tears would run down his cheeks. Early Thursday morning on May 22 as we stood there holding hands and praying, a peace came over the room as God took Daddy home. God had granted his desire to die at home and with his family gathered around him.

We thank God for Dad. He was very special and precious to us and we loved him dearly. Through the years Dad showed how much he loved and cherished us through his hugs and smiles, his hard work and sacrifices, and his teaching and prayers. He gave so much of himself to provide our daily needs. Dad was a wonderful Husband, Dad, Father-in-law, Papa, Brother, Neighbor, but most of all he was a Child of the Living God.

Psalm 116 says, "*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints*". Dad lived a precious life and died a precious death.

Written by Brother Edward L. Smith, loving wife Sister Audrey, and children.

### ELDER WILLIE STILTNER

Willie Stiltner, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and livelihood, passed away at his home on August 23, 2003 at age eighty nine. He was born a twin son of the late Basil and Virgie (Thornsbury) Stiltner on June 28, 1914. Basil and Virgie attributed to twelve children, nine that preceded Willie in death: John Stiltner, Lee Stiltner, Dewey Stiltner, Emzy Stiltner, Jessie Stiltner, Sadie Slone, Birdie Smith, Marie Stiltner, Josie Stiltner, and two left behind, Myrtle McCoy and Orié Beam.



He is survived by Zella (Justice) Stiltner to whom he was united on May 8, 1937. "Mother" as he often called her; no one could take those sixty six years of marriage, bondage, and memories away. All Willie wanted was "Mother's" hand in his time of need. "What a wonderful grandma you have baby," he would say with a smile. No one was more special here on earth than "Mother."

Willie had six daughters and four sons, all which are living: Lena Slone of Kimper, KY, Jessie Stiltner of Ocala, FL, Shirley Cooksey of Burnsville, MS, Phillip Stiltner of Kimper, KY, Christine Curtis of Walnut, MS, Chester Stiltner of South Point, OH, Judene Anderson of New Market, TN, James Stiltner of Kimper, KY, Shelia Hess of Sidney, KY, and Connie Rench of Rome, GA. Out of the ten children he was blessed with twenty four grandchildren, thirty six great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and eight step grand children. He never failed to tell his children of every generation just how much he loved them.

Willie dedicated his life to the Lord and his family. When he joined the Little Virgie Old Regular Baptist Church in 1949, it brought a new profound meaning in his life. "I was looking for a change," he would say... "I was looking for a change in me." He would often recall "walking and working for the Lord" in his thirty seven years as a minister with only one word, "wonderful." He would tell the stories of all the places he had been to church and of the people he had encountered along his way. His footprints were of stone and his message was clear in his pilgrimage across this old land.



Everyone that knew Willie, knew exactly what he stood for... the Lord was his captain and his family was his voyage.

Willie's courageous love reached beyond the call of duty for his family, who stayed in his mind and always in his heart. Even in his last hours of enduring life, he would pray for his family, friends, and enemies, "Bless them Lord." Among his favorite songs were "One Rose Will Do" and "Will You Miss Me When I'm Gone." Oh, Grandfather how we miss you now and fail not to mention, he said, to tell everyone that he loved them and he hoped to see you one day after while.

Written by Grandson, James Edward Stiltner II

### **ELDER BERLIN THORNSBURY**

Missing our Dad more than words could ever express but realizing he is in a better home. It is with much sadness and grieving hearts but with our deepest love and a lifetime of precious memories, we will try with the help of our Lord, to write the obituary, honoring the memory of our dear, sweet, beloved Dad, husband and Papaw.

Dad was born on March 29, 1932, a loving son of the late Elder Jim and Verda Blackburn Thornsbery. He was preceded in death by daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Janie and Haley Thornsbery, three sisters and five brothers.

Dad departed this life of pain and sorrow at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital with his family and church family by his side and entered into a life of everlasting peace, joy and happiness on Sunday, December 29, 2002. Thus, making his stay here on God's footstool seventy years and nine months.

Dad is survived by his loving wife of fifty one years, Thurajene Smith Thornsbery, eight loving children: Ivan Neil (Evelyn), Sidney, KY; James (Susie), Canada, KY; and Troy Thornsbery, Somerset, KY; daughters; Barbara (Jerome) Newsome, Williamson, WV; Debbie (Walter) Bogar, Tammy (Adam) Dotson, both of Hardy, KY; Lesa (Mark) Justice, and Reesia Thornsbery, both of Sidney, KY; five sisters, three brothers, and twelve precious grandchildren whom he loved deeply and a host of loving family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Dad served as assistant moderator, ordained minister, and faithful member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church giving his hand and being baptized on their meeting time the first Saturday in January, 1963.

Dad's life revolved around the church, his family and friends. He loved the church and would often travel for miles to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. He enjoyed going to the associations each year and being around God's people. Dad was strong in his faith and beliefs, never wavering.

He always let his light shine, never seeing a stranger. Dad was a well-loved and respected man who always treated others with love and kindness. He had a special love for little children; especially his grandchildren and they in return loved him dearly. They were so close to their Papaw. They stood by him in the hospital, holding his hand and comforting him. We watch Dad suffer so much; he was in so much pain and never complained. He was a man of great courage; we believe this was made possible through his tremendous faith in God. The two weeks Dad was in the hospital, when the doctors had given up, God brought him back to us. Dad was ready to go, but we weren't ready to give him up. We believe with God's great mercy, he was preparing all of us for Dad's journey down to the river and we are eternally grateful to God for letting us have that time with Dad. He was an inspiration to all of us and to all who were around him. He loved the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind and strength.



He always gave a reason for that hope that was in him, *Heb 6:19*, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast and which entereth into that within the veil."

We have many precious memories of Dad and his time with us. Neil, the eldest, remembers Dad reading *Hebrew Ch. 6 and 7* and tears streaming down his face as Dad read to him. Right then he knew Dad wanted to go home. In fact, he told Mom that Dad's preaching was like he wasn't going to be here long. Another memory he had when he was a boy, Dad stopped and bought milkshakes and they gave Dad back too much money, which he didn't catch until they got home. It was so hot that July day, but he made him get on his bike and ride all the way back to return the money. That was the kind of man our Dad was. *Proverbs Ch 22*, "A good name is rather to be chosen, than great riches and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

We never took Dad for granted knowing the Lord just lent him to us for a little while. He was so special to all of us. Dad was the patriarch of this family. He came into our lives leaving footprints on our hearts forever. He represented strength, stability and a storehouse of wisdom. Dad was always there for us no matter what time of the day or night. He instilled morals and values in each of us that we'll carry with us throughout our life's journey. He gave us Godly counsel and taught us to work hard, love and respect everyone, to do the right things but above all to love and believe in the Lord and to always turn to him throughout our lives. This is Dad's greatest gift to all of us, a legacy of strength, love, devotion and faith which sustains us even in our darkest hour.

The homeplace will never be the same, we all are still grieving and the pain is still deep. We miss "Brother Dad" (as we called him in church) so much, talking on the Bible, traveling to church together, those evening walks, sitting on the porch or just talking on the phone. Those twinkling blue eyes when he was in the spirit preaching the gospel, the beautiful Baptist songs he sung and that smile that warmed our hearts but we know he is where he wants to be.

Just moments before Dad took his heavenly flight, we believe the Lord left a witness behind to comfort our hearts, Reesia was holding Dad's hand as she looked at him a tear was streaming down his right cheek, we believe he viewed his heavenly home where Jesus was standing with outstretched arms. We know Dad would say to all of us, do not mourn for me, but rejoice that my journey is over and I am with Jesus in my new home. He stood as a soldier, he fought the battle brave, and like a good soldier, he died at his post. *II Timothy 4:7* "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 me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing." So, we all are trying to press on, living one day at a time and as Dad told us just before he died, "to make it as sure as you can."

We were so richly blessed to have had the most wonderful, precious, loving Daddy, husband, and Pa Paw on earth and for that we are forever thankful to God. Dad will live on in our hearts forever. His spirit shall never wither. So sleep on Dad in that wonderful sleep that you so longed for, free from all the pain, till that wonderful blessed morning when God calls your name and you will get up with a new and glorious body. So, farewell Dad for a little season, we hope to see you again beyond death's sea where we will never be separated again.

Written with all our love and precious memories with the help of our Lord,  
His broken-hearted children, wife, and grandchildren.

## BESSIE RATLIFF BARNEY

I will try to write my Mother's obituary with God's help. Sis. Bessie Ratliff Barney was born June 26, 1909 to George W. and Artie Evelene in Greenup, KY.

She was married to Elder Henry Barney, and to this union thirteen children were born. Three of these children preceded her in death, one son Matthew and two daughters, Veulah Delores Barney and Irene Coffee. There are seven surviving sons: Thomas Herbert Barney, Thurman Barney and Henry Barney Jr. of Greenup KY, Herman Barney of Galion, OH and Paul Evan Barney and James Robert Barney of Okeechobee, FL and John David Barney of Zephyrhill, FL. There are three living daughters: Bernice Tolliver of Greenup, KY, Pauline Robertson of Okeechobee, FL, and Eva Mae Arthur of Lexington, KY. She had forty three grandchildren, sixty five great grandchildren and eleven great-great grandchildren and one grandson, Avery Tolliver who preceded her in death.

She was a faithful member of the Okeechobee Church of the Old Regular Baptists. She loved going to church when she was able to go. I feel like Mother is with God and his Son, Jesus Christ.

She passed away December 16, 2002 at the age of 93 at Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee FL.

Written by her son, Brother James R. Barney.



## ADMIRAL DEWEY (A. D.) BLACKBURN

It is with hearts full of precious memories of our husband, father and brother in Christ that we write the obituary of Admiral Dewey Blackburn. He was born at Goody, KY on October 30, 1924 to James (Jimmy) Blackburn and Ida Jane (Deel) Blackburn. He departed this world to eternally dwell in the presence of God and His host of angels on October 25, 2002 making his life seventy seven years, eleven months and twenty days.

On June 14, 1946 he married Ruby Lois Bevins; they were married fifty six years. Their marriage was blessed with two sons, Larry Eugene Blackburn and wife Pat and Charles Randall (Randy) Blackburn and wife Linda who survive.

He is survived by two sisters, Virginia Pearl (Blackburn) Alley and Roberta Irene (Blackburn) Gray. He left behind thirteen nieces and nephews, a host of friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and a sister Gladys. Dad responded to God's call upon his life, repented of his sins and was baptized on December 3, 1961 by Elder B. H. Bevins and Brother Calvin Bevins. He took membership in the Salem Church at Goody, Kentucky. He was a faithful member and servant in this church until his death forty one years later. He served as assistant clerk, treasurer and clerk for thirty three years.

Dad was proud of his military service in the Navy during World War II. After he was discharged from the navy he went to work on the railroad. He retired from the Norfolk Southern Railroad after forty four years of service.



Although we are grieved by his absence from this life, we are comforted by the knowledge we can someday be reunited in that glorious home Jesus has gone to prepare for those who will believe in Him and receive Him into their life. If Heaven was not wonderful enough, it became even more enticing as dad took his eternal rest from the labors of this life. We had to say good bye on Sunday, October 27, 2002. We will be together again when we travel the road dad has traveled before us. Daddy, we didn't have time to say good bye when the angels came after you, but we will say good morning in Heaven when we get there.

Written by his wife: Ruby Lois Blackburn, his sons: Larry Eugene Blackburn and Charles Randall Blackburn, daughter-in-laws: Patricia Blackburn and Linda Blackburn.

Brother A.D. served the Salem Church in thousands of other ways! He was a "Key" and highly respected member whose abilities, knowledge and wisdom we looked to so many, many times. Yet he "never" sought fame or a pat on the back, he quietly went about the care of Salem Church and all her members. He never was the cause of any problem or tried to have things his way but did keep the Church, especially me, from making mistakes.

God bless you sister Ruby, and may your memories be happy ones of the years of good times you, A. D., the family and Salem Church had together.

Written by Brother in Christ: Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr

### CLYDE BROWN

It is with many precious memories and the help of the good Lord and my family I will try to write the obituary of Clyde Brown: husband, father, granddaddy and father-in-law. Clyde was born January 8, 1921 at Kermit, WV and departed this life February 20, 2003 making his stay here on earth eighty-two years, one month and twelve days. He retired May 30, 1982 from Norfolk & Western Railroad where he dedicated over thirty years service.

He was the son of the late Elder John and Sarah (Varney) Brown. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by six brothers: Lawrence, Alfred, Claude, Clifford, Clinton and Clarence. Others who preceded him in death were his father-in-law, Julius Scott; mother-in-law, Polly (Sissy) Hatfield Scott; one sister-in-law and her husband, Maudie Jane and Virgil Stanley; one brother-in-law and his wife, Charley and Brookie Scott; brothers-in-law, Luther Blackburn and Willie Salyers and five brothers-in-law and their wives.

He was a member of Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church being baptized by the hands of the late Elder Willie Stanley and the late Elder Henry C. Maynard on Sunday, September 24, 1950. He was ordained as a Deacon of Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church on Saturday, August 28, 1954 and had served as Clerk since December 27, 1958. It was even mentioned this year at the Sardis Association that Brother Clyde was certainly an Ambassador for the Association.

Clyde and I were married May 16, 1947 and lived in my home place at Hardy, KY taking care of my father, Julius Scott, for the first fourteen years of our married life. We were blessed with three daughters: Mrs. Jerry (Linda) McCoy, Mrs. Kevin (Sarah) Dixon and Mrs. Kevin (Nancy) Mitchell who have given us six grandchildren: Lora McCoy, Mrs. Tony (Tara) Adkins, Mrs. Jason (Kara Dee) Vuic, Amy McCoy, Tracy (and his wife Cindy) Dixon, Scott Mitchell and one great-grandson, Austin Grant Adkins.





Clyde is also survived by one sister, Muriel Salyers; one brother, Alvis Brown and his wife, Leona; six sisters-in-law: Nell Varney, Louise Brown, Gladys Brown, Hatsue Brown, Georgia (Scott) Brown and Magdalene (Scott) Blackburn, several nieces and nephews and a host of church Brothers and Sisters and many friends.

I would like to share some of the characteristics that made Clyde the man we will all miss. As stated by his sons-in-law: "We have always felt blessed to be in his family and have always found Clyde to be a role model and know that he exemplified what a child of God should stand for. He traveled many miles with his companion, shared many trips with our families and loved every minute of it. Words are inadequate to tell of our feelings and admiration for him." Quoting from the grandchildren, "Granddaddy was a kind-hearted, gentle loving man who loved everyone and never met a stranger. His bright smile and personality made him a pleasure to be around. Granddaddy dedicated his life to God and his family and he had a way of making each of us feel very special."

The family and I, along with a host of friends will sadly miss Clyde's presence. It was truly a blessing to have shared our lives with such a wonderful husband, father, granddaddy and wonderful man of God. Blessed in the eyes of the Lord is the death of one of his saints so it is not good-bye, but rest on and we will see you in the morning of all mornings. You are truly "Gone Away with a Friend."

Written by: Your "One Love Forever", Fern

### MINNIE LEANNAH ROBINSON CRIGGER

Minnie was born February 18, 1920 in Pike County, KY, and deceased October 3, 2002 making her eighty two years old. She was the daughter of the late Steve and Ora Smith Robinson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Grayson Crigger, three brothers: Oscar, Joe and Ester and four sisters: Mary, Edna, Bertha and Virgie. She is survived by her only son, Elder Loyd David Crigger and wife Gerarldine of Canada, KY, one granddaughter, Cindy L Crigger of Williamson, WV, and one grandson, Paul David Crigger of Charleston, WV. Three sisters-in-law: Hazel Robinson of Florida, Ferandia Robinson of Hatfield, KY and Ruth Smith of Sidney, KY and a host of relatives, friends, and the Brothers and Sisters of the church.



She joined the church at Bent Branch on the third Sunday in June, 1969 and was baptized by Elders David Crigger and Steve Robinson and placed her membership with the Dix Fork Church where she was faithful until death.

There are so many wonderful things about Minnie that if I wrote it all, it would fill the pages of a book. Her life was a true testimony of the kind of friend and neighbor that everyone loved.

I remember the first time I walked into her little home. I found out that her kitchen table was a gathering place for the neighbors to come in for warm conversation and a cup of coffee.

I was one of the fortunate young girls whose mother-in-law chose me for her daughter-in-law. I would have never dreamed the wonderful times that laid ahead for all of us. The love and joy we all felt when Cindy and Paul were born, the celebration of Christmas Holidays and visiting with neighbors and friends and sharing our love for one another. We were all so happy that sometimes it scared us and we thought that is was just too good to be true. We always gathered under the old shade tree on Sunday evenings and talked about the good meetings we had been in that day.



Minnie and Grayson were wonderful parents and grandparents to us and our Children. They also excepted my family as their own and they felt the same about them.

Minnie was never the same after Grayson died. It left a void in her life and now that she is gone, that void has become larger and almost more than we can bear.

She told me a few days before she went to the hospital, that she was so tired and sick and wanted to go where she could rest from her labor, but I hate to leave all of you.

The day I took her to the doctor, she dropped her head and wouldn't look back. She knew that she would never come home. I thought my heart would break. We wanted to keep her but Heaven was calling and bidding her to come and now she has become another star glowing in the night. Each time I look up, I'll be looking for the one bright twinkling star and know that the Heavens are shining a little brighter.

Before she died, she saw family members and friends that have gone on. She saw little children and beckoned them to come to her and called them by name. Our family will never live another day feeling the same again. We miss her so much. She told Cindy that there is honey over here and there's enough for you. Now that it is time to say farewell, the one scripture that comes to mind was revealed to me on a bright sunny morning as I drove to the hospital to be with you and its found in the Book of Ruth, where she was speaking to her mother-in-law. "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following thee, for whither thou goest, I will go and where thou lodgest, I will lodge, thy people shall be my people and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also if aught but death part thee and me." I sure did love you Minnie. I prayed so hard one night for the Lord to let me see you and that night, I dreamed you came walking out in front of me and looked at me and smiled so sweet. I know you are happy now but our good times here have ended. I thank God for that joyous reunion day where we will all be together again.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Sister Geraldine Crigger

### NELLIE MOORE DEAN

It is with a sad heart that we write the obituary of our beloved Mother, Nellie (Maynard) Moore Dean. She was born May 8, 1923 and went home to our Lord on October 29, 2002. She brought joy to this world for seventy-nine years six months and twenty-one days. She was preceded in death by Sampson Moore, Jr. her beloved husband and Cloyd Dean her second husband.

She is survived by four children: Willard Moore of Turkey Creek, KY, Glenna Rae Coleman of Deland, FL, Shearell Ball of Delbarton, WV and Danny Lee Moore of Lenore, WV.

Sister Nellie had two sister and five brothers. She was preceded in death by a sister, Margie Pauley. She is survived by one sister, Louise Morehouse and brothers: Randell Maynard, Ercl Maynard, Ralph Maynard, William Maynard, and James Maynard. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

Sister Nellie was homemaker and devout Christian belonging to Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, Elk Fork Old Regular Baptist church, Elk Creek, WV. She was loved by many and missed by all.



We Love you Mother: Willard, Danny, Glenna and Shearell

## ERMAL DESKINS

Brother Ermal was born January 25, 1927 and deceased November 2, 2002 making him seventy-five years old. He was preceded in death by his parents, Grover Cleveland and Lassie Varney Deskins, three brothers, one granddaughter and one daughter-in-law.

He was married to Dolly Blackburn Deskins, October 2, 1944 and to this union was born three children: Jackie (Donna) Deskins, Janet(Rod) Varney and Jerry (Vera) Deskins.

He leaves to mourn his loss, one brother, two sisters, eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Brother Ermal was such a special Brother who enjoyed his fellowship with the Brothers and Sisters and the good meals we shared together after Church. He served the Dix Fork Church as assistant clerk for about three years until he became sick. As Brother Berlin said, "he was an easy Brother to love". I remember when he was in the hospital, no matter how sick he was he always loved to see everyone that came in.

Brother Ermal was baptized in June of 1991 by Elders James Gannon and Rush Stanley. It was a rejoicing afternoon for all of us. He was so good to his children, grandchildren and especially his wife, Dolly. She said she could never be happy again because he was the love of her life. I know he didn't want to leave her, but after much suffering, he became willing to go.

Brother Ermal was a traveler who ventured fourth one day upon a long and winding road with faith and trust to lead the way, with strength and will to bear his load, and at a slow but steady pace, in cold of storm, in warmth of sun, he journeyed on from place to place and gained some value from each one, until at last one quiet night, he climbed a hill's soft rounding crest and saw afar a single light, that seemed to promise peace and rest. And following its glow, he came upon the house in which it shone. A voice inside called out his name, Brother Ermal, its time to come home.

Farewell our beloved Brother. Your soul is now in the hands of the great "I AM", who will cherish it and bring it back with him and reunite it with the body and we all shall go home rejoicing together.

Written with all my love by request for the family,  
Sister Geraldine Crigger



## MARY (JUDE) DUNCAN

In loving memory of our dear sister in the Lord. Sister Mary was the daughter of the late, Dave and Sarah Jude of Martin County, KY. She was born on March 21, 1905 and died on March 9, 2003. Sister Mary was married to Brother George Duncan on June 4, 1925 and to this union was born eight children. Pearl Duncan (deceased). George Duncan, Jr. (deceased), Sarah Moore of Inez, KY., Roxie Robinson (deceased), Marion Duncan of Pilgrim, KY, Helen Perry of Inez, KY, Beverly Seay, Moshien, TN and Betty Jean Duncan of Debord, KY. There are twenty five grandchildren and forty great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

Sister Mary gave her hand professing a hope in Christ and was baptized on the fourth Saturday in June, 1969 placing her membership with the old Sidney Church where she lived as a faithful member until death. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.



I have truly looked on Sister Mary as one of the sainted old mothers who lived out her life here on the earth, with so much love for her children her family and yes, her friends and their children in a way that there could be no doubt of the love in her heart which could only come from God.

There is great love in the heart's of God's people. Sister Mary had a large family, but still there was time for others, kind words and warm embraces and smiles as she greeted her neighbors and her children into her home. I am sure they all remember as they think of the joyous days of childhood.

Oh, children how deep does a mothers love go? Who so often on her knees in prayer she did go. Begging Jesus please watch over my loved ones. Angels please carry this message to the hearts of my children cause them to return to the home they once knew. We feel that our dear sister, mother and grandmother is at rest in that beautiful home.

Heaven, sweet Heaven, what a beautiful place it must be. Eye have not seen, ear have not heard, neither has it entered the hearts of man, the good things laid up in store, for them who love and serve him. But it is revealed unto us by the spirit.

I feel that our sister's soul is at rest in the Paradise of God awaiting that great morning of the Resurrection, what a glorious time it will be then for the ones who died in the triumph of a living faith. The soul and the body will reunite and hear the blessed words of Jesus, come ye blessed of my father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Praise God for this hope!

Elder Sabert Nichols

### BETTY LOU (LOWE) EDMISTON

As in the words from a wonderful old song, "being thankful to God for a Precious Father and Loving Mother. Old home scenes from our childhood with the fond memories. As I ponder, hope grows fonder. The precious memories, how they linger."

As the Bible tells us I Thessalonians Chapter 4 Verses 13 through 18. That ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. Them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout. With the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first: we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (Wherefore comfort one another with these words.)

With very precious memories and inspiration from God that I write my loving Mother's obituary. Betty (Mom) was born Oct. 6, 1934. A daughter of the late Forest Lacy Lowe and Luna Elizabeth Runyon Lowe. On August 16, 1954 Betty (Mom) was married to Alex Edmiston. To this union was born four children: two sons, George (Judy) Edmiston. and Alex Benjamin Edmiston. and two daughters, Sandra (Lawrence) Dingess, and Pennie (David) Copley. Also, leaving five grandsons and one granddaughter, one great grandson and one great granddaughter, whom she loved so dearly.

A brother preceded mom in death, Thomas Sherman Lowe and a sister, Mary Elizabeth Lowe. Two brothers, William F. (Connie) Lowe, and Harold Lowe survive her. Three sisters: Edith Joyce (Gary) Wellman, Bonnie Jean (Jim) Teeters and Rebecca Jane (Denny) Marcum.



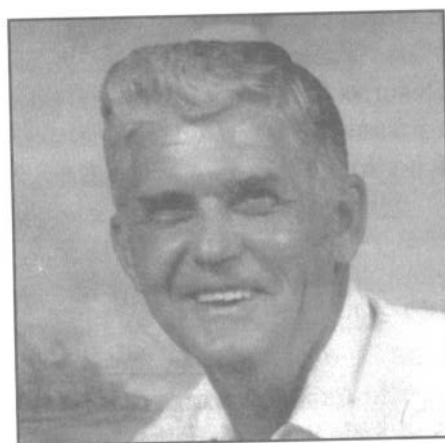
Betty (Mom) gave her hand to be baptized May 17, 2003 by Elder Wallace Muncy and Elder David Crigger becoming a member of Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church. She was blessed to take her first communion with her new family. Betty (Mom) remained hopeful of being well after surgery and partaking fellowship with the Church she had grown with since a child. Preparing many tables with her mother to feed the members down through the years.

She was surrounded by her loving family and friends when she went to sleep with Jesus. I am thankful to God for the peace and patience and faith Mom had. Her love for the little simple things in life. The testimony she lived helps to overcome some of the sadness of her absence from us.

Written by her son, George Edmiston

### JOE FLETCHER

It is with precious memories and a broken heart, that I will try to write the obituary of our loving husband and daddy, Joe Fletcher. Daddy was born to Jeff and Estie Fletcher on March 31, 1931. And departed this life to be with his sweet Jesus December 18, 2002. Daddy was married to Edna Moore, February 25, 1949. To this union was born five children. Carlos (Faye) Fletcher, Joann (Woody) Six, Kathy (Tommy) Allen, Darlene (Hurschel) Wright, all of Inez, KY, Johnny Ray (Angie) Fletcher of Yellowcreek. He also raised a sister, Dolly Maynard, whom he thought of as his child.



Two brothers, Oscar Fletcher and Henry Fletcher, two sisters, Margret and Gracie Fletcher and one great grandson, Bret Pinperon preceded him death.

Daddy also leaves behind his dad, Jeff Fletcher, six brothers: Arthur, Johnny, Matt, Glen, Arnold and Melvin; five sisters: Mae, Elizabeth, Marie, Lillian and Janet. He also leaves ten grand children and five great grandchildren, that he loved so much.

Daddy was baptized on the third Sunday in August, 1982 by the hands of Milford Lowe and Sabert Nichols. He always loved going to church and seeing his brothers and sisters in the Lord. He always got so happy. He loved to sing and his wonderful voice would fill the church house. You could always hear him over the entire congregation. I can remember him singing all the time at the house, especially at night.

Daddy was sick for almost twelve years with Alzheimer Disease. It was so hard to see him slip away from us little by little. He always said he wanted to go home and I believe that is what he did. Sometimes he would call out for one of us and when we would say his name he would often look up at us. I believe he knew but just couldn't respond. Sometimes we would take him to church at the Nursing Home and he would get such a blessing.

The morning Daddy died he suffered so hard all night, but before he passed away he looked up and very peacefully went to sleep.

We thank God for giving us such a wonderful Daddy, Grandpa and Great Grandpa. If he could I know he would tell his children and grandchildren to repent and give their life to the Lord. Our loss is Heavens gain.

Written by: Daughter and Sister  
In The Lord, Kathy Allen



## ARVEL FOUCH

In loving memory of Brother Arvel Fouch, born March 10, 1927 and departed this life on March 28, 2003 making his stay here seventy six years. Brother Arvel was born to the late, Elder John and Sister Virdilla (Blevins) Fouch. He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Dorthy Fouch and one son Scott (Loretta) Fouch of West Logan, WV and four daughters: Sharon Fouch, of Garrets Fork, WV, Anita Fouch of Charleston, WV, Dreama Fouch of Shinnston, WV and Tammy (Roger) Dempsey of Whitman, WV. He leaves three grandchildren: Destinee, John and Kristin. He also leaves two brothers, J.C. Fouch of Danville, WV and Jerry (Joyce) Fouch of Delbarton, WV and two sisters, Maxine (Tom) Harmon of Chapmanville, WV and Geraldine Hensley of Cow Creek, WV and several nieces and nephews who loved and miss him.



Brother Arvel Fouch came to the Tabitha Church in October, 1998 and was baptized by Elder S.D. Hensley and Elder Jack Robinette. Brother Arvel always enjoyed reading his Bible and talking about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and when anyone needed help in any way he was there. Brother Arvel was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him. You could feel the love ever time you came around him and I know he is sadly missed by all who knew him. I believe with all my heart that our loss is Heavens gain and some sweet day I hope to meet him again in Heaven land.

Written by his loving Nephew and Brother in Christ  
Elder James Hensley

## MINNIE MAE (MULLINS) GILMAN

Minnie Mae Mullins Gilman was born May 18, 1924 at Myrtle, WV and deceased this life October 30, 2002 being seventy eight years, five months and twelve days stay on Gods earth. She was the daughter of the late William O. and Rosa Ann (Runyon) Mullins.

Minnie was married to the late Grover Howard Gilman fifty eight years and to this union was born seven children: Grover Howard Gilman, Romney, WV, Donna Jean Brewer, Galipolis, OH, Danny Lee Gilman (died at birth), Delores Faye Mullins, Dingess, WV, Sharon Rose Gordon, Poca, WV and Felicia Ruth Jarnagin, Morristown, TN. In addition to her children she is survived by a sister, Julia Hall of Lenore, WV and twenty one grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. A sister, Nancy Jane White of Omar, WV died May 14, 2002.



In addition to her husband, Howard, she was preceded in death by two sons, Bernard Lee and Danny Ray Gilman, two brothers, Virgil and Ester Mullins and five sisters: Mary Mullins, Ollie Mullins, Lou Emma Hall, Molly Marcum, Bertha Lee Gilman.



Mother joined the Rebecca Church October 12, 1949 and was baptized by Elder W. C. Hay. Mother lived a faithful, devoted life and truly loved her Savior, and her church family. She was a loving and devoted Mother, a kind and wonderful neighbor and a wonderful homemaker and retired cook. She taught us children well of the Baptist faith.

To those of us she left behind her memories sweet and true that we will never forget. Her warm embrace when you needed it the most of her gentle yet strong hands that you knew would protect you as a child and we now as adults miss so very much. With great love and thankfulness for having such a wonderful Mother. We the children of Howard and Minnie Gilman are thankful that now our parents are together in the loving arms of Christ.

Written in loving memory of my precious mother  
By: Felicia Gilman Jamagin

### EMERSON H JARRELL

In loving memory and with the help of the Lord, we will try to write the obituary of a loving husband and wonderful and great dad.

Dad passed away on Saturday, May 31, 2003 at St Joseph Mercy Hospital at the age of 91. He was born January 27, 1912. He was the son of the late Andrew and Lina (Hardin) Jarrell. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Columbus and Clarence Jarrell and one sister Louise Malcomb. He is survived by one living sister, Lucille Backus of Rainelle, WV.

He is also survived by his loving wife, Nellie Jarrell. They were married for sixty three years and were the parents of seven children; four boys: Jimmy Jarrell of Orange Park, FL, David Emerson, Clarence E. and Stephen M. Jarrell, all of Michigan and three daughters: Betty J. Smith, Nellie R. Matney, and Cathy S. Yeoman, all of Michigan. He is also survived by seventeen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Dad was a member and Deacon of the Rose of Sharon Church of the Old Regular Baptist at South Rockwood, Michigan in the Northern New Salem Association. His original membership was at Little Rosie Church, Chattaroy, WV before moving to Michigan in October, 1990.

Dad will be missed deeply and forever by his wife, family, friends and all his church family. We all loved him so very much. He was such a meek, quiet and gentle man but God loved him more and took him home to rest in his heavenly home, where there will be no more sorrow and deaths.

Sleep on loved one, we will meet you some sweet day around the throne of God with all his children in Heaven. We will praise His sweet name forever and forever. Bless His Holy Name.



Written by:  
His lonely and broken hearted wife and children

## ROBERT EUGENE JUSTICE

It is through both great sadness and joy of heart that this obituary for Robert Eugene Justice be written. Robert, the son of Orville "Bob" Justice and Emogene Francis Justice, was born on September 22, 1950, in Buchanan County, Virginia. He resided the majority of his life in Pike County, KY, in the community of Kimper. Robert has left behind one sister, Drucilla Justice Dotson and one brother, Dennis B. Flagg. While attending college at Eastern Kentucky University, Robert met Robbie Ann Wilhoite. The two were married on June 12, 1970. As a result of their union, two children were produced: Chariety Lynn Justice Slone and Jason Orville Justice. Robert had one grandchild, Adrian Brooke Slone. After an elongated battle with colon cancer, Robert (52 years of age) departed his earthly home on October 8, 2002, at the Pikeville Methodist hospital.



Robert was a hard worker for his family, community, and church. The thirty years of his career were all found at the McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation. Through many long and often difficult hours he provided for his family so that they might have a decent and modest living. Robert was also a member of the Kimper Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. He served as a fireman (and often an officer) for twenty three years. He was also a licensed Emergency Medical Technician. Robert was noted as having once remarked that he was proud that he had positively touched most every family in his community. On December 24, 2001, Robert entered the family of the Lord by being baptized into the Little Virgie Old Regular Baptist Church of Kimper, KY. Though his years in the Lord may have been few, Robert's heart was great. He fervently and unconditionally worshiped his savior.

It is needless to say that Robert is and will continue to be greatly missed by many. He has left behind a legacy that none might forget. Though our hearts are burdened with an irreplaceable loss, by the grace of God we shall not falter. It is with the utmost love and appreciation for the life and memory of Robert Eugene Justice that these words are written.

Written by the Family of Robert Eugene Justice

## MARY ELIZABETH (MAYNARD) LOWE

It is with much sadness in my heart that I try to write this obituary for our loving Mother with the help of her other children.

Mommy was born on March 9, 1920 to Elijah and Virgie (Scott) Maynard. She had seven sisters and two brothers. Mommy married our daddy, Ben Lowe, on April 27, 1934. To this union was born ten children, Amajial (Sissy) and Butler Jude of Inez, KY, David and Vickie Lowe of Urbana, OH, Virgie and Eugene (Pop) Cantebury of Urbana, OH, Avery and Nanette Lowe of Urbana, OH, Lonnie Blevins of Urbana, OH, Vivian and Calvin Rowland of Urbana, OH, Gladys Moore of Delbarton, WV, Ethel and Dave Gore of Osmar, FL, and her youngest child, Nancy and Larry Dale Hall of Delbarton, WV. She had sixty



seven grandchildren and one hundred twenty one great grandchildren. Mommy left this world to be with Jesus on April 24, 2003, making her stay on Earth eighty three years, one month, and fourteen days.

Our daddy preceded her in death on April 12 1980. Her whole family will miss her.

She was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. Mommy as long as life goes on you will never be forgotten. We love you so much.

Written by: Lonnie Blevins with the help of all of her children

This is for you Grandma:

It's time for you to go now and take papaw's hand, let him guide you to Jesus and take your Master's hands. Grandma, tell Jesus we are waiting, we want to see him too! Grandma, I know you are going to love it there. Maw, watch over us and keep us in his care. Grandma, we all called you different things, like Maw-Mary, Granny, Grandma, Mommy, and Grandma Lo-Lo.

We thought so much of you. Grandma, enjoy your wings. You've waited so long!

Written by: Granddaughter, Bridget Blevins

### FLORENCE L. LOWE

My mother Florence Louvon ( Lou ) Lowe was born June 12, 1935 in Pike County. KY. She was sixty seven years old when she went to be with the Lord on Monday, September 16, 2002. She was the daughter of the late Leonard and Elkie ( Smith) Maynard. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Granville Lowe; one son, Robert Mitchell Lowe; three brothers, Philip, Quincey, and Ray Maynard; and one sister Patricia Phillips.



She is survived by one son, Kenneth Ray and wife Jackie Lowe of Chattaroy, WV; one grandson, Brian Keith and wife, Tonya Lowe of Valley View, Williamson, WV; one granddaughter, Sierra Faith Lowe of Valley View, Williamson, WV, who was born one month after mom died. She is also survived by one sister, Ernestine Maynard of Goody, KY.

Mom was a retired nurse's aid at the Williamson Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized by Elders Willis Lowe and Bobby Scott, Sr. on Saturday, July 12, 1979.

She loved children very much and was called ( Granny Lou ) by many of them. She has family and many friends who miss her very much. With memories of the past and tears in my eyes I write this obituary. We will be reunited once again in heaven, your loving son, Kenneth and family.

Written by Kenneth Lowe

## EUGENE MAY

It is an honor to try to write the obituary of my cousin and Brother in Christ. Eugene was born to the late William May and Mabel (Sturgill) May on November 29, 1936, making his stay here sixty six years and eight days.

He was preceded in death by one child, Ricky Dean, one brother, Charles Elmer and one sister, Oretha.

Surviving are his wife of forty three years, Sister Pauline (Maynard) May; four children: Penny (Joe) Davis, Eugene (Cassandra) May, Anna Elizabeth (Mike) Cline and John Paul May and five grandchildren: Brandon, Alisha, Marcie, Timmoth and Bethany. He loved his grand children so much. You could see the gleam in his eyes when he talked about them. He is also survived by four brothers: Arthur, John Henry, William David, Jr. and Alton May.

Eugene was baptized on May 21, 1961 and took membership with the Samaria Church. He was ordained as a Deacon on July 3, 1976 and he was an active member of the church and attended faithfully until his sickness. Although he was my cousin, I felt he was more of an older brother to me. I can remember when he would come to our home and sit with my dad, Elder Jeff May. They would sit for hours and talk on their favorite subject, the Bible. He is greatly missed by his family, friends and the Church.

We have many fond memories of Gene and look forward to the day when we can be together again around the throne of God.

Written by: Brother Larry May and Sister Mary Ann May



## DELPHIA MCKINNEY

Delphia McKinney was born June 9, 1921 in Pike County, KY. Delphia passed away October 10, 2002. She was eighty one years of age. Delphia was the daughter of the late Floyd and Flora Ratliff. She was preceded in death by her husband, Merel McKinney, seven brothers and one sister. She is survived by her son Leon Collins and wife, Debbie; step-son, Bobby McKinney; daughter, Joanne Adkins and husband, Roy; step daughters, Novella Epling and Judy Stewart. She is also survived by one Brother, Arson Ratliff; two sisters, Goldie Blackburn and Magalene West; six grand children and two great grandchildren. Delphia was a wonderful and loving person. She was much loved by all who knew her and is forever in our hearts. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister and a very special aunt.

Delphia loved to work. She retired after twenty five years as a cook at the Pikeville Elementary School. She loved the children and her coworkers, she always spoke about them with a smile. She was a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. A very special thank you to the sisters of the Bent Branch Church. Ministers Dale Williamson, Dewey Blackburn, Danny Runyon and Billy Williamson. Thanks for all the love and support, may God Bless you all. Thanks, also, to everyone who helped or said a prayer we so greatly appreciated it. We miss you but we know you have a better home. A star appeared to you one night and now we believe that you will shine in Heaven.



Written: By Her Family



## LONNIE MOUNTS

It is with a sad feeling and so many sweet memories that I try to write the obituary of my dear sweet Dad, Lonnie Mounts, who was born July 4, 1905 at Freeburn, KY. He was the son of John and Anna Mounts. He was married to Lenora Cline Mounts in the year of 1929. He was the father of four children; three sons and one daughter: Dennis Mounts of Laffett, TN, James Mounts of Cumberland, TN, Carlos Mounts of Taylor, MI and Retha Matney of Hurley, VA. He had six grand children, seven great grand children and two great- great grand children. In later years he married Lillie Arnett Morris who had two daughters who were dads step daughters; Ledna Morris Fields of Island Creek, KY and Audrey Morris Bentley of Taylor, MI.



My dad was a loving Father. I remember when we were small, dad would read from the family Bible before we went to bed. He would let us read a verse each and a lot of times he would hold prayer. That is something that never did leave us and he took us to church a lot of times. Sometimes we would ride a bus to church. He never wanted to miss church, that was his life. That one thing never did leave me. He was faithful to his home church. My dad put his whole life in the church. Back when he drove he would go to a lot of churches. Dad was blessed to sing those old time songs. When he would go to the Association you could hear his voice ring out. Dad had two brothers and one sister. He had one half brother.

Dad died July 2, 2002, making his stay on this earth ninety seven years and twenty one days. I miss Dad so much I don't guess that there is one day that rolls over my head that I don't think about him. I believe that he is resting in the Paradise of God, to wait the coming of the Lord. He is singing a new song now, he won't be lonesome any more; he won't have to spend any more lonesome hours at home. I believe he has a happy place now where he can rejoice day and night while the ages roll on. He will be there with Jesus around the white throne, when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand, the angel said my place was ready in heaven far above and that I would have to leave behind all those I dearly loved, but when I walked through heavens gates I'll feel so much at home for God looked down and smiled at me and told me welcome home. So, when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we are far apart for every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

Written by a broken hearted daughter, Retha Matney.

## TRULIE MAYNARD MULLINS

With a sorrowful heart we attempt to write the obituary of our dear mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother, Trulie (Granny) Maynard Mullins. Gran went to rest at 3:00 am, Saturday, June 14, 2003 at her home.

She was born March 9, 1914 at Dix Fork, Sidney, KY. She was the daughter of the late Richard and Sarah Ann Stanley Maynard. Gran was a homemaker and a member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church since the summer of 1943, almost sixty years. She was preceded in death by her husband of forty nine years, Dock Mullins, who passed away January 10, 1984. She was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.





She is survived by two sons, Arnold (Karol) Mullins of Marysville, OH and Lester (Liz) Mullins of Ocala, FL and two daughters, Leona Gannon and Mary Ann (James) Stafford of Sidney, KY. She is also survived by three sisters: Sally Cochran, Cora Evans and Helen Pinson of Belleview, FL, twelve grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

God granted Gran eighty nine years, three months and five days on this earth. The last five years confined to her home, unable to attend her beloved church, which she missed so much.

We miss Gran so much, but we know she isn't suffering anymore. We hope to meet her one day when she will say, "welcome home my children."

Funeral services were held at Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 16, 2003, with Lacy Walters and Richard Staton officiating. She was interred in the family cemetery at Dix Fork, Sidney, KY.

Written by family with love and remembrance

### MARY ALICE PACK

Mary Alice Pack, eighty three, of Beauty, KY, passed away Thursday, September 19, 2002 at her residence. She was born January 1, 1919 in Martin County, KY. She was the daughter of the late Elijah and Virgie (Fields) Muncy. Mary Alice was a retired postal clerk for the U.S. Postal Service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harlie Harrison Pack, one brother and four sisters. She is survived by a daughter, Shelba J. and her husband, Wilburt "Corky" Brown, of Beauty, KY; one sister, Ovie Moore of Pilgrim, KY and one granddaughter, Christi L. Brown of Cincinnati, OH.

Mary Alice moved out on her measure of faith and experienced a "New Birth in Christ." She was baptized by Elders Ed May and Wayne Herald on Saturday, October 3, 1970. She then took membership with the Buck Creek Church of the Old Regular Baptist. She was a faithful member and supporter of the church for almost thirty two years. Her picture hangs near her seat in the church. Prov. 31:10: "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."

GRIEVE NOT: Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow; I am the diamonds glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain; I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush; I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds In circled flight, I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there, I did not die.

On September 19, 2002, God called an Angel home. Mary Alice Pack. My mother was all those things: graceful and strong. She will be missed by those of us left behind.

Thank you to her church, friends and family that saw her through that last journey. Special thanks to her caregivers: Cora Stanley, Tonya Hinkle, Irene Pauley and Mandy Sexton and the community.

Many times I've heard my mother say, "Death can be beautiful." She was ready to go home.



The Family:  
Corky, Shelba, Christi Brown Ovie Moore

## BONNIE J. PINSON

With much sadness and sorrow, we will write this obituary of our dear mother, Bonnie J. Pinson. She was born April 23, 1942 in Pike County, KY. She passed on December 31, 2002. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, our father, Elder Charles Edward Pinson, one son, Dover Wayne Pinson, twin brother and sister, Donnie and Peggy Walters.

Mom was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Charles David Pinson of Hatfield, KY, and Kendall Q. Pinson of Danville WV; her twin brother, Ronnie Walters of Hatfield, KY; three grandchildren: Aryn Morgan Pinson, Kendall Raine Pinson and Seandra Ranae Childers, and a host of loving friends.

She is very sadly missed and we will meet her in Heaven some day.

Written by David and Sheri Pinson



## LAKIE R. POTTER

*Isaiah, 12-2: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my Strength and my song; he also is become my salvation 12:5: Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.*

With God's help, I will attempt to write the obituary of Sister Lakie Potter. She was born February 22, 1907 to Mary Sykes Ratliff and Alexander Ratliff, who preceded her in death, she died on April 23, 2003 at Munroe Regional Medical Center, in Ocala, FL. She lived a long and happy life and went to be with Jesus at ninety six years old. She loved her home and was blessed to be able to live there and take care of herself with some assistance until the last few weeks of her life.

A native of Ashcamp, KY, she was a resident of Ocala, FL for many years. Sister Lakie was a member of the Ashcamp Church at Ashcamp, KY, although she had not been able to attend there for several years. She often talked of all her friends at the Ashcamp Church and spoke very fondly of Brother Dallas Ramsey, whom she loved very much. She adopted Southern Home Church in Ocala, FL as her second home and liked to say she was the oldest member at Southern Home.

Sister Lakie was faithful to attend church as long as she lived. She was blessed to be able to participate in the "Sacrament" meeting (as she called it) at Southern Church on April 5, just a few days before she died. She didn't think she would be able to go and when I told her I could pick her up and bring her to church in her wheelchair, she cried and praised the Lord. She went to church Saturday morning and then stayed at mine and Brother Charley's house to wait for the communion meeting that evening. This had become a tradition over the years for her and Sister Anne Cline to come to our house on communion day. She rejoiced all day that day. At communion that night she would raise her hands and praise the Lord all through the meeting.



I believe she realized that it would be her last meeting. After church she said, "Sister Rebecca, I've rejoiced until I'm hoarse." Oh how happy she was that day! When we dropped her off that night it was almost ten o'clock and she was still happy.

When she went to the hospital just a few days later, she said that she had asked the Lord if it was not his will to heal her, just to take her on home to be with him. She prayed for her grandchildren right up until the end and God took her on home as she had asked him to do. She was so proud of her grandchildren and talked of them often. Survivors include her granddaughters, Kathy Clevinger-Magin, Ocala, FL and Marsha L. Sturgill, Pike County, KY; grandsons, Dr. Sidney E. Clevinger, Ocala, FL, George B. Potter, Pike County, KY, Ernest Potter, and Dallas R. Potter, both of Kentucky; fifteen great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Potter; sons, Buford Potter and Dallas Potter and daughter, Lucille Clevinger.

Sister Lakie looked forward to having a birthday cake each year at Southern Home Church and her smile was especially bright as all of her brothers and sisters sang "Happy Birthday" to her. Her seat is empty that she faithfully filled for so many years at Southern Home Church. Her little stool that she put her feet on in church is still there but we need nothing to remind us of her because she lives on in the hearts of her grandchildren and each member and friend at the churches which she attended. We believe that if we live faithful and true to the same God that she served so joyfully for so many years we can all meet her in that land that she loved to sing about. Sister Lakie wrote in her song "I want to live so I'll be ready on that day when Jesus comes" I believe that she was ready when Jesus called her home to be with him.

To Kathy, who took such wonderful care of her and to all of her other grandchildren and friends I would like to say: Don't weep for "Mamaw" because she is now safe in the arms of Jesus, the one she sang about and rejoiced about for so many years.

Written by her Sister-In-Christ, Rebecca Jarrell

### ELIZABETH PREECE

With a lonely and very broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of our sweet dear mother, Elizabeth Preece. Mother passed away in Logan General Hospital on October 25, 2002, at the age of eighty seven. She had all her children and family by her side. She was born June 20, 1915, to Amos and Julie Evans. She was the last living of their thirteen children. She was also preceded in death by her husband John, daughter and son-in-law, Pauline and Clifford Workman. She was survived by her children: John Warren (wife Myrtle) of Rt 1 Delbarton, WV, Homer Ray (wife Pam) and Barbara (husband Duane) Annaable of Columbus, OH, Jerry David (wife Cynthia) of Baltimore, OH, Mary (husband Gary) Edwards of True, WV, Wallace (wife Delores) of Rt. 1 Delbarton, WV, Robert (Barb) of Granville, OH. Twenty grandchildren, thirty eight great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.



Mom was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. She belonged to the church fifty years and two months. She was baptized in August, 1952. She loved the church.

She tried to go as often as she could. She would read the Bible most of the time. When you would go to see her, a lot of the times, she would be reading the Bible. She would say, "This is how I get through the day."

Mom was a very loving and sweet person. She saw good in everyone. She was loved so very much by her family and friends. She made each one of her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchild feel special. She said they each one had a special need and place in her heart. The ones that lived close to her would go in several times a day to check on her or just to give her a hug and kiss and to tell her they loved her. She also made her children feel a special kind of love and need. Mom just had a way to make everyone feel special and loved.

Because Mom had the Love of the Lord in her Heart, she wanted every one she knew to feel that love and know the Lord. She would say, "How happy you can be with the Love of the Lord in your Heart." Most of all she wanted all of her children to give their life to the Lord and get to know that kind of Love, Peace and Happiness.

Mom is resting peaceful with no more pain, heartaches and no more tears. Taking her peaceful sleep until that final day. She left her Light Shining. Hoping all her children, family and friends would follow.

She is sadly missed everyday.  
Daughter, Mary Edwards

### LILLIAN MARIE (YOUNG) RAY

It is with a sad and lonely heart that we try to write the obituary of a wonderful person, our mother, Lillian Marie (Young) Ray. She was born to John and Fannie Elizabeth (Slone) Young on March 18, 1930 in Pike County, KY. She was united in marriage to another wonderful person, Wayne (Bob) Ray and to this union was born six children. Three sons: Scotty Wayne Ray of Varney, KY, Johnny James Ray of Gulnare KY and Bobby Keith Ray of Varney, KY and three daughters: Nadine Jones of Stone, KY, Linda Gail Blackburn of Varney, KY and Lenna Mae Dotson of Zebulon, KY. Mom left behind to mourn her loss nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.



Mom worked as a homemaker and a caretaker all of her life taking care of everyone she loved.

Mom was baptized December 28, 2002 placing her membership with Pilgrims Home Regular Baptist Church. God took her home April 10, 2003, making her stay here seventy three years and twenty three days. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne (Bob) Ray on November 28, 2000. She was also preceded in death by her sister; Mary Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY; two infant sisters, Maudie and Gertrude; one infant brother, Junior Young and one brother, Ester Young of Ohio. She has one brother, Elbert Lee Young and one sister, Eunice Burch.

Mom came from a home full of love and humbleness. We were so blessed to have a mother so full of love for each person she came in contact with. Our home was a home where there was more than just her children growing up. She was a refuge for all the families that came and went throughout her life. The love Mom had for Dad, her children and family could not be measured in any words. It was an unconditional love; no matter what she was always there.

Mom was taken sick with heart problems in October. Then in December she was diagnosed with lung cancer. She had such hope of beating this and getting better to spend time with the ones she loved but it was not meant to be. It was not Gods Will.



So many times Mom would wonder will this work and then she would reply, "only if it be Gods Will." Mom, you will never be gone because of the love you have instilled in all of us. So, Mom you will never suffer anymore. Those hands you had outstretched in the hospital and those eyes so sparkling blue and beautiful looking towards Heaven will always remain in our heart pulling each of us ever closer towards you.

With All Our love, Your Lonely Children

### FLOSSIE ROBINETTE

Flossie Robinette, age eighty five of Varney, KY was born on February 15, 1918 in Piso, KY. She was the daughter of the late J. H. Blackburn and Effie Maynard Blackburn. She departed this life following an extended illness on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at the Pikeville Health Care Center. In life her occupation was that of a homemaker. She was a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Varney, KY. She was married to Homer Robinette, who preceded her in death. She is survived by one son and one daughter: Ralph Robinette of Paintsville, KY and Pauline Stepp of Varney, KY; one sister, Elsie Williamson of Virginia. She was preceded in death by seven brothers and one sister: Ralph Blackburn, Harmon Blackburn, Edgar Blackburn, Benjamin Blackburn, Henry Blackburn, Walter Blackburn, Chester Blackburn, and Lois Harrison. There are five grand children, eleven great grandchildren and a host of many relatives and friends who mourn her passing.



### EDNA MAE STANLEY

In our deepest hour of sadness, we are writing the obituary of our loving mamma, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, confidant, and friend, Edna Mae Stanley. Mamma was born February 17, 1926 and was called home by the Lord March 22, 2003. Her parents Marvin Cline and Virgie (Bowling) Cline preceded her death. Also, preceding her in death were brothers: Jack Cline, Levon Cline, Marvin Cline Jr., Roscco Caines, Waltha Cline, and sister, Minta Jane Hensley and two grandsons, James and Christopher Hunt. She leaves behind her loving husband, Lee Roy Stanley of fifty five years; daughter, Loretta Hunt; brothers, Virgil Cline of Varney, KY and James Cline of Litchfield, MI and sister, Jacqueline Beene of Springport, MI.

Edna and Lee Roy were married December 24, 1947. They gave birth to a daughter, Loretta (Stanley) Hunt, born May 3, 1949. Edna has two surviving grandchildren, Jason Lee Hunt and Jennifer Leigh Stanley, and one great grandchild, Anastasia Lynn Hunt. She also left behind a host of nephews and nieces.

Mamma was baptized by the hands of Brother Ralph Caudill and Brother Arvid Blevins of Little Ida Church in Ecorse, MI April 15, 2001. She placed her membership at Pilgrims Rest Church of Varney, KY, May 12, 2001.





Mamma was ill with cancer and she fought long and hard to overcome her sickness, but despite all the pain and suffering she went through, she never lost her faith and hope in the Lord.

She never complained about anything and took everything in stride. Although we lost a very precious and dear person in our life that we will never forget and always cherish her love, insight, and spontaneity for life and forever keep her in our hearts.

By: Jason Hunt and Jennifer Stanley

### **GEORGE KELLY STANLEY**

George Kelly was seventy years old and shared forty six years of his life with his beloved wife, Mildred ,who stood by him; her devotion to him unwavering, loving him, supporting him and comforting him. In those forty six years, they were constant companions and friends.

Brother George Kelly is survived by his wife Mildred Stollings Stanley. He is also survived by one brother, Trimble Stanley. Brother George Kelly was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin Stanley and Emma Brown Stanley, three brothers and six sisters.

Brother George Kelly lived in Cincinnati, OH thirty years and retired from Manville Forrest Printing Company. Upon retirement he relocated to Hardy, KY where he later became an active member and faithful Deacon of the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church.

His handy work at the church will serve as a reminder of Brother Kelly's love for the Lord. His love and dedication to God will remain a light for all those that follow.

Brother George Kelly is going to be missed by a host of friends and family. He touched the lives of countless people. Whether a hospital visit, a handshake, a pat on the back or a smile you knew he cared. Our family in particular has suffered a great loss. He loved us and we loved him in a very special way. He brought laughter and joy to our lives. Brother George Kelly was always there when you needed him and he never asked for anything in return. Although, our hearts are broken today, we rejoice for him in the knowledge that his suffering is over and he has gone to be with the Lord. Goodbye for now, Kelly, our next family reunion will be in Heaven.

Sadly missed by wife and family



### **MARIE STANLEY**

Marie Williamson Stanley, eighty nine years old of Canada, KY, died Saturday, March 1, 2003 at Parkview Nursing Home, Shalbiana, KY. She was buried the Williamson Cemetery Canada, KY.

She was born June 21, 1913 in Pike County, KY. She was a daughter of the late Otis Williamson and Vicy Williamson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Stanley and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a caregiver, Sandra Blackburn of Sidney, KY, brother Tunis Williamson of Versailles, KY and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral service were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday March 4, 2003 at Rogers Funeral Home with Ministers Lacy Walters and others officiating.

Sister Stanley was a homemaker and member of the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church.

## GLADIS STATON

It is with a sad and heavy heart, I write this about our Mommy. Mommy left us to go be with Jesus Jan.9, 2003. Mommy wanted to go for a long time. She used to call out at night for her mommy and poppy to come to her. I believe she was a little afraid and she needed them to light her path to heaven. In the end when Jesus called for her she was ready to go. She had given her heart to Jesus several years before and she knew what was waiting for her. She left us with a love of life and a love for each other and the love of God. Mommy loved everyone and everyone loved her. She did not meet any strangers. She lived her life as a gentle, kind and caring person. Mommy kept us together after Daddy died. There is a strong bond between us that was created and nurtured by Mommy, Daddy and Jesus. We will never be alone.



Mommy was born February 16, 1925 to Asbury and Estie Walters Francis. She gave up both of them to God in the same year. Mommy had two brothers and three sisters. Four of them preceded her in death. She has one living sister, Mexie Robinette. Mommy married our dad, Burl Staton, December 5, 1941. To this union was born nine children. Two died at birth, and one, Alice Marie, died at three months. Six of us remain; Gail, Richard, Garrett, Darrell, Tammy, and Jackie. Mommy was blessed with twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. All of them were a special joy to her and she loved them so much.

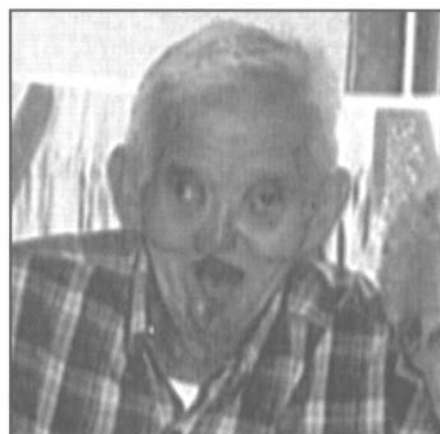
I really believe Mommy knew what was waiting for her on the other side. I think she got a glimpse of supreme peace and tranquility in the last days. All her children have changed with her passing in different ways. One thing remains the same for all of us. She left us with a truth that Jesus is real and he made a way for us to be with her one day by following in her footsteps. Sadly missed and forever in our hearts and our children.

Words written by her loving daughter, Tammy Maynard  
Thoughts are from all of us, The Staton Family

## PERRY WALLACE TAYLOR

With a heavy heart and loving memories I will write the obituary of a loving husband, daddy and Papaw.

Wallace Perry Taylor was born on May 23, 1925 to the late Burlie and Louise Taylor in Pike County, KY. Daddy left this world to be with Jesus on July 26, 2003. Daddy was baptized Sunday July 13, 2003 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital and his name was added to the Big Branch Church in Brushy, "What a wonderful day". The comment he had when he came out of the water was "I love you all!" During his stay in the hospital he would say, "I can't wait to get out and go to church" but the good Lord had other plans for daddy, instead he chose to take him home.



He was preceded in death by one daughter, Glenda Sue Taylor and one grand daughter, Glenda Lynn Taylor. He leaves behind his wife of fifty seven years, Nelva Hazel Taylor of Lower Johns Creek (Sycamore Road) and four children, three sons: James Larry Taylor of Vermilion, OH, Randall David Taylor and Danny Glenn Taylor of Sycamore Road; one daughter, Betty Flo Bentley of Little Creek Road. Also, four grandsons and three grand daughters that were the joy of his life.

He worked hard for his family around gas rigs and logging until a gun accident left him disable. After that he worked everyday farming and gardening to make a living for his family. Daddy was a person that loved spending time with his family, especially going bass fishing with his sons. On holidays he would always say, "All I want is a good dinner and my children and grand children around me."

We would like to thank everyone for their many kind words and wonderful stories that have been told to us about our dad. They will be treasured in our hearts forever. There will be a huge void in our lives without him, but by the grace of God I'll meet my daddy again in Heaven some sweet day.

Written by a broken hearted, but thankful  
Daughter, Betty Bentley

### PHYLLIS WHITEFORD

It is with love and respect that I write the Obituary for my mother, Phyllis Ann Whiteford. She fought a hard and courageous fight against lung cancer. On February 25, 2003, God proved to us he only takes the best. My mother was the most loving and giving person I knew. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She was born on September 15, 1943, to Dover and Dixie (Pinson) Francis. She was the oldest of four girls. Her sisters Patty Bevins, Joan Blackburn, and Gail Cornish were not only special to her they were her friends. Her daughters Iva Lands and Kimberly Fannin will always carry her in their hearts. The most special people in her life were her grandchildren: Jennifer and Heather Lands and Dakota Fannin. They will never forget her loving words and gentle hands. She was laid to rest on March 1, 2003, in the Pinson Family Cemetery in Sidney, KY. She was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Old Regular Baptist Church.

So even though we had her for such a short time she made such an impact on our lives. It was hard to let her go but we knew that God had more important things in store for her. She was our angel, now she is everyone's. I feel truly blessed to be called her daughter. Thanks mom for everything.

Written by: Iva



### FANNIE (STATON) WILLIAMSON

A beautiful Lady within and without she never wavered from her steadfastness in serving the Lord Jesus Christ and her family. Armed with Faith, Virtue, Patience and Love, she faced the daily joys, sorrows and hardships that mark the ninety five years of her life. The heart of her husband did safely trust in her and her children call her blessed. "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." (Proverbs Chapter 31, Verse 31).

Fannie was born September 7, 1907, in Pike County, KY, the daughter of Willard and Laura (Reed) Staton. At seventeen years of age she was married to Floyd Williamson on December 24, 1924, by Elder Ester Hopkins. Seven years later, on November 8, 1931, she was baptized by Elder Ester Hopkins and Elder Jonah Bevins and in December, 1931, was received into Fellowship, by the Salem Church of Old Regular Baptist at Goody, Ky.



There she remained a faithful, productive and cherished member and Deaconess until departing this life in the Arms of Jesus on February 12, 2003. Fannie was a seamstress for over fifty years at Roberts Morris Clothing Store in Williamson, WV.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, who also was a member and Deacon of the Salem Church; and two children, Lois and Jack Donald; four sisters, Inis Harmon, Zenna Ferguson, Gladys Runyon and Alice Felty; and two brothers, Carl and Troy Staton. She is survived by two daughters, Joann (Frank B.) Smith of Matewan, WV and Muriel (Jimmy) Ireson of Upper Marlboro, MD; daughter-in-law, Helen Williamson of Forest Hills, KY; two brothers, Woodrow and Richard Staton, both of New Iberia, LA; a sister, Mildred Blackburn of Goodman Manor, Williamson, WV; nine grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; one step grandchild; and six step great grandchildren.

Fannie was laid to rest beside her husband and children in the Staton Family Cemetery at Forest Hills, Pike County, KY.

### The Family

### **JAMES L. WILLIAMSON, JR.**

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of my "Daddy." Daddy and Mom made their home with us for the last five years of his life. He was very sick in 1998, I went to his home and stayed for a month. The Doctors there had pretty much given up on him. My Mom was not able to care for the both of them, so I brought them home with me. By the Lord's Grace, the doctors here were able to get him on his feet once again and he had a decent five years while living in Virginia.

He went to be with the Lord on July 1, 2003. He was seventy five years of age when the Lord called him home. Daddy was a retired N & W Railroad worker. He was preceded in death by his parents, James L., and Belle Francis Williamson.

He is survived by his wife of fifty eight years, Elsie Blackburn Williamson. Five children, Billy (Judy) Williamson, Bobby (Jane) Williamson, Mark T. (Kaye) Williamson, Danny (Cathy) Williamson, and Annetta (Eddie) Nelson also survive him. Two brothers, Ralph and Kenneth and two sisters, Betty Ruth Lowe and Joyce Young survive him. He has nine grandchildren, two step grandchildren, three great grandchildren and five step grandchildren.

He was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church. Due to his many health problems he had not got to attend Church very much in his last years. He told his family he was ready to go and he also told the preacher in Virginia that he was ready and tell his family that he loved them.

It is our feeling that he closed his eyes in this world that day only to open them again in Glory. The Bible tells us "Let not your heart be troubled, for in my Fathers house are many mansions, I have gone to prepare a place for you, if it were not so, I would have told you. Those of us that are saved will see Daddy again in one of those mansions.

It broke our hearts to loose you after being sick for many years, but you did not go alone, part of us went with you the day God called you home. The angels are rejoicing. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

We love you; we miss you, and long for that day when we will see you again.

Written by daughter: Annetta Nelson

Sadly missed by his wife, his children, and their families.





## MARY (YOUNG) WILLIAMSON

Mary (Young) Williamson passed away December 4, 2002. By the help of the Lord we will try to write the obituary of our Mother, our momaw, Mary Williamson.

Mary was born October 5, 1911 into the family of Harvey and Elizabeth Young. Mary married Marshall Williamson on April 14, 1928. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized by Brother Bazil Robinette and Brother Emmitt Case.

Mary was the last remaining member of her natural family. Her mom and dad, Harvey and Elizabeth Young; her brothers: Cecil, Carl, Willie; her sisters, Virgie Murphy, and Welthy Taylor, all preceded her in death. Also, preceding her in death, her husband and two daughters: Marshall Williamson, Betty Jean Williamson and Lois Robinette; daughter-in-law, Yuvonne Williamson; grandson in law, Darvel Maynard and grand daughter-in-law, Angie Walters.

Left to morn our precious Mother: David and Rosa of Ypsilanti, MI and their family, Bennie Lee and Bessie Jane of Varney, KY and their family, James Clinton and Irene Williamson of Sidney, KY and their family, Lois's husband, Tobie Robinette of Ypsilanti, MI and their family, Mary and James Robinette of Ypsilanti, MI and their family, Barbara and Gary Ratliff of Spring City, TN and their family, Vera Faye and Lonnie Walters of Varney, KY and their family, Dale and Patricia Williamson of Zebulon, KY and family, Debbie and Clifton Stanley of Pikeville, KY and their family. She had sixteen grand children, twenty seven great grand children, five great-great grandchildren and a host of Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, and friends and neighbors.

Momaw was called away by our loving Savior Jesus Christ and our lives will never be the same. Our old home place will still be there but there will be a void. Just as it was when papaw Marshall left this world. We won't have the comfort and wisdom of their love and understanding.

We will miss them so much but their Spirit will still be with us. It may come in many different forms. Maybe the smell of something cooking on the stove, something fresh baked that tastes so good, or a cool breeze on a hot summer day. Whatever it is that God sends you must cherish it. We all have something special to take with us today. Knowing her life and how she lived for the Lord so many years. She endured many hardships and losses in her life but she traveled by faith in the Lord. She loved her family more than any natural thing. She loved her cats and flowers around her porch. She was particular about things. I suppose that is where Aunt Lois inherited her ways from.

I remember when we were growing up; in the evening Momaw would prepare supper, making sure we all had enough to eat. I remember when family members would be on the road coming home she would not sleep until they got here and she would always have them something to eat and when they were safe at home her prayers were answered. She could rest.

She is resting now from all her labors, her work is finished. Her sorrows and pains are over. She will be with our family that has gone on waiting for the rest of us to come; getting everything prepared for eternity with us if we will obey the voice of Jesus and turn our lives over to him. Remember her council, be good to each other, love one another and love the Lord. I thank God for our Mother, our Momaw, our friend. I plan on joining her someday and be with Jesus, forever. I hope you all will join us. Be prepared for you don't know the hour or day. All our lives are as they are because God gave a young man, our papaw a mind to find that virtuous woman we call Mom, we call Momaw.



Written by the family



## FRANCES SULLIVAN WOODS

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of a most precious sister, Frances Sullivan Woods. She was born March 14, 1914 and exchanged this unfriendly world for a peaceful rest in the Lord on June 11, 2003. In the year of 1931, July 11, she married Elder Wes Woods, who preceded her in death on August 7, 1993. They had sixty three years together as husband and wife. To this union six children were born; three sons and three daughters. The sons are John Westley, William Edward, and David. The daughters are Margaret Louise, Edith Marie, and Mary Evalyn. They also had grandchildren, great grandchildren and many friends and family to morn their loss.



She and Brother Wes were members of Mount Olivet Church in the Philadelphia Association, before bringing their letters to Little Tavie Church in Point Pleasant, WV where they remained faithful members and a great support to the little Church until the death Angel called them home. But, we feel our loss is Heavens gain.

My daughter was close to them and she kidded Brother West. On one occasion, she told Brother West that Sister Frances looked young enough to be his daughter. He never let her live that down, they were both loved and respected by all, so what more can I say. This is a great loss to the children and all the family, brothers and sisters in the church, many friends, so to the children and grandchildren. David wrote, she can no more come to you, but by the grace of God, you can go where I believe she is. And if she could speak, no doubt she would say, "Weep not for me, but weep for yourself and your children, and remember there is a Heaven to gain, and a hell to shun."

Some will say as they view the body, "she looks good." But, Oh my God, people, think of how she will look on that morning with that glorified body. As the Bible says, "Sorrow not as others who have no hope, praise the God of Heaven." God bless you all is my prayers.

Written by a Brother in hope, Elder William H. Cochran

## ELKIE YOUNG

In loving memory of our dear Mother and our granny who is very much missed. She was born February 10, 1916. She passed away January 10, 2003 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital at 8:15 p.m. at the age of eighty six years young.



She joined the Pilgrims Home Old regular Baptist Church in 1939. She was the daughter of the late Rudolph and Lizzie Sesco. She was born in Kentucky. She was united in marriage on July 30, 1938 to Coodler Young. They were married for eleven years before he passed on in July 11, 1949. Her survivors include; two daughters, Joyce Young Roberts and Lois Young Tackett; two sons, Paul Young, Jr. and James Leonard Young; one brother, Junior Sesco and her sixteen grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in her death by; her grand daughter, Lois Jean Young Cantrell; her sister, Elsie Lawson and brothers: Leonard Sesco, Oliver Sesco and Denny Sesco.

Our Granny, which everyone called her, was one of the truly out spoken persons of the family. She always said what was on her mind, no matter if it was good or bad she spoke it. There never will be another Granny like ours. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Written by her grand daughter.

Dianna M. Hamn and Family

**OBITUARIES**  
**of**  
**FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH**

**CALVIN C. BEVINS**

It is with a heavy heart I Will attempt to write an obituary of my beloved husband and soulmate of forty four years, two months and fourteen days to be placed in the friends section of the minutes of Old Regular Baptist, that he loved so dearly.

Calvin Clyde Bevins was born to Clyde and Zetta Bevins September 5, 1929. His mother passed away in 1939. He had a very much honored and loved stepmother, Goldie Bevins Scalf. He attended the Salem Church and all the sister churches traveling with his father, Clyde, and grandfather, Elder Jonah Bevins for many happy years.

Calvin and I were married on March 16, 1948. To this union was born two beautiful children, Dennis Calvin, November 2, 1948 and Diana Faye, January 14, 1951.

Calvin was baptized at hands of Elder Jonah Bevins and Elder B. Harrison Bevins, his grandfather, Poppy, and great uncle, Harrison. He was ordained as Deacon in 1954 and served the church many years.

Calvin worked for the Norfolk and Western Railroad, was a member of Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of the United States and Canada. He started out as Chaplin, became Local Chairman, Lodge 454 Williamson, WV. In 1962 he was elected General Chairman, which required he transfer with his family to a residence in Roanoke, VA. We never returned to Goody, KY to live. He served as Clerk and Deacon as long as it was feasible, then he resigned those duties from the Salem Church. He continued to serve as General Chairman until 1975, becoming General Vice President which required so very much travel. In 1983, he then became Secretary/Treasurer of the Labor Newspaper in Washington, D.C. In 1986 failing health required him to retire to his home in Roanoke, VA.

Calvin and myself attended the Salem Church several years, traveling back and forth was too hard. We then in 1977 asked the Salem Church to remove our names from the Record Book. We then affiliated ourselves taking membership with the Oakland Baptist Church, on statement of faith. He later became Deacon and served until his death. Leaving the Salem Church was one of the greatest losses and hardest decisions of our lives, our family and friends were made over some thirty years. Calvin was a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner, Member of Pleasants Lodge #63 AF&FN, Kazim Temple and Scottish Rites Bodies.

His funeral was held May 30, 1992 at the Oakland Baptist Church. Left to mourn his loss; beloved wife, Fairlene; wonderful son, Dennis Calvin; precious daughter, Diana Faye Tickle and her husband, Jimmie, ;brother, Kenneth Lee Bevins, Salem, VA; sisters, Mrs. A.D. (Ruby) Blackburn, Forest Hills, KY, Mrs. Glen (Rowena) Nickels and Mrs. William R. (Priscilla) Pendleton, both of Gate City, VA; a grandson, Chadwich Michael Tate and granddaughter, Cane Diane Tate, both of Tampa, FL. They were their Granddaddy's pride and joy. He adored all of his family and made it known anywhere he went.

That precious body was buried in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Roanoke, VA with Masonic Graveside Rites.

It has been twelve years and three months and our hearts still ache, not having that smile, presence and sweet voice with us. We will all meet again some day, where there will be no more separation.

His Loving Wife, Fairlene Bevins



## DENNIS CALVIN BEVINS

My second great loss came on April 8, 2001 when our first born and only son died in my arms and his own bed. Dennis Calvin Bevins was given to us by God on November 2, 1948, who was always a joy to his father, me and his sister, Diana. Our hearts can never be repaired in this lifetime. We will be void of his loving ways. His niece, Cane and nephew, Chad, really loved "Uncle Dennis never being married, no children of his own, he claimed them as his."



Dennis Calvin was given to us November 2, 1948, until April 8, 2001, making his stay on earth fifty two years and five months, such a short life, but with all the lives he touched, the most rewarding profession there could ever be, Special Needs Children, Disabled Adults, Handicaps was his aim in this life.

Dennis Calvin was always a joy to his Daddy and myself. He and Diana were so close in this life. The void for him is tremendous. We only have the resurrection in which to again meet our wonderful son and brother.

Dennis and Diana both accepted Jesus as their Saviour at the same time. Baptized in the water for the petition of their sins, immersed together in September, 1971, Oakland Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA.

Dennis was Special Education Coordinator for Roanoke City Schools for thirty one years, beginning as a teacher. After completing Undergraduate Work at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA he acquired his Masters in Education at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.

His teaching career with Special Needs Children and their transition to the community was what he lived and loved to do. He was widely known and respected for his dedication to and compassion for Special Needs Children.

A very strong supporter for Special Olympics, a Loyal member of the Council for Exceptional Children, receiving the Jenny Brewer Award, recognizing the Outstanding Special Education Teacher of the Year in the Roanoke Valley. Among his many community activities was a seat at the Mennick Education Center and involvement with the Local Mayors Committee for People with Disabilities.

Survivors are an adoring mother, Fairlene; beloved sister, Diana; her husband, Jimmie; niece, whom he adored; Carie Diana and a nephew, he worshiped, Chad Tate and wife, Aukeysia. He also left a host of family and friends, colleagues, and co-workers who loved him.

He was buried beside his daddy, which was his request, in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Roanoke, VA.

My precious Calvin and Dennis are together awaiting the resurrection where some glad day we can be together. There will be no more sickness, pain, separations. They never said Goodbye, and gone before we knew it, only God knows a million times we have needed you both, a million times we have cried.

In life we loved you both dearly, in death we love you more. It broke our hearts to lose you, however, you did not go alone, for a part of us went with you the day God took you to your Home.

Sadly Written By Your Mother, Hope to Meet You  
Some Glad Day, Fairlene Bevins

## TILDEN CHAPMAN, JR.

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of Tilden Chapman, Jr.; loving Husband, Daddy, and Papa.

He was born November 30, 1925. He was the son of Tilden and Mary Etta Varney Chapman of Stone, KY. His parents and six brothers and four sisters preceded him in death. He has one living brother and one living sister, Scott Chapman of Columbus, OH and Vivian Osborne of Randall, WA.



He met and married Eliza Ellen Bryant on October 9, 1947. To this union was born twelve children. Three preceded him in death: Donnie Chapman, Russell Dean Chapman and Gary Neal Chapman. He passed away February 18, 2003 leaving behind his loving wife of fifty five years, Eliza Ellen Chapman; four sons: Larry Chapman of Nelsonville, OH, Phillip (Irene) Chapman of Ypsilanti, MI, Benny (Sandy) Chapman of Hardy, KY and Randall (Pam) Chapman of Hardy, KY; five daughters: Gloria (Earl) Adkins of Ypsilanti, MI Sherry (Bobby) SESCO of Hatfield, KY, Noreen Chapman of the home, Jennifer (Robert) Moore of Hardy, KY and Beverly (Keith Burgess) Chapman of Hardy, KY. He was blessed with twenty loving grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews and many friends whom he loved so very much.

I would like to say to all of his grandchildren and great grand children, he loved all of you so very much. You kept him young and gave him laughter. You guys were his joy. Remember all the good times. When you get lonely for him just close your eyes and think of him and all of your fun times together and how you could make him laugh and then you can smile.

To all his children, he will always be with us, wherever we go and whatever we do. We will always be able to hear him telling us what to do. Letting us by with some things but stopping us before we go too far.

To all his sons and daughters in-law, to him you were his own children. He loved you as he loved us. And all the children growing up around him, he was papa to all.

To Mommy, he loved his (Lad) so very much. He would do anything as long as we told him you wanted it. You kept him going, when we thought he would give up, you would give him that extra strength and then he would push on.

I want all of you to know that he prayed and prayed. He told us that every waking minute he was talking to the Lord. Then he told me if he could stay asleep that he would be all right. So believing in the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that if we want to see Daddy again, we have to go where he is.

So sleep on Daddy, one day, we will see you again. You won't have any more heart trouble or lung problems. You will be able to see and climb those hills of yours again. I believe you are standing on top of the mountain now.

With all the love in the world  
Your loving family



## LUTHER FIELDS

With lots of fond memories running through my mind, I will try to write the obituary of my precious daddy, Luther Fields.

Daddy was born on August 1, 1921. He was the son of the late Ransom and Katie Howard Fields. He was preceded in death by one brother, Nicholas Fields and one sister, Ethel Fields Canada. Daddy passed away on April 4, 2003, making his stay on God's footstool, eighty one years, eight months, and three days. Left to mourn his passing is his companion of nearly sixty four years, Norma Hanners Fields; two sons, Billy (Ruth) Fields and Bobby (Norma Jean) Fields, both of Pikeville, KY; six grandchildren, four great grandchildren and three nephews and a host of friends and neighbors. Dad and mom filled their seats in church nearly every Sunday, as long as he was able. Daddy always had tears in his eyes. Daddy was very sick for the last year and a half that he lived. I expected to hear good news from him nearly everyday, but it never came.



Friends if you don't know Jesus, I urge you to start today. I pray that we can all be together in Heaven someday.

Written with love by his son, Brother Bobby Fields

## TIMOTHY HALL

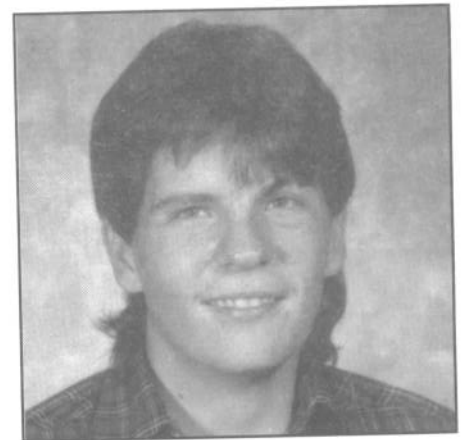
My loving, precious son Timothy Hall was born September 16, 1970. He was the son of Imogene Aldridge Hall and John David Hall. Grandson of Mabel and Charles Hall and Flossie and Marion Aldridge. Tim had one brother, David Keith Hall. Tim was preceded in death by his dad, John David Hall and grandparents, Charles Hall and Marion Aldridge.

On February 1, 1992, he married Rebecca Lynn Salmons and to this union was born two children, Jessica Erin and John Jacob, of whom he loved dearly and proudly.

He was such a happy child, always smiling. He had a warm heart and was very humble. He would give the shirt off his back if he knew you needed it. He loved to try to invent things. Tim developed several illnesses throughout his young adult years.

He graduated from Tug Valley High in 1988. He went on to diesel mechanic school in Maryland and from there he worked a short time as a diesel mechanic. Tim later became a truck driver for his dad, John David Hall, and later became self-employed.

In 1999, Tim called upon God to forgive him and was baptized. On December 27, 2001, at the young age of thirty two years, Tim left us and God only knows why. I miss my son and grieve for him constantly. There is no greater pain than pain from the loss of a child.



We all love him and miss him very much.  
Written by: Mom



## LORENE HUNT

Lorene "Shorty" Hunt, fifty years old, of Meta, KY died Thursday, December 5, 2002, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital after a long battle with cancer. She was a daughter of the late Mont and Ruby Mae Varney Honaker.

She was employed by Meta Mart, a family owned business in her community.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Hunt; three sons: WM Stacy Hunt, Gerald Matthew Hunt and Billy Chuck Hunt; five brothers: Jack Honaker, Johnny Honaker, Arley Honaker and Jimmy Honaker, all of Kimper, KY and Charley Honaker of Raccoon, KY; two sisters, Florene Robinette of Varney, KY and Dorene Hess of Kimper, KY and six grandchildren.



Funeral services were conducted at the Community Funeral Home at Zebulon, KY. The burial was at the family cemetery, the Honaker Cemetery, at Kimper, KY.

Lorene was a faithful wife to Bill and a precious mother who preferred her children above herself. She was a sister that lifted up all her family in times of trouble. She gave them guidance and support as they met the challenges of this sometimes troublesome world. But most of all when her greatest enemy came by she taught her companion, children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers and her friends that God lives. She taught us all that though we all must part one by one, there is power in faith in God. Understanding that when we have to say good by to our family and friends here on earth, it will be good morning around God's Throne.

She loved attending church and often requested prayer of the ministers, brothers and sisters. She was not ashamed to own the Lord and confessed her faith in him. For God has taught us if we are not ashamed to confess him here, that he will not be ashamed to own us before his Father and His holy angels.

Her companion, children, grandchildren, and the brothers and sisters in churches that she attended and a whole host of relatives and friends will sadly miss her.

Written by: The Family and Brother Billy Williamson

## JAMES ROBERT MAYNARD

We are writing this in memory of a dear husband, father and brother, James Robert Maynard. He was born May 20, 1935 to Condor and Lizzie Caines Maynad who both preceded him in death.

James was united in holy marriage August 19, 1963, to Janice Kimble and to this union was born two daughters, Dawn Lynette and Karen Renee.

On February 9, 1992, James accepted the Lord as His personal Savior and was baptized on February 23, 1992. He placed his membership at the Justiceville Bible Baptist Church in March of that year.

James was preceded in death by four brothers: Virgil, Oscar, Raymond and Vernon Maynard all of Varney, KY.

He is survived by his loving wife of thirty nine years, Janice Kimble Maynard and two daughters and sons-in- law, Dawn and David Collins of Overland Park, KS and Karen and Michael Vacca of Shelbiana, KY.



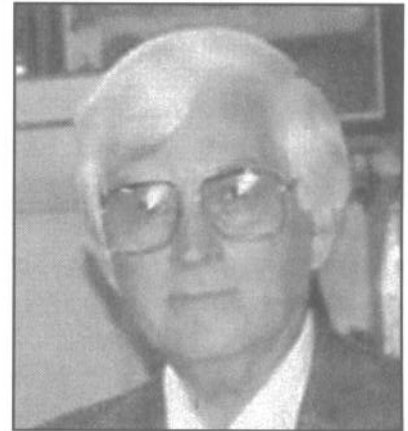
Also two dear sisters and brothers-in-law, Joe and Ledna Parsons and Ruth Maynard of Varney, KY and a host of family and friends.

James was a good neighbor and friend of the church and to the community where he lived. He loved to have company and nothing pleased him more than to have friends and family stop by to visit with him. His pain seemed to fade for a while during these visits. Daddy's suffering has ended now and we miss him to much. There is an emptiness in our hearts that will never be filled. Daddy is gone from us and it is lonely without him. Daddy is with Jesus and he will suffer no more.

Written By: His Loving Family

### PAUL W. PINSON

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of Paul W. Pinson. Paul was born May 4, 1932, the only son of the late Van and Alsie (Stanley) Pinson. He deceased this life on February 7, 2003. Paul was married May 24, 1957 to Brenda Ann (Alley) Pinson. They were blessed with forty five years and nine months together before God saw fit to call him home. They were the proud parents of five beautiful children.



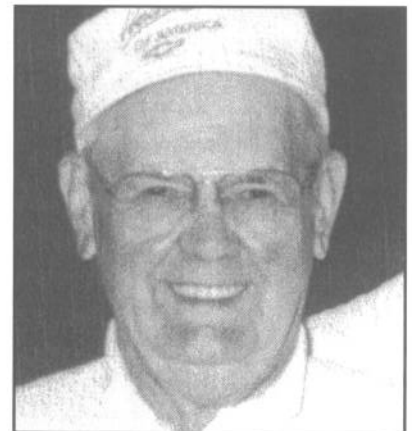
Left to mourn his passing is: his wife, Brenda; two daughters, Rhonda Kay Coleman and Rita Ann Maynard and three sons: Paul Gregory, William David and Joseph Arron Pinson. Also, left behind are seven lonely grandchildren, three sisters: Maxie Varney, Doris (Mrs. John) Ray and Darlene (Mrs. Norris) Houlette, along with many friends and neighbors. Paul was a school teacher, principal, and a school bus driver until he retired.

After Paul retired he loved to work in his garden. He always had a beautiful garden. Paul has paid the debt we all must pay. We hope to meet him on the other side. Farewell for a little while dear one. Until we meet again. We all love and miss you very much.

Written by his wife and Children.

### GEORGE CALVIN "DOC" ROBINETTE

George Calvin Robinette, born May 11, 1923, the seventh child of the late Jeff and Mary (Stanley) Robinette, left this life February 12, 2003 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, KY after a sudden heart attack and many years of fighting cancer. His stay on this earth was seventy nine years, nine months and one day. Daddy was preceded in death by seven brothers: Homer, Willard, Leonard, Ferrell, Tony, Vergil and Earl "Jack"; his wife of over fifty years, Beulah (Caines) Robinette and a son-in-law John Paul Maynard. He is survived by one brother, John of Mount Sterling, KY and two sisters, Marie Stratton of Nicholasville, KY and Ruby Walters of Varney, KY. Uncle John, he will miss your trips to the farm; Aunt Marie he always looked forward to your cards and Aunt Ruby, oh how he loved your apple pies! He is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Kathleen (Duard) Meade of Harold, KY and Mrs. Karen (John) Maynard of Zebulon, KY.



Also, he is survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. Karrie (Lee) Adkins of Anderson, SC and Leslie Megan Compton of Zebulon, KY; two great granddaughters, Alexis and Xandi Kate Adkins also of Anderson, SC; five step grandchildren: Avery, Randall, Sidney Lee, Joe and Melody Meade and a much loved son-in-law, Duard Meade.

Daddy used to tell us that he started to work at his Dad's sawmill when he was old enough to shovel sawdust. Later on he got to drive one of the trucks by using blocks of wood to help him reach the pedals. When he was a few years older he joined the Army and served during World War II. Daddy met our Mom, Beulah Caines and they were married July 12, 1945. To this union were born two daughters, Kathy and Karen. They made their home on Brushy Creek, KY for most of their life but later on moved to Pikeville, KY as Mom's health got worse. Daddy retired in 1988 from the Norfolk and Southern Railroad after thirty seven years of faithful service. They bought a new home in 1998 and moved back to the country that Daddy and Mom loved so well, but Mom didn't live long to enjoy it. She went home to be with the Lord on Christmas Day, 1998.

After Mom's passing Dad and us kids tried to survive. Dad's sense of humor helped as did working with Mom's flowers and Dad's blueberry bushes. All he could think about was getting some ripe blueberries to Jack who was still with us at the time. I sometimes think a part of Daddy died along with Jack.

We were so blessed to have such a precious and dear friend in Ms. Elon Smith to love us and take such wonderful care of our Daddy. Thank you for making his last years so happy. We love you!

Daddy was a friend to all; he always said if you can't say anything good about anyone don't say anything at all! He loved little children and lived for the visits from his grandchildren that he called "them babies". They say that Pa is in Heaven with Nanny but they still miss him.

Daddy attended the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church as much as he could until he got worse. He loved the church and was always talking about the fellowship and love at this church.

My husband, Duard said that Daddy taught him to enjoy work, treat all people the same, maintain a sense of humor and a love of nature. Karen's late husband, John said, Daddy could work two men to death. As for the both of us girls and the grandchildren; Daddy was the greatest man we ever knew and we look forward to seeing him again.

Written with love by his daughters,  
Kathy R. Meade and Karen R. Maynard

### **ROXIE (DUNCAN) ROBINSON**

Roxie was the daughter of Brother George and Sister Mary Duncan. She was born on July 31, 1935 in Martin County, KY at Peter Cave Fork. She died on April 29, 2003. She lived in Morristown, TN where she made her home for the last several years. She was a member of a Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church in Morristown, TN.

My wife and I had the privilege of visiting her home along with Brother Marion and Sister Bertha Duncan. It seemed that she was so happy and thankful for everything.

Roxie had five sisters: Pearl Duncan (deceased), Sarah Moore of Inez, KY, Beverly Seay of Moshier TN, Helen Perry of Inez, KY and Betty Jean Duncan of DeBord, KY. Also, there are two brothers, George Duncan, Jr. (deceased) and Marion Duncan of Pilgrim, KY.

Roxie had two children, a son, Rickie Ray of Lovely, KY and a daughter, Debbie Lowe of Morristown, TN. Also, there are two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



So, to the children I would say life here on the earth is so very short and precious our loved ones we must give up but we can remember and cherish the time we have had with them. Knowing that God holds our very soul in his hand. There also will be a resurrection of the dead.

I was thinking of how many years ago it was that we visited with her at her home and how fast time is slipping away. How fleeting, the passage of time. The normal life span of man in these last times is about seventy years. What a short time to enjoy all the beauties of God's wondrous creations and to absorb all the beauties of nature and life. Also, all of the good things in which God has provided by the knowledge and the acknowledgment of him. Please be ready when Jesus calls for you. Also be ready to meet him for he is coming again with power and great glory. Remember the creator in the days of your youth!!!

Elder Sabert Nichols

### **DRUCILLA STANLEY**

With a sad, aching, and lonely heart we will attempt to write the obituary of my wife and our dear Mother, Drucilla (Muncy) Stanley. Drucilla was born December 17, 1947, the daughter of the late Charlie and Hattie Mae Ferris Muncy. She passed away from this earthly life on Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital following an extended illness.

On April 4, 1970, Mom was united in marriage to our dad, Charles Truman Stanley. They were blessed to have spent thirty three years together before God called Mom home. She was a daughter, wife, homemaker, mother, friend and grandmother. Her face would light up every time she would talk about our little granddaughter. She loved her so much.

Drucilla is survived by her loving husband of thirty three years, Charles Truman Stanley; one daughter, Kimberly (Mrs. Craig) Rayburn of Olive Hill, KY; one son, Charles Kevin Stanley of Varney, KY; one grand daughter, Alexandria Paige Rayburn of Olive Hill, KY.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers: Robert, Louis, and Thomas James Muncy. Left to mourn her passing are four brothers: Ernest Muncy of Island Creek, Frank Muncy of Pikeville KY, Don Harold Muncy of Inez, KY. and Leeroy Muncy of Michigan and four sisters: Edith Phillips of Pikeville, KY, Ethel Maynard and Mae Ray of Varney, KY and Emogene Dillenden of Michigan. She also leaves to mourn her passing many friends and family. Mom was a member of the Piso Freewill Baptist Church for several years. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend.

Mom, we all love you and miss you more with each passing day. Sometimes it seems we just can't go on without you. Our home is so lonesome now. Alexandria misses you too, but she tells us all the time that you went to live with Jesus. We won't say goodbye, just farewell for a little while. Mom, just meet us at the river, and we'll all stroll, hand in hand, side by side because we know that Mom will know us there, and we can all live forever. There won't be any more heart attacks to take our loved ones away. Farewell Mom, for just a short season until we can all be together.

Written by her family  
Truman, Kim, Kevin, and little Alexandria  
We love you.



## OLIVER GENE STANLEY

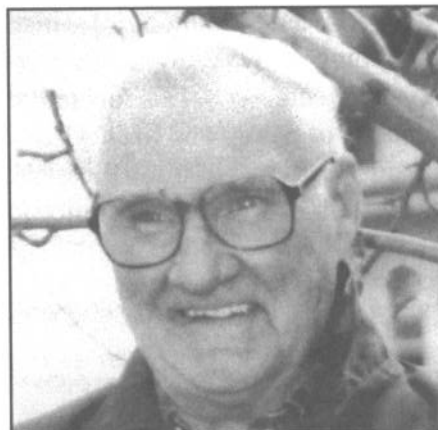
With much sadness and a heavy heart, I will attempt to write the obituary of my beloved brother, Oliver Gene Stanley, who passed away on September 21, 2002 in Ecorse, Michigan. Oliver was born on July 31, 1931 to the late Willie and Gracie Hinkle Stanley. At a young age, he moved to Michigan to find work, with the thought of always moving back home.

Oliver was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the American Legion in Lincoln Park, MI.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Kelly Stanley; four brothers: Goble Stanley, who was killed in World War II, John Stanley and two infant brothers and Mary Stanley, his stepmother.

Oliver is survived by three brothers and four sisters: Lee Roy Stanley of Ecorse, MI, Ezra Lee Stanley of Lincoln Park, MI, and Larry Stanley of Varney, KY and Margaret Young, Betty Maynard, Irene Stanley, and Mary Burke, all of Varney, KY. Also a host of friends and relatives.

Oliver was a very reserved person and never wanted to be involved in any kinds of trouble. He will be sadly missed by all of us. He was always asking me advice on how to do things around the house. I will miss the little things that were unique just to Oliver, but memories of our life will always be in my heart and mind.



Written by your beloved brother,  
Lee Roy Stanley

**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLES OF FAITH  
OF THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**RULES OF DECORUM  
OF THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 5.** He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**CHURCH DELEGATES  
TO THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2003**

**MT. PLEASANT:** Lacy Walters, Edgar Scalf, Frankie Scott  
**APPLE ORCHARD:** Paul Maynard, Elwood Maynard, Bobby Fields  
**ENON:** Eddie Marcum, Roger Bevins, James Spencer  
**BENT BRANCH:** Dean Lowe, Greg Stanley, Phillip Justice  
**BIG BRANCH:** James W. Blackburn, Mitchell Robinson, Gene Blackburn  
**MARY ELIZABETH:** Oscar Stepp, Ransom Marcum, Wallace Muncy  
**BETHANY:** Arthur May, Monty Messer, Albert Cable  
**PILGRIMS HOME:** Danny Runyon, Charles Canada, Eric Williamson  
**SALEM :** Bobby Lee Scott, Steve Johnson, Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr.  
**SIDNEY:** Virgil Fletcher, Buck Jude, Wallace Sartin  
**DIX FORK:** Wayne Blackburn, David Crigger, Eddie Williamson  
**NARROWS BRANCH:** Bobby Scott, Jr., Roscoe Williamson, Bobby Scott, Sr.  
**LEANNAH:** Hayse Robinson, Steve Robinson, Jr., Clarence Robinson  
**BUCK CREEK:** Liburn Staten, Marion Duncan, Vadis Blackburn  
**TABITHA:** Rex Napier, Alex Hensley, James Hensley  
**LITTLE ROSIE:** Richard White, David Staten, Harvey White  
**TURKEY CREEK:** Harold Blackburn, Ron Hamilton, Condor Maynard  
**SAMARIA:** Randall Lee Lackey, Chester Lackey, Alton May  
**ROSA:** Charles Paynter, Freddie Cline, Emerson Thompson  
**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury, Leon Robinson  
**SOUTHERN HOME:** Charles Jarrell, Brian Young, Richard Lowe  
**PILGRIMS REST:** Ervin Thacker, Clyde James, Leroy Stanley  
**OKEECHOBEE:** Ron Knox  
**ELIZABETH:** Gabe Lowe, Jr., Calvin Howard, Dewey Jude  
**LITTLE TAVIE:** Chester Cochran, Jimmy Cochran, Lester Cochran  
**CHARITY:** Roy Hayden, Paul Barney, Johnny Adair, Jr.

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Adair, William Sr.(352)629-7888	Southern Home	4358 N.E. 19th Ave, Ocala, FL 34479
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Blackburn, Willie (606)237-5183	Turkey Creek	2106 Turkey Creek Rd., Turkey Creek, KY 41514
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Robinson, Leon (606)631-9825	Pilgrims Rest	356 Stanley Fork, Varney, KY 41571
Robinson, Steve, Jr. (304)475-2841	Leannah	Box 324, Delbarton, WV 25670
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Runyon, Edward	Samaria	Rt. 1, Delbarton, WV 25670
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Sesco, Elbert (606)237-6651	Pilgrims Home	Box 322, TurkeyCreek, KY 41514
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Williamson, Dale (606)631-9738	Pilgrims Home	5213 Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501
Young, Gary (606)631-3959	Pilgrims Home	1344 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571



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Cordell, Kenneth	Charity	Sardis, GA
Lackey, Randall Lee (304)475-3607	Samaria	RR1, Box 131, Williamson, WV 25661
Marcum, Eddie (606)358-4384	Enon	P. O. Box 234, Garrett, KY 41630
Sartin, Wallace (606)395-0286	Sidney	Pilgrim, KY 41250
Smith, Edward Lee (304)429-1689	Dix Fork	49 Walnut Lane, Huntington, WV 25704
Williamson, Eric (606)631-9926	Pilgrims Home	1079 Callahan Branch, Kimper, KY 41539

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Brother Archie Prince (304)486-5960	Clerk	3475 Whites Creek Road, Prichard, WV 25555
Brother Edward Lee Smith (304)429-1689	Assistant Clerk	49 Walnut Lane, Huntington, WV 25704

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Brother Bob Justice	Brother Archie Prince	

## CHURCHES and CLERKS

CHURCH	ADDRESS	CLERK and ADDRESS
MT. PLEASANT	Sidney, KY	Edgar E. Scalf, Box 144, Canada, KY 41519
APPLE ORCHARD	McCombs, KY	Elwood Maynard, 8172 East Hwy 60, Rush, KY 41168
ENON	McCarr, KY	James Spencer, P. O. Box 248, McCarr, KY 41544
BENT BRANCH	Meta, KY	Hatler Slone, 6598 Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501
BIG BRANCH	McCombs, KY	James Blackburn, 1550 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
MARY ELIZABETH	Hatfield, KY	Oscar Stepp, P.O. Box 137, Sidney, KY 41564
BETHANY	Lenore, WV	Archie Prince, 3475 Whites Creek Rd., Prichard, WV 25555
PILGRIMS HOME	Varney, KY	John H. Elkins, 31 Middle Fork, Hatfield, KY 41514
SALEM	Goody, KY	Ernest SESCO, Box 289, Turkey Creek, KY 41514
SIDNEY	Pilgrim, KY	Butler Fletcher, P. O. Box 282, Pilgrim, KY 41250
DIX FORK	Sidney, KY	James Brown, P.O. Box 152, Forest Hills, KY 41527
NARROWS BRANCH	Hardy, KY	Bobby Scott, Jr., P. O. Box 237, Hardy, KY 41531
LEANNAH	Pilgrim, KY	Billy J. Robinson, HC 67 Box 1005, Pilgrim, KY 41250
BUCK CREEK	Beauty, KY	Wayne Herald, Jr., P.O. Box 348, Crum, WV 25669
TABITHA	Verdunville, WV	James P. Hensley, P.O. Box 338, Pecks Mill, WV 25547
LITTLE ROSIE	Chattaroy, WV	Thomas J. Dials, P. O. Box 31, Warfield, KY 41267
TURKEY CREEK	Turkey Creek, KY	Ron Hamilton, P. O. Box 329, Mt. Gay, WV 25637
SAMARIA	Dingess, WV	Larry May, HC 73, Box 2515, Dingess, WV 25671
ROSA	Baisden, WV	Charles Testerman, HC71, Box 55, Gilbert, WV 25621
LITTLE VIRGIE	Kimper, KY	Alvin Thornbury, 26335 Pewter Lane, Abingdon, VA 24211
SOUTHERN HOME	Sparr, FL	Bruce P. Forsyth, P. O. 396, Sparr, FL 32192
PILGRIMS REST	Right Fork of Brushy, Varney, KY	Terry Parsons, 4416 Right Fork of Brushy, Varney, KY 41571
OKEECHOBEE	Okeechobee, FL	Ronald Knox, 316 Holiday Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440
ELIZABETH	Rt. 3, Louisa, KY	Hershel Jude, 1441 Caudill Frk. Rd., Oil Spring, KY 41238
LITTLE TAVIE	Rt. 2, N. Pt. Pleasant, WV	Jim Cochran, Rt. 2, Box 640, Point Pleasant, WV 25550
CHARITY	Greensboro, GA	Johnny Adair, Jr., 3188 Penfield Road, Greensboro, Ga 30642

# Statistical Table

CHURCH	MODERATOR	MINUTES REQUESTED	CONTRIBUTIONS	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	150	1					2		14	11:00/11:00		2 July
Apple Orchard	Sabert Nichols	75	150		1						23	11:00/11:00		1 June
Enon	Richard L. Staton	50	125	1	1					1	13	11:00/11:00		1 June
Bent Branch	Billy Williamson	175	275	4				1	3		54	10:00/10:00		3 August
Big Branch	Richard L. Staton	100	200	1					1		23	11:00/11:00		3 July
Mary Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	100	200	2					1		31	11:00/11:00		3 July
Bethany	Arthur May	100	250	3							48	11:00/11:00		4 August
Pilgrims Home	Elbert SESCO	325	500	3				1	5		95	10:00/10:00		4 August
Salem	Elbert SESCO	100	200						2		64	11:00/11:00		1 May
Sidney	Wallace Muncy	100	200	1	1				2		33	2:00/10:30		4 June
Dix Fork	David Crigger	150	300		1			1	5		36	11:00/11:00		1 July
Narrows Branch	Bobby Scott, Sr.	100	100						2	1	26	11:00/11:00		4 July
Leannah	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	175								42	10:30/10:30		2 July
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dials	100	200						1		23	10:30/10:30		3 June
Tabitha	Jack Robinette	75	150	1	2			1	1		25	2:30/11:00		1 August
Little Rosie	Wayne Herald, Jr.	30	70	2	2				1		11	11:00/11:00		2 April
Turkey Creek	Hobart Hamilton	150	225	4	2			2	5	1	52	11:00/11:00		2 May
Samaria	Larry R. May	75	150		2				1	3	39	11:00/11:00		1 July
Rosa	Hobart Hamilton	80	200	2							32	200/10:30		3 August
Little Virgie	Richard L. Staton	75	150		2				1		8	11:00/11:00		4 June
Southern Home	William Adair, Sr.	200	200	2				2		1	60	10:30/10:30		1 April
Pilgrims Rest	Billy Williamson	75	150						1		17	10:30/10:30		2 June
Okeechobee	Stanley Campbell	35	50					2	1		10	4:00/10:00		3 April
Elizabeth	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	75	100	1	1					1	24	10:30/10:30		1 June
Little Tavie	W. H. Cochran	100	125						1		15	10:30/10:30		2 July
Charity	Charles Jarrrell	25	50		4						9	4:00/10:00		3 October
	TOTALS	2645	4645	27	19			10	36	8	827			