

**MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH
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 9, 10 and 11, 2005**

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

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FRIDAY
September 9, 2005

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 Pilgrims Home Church, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2005.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the Stand and welcomed the congregation. Brother Tommy stated one more year has rolled around. It is because of the Love of Christ that we are here. It is how we live that is important. Let us be more humble. I want to invite you to three days of worship. The Lord is taking care of us. We are thankful that you are here. Elder Wallace Muncy was to introduce the services today, but the good Lord called him home. The practice of this Association is that the Moderator of the Host Church introduce the services. Elder Elbert Sesco is to introduce the services today. We need to dedicate the next three days of our lives to this worship service.

Elder Elbert Sesco came, in the opening, replacing Elder Wallace Muncy, as alternate, for this year's Introductory Sermon. He said that he is thankful the Lord blessed him to be here. Looking back he knows the Lord has been good to him. It makes him grow closer to God. He said he hopes the Lord will help him preach. He stated he knows more able brethren are here. We must come trusting in the Lord today. This ought to be a joyful time. He sang the song, "Promises." If I had hope in this life only, I would be of all men most miserable. We must be brought into this family by the Holy Spirit. The devil gives you one thing, death. God has fixed it that we must make a choice. I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brother. There is a banner over us that is Love. A fountain opened up to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. There flows out from Jerusalem living water. There is no other way except Jesus Christ. He that thirsts let him come unto me and drink. There is life in this water. If you want a drink go to where the well is at. Christ was made lower than the angels, but crowned with glory. That fountain of life was hanging on the cross. He died for men and women so they can go to Heaven. That water and blood is flowing this morning. I'm talking about eternal life. He laid his life down. The soldier came by and pierced him in the side, forthwith came blood and water. It flowed to the former sea and the hinder sea. God wasn't pleased by everyone that came through the wilderness. God is not pleased with people today if they don't keep his commandments. It takes the blood of the Lamb to be saved. Man is very wicked today. I'm happy today. If you want the water to rise in your soul you must be obedient to God. This water will give you eternal life today. I will give to you a well of water springing up into everlasting life. When you get that water you can shout praises to God. He wants to get Glory out of man. Except the Lord build the house your labor is in vain.

Elder Randy Combs of the Old Indian Bottom Association led in prayer.

Elder Harold Sesco came to the stand stating he hopes that you continue to pray. If you look at the tragedy in the south you can see how easy this life can be taken. He sang the song, "How Many Times." He said as we go through life we must make the offering. I pray that whoever preaches, the Lord will guide their mind. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. There is a spirit in man that teaches us understanding. The Lord said if you love me, you will keep my commandments. He preached he wishes men and women everywhere will take heed to that light that shines to them. We must repent and be born of his divine spirit. I wish my children would take their sins and lay them at Jesus' feet. Jesus is never too busy to listen. There is a meeting coming I want to be in. I want men and women to be in that meeting when Jesus comes. We must deny worldly lust and follow Jesus. There is a light that will shine to men and women today. There is a low still voice that will teach them. First seek the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you. If our robe is washed white in the blood of the Lamb, we have all we need today. Brother Harold preached on Phillip and the eunuch.

He continued, the Lord said fear not man who can destroy this body, but fear God who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Sometime we go through dry places here, but I know a blessing will come. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. I am the door by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and go in and out and find pasture." We need to be absent in the body and present with the Lord. Men and women need to ask the question today; what doth hinder me from being baptized? They need to stand still and take time out for my Savior. Unbelief is the only thing that will keep you from seeing Heaven. The Lord came to call sinners to repentance. If we were whole we wouldn't need a physician today. Men and women need to go to the physician that has that healing water. Men and women take heed to that voice that is speaking to you today. The best teacher to have today is the Lord. My peace I give to you. The light will shine to the soul. He preached about Saul being blinded by the light. When we give our whole heart to Jesus he will be found with us. If it takes a long time to be saved; it is because we won't deny our self. I am glad today the Lord fixed everything just the way he did. The way has already been made. The ones that are going to Heaven are the ones who have had their robes washed white. We can choose the Lord and live today. If you don't choose him, you will die and never die. Every tongue shall confess and every knee shall bow. You should do this while you have life and opportunity. Don't set your stakes out there too far. We don't know when our life will be taken.

He cautioned the brothers be careful. Don't throw stones today. I am glad to be here today. There is going to be a resurrection. The dead in Christ will rise first and meet the Lord in the air and forever be with the Lord. The Lord has made a way. We can all go to Heaven.

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 Woodrow Dye, New Salem Association
Elder Claren Williams, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Barry Lucas, Union Association
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder Jimmy Dye, New Salem 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 Buddy W. Carty, of the Northern New Salem Association, who came very humble paying respect to the brothers around him as he thought they were more worthy. He stated he has heard of the city called Heaven and feels closer to home this morning. We have no soldiers to lose and we hope God will come down with his spirit and pour it out on us. Man was lost because all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Jesus didn't make any difference or didn't show no respect of person. Come unto me all ye that labour and I will give you rest. When we get on top of the mountain it will be beautiful. I don't know how it will be when I get down to the river. There are thorns and thistles along the way. God bless this Kingdom today. When we feel Heaven in our soul everything is okay. There is joy in my father's house and there is peace in my father's house. There are two men in this race, one has eternal life and the other is waiting on it. When I feel him in my soul, I am satisfied. For me to live is Christ, to die is gain. Farewell, I am going home. Heaven, sweet Heaven, how good it is.

Elder Ellis Holbrook of the New Salem Association led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said, he fears because he is standing before an all wise God. I feel unworthy to stand before such knowledgeable brothers. I feel God's love today. Brother Tom stated he has been thinking about the last verse of the song, "Ride Out Your Storm," and wants to remind us to remember God's promise, when the water is raging they'll do you no harm. He said how wonderful it is to hold on to Jesus and that he feels the same Spirit he felt thirty some years ago. Trust in Jesus and follow after that Spirit.

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

Elder Billy Joe Robinson
Elder Randy Lackey
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 our host Church, the Pilgrims Home Church, was read, and, upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and the Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$4,915.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and turned this amount over to the Treasurer. By regular move and second, the report was received and the committee was discharged.

(6) The Moderator appointed a Committee to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association, and the entire 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 Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 2005 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
Elder 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 Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Johnny Thornsberry, New Salem Association
Elder Haston Whitaker, Old Indian Bottom Association

SATURDAY

Brother Sam Franks, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association
Elder Coy Combs, New Salem Association

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

Brother Les McGuire
Elder Dale Williamson
Elder Danny Runyon

(11) By regular move and second the reading of the Articles of Faith, the Rules of Decorum and 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, Floyd Jude, Herman West, Robert Clay, Floyd Ratliff, Stephen Baldrige, John Sanders, Bobby Robinson, Bill Elkins, Clinton Thacker, Doug Stacy, James Gannon, Carson Wright, Barry Lucas, Sollie Miller, James Barney, Jimmy Dale Potter, Alvin Thacker, Doug Thompson, Charles E. Huffman, Jimmy Stacy, Danny Robinette and James T. Bevins Letter in the hands of Brother Jesse L. Williamson.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: James Tackett, Coy Combs, Norman Conn, Ellis Holbrook, Clyde Lewis, Woodrow Dye, John Paul Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Chuck Hall, Monroe Jones, James A. Waddles, Omery Compton, Glenn Frazier, Leonard Hamilton, Clyde Newsome, Randy Newsome, W. Lee Roberts, Don Blake Little, Glenn Hall, Darrell Calhoun, Lacy Fletcher, Hershel Slone, Leo Slone, Johnny Thornsberry, Freddie Kidd, Gordon Boyd, Dennis Kidd, Hubert Conn, James Branham, Carlos Akers, William White, Travis Bentley, Eual Debord, Danny Crawford, Tony Roberts, Pete Hensley, Monty Iverson, Paul Griffey, Doug Bowling and Jimmy Dye. Letter in the hands of Brother Norman Conn.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Arvid Blevins, John M. Elkins, Delmas Hall, Ray Hamilton, Lavone Issac, Buddy W. Carty, John B. Hamilton, Don Mullins, Thurman Jones, Harrison Runyon, John Mullins, Dennis Elkins, Raymond Gillman, Claude Hale, Sam Franks, Johnie Bentley, Willis Little, Jimmy Sowards, Arnold Mullins and Raymond Stapleton. Letter in the hands of Elder Arvid Blevins.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Walter Morrison, Luther Ramey, Jr., Bob Taylor, Ira Adkins, Jr., Lowell Adkins, Jacob Seagraves, Willis Tolliver, Creed Thomas, David Tolliver, Curtis Seagraves, Gary Adkins, Bert Samons, Paul D. Moore and Acy Knipp. Letter in the hands of Elder Creed Thomas.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Danny Hurley, Dewey Matney, David Lester, Kermit Lester, Danny C. Justus, James D. Stacy, George Thomason, Dave Gibson, Fred Bailey, John R. Justus, Shird Mullins, A. C. Matney, Roy Lester, Roger McCoy, Zeb Justus, Phillip Estep, Burl Justus, Will Matney, Gary Brown and Monroe Matney. Letter in the hands of Elder Dave Gibson.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Claren Williams, Arnold Whitaker, Jim Back, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Randy Combs, Jeff Roark 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: Billy Williamson, Larry R. May, Edward L. Smith, Eddie Williamson, Richard Lowe and Archie Prince.

(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) By regular move and second, the clerks were given authority to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association.

(16) On motion from Elder Gary Adair, second by Brother Walter Bogar, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 10, 2005.

SATURDAY
September 10, 2005

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 expressed how important it is to not think about all the things in life and let yourself go and you will go away from here feeling better. The Lord has been so good to us here. We get so much out of working for God's children. Turn yourself over to that good Spirit. Turn yourself over to God's Spirit. He then called upon Elder Chuck Hall of the New Salem Association to open these services.

Brother Chuck came to the stand thanking God that he is able to be here. He said he is glad to be part of this old family. There are two men in this race. He said he believes the man on the inside is the Jacob man and the Esau man is what you see. The spirit has been great, it has been moving. You can see a difference in the young people today. They are trying everything and taking everything to get their minds cleared up. Come unto me all ye ends of the earth. If the spirit is here everything will be alright. We can already feel the Spirit today. The world needs to repent and turn around. The old Church is going to Heaven. If the Spirit is not in it, it is no good. Uphold the Old Regular Baptist name. I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren. There is a wheel in a wheel. When the inward wheel moves, the outward wheel moves, also. Work in the Spirit today.

Elder Danny Belcher of the Union 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.

(3) By regular move and second, the report of the Little Rosie Church on the cost of shower for the campers, as called for in Item 4 of the 2004 Minutes of the Sardis Association, was received and this item was put on hold for now and thanks was extended to the Little Rosie Church for their efforts.

(4) By regular move and second, the report of the Committee on the Historical Library of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, as requested in Item 6 of the 2004 Minutes of the Sardis Association, stating that certain documents had been delivered to the Pike County Public Library, was received. The clerk was given authority to write a letter, signed by the 2005 officers of the Sardis Association and addressed to the Pike County Public Library, Pikeville, Pike County, KY that forbids removal of any Minute Books, song books or other books, pictures, writings, documents or any other items from our Historical Library, except as authorized by letter signed by any two officers or trustee of the Sardis Association.

Clerks Note: Minute Books in date ranges from 1893 to 1917 and 1923 to 1929 are needed. If available contact:

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.	(606)631-3520
Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.	(606)353-7858
Elder Edward L. Smith	(304)429-1689
Brother Archie Prince	(304)486-5960

(5) By regular move and second, the report of the Clerks on the updated Order and Advice Book of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, including directions to each church, as requested in Item 7 of the 2004 Minutes of the Sardis Association, was received and this item is to be carried over to our next Association.

(6) Elder Elbert Sesco 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 Minutes.

(7) 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 2006 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Arvid Blevins, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Floyd Jude, Union Association
Elder Danny Belcher, Union 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 2006 Association:

Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association

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

Elder Lacy Walters, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Frankie Scott, Alternate
Elder Danny Runyon, Prepare Circular Letter

(8) The Committee appointed on Friday to arrange the preaching met and reported. By regular move and second the report was received and the committee was discharged. The following Brethren preached Saturday night and Sunday.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Brother Dennis Elkins, Northern New Salem Association
Elder John Paul Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association

SUNDAY

Elder Chuck Hall, New Salem Association
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

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

SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2005

Balance on hand 9-01-04		\$ 5,234.54
Add 2004 Income:		
Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 4,800.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 395.00	
Interest Income	\$ 12.99	
Rent Income	\$ 1500.00	
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00	
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 3,083.00	
Food Fund Contributions	\$ 6,630.00	
Lawn Mower Fund	\$ 4,880.00	
Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$ 3,197.01</u>	
Total 2004 Income		<u>\$24,998.00</u>
Total Available for 2004		\$30,232.54
Less 2004 Expenses		
Equipment Cost	\$ 8,590.61	
Minute and Mailing Expense	\$ 4,097.07	
Clerk Expense	\$ 29.80	
Building and Land Expense	\$ 1,993.48	
Electric Expense	\$ 3,393.17	
Water Expense	\$ 499.50	
Insurance Expense	\$ 862.13	
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 6,242.31	
Bank Charges	\$ 12.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	
Total 2004 Expense		<u>(\$25,870.07)</u>
Balance on Hand 8-31-05		\$ 4,362.47

(10) By regular move and second, it was ordered the obituaries of Elder Virgil Fields and Sister Mary Belle Hensley be printed in the 2005 Minutes of the Sardis Association.

(11) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2005 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

(12) 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 Paul Maynard	Brother Daniel Stanley	Elder Randall Lee Lackey
Brother Les McGuire	Elder David May	Brother Charles Canada
Brother Archie Prince	Elder Leon Robinson	Elder Condor Maynard
Brother Ervin Thacker	Elder Chester Cochran	Elder Harold Blackburn

(13) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 3500 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300.00 for his expense.

(14) 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, 2005: Bobby Scott, Sr., Thomas J. Dials, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Hobart Hamilton, Paul Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Kenneth B. Jude, Leon Robinson, Wayne Blackburn, Daniel Stanley, Eddie Williamson, Eugene Moore, Marion Duncan, Bobby Fields and David Crigger. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

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, 2005: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Eddie Williamson, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Paul Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Kenneth B. Jude, Leon Robinson, Wayne Blackburn, Leonard Napier, Lowell Sesco, Gary L. Napier, Vadis Blackburn, Eugene Moore, David Crigger, Marion Duncan, Bobby Fields and Richard Staton. Letter in the hands of Elder Edward L. Smith.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Pleasant View Church, 3589 Beat Road, Litchfield, OH beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2006: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Ron Hamilton, Richard Staton, Kenneth B. Jude and Archie Prince. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Friendship Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2006: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Eddie Williamson, Leslie McGuire, Wayne Blackburn, Gary L. Napier, Leonard Napier, Frankie Scott, Clyde Perry, Bobby Fields, Leon Robinson and Paul Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Little Zion, Panther, WV, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2006: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Chester Cochran, Eddie Williamson, Roger Bevins, Kenneth B. Jude, Wayne Blackburn, Leon Robinson, Steve White, Leslie McGuire, Harold Blackburn, Frankie Scott, Marion Duncan, Archie Prince and Clyde Perry. Letter in the hands of Elder Leon Robinson.

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, 2006: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Eddie Williamson, Leslie McGuire, Wayne Blackburn, Kenneth B. Jude, Harold Blackburn, Gary L. Napier, Leonard Napier, Frankie Scott, Marion Duncan, Roger Bevins, Virgil Fletcher, Wallace Sartin and Vadis Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

(15) 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.

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

(17) Read a Requests from the Pilgrims Home Church asking to host the 2006 Association. By regular move and second the Request was granted. The Dix Fork, Bethany and Salem Churches agreed to co-host the Association.

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2006, to:

Brother Archie Prince
3475 Whites Creek Road, Rt. 1 Box 96F
Prichard, WV 25555

The Sardis Association Building is located on KY Route 881 at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, KY. Follow US Route 119 from Pikeville, KY, toward Williamson, WV, for about 12 miles to the foot of Bent Mountain and turn left onto KY Route 881 for about 10 miles to the large Sardis Association sign on the left and onto Brushy School Road. If traveling from Williamson, WV toward Pikeville, KY on US Route 119, the distance is about 16 miles and turn right onto KY Route 881.

(18) The Sardis Association is truly humbled by the multitude of Brethren, Sisters and friends, along with our Beloved Host Churches and the Building Committee, who have worked and prayed, preparing for this the One Hundred and Thirteenth Session of the Sardis Association. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Brother Roy Lee May, a Paramedic from Bethany Church, who set-up and handled an Emergency Medical Station; to Everett and Diane Hannah of Hannah Lumber Co., at Varney, WV, for their continued support of our Churches and our Association; to Velocity Market at Zebulon, KY; to Kentucky Fried Chicken at Pikeville for preparing the chicken; to Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Connie Canes and Mike Lyons of the Pike County Solid Waste Department; to Neil McGuire of Pepsi Cola Co. at Pikeville who handled the soft drinks; to Brother Andrew Walters and Mike Walters of Cardinal Glass for replacing broken windows; to Osborne Refrigeration, Inc. for the trips made to repair the refrigeration unit and a heat pump; to the sisters who worked so hard in the early hours of the morning preparing the food before the power was turned off at the building; to Kentucky Power for adjusting their schedule to bring the power back on sooner; to the Campers for being excellent guests and for their donation; and the Brethren and Sisters of the Pilgrims Home Church who staff the Concession Stand.

We cannot thank enough all who have helped throughout the year with the upkeep of the Association Building and helped make this one of the best Associations ever; through their hard work and prayers. We need to give God the glory for that is where it belongs. Let us thank God for blessing us with the joy, the love and the peace experienced at this Association. Pray that the good feelings may continue and peace will remain in the Sardis Association.

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

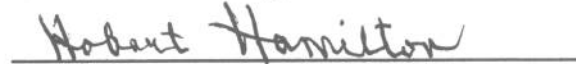
(20) On motion from Elder Chester Cochran, second by Brother Walter Bogar, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2006.

(21) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Willis Tolliver of the Philadelphia Association, who then led in prayer.

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


Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator


Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator


Brother Archie Prince, Clerk


Elder Edward Lee Smith, Assistant Clerk

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

TO OUR

SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

We your Sister the Northern New Salem Association would like to extend to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved elders, brother, and sisters since your last assemblage.

Once they were a part of this blessed old Church, now they belong to the ages. Leaving us with warm and heartfelt memories of the happy days we were blessed to enjoy their fellowship. Now we rejoice in the hope of some glorious day we shall join their company in the presence of our savior, there to live forever in a land where time shall be eternal, and the weary shall be at rest.

Prayfully yours,

Bro. Newsome

Bro. Elkins - Clerks

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 11, 2005

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand to announce the arrangements and said we have been wrapped up in God's love since Thursday night. All we have to do is abide by the plan God set. All you have to do is give your heart to God and he will give you a coat. Though I do good, evil is present. Brother Tom stated that he is thankful God has been with us. We want to show you our love. We have been here for three days of meetings, we are glad you are here.

Elder Chuck Hall, of the New Salem Association, came forth stating he is thankful to be here. For everyone here, it is an individual matter between them and God. Prayer changes things. Young people may have come to make their mother or father happy; you made God happy when you came. If you want to hear from Heaven's land, look to God. Young people, cast your cares upon Jesus for he cares for you. Today the devil is painting everything as a pretty picture. But God is there ready to accept you. I preach here what I preach at home. Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved. I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brother. All the troubles and trials of this world do not compare to what God has laid up in store for them that love him. Stand you in the way and inquire, and when you find it, walk in it. They say we are too hard. God set it up and told us to walk in the way. It is time to stand on the wall, it is time to serve God. I love you today. Love comes from Heaven. When it comes to you it will put you on the road to Heaven. The greatest power you need is Jesus. If you don't have God, you don't have anything. With me, when all else failed, God came in and said, I am yours and you are mine. Heaven is real; real men and women are going there. Whatever the Lord says do, do it and you will be happy.

Brother W. Lee Roberts, of the New Salem Association, led in prayer.

Elder Danny Belcher, of the Union Association, came forth acknowledging that if he has learned anything in the race to preach, it is that he cannot do it. It is a mystery. Some say the world does not get anything. I say Christ must draw them. God's way is as far above man as Heaven is earth. A man that can't feel humble before the brethren has something wrong with him. God holds all power in Heaven and upon earth. God has all power. God has it all planned out. He is the greatest engineer ever. Nature and the things of nature cannot save a man. Under the law there was no life after death. God made a better way. There must be a blood sacrifice from man to please God. God knew us before we were in our mother's womb. We know in part, see in part and understand in part. We have a keeper in us that keeps us. When we were in the world we could not keep the outward man. We were unacceptable to God. There is a travail that every man and woman must go through. There was something down inside that let me know I was in trouble. When I was in the world I heard sounds that showed me the path to follow. God knocked at the door and bid me to come in. God will not come in unless you invite him in. Who can say I love the Lord and not keep his commandments? We are in the new way. Some say we want to be like the world, we must be like Christ. God is a God of love, a God of truth and a God of mercy.

Brethren, if you hear the doctrine that you don't get faith until you get into the church you need to turn your back and walk away from this. You have a choice; choose this day whom ye shall serve. There is a Jacob man and Esau man. A child of God is a good person and won't willfully sin. You have a keeper on the inside; Jacob has Esau right by the heels. Your fruit will be good or bad and it will show on this man. The water of life comes down from God out of Heaven. If you take of this water you will live forever. Let you light shine.

When the crumbs fall from the table and you can eat a little it makes you want to come back for more. He preached of the teaching of evolution in the schools and how they are making a feeble effort to try to understand God. God holds all power in Heaven and on earth. God made everything perfect and for man's pleasure, and man is destroying it.

Jesus, while hanging on the cross, told the thief, this day shalt thou be with me in Paradise. From dust we came and to dust we will return. These bodies will be raised in the morning and become a glorified body and Jesus will bring the soul and it will unite with the body and go home to glory. God will wipe away all tears. These young brothers need to read the Bible and let God give them the understanding. The Bible is a road map on how to get to Heaven. Don't tell me the world cannot get anything out of the Bible. Repent and believe upon God. Brother Danny preached of being required in college to take classes of the Old and New Testaments. He made an A and B, but admitted he knew nothing. Memorization of the scripture is not the Gospel. We need understanding today. We need to help the world. I have been watching the hurricane victims and I wanted to hear them say something about God. All they are talking about is the gambling revenue that they have lost.

Job supposed to have been a perfect man. There is a visible and invisible kingdom. Jesus came down to this earth and told the world that he was not of this world. Everyone in the visible kingdom of this world is not of God. When we do something wrong we are condemned. This man is not turned loose to do what he wants. For the carnal minded man is not subject to the laws of God. I have had a change and am now a new man. The filth and lust of this world is ugly to me and I want to get away from it. There is a wheel in a wheel, when the little wheel turns the other wheel turns. We don't follow after the things of the flesh but of the Spirit. There is a warfare between the outward man and the inward man, but God will keep us. We have an advocate between man and God. We need to come together in love. This Association came together in love and it has fed my soul. The brothers worked together in love and helped the moderator. The Bible says you correct a brother and he will love you. We strive to reach perfection, but in that morning we will be perfect. Seeking to destroy another is not of God. Christ laid his life down so we could live again. The Word of the truth is Jesus Christ not being of this world, but came and died and rose again. I have chosen you out of the world. The Bible is the words of truth. The Bible says a woman's hair is her glory. Why do some want to cut it? Man is trying to create doctrine that will cover his sins. You must believe, and by Grace are you saved through Faith. Do you trust God? If you move out on that trust you have faith. Do you remember when as a child you felt so free? Do you remember when sin came in? Then you became worried about your soul? I was in a garden without the law then sin came and the law entered in. I became free again when God forgave me of my sins.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, our Assistant Moderator, came stating it has been good, what we have been listening to. God's Spirit has been with us. He said, when growing up we always heard the name of Jesus in our home. God will draw you. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. We thank God for making provisions for us. We appreciate the brothers working together. The key to get to Heaven is through prayer. We read of a centurion who always prayed to God. He was in a trance and God let him know that his prayers and alms had come up before God. I would like to share the glory of God with people. Cornelius sent three to Simon the tanner's house and there they would find an old preacher and ask him what Cornelius needed to do. When you begin to do what God bids you to do, you will draw nigh unto him, also. Peter went upon the house top and fell into a trance. God let a sheet descend unto him. Peter looked into the sheet that was filled with all manner of four footed beast, wild beast, creeping thing and fowls of the air. God told him to kill and eat.

Brother Hobart preached, if you follow Jesus and it will have influence on your children and grand children. Peter said, not so Lord. I have never eaten anything common or unclean. The Lord let the sheet down three times. The Lord wanted to convince Peter he had something to do and it was different from what he had done in the past. Brother Hobart preached that when he tried to pray for forgiveness of his sins, something would always come back that he had forgotten. The Lord told Peter what God hath cleansed call not thou common. Brother Hobart warned the congregation, don't go home and think you don't have to pray. The men came to the gate seeking Peter. They told him Cornelius had sent for him and Cornelius is a man that prays always. Brother Hobart preached that when he was trying to find his way to Christ, his uncle Anthony was at his house and his uncle Anthony knelt down in the living room and began to pray and it touched his heart. They made their way to Cornelius' house where Cornelius fell down to worship Peter, but Peter told him to "get up, I myself also am a man." Cornelius had his family there. So, he must have had some faith. I want the Lord to give me something to warn men and women to flee from the wrath to come. You must have faith to come to the Lord. You have to put that faith in action and it will lead you to the Lord.. Men and women have enough knowledge to know they are sinners. That is the way I believe it and I will die believing it. Peter preached Christ to them and they believed and the Holy Ghost came upon them. Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Brother Hobart preached that if you are convinced that God has forgiven you of your sins, it is your duty to go home and to tell the Church what good things the Lord has done for you.

Elder Thomas J. Dial, our Moderator, came forward stating that God is the one that takes care of us. He takes care of the spiritual man. There is another table you can eat at. We love to work for you and feed you. Mother Jerusalem has something on the table for all. God came to Cornelius and told him he needed something. I need to eat of his flesh and drink of his blood. You need to get Jesus. There is one faith, one Lord and one baptism. You must be washed in the blood of Jesus. The man on the inside must receive the Holy Ghost baptism. John said, I will baptize you with water but there is one greater than me, he will baptize you with fire and the Holy Ghost. I believe you need a Baptist preacher and a hole of water. You need that spiritual baptism before the water baptism. I am glad for the gift of Christ. He died for our sins. He knew we would need him. They went down to anoint Jesus' body, but it was gone. A stone had been used to seal the tomb, but it was rolled away. On that third and appointed day he got up. They came seeking Jesus, but he was not there. Jesus is not going to die anymore. It is going to get better over there. I had a stone in my way that kept me from the grace of God. He that hath a ear, let him hear. You must have an ear that can hear the Word of God. Christ is alive and alive for evermore. We are the ones who must die now. We must die dead to the love of sin. According to the scriptures there is no repentance after death. If you die a sinner, you will get up a sinner. It is up to us to choose. I am glad that he chose me. He wants you to call on him. God has blessed us, but we must keep our churches clean. We must keep our lives clean.

I hope and trust you will continue to pray. What we have felt and experienced has come from God. The closer we live the better we are blessed. God has given us a life line. That life line is Jesus Christ. He told of a boyhood experience of almost drowning in a hole of water until he got down to the bottom on a rock and was able to get out. Seven years later he found himself drowning in sin and had to start digging. He dug down until he got on the rock, that rock is Jesus Christ. When he got down on the rock he went up. Brother Tom preached he is still working on a journey that is up. I have got a little Jesus. You must get on the rock. I believe you know a little something. Come and tell the old church what the Lord has done for you.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

Brothers and sisters and delegates of the Sardis Association and to all that may read this letter. I feel very little very small I know that there are more able brothers than me to write this letter. I have prayed day and night. Praying that God would give me something in my heart to write. I begin to read the scriptures one night. He gave me something in my heart to write about it is about His Love. His love stayed in my mind and in my heart. I will try to fulfill the delegates request.

So brothers if we are born again. We have love in our soul's. I believe that it take's His Holy Spirit born in our souls to be a child of God. He will give you a heart of love. I believe God's Love lifted our feet from the mire and the clay and sit them on a rock. That rock is Jesus. The Lord said " I have loved thee with an everlasting love." The Lord said " By my love and kindness have I drawn thee." So let us walk in His spirit and love that the world of mankind may see our works. That they can tell us from the world. The world see's our works the children of God are not of the world but we are in the world.

Jesus said " I have chosen you out or the world. Your no more of the world." We the children of God have been chosen out of the world. Who are kept by the power of God. And hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our heart by the holy ghost. Which is given to us the love of God that will never die. Jesus said " If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love." The Bible teaches that when man or woman is borned of God's holy spirit then they have a love in their soul's that gives them a desire to do the things that God tells them to do. One thing that God told us to do is to love one another as I have loved you by this will all men know you are my disciples.

Brothers and sisters Jesus said " If we can't love one another whom we have seen." How can we love the Lord who we have not seen. Therefore you must be borned again. We know we passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.

When we come together with his love and spirit there is nothing can overcome that. I believe when we work in his spirit my God gets glory out of it. So brethren let us be as Peter was (it has been good for us to be here.) So may the God of Heaven bring us together in his spirit and love with one ACCORD and one mind. Flesh and blood can not reveal it to you it takes the spirit of God.

So we believe that in order to get in the church. God has to add you to it. When you have repented of your sins and been born again with God's holy spirit. God has added you to this old church. Then you become a stick in the building. I believe that stick is in God's building with the saints and of the household of God. We all are built upon the same foundation of the apostles and prophets Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

This old church is founded upon the foundation of God's holy love so we have known and believed the love and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.

I pray that men and women would begin to seek after God's spirit. We believe that His spirit will teach men that they must repent of their sins in order to get God's spirit in their heart the choice is left up to men and women to choose good over evil it has always been in men and women hands to chose that way.

I must close this letter by saying may the Lord God of Heaven bless our old Sardis Association with his holy spirit and with his love. So let us strive for peace and love this is my prayer.

Your unworthy servant In Christ Jesus Our Lord,



Elder Elbert SESCO

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

AND

MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL, 2006

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Buddy W. Carty, Odes Williams and Henry Adair.

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Sesco, Albert Cable, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco and Wayne Herald, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Chris Watts, Sr., Richard Lowe, Gordon Akers, Bill Campbell, Glenn Dixon, Ricky Akers, Tony Mosley, Richard Staton, Billy Williamson and Dale Williamson.

MAY, 2006

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion 3:00 p.m. following the regular Saturday service. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Creed Thomas, Hobart Hamilton, Travis Bently, Monty Iverson and David Lester.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Leon Robinson, Danny Runyon, Lloyd Brown, Jack Robinette, Don Little, Harold Sesco, Sam Franks and Chester Cochran.

JUNE, 2006

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson, Jack Robinette, Don Little, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Wallace Sartin.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday at 4:00 p.m. after business meeting at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Sam Franks, Chester Cochran and Hiram Adkins.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Spencer Hall, Milford Lowe, Ben Scott and the assistant moderator attending.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Bobby Sesco, Johnny Thornsberry, Kenny Newsome 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, Richard Staton, Arthur May, Jack Robinette and Albert Cable.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Ben Scott, Homer Muncy, Jr., Lacy Walters, David Crigger and Thomas J. Dials.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Arthur May, Albert Cable, Hobart Hamilton and Billy Joe Robinson.

JULY, 2006

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Frankie Scott, David Lester, Glen Hall and Wayne Herald, Jr.

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, Greg Stanley, James Tackett and David Lester.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Murl F. Caudill, Don Lawson, Charles Edwards, Gary Blevins and Raymond Smith.

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, Albert Cable, Roger Bevins, Gayle Brown, Glen Hall and Chuck Hall.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Lacy Walters, Greg Stanley, Willie Blackburn, Elbert Sesco and Gary Young with Moderator attending.

AUGUST, 2006

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Sabert Nichols, Condor Maynard, Leon Robinson, Paul Maynard, Arthur May, Billy Joe Robinson and Albert Cable.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Albert Cable, Edward L. Smith, Willis Bartley and Jerry Overstreet.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Gary Young, Leon Robinson, Bobby Scott, Sr., Elbert Sesco, Leonard Hamilton and Danny Runyon.

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

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Thomas J. Dial and Hobart Hamilton.

OCTOBER, 2006

CHARITY: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: William Adair, Sr., Stanley Campbell, Henry Adair, Eric Williamson, Danny Runyon and Billy Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 2006

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, Arlice Peaden, John M. Lowe, James Barney, Odes Williams, Jim Miller, Dee Osbourne, Teddy Honaker and Lloyd Brown.

APRIL, 2006

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, Elbert SESCO, Harold SESCO and Billy Joe Robinson.

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (April 29) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: David Lester, Buddy W. Carty, Roger Hicks, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone bring covered dishes.

MAY, 2006

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the second Sunday in May 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: Kenneth B. Jude, Danny Adams, Ben Scott and Billy Robinson.

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 (Fraley) 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.

CHARITY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Charity Church on the third Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.. Ministers called: Bruce Forsyth, Bill Campbell, Richard Lowe, Walter Rose, Sabert Nichols, Thomas J. Dials and Robert Clay.

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: Thomas J. Dials, Jimmy Dye, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Sabert Nichols.

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 Kenneth B. Jude.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Wallace Sartin, Larry R. May, Jack Robinette and Albert Cable 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: Greg Stanley, Don Little, Billy Williamson and Gary Young.

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, Edward L. Smith and David Crigger.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran, David Crigger, Charles Edwards and Albert Cable.

JUNE, 2006

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the first Sunday in June (June 4) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Elbert SESCO, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Cemetery next to the Church for all deceased members of the church on the second Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Danny Hurley, David Lester, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Belcher, Gary Adkins and Edward L. Smith.

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, Larry R. May, Condor Maynard, 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 and Thomas J. Dials.

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, Vernon Rose, 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 18, 2006) at 11:00 a. m. Ministers called: 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: Ben Scott, 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, Greg Stanley, Duane Smith, 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, 2006

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the John B. Williamson Cemetery (across from the Pilgrims Home Church) on the first Saturday in July (July 1, 2006) at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Billy Williamson and others.

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, Lacy Walters, Ben Scott, 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 and Reed Family members buried on the Runyon Cemetery and Mountain View Memory Garden on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Hobart Hamilton, John (Boy) Lowe, Richard Lowe, Harold Blackburn, Gary Young and Richard Staton.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson and Scott Cemetery near the Leannah Church at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., Albert Cable, 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: 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 and Clyde Brown who is buried on the Hill Crest Cemetery at Kenova, WV, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Chuck Hall, Jimmy Dye, Danny Belcher, Edward L. Smith, Wayne Herald, Jr. with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

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 and Richard Staton.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Pilgrims Home Church on third Saturday (July 15) at 6:00 p.m. in memory of John Gilbert Blackburn, and wife sister Lizzie 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, Billy Joe Robinson, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Thomas J. Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Elizabeth Church for Brother Joe Fletcher, his wife, Hazel Fletcher and son, Roger Fletcher on the odd Sunday in July (July 30, 2006). Ministers called: All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

LITTLE ROSIE will hold a memorial meeting on the Runyon Cemetery in the head of Dan's Branch Hollow on the odd Sunday (July 30) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Wayne Herald, Jr., Albert Cable, Danny Runyon, Duane Smith and Steven White.

AUGUST, 2006

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on the first Saturday in August (August 5) at 4:00 p.m. in memory of all buried on the Jeff Robinette Cemetery. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco and Danny Runyon.

MEMORIAL MEETING of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton, Joseph Staton, Mont Staton, Jerry Staton and Mary 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-Prince 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: John Paul Hamilton, Eric Williamson, Greg Stanley and Leonard Hamilton.

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, Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, Ft. McCoy Cemetery in Ft. McCoy, Florida and Hennon Scalf Cemetery on Curry Branch and Sister Hester Maynard and all that are buried on the Williamson Cemetery on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton, James Tackett and Danny Runyon with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

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., A. B. Thacker and Greg Stanley.

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 cemetery 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, Spencer Hall 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: Elbert SESCO, Bobby SESCO, Larry R. May, David Crigger, Leonard Hamilton, Greg Scott, Steve White 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, Leon Robinson and Richard Staton with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending. Dinner will be served.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Sunday in August at 5:00 p.m. at the Turkey Creek Church house for Rell and Mary M. Maynard and deceased family. Ministers called: Gary Young, Jack Robinette and Albert Cable.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on Saturday, August 19, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. for all those buried on the Alfred Young Cemetery. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton, Jack Robinette and Hobart Hamilton.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the McCoy Cemetery and will include, Oscar McCoy family, Tolbert McCoy family, also Johnnie Nichols Sr. family and Lowe family of Gulnare, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Leon Robinson, Bradley Biliter, James Hamilton 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: Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., Hershel 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, David Crigger, Gayle Brown, Arthur May, Kenneth B. Jude 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, Lacy Fletcher, Butler Fletcher, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude. Church will be held at the cemetery.

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: Sabert Nichols, Richard Staton, Floyd Jude and Dewey Jude.

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: Condor Maynard, Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, David Crigger, Wayne Herald, Jr., Robert Haney 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: Ben Scott, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Kenneth B. Jude and Roger Stepp. Dinner will be served nearby.

SEPTEMBER, 2006

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Steve White, 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 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, Billy Joe Robinson 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 3) night at 5:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Leon Robinson and Danny Runyon.

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: W. H. Cochran, Danny Belcher, Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones, Paul Maynard, and Bobby Scott, Sr.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Ruby Honaker Hunt, her husband, Mont, their daughter, Lorene Hunt, Charlie Honaker and others family members on Sunday following the third Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at the home of her son, Johnny Honaker, which is located approximately three fourths mile up Sunshine Lane at Kimper, KY. Ministers called: Teddy Honaker, Richard Staton, Leon Robinson, Billy Williamson, Paul Maynard and all other Regular Baptist ministers who are able to attend. The family invites everyone.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, William (Tom) Fraley and his wife Inis Fraley Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: David Crigger, Frankie Scott, Jimmy Dye, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters 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., Dewey Jude and Milford Lowe.

OCTOBER, 2006

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 (October 1) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hillard Newsome, Don Blake Little and Lacy Walters.

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, Spencer Hall, 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, Wayne Herald, Jr., Harold Sesco, Robert Haney, Dale Williamson, Leon Robinson and Jimmy Dye.

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, Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Greg Stanley, Albert Cable, Eric Williamson 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, James Tackett and Murl F. Caudill.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church 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, Albert Cable and Steve Robinson, Jr.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Sam Franks, Raymond Stapleton, Thomas J. Dials, Albert Cable and Johnny Newsome.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Albert Cable, Harold Sesco, Richard Staton, Zeb Justice, Jackie Yates, Toy Looney 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, 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: Ted Robinson, Chuck Hall, Travis Bentley and Richard Staton.

OBITUARIES
of
BRETHREN AND SISTERS

ELDER VIRGIL FIELDS

With a sad and lonesome feeling we try to write an obituary for Elder Virgil Fields. He was born in Martin County, KY on February 19, 1927 and he left this life April 6, 2005 in the hospital at Louisa, KY.

He was the son of the late Elmer and Mintie Fields. He married Goldie Adams on April 26, 1945. To this union was born seven children, five sons and two daughters. Two daughters preceded him in death; Ruby May Fields and Kathy Calhoun.

Five sons and one son in law survive: Carl and Joyce Fields of West Unity, OH, James and Kathie Fields of Taylor, MI, Andy and Debbie Fields of Adrian, MI, Martin and Cindy Fields of Louisa, KY, John and Teresa Fields of Louisa, KY and son in-law, Roger Calhoun of Taylor, MI.

He has four brothers and two sisters: Pat Fields of Milo, KY, Eddie Fields of Columbus, OH, Eldon Fields of Lebanon, IN, Sandy Carter of Columbus, OH and Amy Ward of Taylor, MI. One brother, Dales Fields of Lebanon, IN preceded him in death. He has sixteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Virgil felt like the Lord forgave him of his sins and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on March 8, 1959 at the Little Ida Church in Ecorse, MI. He was baptized by Elders Roy and Sidney Hudson. He lived a faithful life until his death. He started preaching the Gospel soon after he became a member. His life and love had a great influence on people in the world and in the church. He was loved by all who knew him. We felt he left a world of sorrow to a place of plenty where there will be no more suffering or sorrow, where there will be joy and peace forever. We feel there will soon be a great family reunion, where all the family of God will be together forever. There will be no more worried days or restless nights. We will see the Shepherd of the Sheep and dwell in his presence forever. We could go on writing, but we could not put in words the life Brother Fields lived.



Written by his Family
And Brother Auty McClanahan

ELDER HUBERT (BUDDY) GLANDON

It is with precious memories and a very broken heart that we will try to write the obituary of our loving husband, father, and papaw.

Elder Hubert (Buddy) Glandon was born on November 23, 1943 at Baisden, WV. Preceding him in death are his parents, Fred and Vernie Glandon and sisters: Judy Glandon, Sandra Sims, and Glenda Glandon.

On September 4, 1965 he married Barbara Sue Browning and to this union was born three sons: Keith (Stephanie) Glandon, Lynuel Glandon, Todd (Miranda) Glandon. We were blessed with six beautiful grandchildren: Kaleb, Emily, Hannah, Lindsey, Destiny and Justin. Buddy loved them all so much. He would sit in his chair and smile as they played around him. He leaves behind two sisters, (sis) Patsy (Bobby) Carter and Bernice (James) Henderson. Buddy joined the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church on May 19, 1974. Brother Carlos Ray Tuttle was preaching when he joined.

He was ordained on Saturday, October 20, 1990. He loved to preach the word of God to people and was always at church when he was able. He always had a smile when you saw him. On Sunday mornings he couldn't wait to get started out the door. He would say, hurry mom, were going to be late. He loved his brothers and sisters in church and everyone he saw.

I know here at home it gets pretty lonesome, but the kids and I know he is resting with Jesus now. At times I would love to have him back with us. But he was so sick. I wouldn't want him to suffer anymore. I know our loss is Heavens gain. So rest, sweet Buddy, we hope and pray to meet you again someday.

Written by: your loving wife, Sue
And kids:: Keith, Lynny and Todd



ELDER WALLACE MUNCY

Elder Wallace Muncy, age 75, of Hatfield, KY departed this life on Thursday, March 17, 2005 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY. Born October 26, 1929 in Martin County, KY; he was the son of the late Richard Muncy and Pearl Maynard (Muncy) Finley.

In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Jones Muncy; brother, Luther Muncy and sister-in-law, Bernice Muncy.

He was a retired coal mine, a member of the UMWA, and a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a minister and elder for fifty two years. He served as Moderator of the Mary Elizabeth Church and the Sidney Church. In the past he served as Moderator of the Apple Orchard and Little Rosie Churches.

He is survived by one daughter, Sue (James) Stepp of Lovely, KY; one granddaughter, Misty Nicole Stepp of Lovely, KY; one sister, Ruth Holbrook of Clothier, WV and nephews, Richard Muncy of Lovely, KY and Glen Muncy of Pikeville, KY. Also, surviving are a host of extended family members, his church family and friends.



By nature Dad had a small family but by serving God and his love for the church he was blessed with an enormous family. To all of you that visited Dad in his illness, the numerous phone calls, for all the meals taken to him and for each prayer, I thank you. To all the elders in the church; each of you had a special place in his heart and he loved you dearly. I will always remember the love and kindness that was extended to Dad. When we remember Dad, lets not be sad but be thankful for the lives he touched and hold his memory and his preaching close to our heart. Dad's work is now over and he is resting from his labor. I feel I was richly blessed with wonderful parents. I will hold their memories and love in my heart forever.

Dad was very lonely after Mom passed away but they will be rejoicing together forever in eternity.

Written by daughter, Sue Stepp

ELDER JAMES "CLIFFORD" STANLEY

Age 58 of Sidney, KY passed away at his home on Sunday morning, August 28, 2005. He was born December 10, 1946 at Hardy, KY to the late Luther and Creasie (Gooslin) Stanley. After his parents death he and his brothers and sisters were raised by their grandparents, George and Margie Stanley, who proceeded him in death. He was also proceeded in death by three brothers: George, Jonah and Harrison and one sister, Geneva Stanley Runyon.



He was married December 30, 1964 to his wife of forty one years, Vernetta (Morris) Stanley. To this union was born three daughters: Deborah (Robert) Hatfield of Ransom, KY, Sandra (Gibbs) Stanley of Huddy, KY and Christina (Joe) Chapman of Sidney, KY.

He is survived by six grandsons: James Matthew, Stevan Clinton and Zackary Duane Gibbs, Thomas Clayton, Christopher Jordon Hunt and Joseph Dalton Chapman; two sisters, Virginia (Jim) Bevins of Patriot, OH, Hazel (Sonny) Logan of Morehead, KY; two aunts, Maxine Johnson and Elsie Rose of Hardy, KY. He leaves a host of relatives, friends, brothers, and sisters to mourn his loss.

Brother Clifford was a retired coal miner and a Vietnam Veteran. The Veterans had graveside services. We've all heard him tell about being wounded and being unconscious for sixty days.

He was baptised Sunday April 6, 1980 at the Old Enon Church and ordained as a minister July 1987. Brother Clifford was a wonderful husband to Vernetta and a loving father and grandfather to his children and grandsons.

I've known him since we were children. I can remember his grandfather, Brother George and how he could line those old songs . I thought of him every time Brother Clifford would sing . He use to drive an old truck and the grandchildren would all ride in the back when they came to church. We spent many Sundays at Brother George's home for dinner and they would come to our house. We were raised and taught about the good old time ways and were thankful for those memories.

Brother Clifford was well loved by everyone. When he became sick he began making arrangements for his funeral. He wrote down the brothers he wanted and he said, " I know these brothers will preach the truth to my family". Every time the brothers and sisters met with him in his little home, he always rejoiced and enjoyed singing and having prayer.

Sometimes when no one was there but the family, he would sing and he told us about singing "I Am Going To That City Where The Lights Are Hanging High". He rejoiced in having a hope of eternal life. Before he died, he counseled the girls and grandchildren about repenting and getting ready to meet this enemy called death. He prepared to meet it and left here rejoicing, raising his arms and asking Jesus to come and get him.

He wanted to bring his letter here to the Dix Fork Church before he died. He really loved the brothers and sisters from Cedar Bottom. They had been so good to him but, he had a deep desire to come here. I remember the day he came. We held up the church work waiting on him. He came through the door and looked like he could hardly walk. After we received him, the church sang and welcomed him in. He then laid his head on David's shoulder and said, "I am finally home and I can't tell you how happy it makes me."

Brother Clifford has gone to a better home. The one he had been waiting for. I believe with all my heart that Sunday morning when he raised his arms up, that the gates of Paradise swung open and he entered into that peaceful rest. He will be sadly missed but, I am happy for him. We all should live so close to God that when our time comes to leave, we too can rejoice and raise our hands toward Heaven and leave with a shout. What a glorious promise it is to have a hope of eternal life. It was bought with a price most costly. It exceeds all the riches of this world. If Brother Clifford could speak to us he would say, "rejoice and be exceedingly glad because our names are written in Heaven and to all children of God, death is the cure for all diseases." So farewell dear brother, joy is coming in the morning and we shall meet in the sweet bye and bye.

Written by your sister in Christ,
Sister Geraldine Crigger

OMA THOMPSON BEVINS

Oma Thompson Bevins, 90, of South Williamson, KY, passed away Thursday, April 21, 2005, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, KY. Born February 27, 1915, at Brushy Creek, Pike County, KY, she was the daughter of the late George W. Thompson and Mary Young Thompson. She was a member and Deaconess of the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church at Goody, KY, and a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl C. Bevins; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Bevins; five brothers: Elmer, Henry, James, Harold and Clyde Thompson and four sisters: Stella Robinette, Tempa Walters, Sally Lowe and Virgie Robinette. Surviving are six step-children: Carl C. Bevins, Jr. of Pontiac, MI, Richard Bevins of Clarkston, MI, Roger Bevins of Chattaroy, WV, Betty Bevins of Ashland, KY, Lois Maynard of Pontiac, MI and Carol Kirk of South Williamson, KY; a special grandson, Jimmy Bevins of South Williamson, KY; a special nephew, Raymond Robinette; a sister, Grade Robinette of Hazel Park, MI; seventeen grandchildren, several great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Sister Oma was a faithful and valued member of the Salem Church. She prepared the Communion Bread for years and, when she became unable to do so, she taught the younger Sisters how to continue making it in the ancient tradition. Her beautiful smile will always be in the memory of those who knew her.



The Family

ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) ROBINETTE BLACKBURN

With the help of the good Lord, we will try to write the obituary of our loving mother, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Robinette Blackburn. She was born July 21, 1920 and died December 23, 2004. She was the daughter of Elbert and Bertha (Canada) Robinette of Varney, KY, both preceded her in death.

She had three brothers who preceded her in death: Joe (Faye) Robinette and Earl E. (Grace) Robinette of Varney, KY, and Roland (Lucy) Robinette of Hatfield, KY. Two sisters preceded her in death, Elzie (Leonard) SESCO of Hatfield, KY and Almeda (Richard) Johnson of Rawl, WV.

She has three surviving sisters: Allie Mae (J.S.) Walters of Hatfield, KY, Loucille (Bobby) McCoy of Texarkana, TX and Eunice Allene (Johnny) McCoy of Grand Prairie, TX.

She was married to John G. Blackburn December 16, 1939, who preceded her in death. To this union three children were born. One preceded her in death, Willis R. (Wig) Blackburn (Ann) of Sidney, KY. She had two daughters whom she was residing with at the time of her death, Magdalene and Katherine Blackburn of Canada, KY. She had seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in July of 1939 taking her letter to the Pilgrims Home Church, at Varney, KY.

She was a loving mother and grandmother, and loved by all who knew her. She was a Christian for sixty five years. She left a candle in the window for her family. I am so glad I took her advice and am now preparing to meet her in Glory Land where we will part no never.

Written by her daughters, Magdalene and Katherine Blackburn
and her nieces Irene Sipple and Cleo Johnson



JANET GAY BOWLING

A year ago if someone told me that I would be writing my mother's obituary, I would not have believed them. But my father and sister have asked me to do that very thing. I am honored to have the chance to convey to everyone how special she was to us.

Janet Gay (Ross) Bowling of Cold Fork Road, Turkey Creek, KY was born August 28, 1940 and stepped into the arms of Jesus on April 27, 2005.

She is survived by her husband of forty two years, Thomas Lee Bowling and their two daughters; Della (Thomas) Tinch of Dandridge, TN and LouAnn (Justin) Justice of Williamson, WV. Also, her beloved mother, Pearl Williamson of Varney, KY and her step-father K. H. Williamson whom she loved dearly and a host of friends and extended family.

Janet is preceded in death by her father, Victor Ross and one brother, Leroy Ross. God blessed my sister and I with the greatest mom that ever lived and my dad with a wonderful wife.

She was a nurturer and a caregiver. Mom always put the needs of everyone else ahead of her own.



She was the one who always brought the family together for fellowship. Mom was very strong and brave when she was diagnosed with cancer and began her chemo treatments. I remember when she told me of the diagnosis. I became very upset. Her words to me were, "Now, Della, it doesn't do any good to get upset. We have to accept it and do what we can. If it's God will that I get better, I will. If its not, then that will be alright, too. That was just the way she was. She made sure my sister and I knew Jesus Christ. She had us at church every time she went. The thing she dreamed of most was that we would all meet in Heaven.

Mom loved her church family. She spoke often about the services and her brothers and sisters in Christ. She enjoyed cooking for the fellowship that followed the services. From the day she accepted Christ some forty years ago, she never tired of telling everyone about Jesus.

Her death is still as clear to me as when it happened. As she slipped away, I watched as she moved her hands as though she was taking hold of someone else. She closed them tightly and as she died, I knew Jesus was reaching down and saying, "Come with me Janet, it's time to come home."

LouAnn, Dad and I are thankful to God she did not suffer and she had no pain. We know in our hearts she is no longer sick and she is in Heaven with Jesus.

We are also thankful to Him for blessing us with such a special angel for that is what she was to us. We all miss her so much.

In loving memory from Delia Tinch, LouAnn Justice,
Thomas Bowling, and Pearl and Hi Williamson

MAUDIE BURNETT

It is with much sadness and by the help of God, that we will try to write the obituary of our dear sweet and loving mother. She was loved and is missed very much. Maudie Burnett, who God called home November 8, 2004.

Mom was born March 10, 1912 making her stay here on Earth ninety two years and seven months and twenty nine days. She was born to Charlie and Angeline Scott Lowe in Pike County, KY. She was loved by many and always ready to help anyone in need. At the age of ninety two mom was blessed to sing old time songs like "Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound." She love to talk about the Lord. She said she was going home to be with the Lord and the ones that weren't ready to go better get ready to go.

Mom had been a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church for fifty four years. We feel the ones that get right with God will meet mom again in Heaven when this life here is over.

Mom was blessed with twelve children, fifty three grandchildren and eighty six great grandchildren, who were left to morn her passing here on Earth.

So sleep on, sweet Mother, until we meet again in Heaven. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.



Written in loving memory of Maudie Burdett
By her family

EARL W. CLAY

Earl W. Clay, age 94, of Okeechobee, FL died Friday, September 10, 2004 at the Okeechobee Health Care Facility. Brother Earl was born March 25, 1910 in Nestlelow, WV to Brother. George W. Clay and Cynthia Ann Clay.

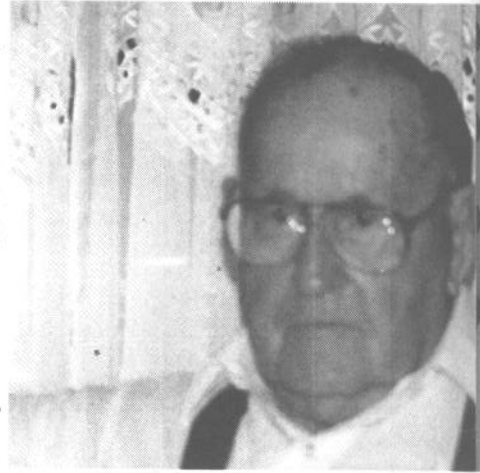
Brother Earl had retired from Earl's Body Shop, which he owned. He came to Okeechobee from West Virginia in 1943. He was a member of the Okeechobee Old Regular Baptist Church at Okeechobee, FL.

Brother Earl liked to fish, and when not working, he could be found with a fishing pole in his hand. If you had the time to listen he could tell you some very interesting stories.

Brother Earl was preceded in death by his beloved wife of sixty seven years, Sister Macie Clay. Sister Macie was a very sweet, loving and caring person. She was loved by all that were blessed to meet her. She worked several years for the Okeechobee County School System. I worked beside her many a Sunday serving the Brothers and Sisters dinner in the kitchen of Sister Leota Gilman. She was a joy to be around.

Their surviving children are four daughters: Evelyn Frady, Vivian, and Rachel Clay of Okeechobee, FL and Barbara Clay of Sarasota, FL and four sons: Norman, Lonnie and George Clay of Okeechobee, FL and Thomas Lynn Clay of Fort Pierce, FL. They had twenty three grand children, thirty nine great grand children, seven great-great grand children. They are and will continue to be missed.

Written by Sister Manda Gilman
With the help of the Clay Family



CHARLIE DANIELS, SR.

In loving memory of our dad, Charlie Daniels, Sr. of Delbarton, WV who passed this life on March 23, 2005.

He was born at Glen Alum, WV on January 30, 1909. He was the son of the late Ples and Mary Mullins Daniels.

He worked for the Norfolk and Western Railroad from which he retired.

Preceding him in death were his loving wife, friend, and companion of many years, Eunice Buchannon Daniels. Also, preceding him were two sons, three daughters, a grandson and a great grandson.

He was a member and deacon of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Turkey Creek, Kentucky. They both loved the church, the ministers and fellow worshippers. He will be sadly missed by his remaining family and friends and those who knew him. So, rest peacefully now Dad, for there is no hurry. There is a place waiting to take away your worry.



Written by his daughter, Nellie

MARY BELLE (DILLON) HENSLEY

How do I write an obituary for someone who still lives in our hearts? We know that Mom is gone, but her loss is still too hard for us to accept, even though it has been almost a year since we lost her. So, it is in loving memory that I will attempt to share our loss of a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, great-aunt, friend and a sister-in-the church.

Mary Belle (Dillon) Hensley was born on December 5, 1930 and died September 30, 2004, at seventy three years of age. She was one of thirteen children born to McCager and Pearl (May) Dillon, both of whom were members of the Old Regular Baptist Church. Mom was raised in the church and joined the "Samaria" Old Regular Baptist Church at fifteen. In 1966, she took her letter to the "House of Prayer" Old Regular Baptist Church in Beavercreek, Ohio. She was one of the founding members of the "House of Prayer" Church and she was still an active member there at the time of her death.

Mom married my father, James Peter Hensley, on April 13, 1948. To this union, one daughter was born (myself, Rose P. Henley) of Dayton, OH. I gave them two grandchildren, a granddaughter (Julie A. Swisher) and a grandson (Bobby D. Gibson II). They were also blessed with five special great-grandchildren by Julie and Bobby: Courtney Lynn Gibson, Bobby D. Gibson III, Elisabeth Marie Gibson, Jacob Howard Swisher, and James Thomas "J.T." Swisher.

Mom was also survived by three brothers: Roy Dillon of Huber Heights, OH, Clem Dillon of Riverside, OH and Noah Dillon of Lovely, KY, five sisters: Julia Mae Lester of Huber Heights, OH, Eliza Copley of New Albany, OH, Tilda Doyle of Mayslick, KY, Ruby Mitchell of Selma, IN, Martha Sartin of New Carlisle, OH and a half sister, Dora Marcum of Lima, OH.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, McCager and Pearl (May) Dillon, two sisters, Cleo Chafin and Kathy Perry, two brothers, Raymond and Wallace Dillon, two half brothers, Oakey and Herbert Dillon and a half sister, Brooke Beckett.

Mom also was a displayer with "Home Interiors & Gifts" since 1993. She loved to decorate and display Home Interior products. She also created the most beautiful silk floral arrangements.

Mom was our family hero. She was the rock on which our family was built. She was loved and will be sorely missed by her whole family, her friends, and her brothers-and-sisters of the church. She always knew how to keep our family together and we all pray that she is still watching over us and will keep us in line like she always did. Mom was a very strong and beautiful woman (inside and out) and we will never forget even one moment that we were blessed to spend in her company.



Written by her daughter, Rose P. Henley
with her husband, James P. Hensley
her granddaughter, Julie A. Swisher
and her grandson, Bobby D. Gibson II

ROBERT JUDE

It is with a sad heart, but with so many loving and precious memories that we will try to write the obituary of our beloved, Robert Jude; a loving husband, daddy and papaw. The most precious part of our family is gone. Everything in the house and his yard are apart of what daddy worked so hard on and we see things that he has fixed or worked on everyday. It breaks all of our hearts to write this because something so special is gone. He told us all to be strong and how much he loved everyone. He showed his love everyday.

Robert departed this life on April 7, 2005 at his home among everyone he loved. He had a long illness and suffered so much. He wanted to be at home with family and that was what he got. When he died it made his days on earth, seventy years and fourteen days. He was born on March 24, 1935 to the late Elijah and Mae Harmon Jude. He had four sisters: Columbia Jude, Fannie Mae Jude and Johnny Jean Jude all three now deceased, with his fourth sister, Joanne Staton, surviving. He had one brother Jimmy Jude.

He was married to Margaret Blackburn Jude on May 5, 1957. We had precious memories and were blessed with ten wonderful children: Dianna Stevens, Betty Mae Berry (d.), Larry Jude, Shirley Jean Derby, Brenda Gail Jude (d.), Patsy Kay Jude, Sheila Gwinn Erwin, Terry Douglas Jude (d.), Barbara Pricilla Jude (d.), Bobbi Jo Jude. There are fifteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Robert loved all of his children and grandchildren so much and it always showed. It was like that song, "All the little children in Heaven, you know what they mean to me". That was that how daddy felt about little children.

He was baptized by the hand of Tom Dials and Sabert Nichols on October 18, 1987. He was a coal miner for twenty seven years and worked hard for his family. We never went without anything we needed, even though we had a lot of kids to take care of and did a wonderful job.

Robert loved to see the flowers bloom and the leaves come out on the trees because he loved spring and summer. He raised a big garden every year and loved to sit on his back porch and listen to the birds sing and watch his cattle graze. He would watch and listen for all sorts of wild animals such as turkeys, squirrels, rabbits and deer running around.

We, his family, are sure there are birds singing over his grave and in Heaven. We know he is resting now in Jesus' arms and not suffering anymore.



Written by: His wife, Margaret Jude
And his daughters and son

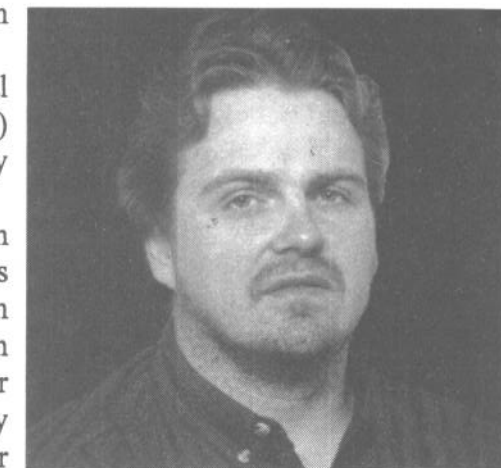
TIMOTHY MAYNARD

Tim was the youngest son of Howard and Frances Turyn Maynard. He was born November 18, 1956 at Holden, WV.

He passed from this life June 4, 2005 at Logan General Hospital. Tim was preceded in death by his father (March 29, 1957) and his mother (September 17, 2002). He preceded in death by grandparents, one uncle and four aunts.

He is survived by three brothers and sisters-in-laws: Sam (Sherry), Eddie (Anita) and Jimmy (Kaye). Along with five nieces and four nephews. Tim had several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Tim was married to Sandy Jude on January 25, 1993. They divorced in 2002. He was confined to a rest home in Logan, WV for ten years or more. After having a massive stroke for many weeks the family didn't know if he would pull through. It was a very trying time for his mom and all. Tim was left completely paralyzed and unable to speak but not unable to think or reason. I believe the Lord extended his life for a reason. He went through so much but somewhere along the way I believe he took heed to that low still voice that speaks to each of us at some time in our life.

Tim couldn't speak with his voice but he could with his eyes and his heart. Tim was baptized and received into the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. Tim was baptized by Brother Hobart Hamilton. He believed from the heart and had that spiritual baptism. Thou he was never able to fill his seat or take communion or wash his brothers feet his soul is resting under the alter of God, his body is moldering back to the dust from whence it came. And in the morning of all mornings he'll take his flight to that heavenly home where there's peace and joy forever and forever. Written on behalf of Tim's Family who was so good to him you proved your love for him by the things you did.

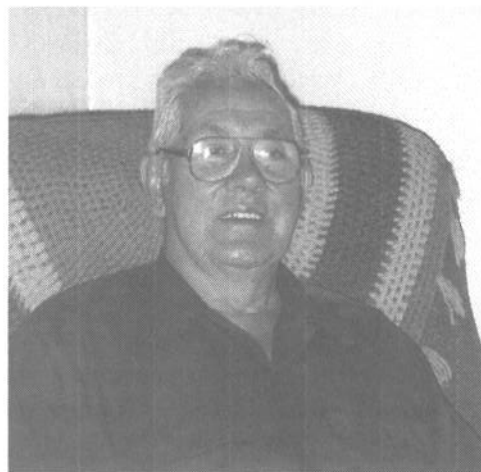


By: Sis Anna Cales (Aunt)

RUDOLPH (BUDDY) PREECE

Rudolph Preece, 82, of Fallsburg, KY formerly of Omar, WV passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at Kings Daughters Hospital in Ashland, KY. He was born July 11, 1922 in Martin Count, KY to the late Baziland Roxie Goble Preece.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church. Surviving are his wife Sadie Jones Preece of Fallsburg, KY; sons, Dallas Preece of Fallsburg, KY, Lee Preece of Yawkey, WV, Johnny Preece of Omar, WV, Ronnie Preece of Fallsburg, KY. and Russell Preece of Louisville, KY; daughters: Eloise Zvirzdin of Peterburg, VA, Lorean Shaffer of Modesto, Ca, Bonnie Preece of Columbus, OH. A daughter, Connie Preece, passed away October, 1997. Also, preceding him in death was one brother, Matt Preece.



Surviving brothers and sisters are Lucian Preece and Milton Preece of Lovely, KY, Wilda and Margie Preece of Lovely, KY. Lushie McGinnis, Tilda Preece and Nannie Preece all of Kentucky. Also, surviving are many grand children and great grand children who loved him dearly.

He will be greatly missed by all.

OSCAR REED

It is with much sadness that we will try to write the obituary of someone that was so close to us in this life.

Brother Oscar Reed was born July 6, 1928 and departed this life December 6, 2004, making his stay on earth seventy six years and five months. Brother Oscar was the son of the late George Dewey "Dee" and Annie Maynard Reed. He was preceded in death by four brothers: Wayne Runyon, Homer Reed, Bluford Reed and Clifford Reed and three sisters: Bertha Moore, Sadie Webb and Grace Mills.

He is survived by three sisters: Sally Jude of Pilgrim, KY, Julie Thompson of Pennington Gap, VA. and Geneva Adams of Circleville, OH; two brothers, George Rell Reed of Bardstow, CA. and Carl B. Reed of Nicholasville, VA.

When Brother Oscar was a young man he married Chloe Ann Johnson and they enjoyed fifty four wonderful years together. To this union were born six children: Oscar Eugene, wife (Linda) of Little Creek, Kenneth Lee "Buck", wife (Susan) of Island Creek, Sharon, husband (Michael) Arnett of Raccoon, Karen Fleming of Jonancy, Wendell, wife (Lydia) of Island Creek, Floria (Janie) Moore of Little Creek. He is survived by seventeen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren and a special friend, Ronald Coleman, who was a great help during Oscar's illness. Oscar will be sadly missed by a host of nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

He was a Korean Veteran of the U. S. Army, a member of the Caney Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for twenty six years. He was baptized October 22, 1978 and was ordained and served as a Deacon for twenty four years. He was also a Deacon at the Pilgrim Hope Church on Long Fork.

Our Daddy was a strong example for his family of what a true child of God is. He always taught us to give when people was in need and do unto others good even tho they don't always do unto you good. He was a wonderful Daddy who always loved Mommy and worked hard for his children, grandchildren and the old church. He always put his family first.

As one of the brother-in-laws of Brother Oscar, by the help of the good Lord I will try to cast in my little mite. Besides being a brother-in-law, we were two old fishing buddies, but the best part is we became Brothers in the Lord. I may not get to sit with him on the river bank or shake his hand any more on earth or enjoy the good old time meetings and sit together in love and fellowship, but thanks be to God we will meet again in a land where afflictions, sorrow and death won't ever be remembered any more.

Brother Oscar did more preaching by the life he lived before his family, his friends and neighbors that he loved dearly, than all the good old preaching Brothers could ever do in a life time. God saw that our friend was getting tired and growing weaker, so God called for him to come on home and rest for a little while.

We feel and believe in our hearts that Brother Oscar's prayers are bottled up in heaven where we feel that his soul is resting so peaceful in the arms of Jesus and his works will go on. If he could speak to us, I feel these are some of the words he would say, companion, children, grandchildren, relation, friends, neighbors, my sisters and brothers in the old church; please don't weep for me but weep for yourselves and your children, because if you could only realize how peaceful it is in this beautiful place, you would never want to do another wrong but would tender your heart and make it up in your mind and heart that you will someday, somewhere prepare to meet little Papaw in Heaven, where separation won't ever come and joy and peace will never end. Don't let anything knock you out of going to Heaven. Good memories will help mother, children, and grandchildren to lean on each other and most of all prepare to meet little PaPaw again in Heaven.



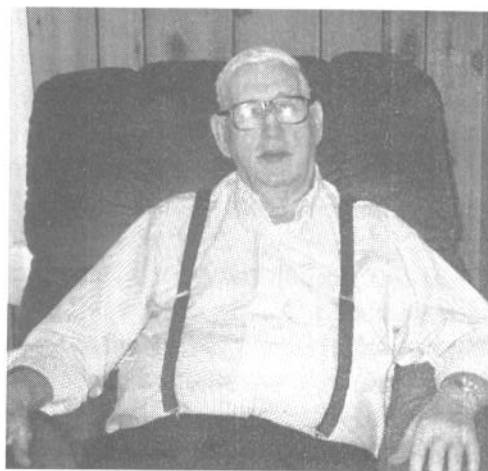
So as we say farewell today to our friend, husband, father, little Papaw, let us say in our hearts, by the grace of God we'll meet you again in the sweet bye and bye. Let us keep this thought in our heart. Lord I know that nothing can happen to me today that you and I can't handle.

Written by Don Little and the Family

EARL E. ROBINETTE

With a sad and aching heart, we will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved dad, Earl E. Robinette.

He was born September 15, 1923 at Varney, KY. He lived eighty one years, eight months and six days and went to be with Jesus on June 21, 2005. Left to mourn his loss is his wife, children and grandchildren, and a host of family and friends. He was the son of Bertha Canada Robinette and Elbert Robinette, both preceded him in death. Two brothers preceded him in death, Joe Robinette (Faye) of Varney, KY. and Roland Robinette (Lucy) of Hatfield, KY. Three sisters preceded him in death: Elzie Sesco (Leonard) of Hatfield, KY, Almeda Johnson (Richard) of Rawl, WV and Lizzie Blackburn (John Gilbert) of Canada, KY. His three surviving sisters are Allie Mae Walters (J.S.) of Hatfield, KY, Loucille McCoy (Bobby) of Texarkana, TX and Eunice Alene McCoy (Johnny) of Grand Prairie, TX.



He was married to Grace Young, September 29, 1949. To this union was born six children. One child preceded him in death, Mary Betty. There was two more daughters, Irene Sipple and Cleo Johnson and her husband Mike. He had three sons: Clifton Robinette and his wife, JoAnn, Richard Robinette and his wife, Geneva all of Varney, KY, Kelly Robinette and his wife, Rnonda of Canada, KY. Earl was blessed with eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Dad loved to work with timber, he owned a saw mill, and enjoyed that most, but he also worked in the coal mines for a period of time and was a foreman for the state highway department for four years.

Dad dedicated his life to the Lord on June 19, 1993. His illness prevented him from attending church at times but went when he was able. He belonged to Pilgrim Home Church at Varney, KY. for twelve years and two days before his death.

He was a loving husband and father to his family and was always a good provider. He always tried to help friends and neighbors as much as possible. Dad is gone but not forgotten. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Written with all our love.
Grace Robinette and Family

BEN ROBINSON

Daddy went home to be with the Lord on April 26, 2005 at Greeneville Rehabilitation Center, Greeneville, TN. He broke his leg on November 22, 2004 and never could recover.

He was born on April 6, 1918 at Moree, KY to Oliver and Edna Burgett Robinson. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Robinson of Turkey Creek, KY and Grover Robinson of War, WV. He is survived by one brother Steve Robinson of Delbarton, WV and one sister, Oretha Faye Dotson of Ocala, FL. He married Sally Marie Robinson on January 12, 1957 and to this union was born two daughters, Janet (Dale) Varney of Greeneville, TN and Tammy (Brad) Maynard of Delbarton, WV. He had four grandchildren: Billy Varney and Tiffany Varney of Greeneville, TN and Bethany Maynard and Kevin Maynard of Delbarton, WV. Also, one great grandchild, Benjamin Ryan Maynard of Delbarton, WV and one adopted granddaughter, Brittany Justice of Turkey Creek, KY.

He was a disabled coal miner and maintenance worker for Mingo County Schools. Dad was baptized in 1964 by Cecil Evans. He was a dedicated man of God. He went to church as long as his health permitted. The last time he got to go to the church was October, 2004 at the home of Ronnie and Judy Hensley at Kingsport, TN. He enjoyed his self so well that day. He told me the food was good but that spiritual food is what fed him.

I miss my daddy so much. He was my prayer partner and not only mine but other peoples as well. People have called him at all hours of the day to ask for prayer. In the early morning hours of the day I would hear him in the bathroom calling on God asking to watch over his family and bless his children, praying for the sick or whatever the need was. At night time you would hear him in the bedroom praying. I was blessed to have the best Daddy in the world.

I could go on and on about what a wonderful daddy I had but Daddy always said we preach our funeral everyday that we live. He set the example before us. I know I will see him again. He is just resting in the arms of Jesus.

With Love and Prayers, Janet Varney



GREDIS NICHOLS ROBINSON

It is with much sadness and a broken heart and with the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of my dear mother-in-law, whom I loved very much, Gredis Nichols Robinson. Mom was born on March 13, 1914 to the late James (Jimmy) and Virgie (Maynard) Nichols. She deceased this life on December 31, 2004 at 9:07 P.M. at the Skilled Nursing Facility where she had been a patient for almost five years, this making her stay here on earth ninety years, nine months and eighteen days. When she took her last breath of life I looked at her and said Happy New Year. I'm sure this will be the best year of her life.

On March 21, 1930 Mom married the love of her life, our Dad, Cleston Robinson. They were blessed to spend almost sixty years together before God called Dad home on January 17, 1989. This was such a sad sad time for all of us. Mom has never been satisfied since. She was always looking for him everywhere she went. To this union was born nine children, four boys and five girls.



Mom was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons, James Cleston (J.C.) Robinson and Elder Curtis Robinson, three grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren, five brothers and five sisters. Those left to mourn her loss are: Virgie (George) Robinette of Varney, KY, Tilda Hinkle of Harold, KY, Okie Mae Clark of Merryville, IN, Betty Jo McGhan of Ozark, AL, Roberta McCoy of Turkey Creek, KY, William Dover (Jenette) Robinson of Beattyville, KY and Elder Leon (Edith) Robinson of Varney, KY. She is also survived by thirty five grandchildren, ninety three great grandchildren and fifty five great-great grandchildren, one sister, Sue Neal of Raccoon, KY. Along with a host of friends and relatives.

Earlier in life, Mom knew there was something missing from her life. She began to pray and call on the Lord. When she felt the Lord had forgave her and she welcomed him into her heart, she found the peace that was missing. I've heard her say many times that was the happiest day of her life. Mom has been a member of the Apple Orchard Church for many many years. She was a faithful member as long as her health permitted.

Mom had a hard life, but she had a good life. When we went to her home there was always food on her table and she would make you eat. We won't be able to do this anymore here in this old world. She was a great great cook and I've learned a lot from her. I will cherish these lessons and memories forever. These are things no one can take. I feel truly honored to have had her for my Mother in law for the past thirty six years. She was a second Mom to me and I love her very much, I can hardly write this, I can't see the paper for the tears falling. I feel this is an honor to write these few words about such a wonderful woman that I could call Mom too.

I would like to say to all her family that if you haven't made peace with God, start praying now if you want to see and live with Mommy again. Children, Mommy didn't die on New Year's Eve, her life just began. She saw far beyond this veil of tears to her eternal home. She suffered so much here but now her suffering is over. She won't have no more pain, you know she hasn't been satisfied since Daddy passed away. She's been waiting for almost sixteen years to see those angels coming for her. She just used the one way ticket she purchased a long time ago, she took a flight without an airplane.

Mom would lay in her bed at the Nursing Home and when we would go to see her, about the first thing out of her mouth was, have you seen Cleston? There was one day we were there and she told me he was laying beside her and she wanted me to cover them up before we left. I covered them and she seemed so happy. I truly believe if there was ever an angel on earth Mom was one.

She loved to sing the old time hymns. Amazing Grace was her favorite. She would sing that when it looked like she couldn't live another minute. We're sure going to miss her and her beautiful voice. Mom's not dead, she's asleep with Jesus just waiting for the resurrection morning. The angels carried her soul and placed it in Father Abraham's bosom, just waiting for the coming of Christ, when she can sing that new song and shout down those golden streets of glory.

Farewell, Mom, until we meet again.

Your broken hearted daughter-in-law
And Sister in Christ Edith Robinson

BERTHA MAYE WEBB SCOTT

In loving memory, we will try to write the obituary of our mother, Bertha Maye Webb Scott. She was ninety seven years old.

Mother was member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Pilgrims Home. She was baptized on the third Sunday in June 1986 by Elders Milford Lowe and Clifford Maynard. Bertha was born June 3, 1907 and departed this life on Friday, October 22, 2004. She was the daughter of the late John Wallace and Dora Keesee Webb. Beside her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Harmon Scott Sr. and one infant daughter. She is survived by one son, Harmon (Marge) Scott Jr. and one daughter, Nadiene (Corbell) Hunt. She is also survived by one sister, Dora Muncy and one brother, Virgil Webb. Seven grandchildren fifteen great grandchildren and eleven great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews



Burial was in the Wallace Webb Cemetery. Sister Bertha will be missed by her family and friends and all the members of the Pilgrims Home Church.

Written by the Family

OBITUARIES
of
FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

BILLY JOE BORDWINE

Billy Joe Bordwine, "Mister Bill", to most of us was born November 4, 1952 to George and Virgie "Old Friend" Bordwine in Virginia.

Bill was on his way home after a long yet happy days work on December 3, 2003 when he turned his back on this world and went to sleep in the arms of Jesus. Bill leaves behind a son he was so very proud of, Jason Bordwine and his wife Mary, one grandson, five year old Ethan, who was his pride and joy. Bill spoke to us so much of his three brothers and memories he had of them growing up in the hills of Virginia. His eyes held a certain sparkle as he talked of them. David Bordwine, Kathy and Le Ann Bordwine, Mark Bordwine, his wife, Susan and their boys Cody, Dillon and Sawyer. Bill leaves behind so many special cousins, aunts and uncles and will forever be missed and loved by his brothers-in-law and sisters-in law. Bill leaves behind his mother, "Old Friend", whom he held in the highest esteem. Always wanting to make sure she was taken care of. He loved her so.



Bill came into our lives around twenty years ago when he met and married our sister, Elouise Bordwine. They were at the house of Stella Chaffins on January 25, 1985. They were married by Brother Paul Dean Justice. Bill confessed Jesus to be his Savior and was baptized by Brother Dale Williamson and Brother Earl Cantrell and became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. I often told Elouise that someone special would come into her life. She met the best when God sent Bill Bordwine to her. Along with his loving wife, Elouise, Bill leaves behind two stepsons, Elder Jonah Duane Smith, his wife Linda and granddaughters, Tiffany and Tasha and William David Smith and Amy. In their hearts Bill was a father and grandfather to them. Only with Gods help could they ever cope with their great loss.

Bill leaves behind his dear friend, Clayton Robinette and his special girls, Sam and Rebecca. Something evil came along that day as Bill tried to reach home and his wife, Elouise, but God intervened and sent his Angels down to bring Bill to his heavenly home. Bills Savior did not want him to experience pain or to be left in a world where someone would need to take care of him. For "Mister Bill" was the one who always took care of others. Our Dad often said "Actions speak louder than words", that was Bill. He did not quote scriptures he lived them in doing good, giving and caring for us all and in feeding hungry children, widows and orphans. He was silent in everything he did.

The Scriptures say, "I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and your gave me drink". Bill always had a place as God had a place for Bill. He lives today in a home not built by mans hands but built by the Masters hands. We will never forget your quite ways and your sweet smile. You taught us all how to become better people. Bill, we will meet you in Heaven.

Written by his loving family

SHIRLEY M. CLINE

With many precious memories I will try to write the obituary of a very dear friend and sister-in-law, Shirley M. (Patrick) Cline.

Shirley was born February 3, 1937 at Wharncliff, WV to the late Frank and Laura Jackson Patrick and passed away on August 30, 2004. Shirley was married to Jason Cline and to this union was born two sons; Franklin Cline and Jason "Michael" Cline. Her husband and one son, Michael preceded her in death.

Shirley was a loving and kind person, always willing to help anyone in need. She belonged to The First Missionary Baptist Church, but any time any church around needed help in raising money she was always there willing to help all she could. She was always there when I needed her help with my children. When my husband was sick she was at the hospital holding my hand. I miss calling her when I need help with anything. She had many friends that mourned her passing.

Some people just know right from the start how to bring joy to another's heart. Some people just know how to love and to give and they do such nice things every day that they live. They're always a blessing wherever they go; it's a sweet way of life that some people just know.

Written by a Sister-in-Law that loved her very much.
Mona Cline



JARRETT DIALS

With great sadness I will try to write the obituary of my cousin, Jarrett Dials, who after a short illness passed away August 19, 2005 at his home.

He was born February 8, 1942 in Martin County, KY, the son of the late, Ellis and Oma Lowe Dials. Jarrett is survived by two brothers; Hayes Marty (Pat) Dials who lives in Pennsylvania and Claude (Connie) Lowe of Louisa, KY; one sister, Mary (Buck) Mills of Inez, KY; two nieces, Sandy Mills Boyd and Phyllis Mills Ball; six great nieces: Sasha Mills, Ashley and Erica Ball, Brittany and Brianna Mills and Summer Marcum; two nephews, Junior and William Mills and three great nephews: C. J. Lowe, Jarrett Ray Lowe and Bradley Marcum.

Jarrett was a friend to everyone he met. He always had something to say good to anyone. He was very interested in keeping his house and yard as neat as possible. You would see him working intently as you passed his trailer. He would rake the gravels, mow the grass and work in the little garden that he usually has during the summer. I was with him a few hours before he passed and he was asking about my family. With a lot of help he went outside and said to me he was doing good. As he sat on his porch just a little bit before he was to pass he waved at his neighbors as they passed in a car. He loved the people that he has gotten to know during his sixty three years and was good to all his Pals, as he called them. Our community will greatly miss this polite, kind and gentle man.

Written by Tom Dials



ELIJAH FLETCHER

I hope and trust in the Lord that he will help me to write the obituary of my beloved father -in-law and friend, Elijah Fletcher.

Elijah Fletcher, 53, of Williamson, WV passed away Thursday, February 24, 2005 at his residence. He was born March 12, 1951 in Martin County, KY to the late Martin Fletcher and Pearlie Moore Fletcher. He worked in Natural Resources and was of the Tri-State Baptist Faith.

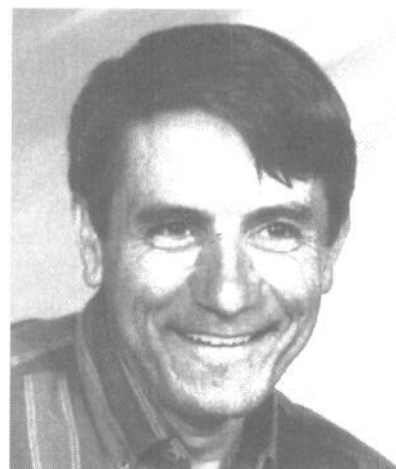
He loved the outdoors and he could hunt and fish all day long. Elijah never met a stranger. Everywhere he went he would find someone to talk to. He would talk about killing a deer or a turkey but, his conversation would always end up about the Lord. He would tell me that he has done everything that I know to do and I don't know what the problem is. I would always tell him to keep on praying and the Lord will show him. He never missed a Sunday of going to church. He and Marie were loving people. I miss him very much and I know that his children have an empty spot in their hearts. He raised his children up in the way they should go and he always had time for his grandchildren. He would take them fishing in the summer or to the Dollar Tree or Wal-Marts to get a toy. He always treated them equal.

Elijah had cancer and it made him very ill. He was in and out of the Pikeville Methodist Hospital for a very long time. The Tri-State Baptist and the Old Regular Baptist would come to the hospital to have church for him. He really looked forward to that and when he came home they would come to his house and have a meeting.

Elijah will be missed by many family members and friends of different churches. He lived so close to the Lord that most people thought that he belonged to church. He is survived by his loving wife, Marie Fletcher of Borderland, WV. His children are: Sabrina(Darrell)Evans of Hatfield, KY, Connie(Jessie Marcum)Hall of Wayne, WV, Gene Fletcher of Borderland, WV, Anna(Steven)White of Borderland, WV, Daniel(Frances)Fletcher of Chattaroy, WV, James (Amanda)Fletcher of Borderland, WV. He had two brothers; Matt(Doris)Fletcher and James Buddy Fletcher. Also, five sisters: Angeline(Gene)Burnette, Martha(Roger)Kirk, Sara Horn, Rosie Jude, Lucille(Grant)Nichols and fifteen loving grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Elijah were held February 27, 2005 at the Little Annie United Baptist Church with Gene Burnette, Gary Jude and Kenny Preece officiating. He was preceded in death by Anna Jude Gamble, Janey Fletcher, Flem Fletcher, Jasper Fletcher and Columbus Fletcher. All of his family was there when he took his last breath. He died so peaceful it was a blessing, his suffering was over.

I believe with all that is with in me that he made it over home. He told his family his new address was Heaven. He rejoiced in his bed with his arms up in the air, he would raise his hand up to shake hands. The Lord showed me in a vision that he was alright. So I will say that this is not goodbye, but we will meet again on the Cloud of Glory. To the family I would say, if you ever want to see your Daddy again, repent of your sins. The Bible says you must be born again, he will not turn you away if you come in the right way seeking him with all your heart, soul, and strength. I Love You All.



Written for the family by Elder Steve White

GARNET GILMAN

How do you say good bye to someone very special in so many ways? Garnet Gilman was this special person .She was born February 2,1923 in Delbarton, WV. She moved to Okeechobee, FL in 1962. Garnet attended the Okeechobee Old Regular Baptist Church in Okeechobee, FL as often as she could.

She loved listening to the preaching and signing and always had a warm smile and hand shake for every one she met.

Garnet went home to be with Jesus Dec.21.2004 and I am sure is now singing with the angels. She liked six weeks being eighty two years old.

Garnet was preceded in death by her parents, Deacon Mosco Gilman, Sr. and Sister Leota Hunt Gilman of Okeechobee, FL; two brothers, Alex Gilman of Lenore, TN and Bill Gilman of Okeechobee, FL and two sisters, Betty of Delbarton, WV and Ida Mae Smith of Big Creek, WV. Left to mourn her leaving are four brothers: Brother James Gilman and Brother Earnest Gilman of Delbarton, WV, Deacon Mosco Gilman, Jr. and Dallas Gilman of Okeechobee, FL and three sisters: Meshia Coleman of Kunkle, OH, Edith Weekley of Pennsburo, WV and Sarah Ann Gilman of Okeechobee, FL.

She is greatly missed by her family and friends.



Written by Sister Manda Gilman, sister-in-law
With the help of Deacon Mosco Gilman, Jr., brother
And Elder Randall Gilman, nephew

PEARLIE M. HICKS

Pearlie M. Hicks, 82, of Ashland, KY, died Wednesday, January 12, 2005 in the Wurtland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Hicks was born February 7, 1922 in Royalton, KY, the daughter of the late William and Susan Shepard Hale.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Hicks, in 1995. Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and a member of the Little Mary Church on Route 5. During World War II she assisted with the assembling of equipment.

Her survivors include daughters; Ruby Oliver of Flatwoods, KY and Mima Parsons and Betty VanHorn both of Ashland, KY and sons: Henderson Hicks, Charles Hicks, Mike Hicks, Mark Hicks, Melvin Hicks and Paul Hicks all of Ashland, KY and Edgar W. Hicks of Florida. She had a brother, Aaron Hale of Raleigh, NC. She had seventeen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.



GARY LYNN MAYNARD

It is with a deeply saddened heart and with blessing from my family that I write this obituary for my little brother, Gary Lynn Maynard. He was born Sept. 12, 1968, making his stay on this earth just thirty six years and eight months. Gary was the youngest of seven children. Though two of his sisters died as babies and Gary never knew them. He was a Tree Surgeon, a job he really loved and took pride in but ultimately cost him his life. On June 3, 2005 he was cutting the top out of a tree, when it fell the wrong way and hit the bucket he was in. Gary wasn't strapped in and he fell forty foot. He lived just long enough to tell his boss he couldn't move his arms and legs and that his body was tingling all over. He told his boss he couldn't live that way and stressed his point by saying do you understand me. Then Gary laid his head over and died. The paramedics brought him back but it wasn't to be. On Sunday, June 5, 2005 we made the decision to take him off life support.



Gary was a big Jeff Gordon fan and loved to go watch him race. He was very sentimental and soft hearted. We found out only after his passing that he carried his favorite Bible verses in his wallet. He was so funny. Always looking for a good laugh and always the life of the party. Gary enjoyed working hard and would lend a helping hand any time you asked. You could count on him. If you knew Gary, you loved him.

Gary leaves to mourn his loss his daughter, Haley M. Maynard of Fairfield FL; his father, John H. Maynard and his mother, Ella Mae Wyatt Maynard both of Anthony, FL; his sisters Devetta Spicer of Anthony, FL and Mary Brown and her husband, James of Silver Springs, FL; brothers, Robert H. Maynard of Ocala, FL and James Howard Maynard of Anthony, FL and his finance Shannon Fine, Cedar Key, FL. Also, left to mourn his loss were four nephews that he thought so much of: Daniel Spicer, Derek and Joshua Brown and Little James H. Maynard and so many friends. Gary was laid to rest at the Southern Home Baptist Church in Sparr, FL beside his uncle, Hanley Maynard. He's surrounded by loved ones that went on before him. His grandparents, Elvert and Susie Maynard, sisters, Geraldine and Lucy Ann Maynard and two other uncles, Haskel and Howard Maynard.

Our only hope is that Gary will some day rejoice with the Lord and that he'll once again be able to walk and will no longer have tingling all over his body. I pray that Gary's life was right with the Lord. Many times I talked to Gary about the Lord so much so he called me "The Preacher". I want to see my little brother again someday in Heaven. And I pray that all my family and friends will get their life in order if they haven't already and if it's the Lords will we'll all rejoice with Gary in a land where we no longer have to worry about our pains and sufferings.

Gary, I wish I could tell you the heartache you've left behind. Sometimes I think we'll never stop crying. We loved you so dearly. I know you knew how much you were love but I know you can't know how much your missed. Sleep well little brother until the day we meet again, we'll always love you, your sister Mary.

Written by: Mary Maynard Brown

JAMES MAYNARD

James R. Maynard, 77, of Ironton, OH died September 8, 2005, at the home of his son. The Pike County, KY native was born May 13, 1928. He was the son of John and Anna Bevins Maynard, both deceased. He was the husband of Avanelle Taylor Maynard who survives. The U.S. Army veteran served during the Korean Conflict and he was a retired self-employed carpenter. He attended Pike County schools and was a member of Campbell Chapel Freewill Baptist Church where he was a former deacon and superintendent. He was a member of the Carpenters Union.

He also was preceded in death by one sister, Alene Malone.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include four sons and two daughters-in-law: Vernon Maynard, Steven and Terri Maynard, David Lee Maynard and John and Angle Maynard, all of Ironton, OH. Also, two daughters and sons-in-law, Jami and Bill Osborne of Greenville, IL and Lisa and Tom Winland of Columbus, OH; six grandchildren, three sisters: Alice Rivard of Southgate, MI and Rebecca Hess and Sylvia Lynch, both of Pikeville, KY and three brothers: Gene Maynard of Dayton, OH, Paul D. Maynard of Pikeville, KY and Billy Lee Maynard of Miamisburg.

Funeral was Saturday, September 10, 2005 at Phillips Funeral Home, with the Reverend Ted Dawson officiating. He was buried in Ice Creek Cemetery.



MARY E. MCELWEE

Mary E. McElwee, 80, of Sunbury died Saturday, May 21, 2005, in the emergency room of Morrow County Hospital.

She was born on January 30, 1925 in Canada, KY, to the late Lark and Ellen (Young) Lowe. She moved to the Oalena/Sunbury area in 1963 from Columbus, OH. She was a practical nurse for the former Ohio Home for the Deaf and Infirm. She attended the Little Ruth Old Regular Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, bird watching, and participating in the Bible study group at Sunbury Park.

She is survived by four sons: Carlos (Jane) Staton of Sunbury, Bill (Beulah) Staton of Marengo, Jeff (Nora) Staton of Gallon and Charley (Karen) Staton of Benton, Tenn.; three daughters: Juanita (Jack) McCague of Sunbury, Carol Monkus of Cleveland, TN and Misty McElwee of Benton, TN; twenty four grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sarah Hazel (G.C.) Reed of Turkey Creek, KY.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Jessie Staton on March 30, 1960 and Robert McElwee on Sept. 8, 1995; a daughter, Jettie Staton in 1948; eight brothers: Fred, Frank, Ben, Willis, Wesley, Charlie, Avery and John; and three sisters: Sadie Pauley, Coosy Lowe and Bessie Alien.



CRESSTEEN (YOUNG) MCGUIRE

For awhile now we have sat, trying to find the most beautiful words that we could use to describe our mother. Now after several times we knew that there are no words so special enough to describe the angel we all call our mother. Mother was blessed to be on this earth with us sixty four years. We will all miss her very much. Mother left us Thursday, December 9, 2004, at Pikeville Medical Center. She was born on April 4, 1940, in Pike County, KY. She was the daughter of the late Alfred and Betty (Thompson) Young. Mom was preceded in death by one brother, Harmon Young, one granddaughter Katlyn Allen and one great grandson, Peyton Riley Jude. She was a homemaker and was a member of the Brushy Baptist Church. Mom was blessed with three sons and wives: John David Elkins, Ricky and Rita Elkins and Larry and Cindy Elkins.



Also, three daughter: Cintha Bonecutter, Rachel Allen, and Shanvan and Sabrina Ray. She had fifteen grandchildren: David Paul Jones, Amy Jones, John Elkins, Stephanie Elkins, Jonathan Elkins, Mike and Crystal (Elkins) Swords, Rowdy Elkins, Jessie and Alicia (Elkins) Jude, Brandy Elkins, Tabitha Elkins, Katrina Dawn Livingston, Joshua Bonecutter, Dawonna Bonecutter, Christina Maynard and Timothy Alien. Mom had four brother: Junior Young, Malcolm Young, Curtis Young, and Buddy Young. She had three sisters: Grace Robinette, Lucy Robinette, and Bronis Parsons.

Mom will be missed the most for all the memories and love she gave to us all, like when we where all home for the holidays, she was always cooking and cleaning. We all remember her best for leaning over the sink, drinking coffee and smoking her cigarettes. Mother was a truly precious mother, friend and role model to all of us. We all will have our own special memory that we shared with her.

We all remember at deer season time mother would always get ready for all the hunters that would come to the house for mom's special cooking. She always greeted them with a smiling face.

Also, before mother was getting ready to make her home with Jesus she had a vision about Christ and she would tell anyone who would listen. The vision was so wonderful and gave all of us great reflect that we knew in our hearts that mother was going to Heaven. She said, that Jesus took her up in his hands and she could see her body sleeping in thee bed. She said, "everything was so bright and peaceful and Jesus took her to a stream with honey flowing over a mountain of rock, she put her hands in the flowing honey and then she tasted it, she said, it was the sweetest honey she had ever tasted. Then the Lord told her that everything was going to be alright and for her to go back and tell her children, family and friends. She told us that she was not worried anymore about leaving us because she knew she was going home to live with Jesus and if we wanted to see her again that we needed to make it right with the Lord. Not to cry over her at her funeral, but to rejoice, because mommy is having no more trouble breathing, running, walking or jumping, if she wanted to, like she did with us kids and each and everyone of her precious grandchildren that she loved very much. We are all so thankful that mother got her last wish before she went to be with Jesus. She wanted all her boys, girls and grandchildren in one place with her. She not only had her children, but also some of her sisters and brother and nieces and nephews were there. She got this wish about a month before she left us. The Lord has blessed us all to have had our mother in our lives even if it wasn't long enough. Before mother left the ARH Skilled Nursing Unit she said that she was going home for Christmas this year. Now we all understand she meant for she was spending her Christmas with Jesus. Mother we always love and miss you very much and you will always be in all our memories everyday.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Cindy Elkins and

Three daughters: Cintha Bonecutter, Rachel Allen, and Sabrina Ray

SALLY ROBINSON

My dear mother went home to be with daddy on July 16, 2005. She died in the Takoma Seventh Day Adventist Hospital, Greeneville, TN. She was born September 1, 1931 at Turkey Creek, KY to Stanford and Edna Kennedy Maynard.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Robinson of Greeneville, TN and three brothers and two sisters: Walter Maynard, Turkey Creek, KY, Cap Maynard of Columbus, OH, Esther Maynard of Silver Springs, MD, Dorothy York, Huntington, WV and Claudia Smith of Columbus, OH.

She is survived by two daughters, Janet (Dale) Varney of Greeneville, TN and Tammy (Brad) Maynard of Delbarton, WV and four grandchildren: Billy Varney and Tiffany Varney of Greeneville, TN and Bethany Maynard and Kevin Maynard of Delbarton, WV. Also, one great grandchild, Benjamin Ryan Maynard, who was very special to her, of Delbarton, WV and one adopted granddaughter, Brittany Justice of Turkey Creek, KY. A number of other children called her Granny also.

She gave her life to God on May 5, 2000 and was baptized later due to sickness. She was affiliated with the Freewill Baptist Church. Mommy was a shut in the last few years of her life. She enjoyed watching her Gaither music videos and watched her preaching on television. Mom had worked at G. C. Murphy Department Store for twenty seven years. She was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. So many times to numerous to count she would cook and do all she could for the church. I never will forget the one hundred and fifty apple pies she volunteered to bake for the association.

Mom lived eleven weeks and four days after Dad's passing. I think she missed Daddy more than we thought. I did not think about having to give them both up so close together. I was so very blessed to know the true meaning of a mother's love.

With Love and Prayers, Janet Varney

EMZIE ELLIS SARTIN

Emzie Ellis Sartin was born in Pikeville, KY to Clifford Sartin and the late Loretta Kaye Ratliff Sartin on July 16, 1971. The Lord's angels carried Emzie away on April 26, 2004, thus, allowing us thirty two years and nine months with one of God's special gifts.

Anybody that knew Emmie Joe knew he had a love for plastic. Wherever he went, you knew Emmie Joe was there because of the plastic all over the house. If Emmie Joe came to your house, he always managed to find your silverware drawer, plates and cookware. He was always ready for his mashed potatoes and gravy with his spoon in hand.

I believe God sent Emmie Joe to us for reasons. Not so much for us to teach him, but what he would teach us. Emzie taught us what it is to be humble, what it is to be patient, what it is to be kind, what it is to be meek, but most of all, what true agape love is. The kind of unconditional love Jesus has for us.

Left to mourn the loss of this special gift is his loving father and step mother, Clifford and Crystal Sartin from Ivel, KY; one brother, Clifford Dwayne "George" Sartin of Varney, KY; three sisters: Dovie Jane Walters of Hatfield, KY, Carol Ann Justice and Rita Kaye Robinette, both of Varney, KY and one step sister, Amber Marie Gross. Emzie also has eight nephews: Kevin Justice, Jr. (Squirrel), Clifford Truman Justice (Sparky), Brandon Walters, Barry Keith Robinette, Wesley Earl Robinette, Timothy Goble Sartin, Clayton Snodgrass and Lacy Snodgrass and one niece, Brittany Walters.

Emmie Joe will be greatly missed by everyone that knew and loved him.



Our simple minds cannot comprehend the beauty of seeing Jesus place the crown of life on Emzie. Someday, we too can receive that crown and sing wondrous praises unto our Lord together. Psalms 30:5 (1) weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Oh what a morning that will be. Emzie, save us a seat! Better yet, we'll meet you in the clouds.

Written for the family of Emzie Ellis Sartin.
By Angela Sartin

FAY SCOTT, JR.

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write these caring and loving words about my special brother, who we all miss so much. He departed this life March 12, 2005.

He was born in Chattaroy, WV on December 3, 1938 as one of four children. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elder Fay and Esther Scott.

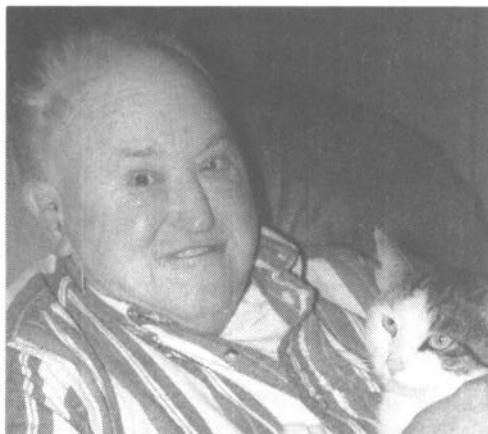
Fay, Jr. is survived by his sisters: Elizabeth Gay Holloway, Newport News, VA, Pansy (Bill) Belcher of Hampton, VA and Ollie Mae (Corbin) Peterson of Bahama, N.C.

He attended the Old Regular Baptist Church with Dad and Mom. Being a special person, he was loved and accepted by all the church brothers and sisters.

I became my brother's Legal Guardian, October, 1999. For the next six years, I had the joy of watching my brother's eyes light up and he had a big smile on his face whenever I walked into his room. He talked often of the different churches; Little Rosa, Delbarton, Elk Creek and Big Creek. It was amazing what he remembered about the churches and different people.

My brother made me a better person; more caring, loving, kind, patient and compassionate. He loved watching television, playing games and talking about his family and friends. His favorite activity was traveling with me to West Virginia and North Carolina.

Today, he rests beside Dad and Mom. He rest in a better place without suffering and sorrow for he is one of God's special angels.



JAMES ODELL SCOTT

With the help of the good Lord, we will try to write the obituary of our dear son, brother, and friend, James O'dell Scott. O'dell was born February 26, 1963 on Brushy in Pike County, KY to Mae McCoy Scott of Brushy and the late Willard Scott who died November 8, 1979. O'dell was taken from us in a tragic automobile accident May 1, 2005 making his stay on Earth forty two years, two months and six days.

Besides his mother, he leaves to mourn three children: a son, Christopher Porter (Jessica) of Pikeville, KY; two daughters, Nora Lee (Mrs. Timothy) Scott- Lester of Sidney, KY and Stephanie Scott of Frenchburg, KY He had six brothers: Virgil Ray (Janice) Scott of Ypsilanti, MI, Willard (Cindy) Scott, Jr. of Onstead, MI, Donnie Hayes Scott of Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY, Ronald Dean (Berna Jean) Scott of Mike's Branch Road of Meta, KY, Randall (Mary) Scott of Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY, Bobby Lee (Jamessa) Scott of Meta, KY.



Also, he had four sisters: Ada Jean Burris, Linda Faye (Mrs. Blaine) Cornette and Zella Mae Slone of Pikeville, KY and Peggy Sue Morley of Grundy, VA and two grandchildren as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Apple Orchard Old Regular Baptist Church at McCombs, KY with Elders Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Elbert SESCO and others officiating. Burial followed in the Apple Orchard Cemetery where he was laid to rest near his dad and grandmother.

O'dell never liked to be alone. He loved to spend time with his family especially the children. O'dell had a good heart and he was always willing to help anyone without complaining. Some would say he would give anyone the shirt off his back.

Living these last four months without our son, brother, and friend has been the hardest time of our lives. Sometimes it seems as though he will only be gone for a short time and will return to us. All who knew O'dell will surely miss him.

O'dell: We will hold all our memories of you in our heart and will treasure them for ever until we meet you in Heaven someday. We Miss you, Your loving family.

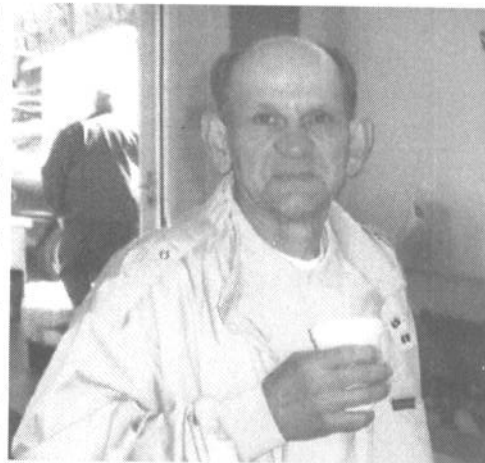
Written By: Brother Bobby Lee Scott and Jamessa Scott

DONNIE L. SMITH

Donnie L. Smith, 61, of Sidney, KY, went home to be with Jesus on Thursday, August 25, 2005, after a long illness. He was born in Pike County, KY on June 18, 1944, the son of the late Cullen and Ethel (Crigger) Smith.

He served Jesus as a Trustee and a faithful member of the Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church; he was a wonderful husband and a dedicated father, working twenty nine years as a coal miner before he retired.

He was also preceded in death by his father-in-law, Troy Walters.



He is survived by his loving wife of thirty eight years, Hazel (Walters) Smith and his mother-in-law, who loved him as her own son, Viola (Hinkle) Walters, both of the home. Also, his only son and best friend, Kevin Don (Lisa) Smith of Sidney, KY and his two beautiful daughters, Kimberly Dawn (Eric) Sammons of Chattaroy, WV and Tia Nicole (Shane) Fouch of Slaters Branch, KY and seven grandchildren: Kayla Brooke and Charles Ryan Smith, Mikey, Seth, and Matty Sammons and Kobe and Darby Fouch. He is survived by one brother, Paul Smith of Sidney, KY; four sisters: Nita Jean West of Sidney, KY, Ruby (Dave) Yackle of Lombard, IL, Maggie (Don) Carter of Marengo, IL and Betty Kuhn of Yorkville, IL; two brothers-in-law, Lacy (Teresa) Walters of Sidney, KY and Johnny (Donna) Walters of McVeigh, KY; one sister-in-law, Naomi (Freddie) Smith of Peterstown, WV; seventeen nieces and eight nephews and one special niece, Paulette Johnson, who cared for her Uncle Donnie during his last days at Central Baptist Hospital. He had two very special friends, J.W. Young and Paris Canada and many, many other family and friends.

He will be forever missed, but never forgotten.

Written by a dear friend and sister in Christ
Jill Jude

CHARLIE V. STEWART, SR.

Charlie V. Stewart, Sr., 81, died February 19, 2005 with his loving family by his side. He was born in ETTY, KY, on Long Fork, March 30, 1923. He was preceded in death by his parents, McClellan and Easter Stewart; sister, Susie Potter and brothers, George and John D. Stewart.

He is survived by his loving wife of sixty years, Elsie P. Stewart; five daughters: Sheila Lane Hamner, Victoria Ann Hector, Barbara Jean Husky, Connie Sue Brown and Bonnie Lou Allison and a son, Charlie V. Stewart, Jr., all of Fort Pierce, FL. There are nineteen grandchildren, thirty six great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. He is also survived by his loving sister, Louise Hudson; three brothers: Bill and Ben Stewart of Fort Pierce, FL and Jacob Stewart of Franklin, NC.



He was a proud veteran, serving in the Army Air Force with the 310th Fighter Control Squadron during World War II. After leaving the service he was a coal miner in McRoberts, KY, before moving to Fort Pierce, FL in 1954. He was a heavy equipment operator until his retirement, when he took up the hobby of woodworking. "His hands were never idle." He won "Best of Show" and numerous blue ribbons for his work entered in the St. Lucie County Fair. He donated of his talents to local hospitals, businesses, friends and family.

GRACIE TAYLOR

It is with sadness and the help of the Lord that I will attempt to write the obituary of Gracie (Jude) Taylor. Gracie was born on March 29, 1926 at Inez, KY. She departed this life on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, making her stay here upon the earth a little over seventy nine years.

She was the daughter of the late Maggie (Stanley) Jude and Ambrose Jude. While a child and into her early teens, she lived through the "Great Depression" of the 1930's. She grew up near the Maynard Fork area of Wolf Creek, KY.

When she grew up, she married Freelon Taylor. Gracie was a homemaker. She was a good woman who loved her family. No doubt she and her husband saw some hard times (as we all have) and made many sacrifices as they raised their seven children.

After living on the Wolf Creek/Meathouse area for many years, the family moved to Lawrence County, KY around the 1970's. Gracie had been sick dating back to the death of her son, Vadis in 1995. She was fortunate to have family who loved her and helped care for her. There would be times when she would feel well enough to come out to the Muncy Memorial on the second Sunday in June, either on the cemetery or at the Leannah Church. Her mother, father and a brother are buried on the Muncy cemetery. It was fitting that she would be laid to rest there also.

Survivors include: husband, Freelon Taylor of Louisa, KY, two daughters, Lois Dole of Cincinnati, OH and Gladys Gilman of Louisa, KY; four sons: Cecil Taylor, Junior Taylor and McKinley Taylor of Louisa, KY and Lonnie Taylor of Fort Gay, WV; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

I feel that Gracie's advice to her family would be for them to get the Lord in their lives if they want to go to Heaven when this life is over.



A few random verses from Proverbs Chapter 31 would be appropriate: *"Who can find a Virtuous Woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doeth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Strength and honor are her clothing and she shall rejoice in time to come."*

Written by: Elder Homer Muncy

LEE ROY THOMPSON

It is with a sad heart and also a joyful one that I write the obituary of my dear sweet brother-in-law and ,in my belief, brother in Christ, Lee Roy Thompson.

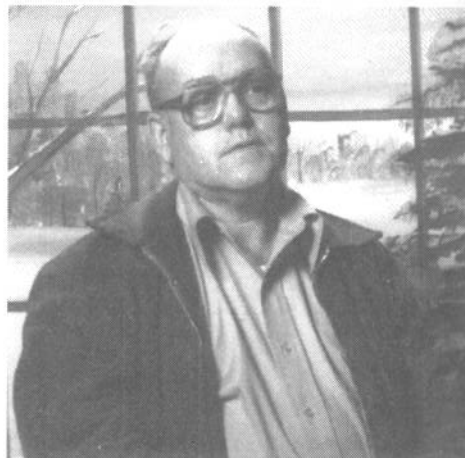
He was the son of the late Dave and Lydia Thompson of Baisden, WV. Lee Roy was born June 8, 1927 and deceased this life July 10, 2005. He was married to Midgie (Carter) Thompson who survives. Also, surviving are his daughter; Lisa (Thompson) Jones; son-in-law, Jimmy Jones; grandson, Tanner; granddaughter, Allison of Princeton, WV; two brothers, Emerson and Benny Thompson and two sisters, Edra Trent and Myrtle Thompson all of Baisden, WV.

He was preceded by three brothers: Clarence (Totie), Ray, and Danny Thompson and a sister, Vernie Glandon all from Baisden, WV and also all members of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church.

He was the most loving friend you would ever want to meet. I believe with all my heart he is resting from the old troubles and worries of this world. Lee Roy was a good moral man, but he knew he would have to make a change to please the Lord and ask for forgiveness. We would talk to him about God and he would cry and rejoice. One day ,however, it was a different story. He asked me if I wanted to hear some good news and I said, sure. He said, I got saved and it seemed as if Heaven's gates swung open. Midge and I were standing over his bed and he started shouting and clapping his hands and I felt God in the room. He told my daughter, Carmella and her husband, Frank that he would like to put his arms around Jesus and hug him. His heart was to be baptized but he never got the chance.

I want to say to his sisters and brother, Benny, if you want to see what Heaven looks like and meet the rest of your family you have to go through the same door they went through. Emerson talks to them, he is striving to meet his family and wants the rest to go with him.

Lee Roy was a very good friend to the Rosa Regular Baptist church and always helped with our hot dog sales until he got disabled. So, sleep on, Lee Roy, until we meet again in a place where there won't be any sickness. I believe God has granted your wish.



Written by his sister-in-law
Elva Thompson

LUOLA RAY YOUNG

Luola Ray Young was born March 26, 1930 to the late Joe Ray and Vada Williamson Ray and passed this life on February 20, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas L. Young, just eight months prior to her passing; two brothers, James Ray and Ray Muncy and two sisters, Maudie Thompson and Ruth Stepp.

Surviving are her son, Gary (Vickie) Young and her daughter, Sharon Kay "Katie" Williams both of Sidney, KY. Also, survivors include: four brothers: J.D., Claude, Freddie, and Eddie Muncy; three sisters: Joann Williamson, Mary Stevens, and Mildred Woodson. She had five grandchildren: Brent (Jennifer) Billiter, Jason (Amy) Clark, Aaron Clark, Christopher Young and Lisa Young and one great grandchild, James Dalton Billiter.



Luola was a retired school teacher with forty seven years service with the Pike County Board of Education. She was a graduate of Pikeville College and a member of the NEA and KEA. She taught thirty one of those years at Bevins School with long time friend and fellow teacher, Faye Blackburn. When she would meet her former students in public, she would speak and call them by name and they would respectfully call her "Mrs. Young."

She attended church as much as she could. Sometimes her husband was too ill for her to leave him. When she became ill and was in ICU, she sent for Brother Richard Staton on December 16, 2004. She told him she had been praying and felt the Lord had forgiven her. Her desire was to be baptized in the "creek" as she said, but due to her weakened condition and prolonged hospital stay she was unable to.

There is an empty spot in the hearts of her children that only she could fill. Mommy always knew what to do. We miss that. We miss her presence, her wisdom, her council, and her advice. Her spirit is at rest.

Written by a sister-in-Christ
Della Reed

**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. We believe that a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and a woman only. Also, we believe in receiving members into our fellowship that follow the natural dating relationship that leads to holy matrimony between a man and a woman only: thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother and children. Ephesians 5:22,23 and 28, St. Mark 10:6,7,8 and Romans 1:26 and 27.

ARTICLE 16. 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 to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CHURCH DELEGATES
TO THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2005**

MT. PLEASANT: Lacy Walters, Dewey Blackburn, Frankie Scott
APPLE ORCHARD: Paul Maynard, Elwood Maynard, Bobby Fields
ENON: Richard Staton, Roger Bevins, James Spencer
BENT BRANCH: Dean Lowe, Michael Lowe, Ray Blackburn
BIG BRANCH: Gene Blackburn, Mitchell Robinson, Terry Blackburn
MARY ELIZABETH: Ransom Marcum, George Edminston, Thirmon Stacy
BETHANY: Arthur May, Monty Messer, Jr., Albert Cable
PILGRIMS HOME: Charles Canada, Duane Smith, Vernel Sesco
SALEM : Tom Sesco, Ferrell Sesco, George Hensley
SIDNEY: Virgil Fletcher, Kenneth B. Jude, Wallace Sartin
DIX FORK: Wayne Blackburn, David Crigger, Walter Bogar
NARROWS BRANCH: Greg Scott, Roscoe Williamson, Bobby Scott, Sr.
LEANNAH: Billy Joe Robinson, Bill Preece, Clarence Robinson
BUCK CREEK: Lilburn Staten, Marion Duncan, Vadis Blackburn
TABITHA: Rex Napier, Alex Hensley, John Henry Hensley
LITTLE ROSIE: Harvey White, David Staten, Bill Simpkins
TURKEY CREEK: Harold Blackburn, Ron Hamilton, Tolbert McCoy
SAMARIA: Chester Lackey, Bernard Aldridge, Alton May
ROSA: Charles Paynter, Ivan Blankenship, Freddie Cline
LITTLE VIRGIE: Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury, Leon Robinson
SOUTHERN HOME: Charles Jarrell, Stanley Campbell, Brian Young
PILGRIMS REST: Foster Blackburn, Ervin Thacker, Reford Billiter
OKEECHOBEE: Ron Knox
ELIZABETH: Clyde Perry, Mack McCoy, Calvin Howard
LITTLE TAVIE: Chester Cochran, Leonard Napier, Lester Cochran
CHARITY: Gary Adair, Johnny Adair, Jr., Paul Barney

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Blackburn, Dewey (606)247-3487	Mt. Pleasant	4450 W. Tunnel Hill Rd., Sharpsburg, KY 40374
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Blackburn, Willie (606)237-5183	Turkey Creek	2106 Turkey Creek Rd., Turkey Creek, KY 41514
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Dials, Thomas J. (606)395-6572	Buck Creek	P.O. Box 31, Warfield, KY 41267
Fletcher, Butler (606)395-0269	Sidney	P.O. Box 282, Pilgrim, KY 41250
Fletcher, Willis (606)395-5569	Pilgrims Home	HC 67, Box 2075, Lovely, KY 41231
Forsyth, Bruce (352)629-0505	Southern Home	P. O. Box 396, Sparr, FL 32192
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Jarrell, Charles (352)629-4261	Southern Home	P.O. Box 325, Sparr, FL 32192
Jude, Dewey (606)395-5402	Elizabeth	212 Frog Pond Road, Inez, KY 41224
Jude, Henry (606)395-0992	Sidney	P.O. Box 1343, Pilgrim, KY 41250
Jude, Hershel (606)297-6583	Elizabeth	1441 Caudill Fk. Rd., Oil Spring, KY 41238
Jude, Kenneth B. (606)673-3003	Sidney	701 Norris Fork Road, Louisa, KY 41230
Jude, Nathan	Turkey Creek	Burnwell, KY 41519
Jude, Robert (606)395-5009	Sidney	P. O. Box 146, Lovely, KY 41231
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 Bethany
 Bethany
 Samaria
 Turkey Creek
 Apple Orchard
 Leannah
 Tabitha
 Leannah
 Southern Home
 Tabitha
 Leannah
 Little Virgie
 Leannah
 Pilgrims Home
 Little Tavie
 Sidney
 Leannah
 Narrows Branch
 Mt. Pleasant
 Narrows Branch
 Salem
 Pilgrims Home
 Pilgrims Home
 Pilgrims Home
 Dix Fork
 Bent Branch
 Pilgrims Home
 Mt. Pleasant
 Southern Home
 Salem
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 HC 67 Box 3503, Pilgrim, KY 41250
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 100 Walters Fork, Hatfield, KY 41514
 20 Fonso Stanley Road., Canada, KY 41519
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 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
 49 Walnut Lane, Huntington, WV 25704
 4233 Millers Creek, Pikeville, KY 41501
 5388 Turkey Creek, KY 41514
 898 Dix Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564
 P.O. Box 722, Sparr, FL 32192
 1320 Dan's Branch Road, Williamson, WV 25611
 39 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
 5213 Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501
 1079 Callahan Branch, Kimper, KY 41539
 1344 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571

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Hensley, John Henry	Tabitha	P. O. Box 410, Varney, WV 25696
Napier, Leonard	Little Tavie	RT. 1, Box 203, Prichard, WV 25555
Staten, Lilburn (606)395-6647	Buck Creek	HC67 Box 14, Pilgrim, KY 41250

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Elder Hobart Hamilton (304)475-4225	Assistant Moderator	Route 1, Box 335, Delbarton, WV 25670
Brother Archie Prince (304)486-5960	Clerk	3475 Whites Creek Road Rt. 1 Box 96F, Prichard, WV
Elder Edward Lee Smith (304)429-1689	Assistant Clerk	25555 49 Walnut Lane, Huntington, WV 25704

TRUSTEES OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

Brother Les McGuire	Elder Arthur May	Brother John Henry Elkins
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	Michael Lowe, 169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501
BIG BRANCH	McCombs, KY	Chuck Lowe, 13987 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
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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 Sukey Fork Road, 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., 148 Josh Rd, Hardy, KY 41531
LEANNAH	Pilgrim, KY	Billy J. Robinson, HC 67 Box 3503, Pilgrim, KY 41250
BUCK CREEK	Beauty, KY	Wayne Herald, Jr., 113 Franklin Street, South Point, OH 45680
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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	Spart, FL	Bruce P. Forsyth, P. O. Box 396, Sparr, FL 32192
PILGRIMS REST	Right Fork of Brushy, Varney, KY	Foster Blackburn, P.O. Box 4372, Pikeville, Ky 41502
OKEECHOBEE	Okeechobee, FL	Ronald Knox, 316 Holiday Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440
ELIZABETH	Rt. 3, Louisa, KY	Randall L. Lowe, 13739 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
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								13	11:00/11:00	2 July	
Apple Orchard	Sabert Nichols	75	150							1	22	11:00/11:00	1 June	
Enon	Richard L. Staton	75	150							1	7	11:00/11:00	1 June	
Bent Branch	Billy Williamson	150	300	2							28	10:00/10:00	3 August	
Big Branch	Richard L. Staton	100	200	1							23	11:00/11:00	3 July	
Mary Elizabeth	David Crigger	100	250					3		1	29	11:00/11:00	3 July	
Bethany	Arthur May	100	250								48	11:00/11:00	4 August	
Pilgrims Home	Elbert SESCO	300	500					1			90	10:00/10:00	4 August	
Salem	Elbert SESCO	100	200	2						3	61	11:00/11:00	1 May	
Sidney	Thomas J. Dials	100	250	3						2	34	2:00/10:30	4 June	
Dix Fork	David Crigger	150	300	1	2					1	36	11:00/11:00	1 July	
Narrows Branch	Bobby Scott, Sr.	100	150							1	26	11:00/11:00	4 July	
Leannah	Sabert Nichols	100	150					1		2	36	10:30/10:30	2 July	
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dials	100	200								23	10:30/10:30	3 June	
Tabitha	Rex Napier	50	100							1	23	2:30/11:00	1 August	
Little Rosie	Wayne Herald, Jr.	40	90	1							12	11:00/11:00	2 April	
Turkey Creek	Hobart Hamilton	150	275					3			50	11:00/11:00	2 May	
Samaria	Larry R. May	75	175					1			38	11:00/11:00	1 July	
Rosa	Hobart Hamilton	80	200	1						2	32	10:30/10:30	3 August	
Little Virgie	Richard L. Staton	75	150							1	8	11:00/11:00	4 June	
Southern Home	William Adair, Sr.	150	200	4	1						71	10:30/10:30	1 April	
Pilgrims Rest	Billy Williamson	75	125	1						1	13	10:30/10:30	2 June	
Okeechobee	Stanley Campbell	65	100					1			11	4:00/10:00	4 April	
Elizabeth	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	100	125			1				1	17	10:30/10:30	1 June	
Little Tavie	W. H. Cochran	100	125	4						1	17	10:30/10:30	2 July	
Charity	Charles Jarrell	25	50								10	5:30/10:30	3 October	
	TOTALS	2610	4915	20	4	4		3	23	13	778			

SPECIAL MEETINGS

CHURCH

Bent Branch
 Bent Branch and Pilgrims Home at Bent Branch
 Charity
 Charity
 Charity
 Elizabeth
 Elizabeth
 Leannah
 Leannah
 Little Rosie
 Mary Elizabeth
 Pilgrims Home
 Pilgrims Rest
 Salem
 Salem
 Samaria
 SARDIS ASSOCIATION AT BUILDING
 Southern Home
 Southern Home
 Southern Home
 Rosa
 Rosa
 Turkey Creek
 Turkey Creek
 Turkey Creek

DAY AND TIME

Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
 New Years Eve at 8:00 p.m.
 Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
 Easter at 10:30 a.m.
 Christmas at 10:30 a.m.
 Every odd Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m.
 July fourth Sunday evening 3:00 p.m. Lowe Cemetery Shed
 Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
 Azzie Howard Birthday meeting July 31, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.
 Every third Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.
 Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
 Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.
 Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.
 Easter on April 16, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.
 Christmas Meeting on December 17, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.
 Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
 Every odd Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. (Except April 29, 2006)
 Every third, fourth, and odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
 Communion first Saturday evening in October
 New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
 Every first Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.
 Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.
 New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.
 Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
 June second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Floyd Jude, Bill Blevins, Ray Hamilton, Arvid Blevins, Milton Dye, Johnie Bentley