# MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THIRD 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 11, 12, and 13, 2015

Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator

Elder Hobart Hamilton - Assistant Moderator

Brother Archie Prince - Clerk

Elder Edward Lee Smith - Assistant Clerk

Elder Todd J. Dials - 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Clerk

# JESUS LEFT HIS HOME IN GLORY

Jesus left His home in Glory, Came and died for you and me, No one knows how Jesus suffered, On the cross of Calvary.

Go on Brethren, go rejoicing, Some glad day we'll all arise, In His likeness, we'll all be shining, Then we'll all be satisfied.

I will sing of my redeemer,
'Till the day He calls for me,
To be with Him up in Heaven,
In the bright eternity.

Praise His name, His name, forever, Lift your voices in His songs, Spend your time in serving Jesus, Sing His praises all day long.

How my heart is filled with gladness, I rejoice along my way, Help me Lord, to do Thy bidding, 'Till I reach my home, someday.

Go on Brethren, Go rejoicing, For this life will soon be o'er, Then we'll meet the one who loves us, On that bright eternal shore.

When my counsel is all over,
And my days are at an end,
I'll be singing with the Angels,
And with Christ, my dearest friend.

I believe, my precious Brethren, Some Glad day, we'll all arise, In His likeness, we'll be shining, Then we'll all be satisfied.

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#### **PROCEEDINGS**

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# ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

of the

## SARDIS ASSOCIATION

OF

# OLD REGULAR BAPTIST THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

# **FRIDAY**

**September 11, 2015** 

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 Big Branch Church and co-host Churches: Pilgrims Home, Turkey Creek, Apple Orchard and Dix Fork, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2015.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand, welcomed everyone and said, "I am very thankful the Lord has blessed us another year. I think about how many that were here last year that aren't here this year. Ask God to watch over us and let us watch over each other. Pray that the Lord watch over us. If the Lord doesn't build the house, your work is in vain. We love you. We have a natural love. The love that God has given us is more than we can imagine. We love you. We need you."

Elder Frankie Scott, having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory Sermon, came to the stand to preach the opening of the service. He proceeded as follows: I am thankful to be here. What a blessing it is. God has blessed us one more time to experience the love that God has put down in us. I have already felt the Spirit of God. I hope you can engage in prayer on my behalf. All I can do is make an offering, trusting in God almighty. I want to say something to make people think about the welfare of their soul. There is going to be a getting up time. A resurrection is going to take place. We are perishing day by day. The inner man is getting stronger. I am glad to say this world is not my home, but is a place to get prepared. Jesus said, *come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world*. God knows exactly what we need.

I think of Lazarus when he died and Martha came to Jesus and said, Lord, "if thou had been here my brother had not died." Jesus said to her, "thy brother shall rise again." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise at the last day." Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live again. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, though he were dead, shall never die. The same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will quicken this mortal body. Paul said I am reckoned with troubles in this world. There will be joy when we get home.

He then led in prayer.

Elder Edward Lee Smith came to preach the Introductory Sermon stating: I look out at this wonderful congregation. When I was chosen last year I thought, it is a long time off, but it has come real fast. I can't preach, I have to depend on the Lord. I ask the Lord to bless me to preach what the congregation needs to hear. I want it to come down from Heaven. God created the heavens and earth and all things in it. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. I am looking forward to the resurrection day. Christ died on the cross for everyone.

There is some work in it. Christ came and died on the cross for everyone so we could all have a home in Heaven. If you want to go, there is some work to do. The first thing that you must do is to believe that Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God, came down and died on the cross for all of our sins so that you can have eternal life. Then you must repent asking God for forgiveness of your sins and be sorrowful for them. Once God has forgiven you, he will put a new love and peace in your heart that you never had before. When God forgave me, he put a love in my heart. When you are baptized with the holy Spirit, you will want to go to the water for that baptism, it is the answer to a good conscience. Christ said, *If you are ashamed of me in this sinful and adulteress generation, I will be ashamed of you before my father and his holy angels*. I have a keeper in me. It will keep me to the end of this world. We are not tempted any more than we can bear.

I have prayed all year long to God to not let me be scared, but to give me strength. If any man doesn't know Christ in forgiveness of his sins, he doesn't know what he is missing. Ye are the light of the world, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. I believe the Regular Baptist are living as close as we can. I think of the old brothers that came years ago, how they came in the same name that we came in, that being Jesus Christ. We learn from our older brothers. Young brothers take heed to what the older brothers have to say. I am getting a good payday right now! If anyone hasn't made peace with God, pray today, don't put it off. Jesus said, my peace I give you, my peace I leave with you. Turn your life over to Jesus. When Jesus listens to us it is a sweet thing. Praise God. What a wonderful thing it is. I am thankful that Jesus Christ is the son of God. When Jesus was on the cross he finished his work; ours is going to be finished one of these days. Thank God.

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 Paul D. Moore, Philadelphia Association Elder Phillip Estep, Old Friendship Association Elder John Paul Hamilton, New Salem Association Elder Jerry Overstreet, Union Association Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern 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 Tom called upon Elder Jimmy Dye, of the New Salem Association, to open the Service.

Brother Jimmy said, I am thankful God has blessed us to come together one more time. Setting on my seat I thought of the old brothers and sisters and how they had devoted their lives for the Lord. We have a God we can feel. We have to understand that this great God is the same yesterday, today and changes not. I thought how a child of God is known by the fruit they bear. The brothers have spoken about love all morning long. This great God made us a promise and has always taken care of his people. He is a great comforting God. He comforted our brother by saying, I will not leave you comfortless, I will pray the father and he will send you another comforter. On the day of Pentecost they heard the sound of a mighty rushing wind, which was the Spirit. If you will walk upright before the Lord, he will withhold no good thing.

I was thinking after Jesus arose from the dead he appeared to his disciples. Word went out how he appeared to them. Thomas said, I will not believe except I see the nail prints in his hands and put my hand into the hole in his side. I don't have to see to believe. Eight days later Jesus appeared and for a reason.

Then saith he to Thomas, reach forth and feel the holes in my hands and the hole in my side. Thomas said, my Lord and my God, I believe. Jesus said blessed are they that have not seen, but believe. I feel and believe the Lord has saved my soul. Jesus comforted the brothers by showing himself to them. Now brethren, may God bless you. I remember old Brother May, who used to moderate this Association. I believe I will see him again. His head and hair will be white and he will have a garment down to his feet.

Elder Roger Hicks, of the New Salem Association, then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and called this One Hundred and Twenty Third Session of the Sardis Association to order. He said, the Lord said, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation. Jesus saith unto them, *did ye never read in the scriptures, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the chief.* We must build upon a foundation God has laid. We must preach with power. We must come together in one accord. Let us come together in everything we do. I have faith in one who will deliver us over into Heaven. We must live according to God's plan.
- (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 Brother Ron Hamilton

- (3) The Moderator called for the Letters from the Sardis Association Churches to be handed in to the Clerk and for the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance.
- (4) Having reviewed the Letters received from the Churches for regular form and order, the Letter from the Big Branch Church was read, and upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates were seated and the Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements. Since no Letter of Correspondence was received from the Okeechobee Church, by regular move and second, this matter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
- (5) The Committee on Finance reported \$4,935.00 received from the Churches and after turning this amount over to the Treasurer was discharged by regular move and second.
- (6) The Moderator appointed a Committee to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association, and the entire delegation from the host church.
- (7) The Moderator appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates for Officers to serve the Sardis Association for the coming year and instructed the delegates to vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk:

Elder Arthur Short, Old Friendship Association Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association (8) The Sardis Association then completed it's 2015 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and, by regular move and second, the report of the Committee of Tellers was accepted and the Committee 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 Jimmy Stewart, Philadelphia Association Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association Elder Sam Frye, Sardis Association

#### **SATURDAY**

Elder Abe Howell, New Salem Association Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association Elder Johnny Thornsberry, New Salem Association Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association Elder Ralph Cloud, Old Indian Bottom Association

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

Brother Leslie McGuire Elder Gary Young Elder Chester Cochran

- (11) By regular move and second, the Articles of Faith were read and the reading of Rules of Decorum and the Constitution was omitted.
- (12) The Moderator called for the Letters from our Corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters and attached correspondence 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, Danny Belcher, Garry Varney, John Bill Sanders, Bill Elkins, Sherd Mullins, Roger Coleman, Estill Hamilton, Ted DePriest, Harold Bently, Lee Layne, Curtis Carroll, Eddie Lane, Earl Dean Yates, Bobby Robinson, Jimmy Stacy, Jerry Overstreet, Buster Coleman, A. B. Thacker, Dennis Elkins, Mike Johnson, Ralph Clevenger, Creed Thomas, Gobel Burke, Paul Huffman, Fitch Reed, Raymond Thacker, Bill Owens, Douglas Stacy and Steven Baldridge. Letter in the hands of Elder Roger Coleman.

**NEW SALEM**: Represented by the following delegates: Northern Gayle Brown, Clyde P. Lewis, Logan Kiser, Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, James Tackett, Squire Hamilton, Elisha Branham, Abe Howell, Johnny Thornsberry, Clement Caudill, Tony Roberts, Jimmy Dye, John Paul Hamilton, Glenn Frazier, Preston Lewis, Ted Burke, Joe Caudill, Thomas Roberts, Chester Johnson, Mike Brown, Clois Hamilton, Carlos Akers, Daniel Samons, Mike Justice, Harvey Tackett, Roger Hicks, Clarence Potter, Jr., Jack Adkins, Paul Griffey, Paul Boggs, John Lewis and Freddy Murphy. Letter in the hands of Brother Thomas Roberts.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM**: Represented by the following delegates: Wayne Sartin, Faris Tuttle, John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Duane Graves, Glen Slone, Wilburn Nichols, Arnold Mullins, Harold Hicks and Claude Hale. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Sartin.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following delegates: Farrell Howard, Carlis Tharp, Casten Pugh, Roscoe Eldridge, Rip Cales, Jimmy Stewart, Willis Tolliver, Paul D. Moore, Homer Ruggles, Gary Blevins, Robert Adkins, Tim Cremeans and Luther Ramey, Jr. Letter in the hands of Brother Carlis Tharp.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP**: Represented by the following delegates: David Lester, George Thomason, Edgar Baker, Jr., Larry Gibson, Arthur Short, Roger Baker, Steve Baker, Danny Hurley, Roger McCoy, Joe Gibson, Phillip Estep, Andrew Ford, Kermit Lester, Will Matney, Danny C. Justus, Chad Hurley, Charles Hunt and Allan Hunt. Letter in the hands of Elder Larry Gibson.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM**: Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Randy Combs, Ralph Cloud, Reuben Lycans, Sam Derrickson, Lacy Fletcher, Chester Bowling, Luke Haynes, Cecil Watson, Ronnie Combs, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Wendell Lycans and Steve Lycans. Letter in the hands of Elder Bert Caudill.

- (13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our Association desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Archie Prince, Edward L. Smith, Randy Lackey, Chester Cochran and Bobby Scott, Sr.
- (14) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association, and for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association and none responded.
- (15) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the officers and delegates from each of our Corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second this committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. today.
- (16) On motion from Brother Alvin Thornbury, seconded by Brother Bobby Lee Scott, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 12, 2015.

# **SATURDAY**

# **September 12, 2015**

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 stating this natural love will turn cold, but the love of God goes beyond. When you receive the holy ghost and fire it will carry you beyond this natural life. We must love God with everything we have. We must serve him. We all need to come together. We are one family going home. Jesus said, *draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto you*. I may not be perfect on the outside. I want to go home more than anything else. I have never eaten anything bad from mother Jerusalem's table. He died for the whole entire world. We must realize our weakness compared to his strength. When we come out of the grave it will be a glorified body. Trust in him and not let the outward man take over.

He then called upon Elder Danny Hurley, of the Old Friendship Association, to open these services. Brother Danny said, it's a great blessing to be one in the number. A scripture crossed my mind, if we have the faith of a grain of mustard seed we can move mountains. Jesus told Peter whosoever is bound on earth shall be bound in Heaven. What we do here today will be pleasing to God. I believe in the light that shines in a dark place and it brings understanding. I have seen things with men that seemed impossible. The scripture says, say unto mountains be moved, I have seen mountains move. The disciples said about Jesus, what manner of man is this that the winds and the sea obey him.

This man is under subjection. We need to pray, God let your will be done. Satan will speak if you will let him. We need to be cautious. I guarantee the old devil will try to influence us here today. The sisters have power on their head because of the angels. I trust our desire is to please the Lord.

I told a young woman with cancer, there is healing for the soul and invited her to come to church. The greatest cause we have is to get men and women to come and take of the water of life. Keep good order in our churches. When I got in trouble I knew where to go. I hope God will bless the preachers to preach what she needs to hear. Jesus is the remedy. Thank God. I hope God blesses this Association. I hope God will be mindful.

Elder Clyde Lewis, of the New Salem Association, then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by regular move and second, received the report.
- (3) Elder Frankie Scott, 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. At this time the Moderator released the Brethren, Sisters and friends to assemble in the Preaching room.
- (4) Upon request of the Clerk for additional assistance in performing the Clerk's duties and for the purpose of a brother becoming familiar with the Clerk's duties, a motion was made by Brother Monty Messer and seconded by Elder Albert Cable to appoint Elder Todd J. Dials to serve as an Assistant Clerk. Therefore, Elder Todd J. Dials is listed with the Officers of the Sardis Association for the 2015 year as an Assistant Clerk.

- (5) Read a letter from the Okeechobee Church which stated that they would not be lettering up this year, because of lack of numbers, but that they did not wish to close the Church doors because several people have been attending and the Moderator thinks that the Church has a chance to grow. After an orderly discussion on the floor and pleas for mercy, a motion was made by Elder Billy Joe Robinson and seconded by Brother Bobby L. Scott to give this Church another year.
- (6) By regular move and second, the report of the Committee on the Historical Library of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, as given by Brother Archie Prince, was received. The Pike County Public Library can be reached at the address: www.pikelibrary.org. On their home page you should see LINKS. Click on LINKS. Click on Genealogy to access the Sardis Association files.

Clerks Note: We need minutes for the years 1893, 1896-1907, 1911, 1913-1915. Also, any pictures and histories of the Sardis Association Churches are requested. If available contact:

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. (606)353-7858 Elder Edward L. Smith (606)834-9958 Brother Archie Prince (304)486-5960

- (7) Read the Letters of Condolence from our Sisters, the Old Friendship Association, the Northern New Salem Association and the Union Association, and by regular move and second, ordered them to be printed in our Minutes.
- (8) Read a request from the Bent Branch Church asking that the Orders and Advices Book of the Sardis Association be updated and a copy provided to all member churches within the Sardis Association. By regular move and second, it is ordered that their request be granted and that two copies of this book be provided to each church.
- (9) Appointed a Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our year 2016 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association Elder John M. Elkins, Northern New Salem Association Elder John Lewis, New Salem Association

Appointed a second Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 2016 Association:

Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association Brother Steve Lycans, Old Indian Bottom Association

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

Elder Harold Sesco, Preach the Introductory Sermon Elder Chester Cochran, Alternate Elder Greg Stanley, Prepare Circular Letter

(10) 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**

Elder Stony Blackburn. Sardis Association Elder Preston Lewis, New Salem Association Elder Richard Staton, Sardis Association Elder Andrew Walters, Sardis Association

# **SUNDAY**

Elder Jimmy Amos, Union association Elder Greg Stanley, Sardis Association Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

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

# **SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2015**

Balance on hand 9-01-14 Add 2014 Income:		\$11,266.73
Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 5,160.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 650.00	
Interest Income	\$ 8.33	
Rent Income	\$ 1,400.00	
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00	
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 5,254.92	
Food Fund Contributions	\$ 7,100.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3,973.87	
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Total 2014 Income		\$24,047.12
Total Available for 2014		\$35,313.85
Less 2014 Expenses		
Apartment Expense	\$ 672.00	
Bank Charges	\$ .96	
Equipment Expense	\$ 2,096.90	
Minute Expense/Mailing	\$ 4,907.47	
Clerk Expense	\$ 62.63	
Building and Land Expense	\$ 4,151.73	
Building Security	\$ 295.89	
Electric Expense	\$ 4,265.77	
Water Expense	\$ 1,150.46	
Telephone Expense	\$ 820.39	
Insurance Expense	\$ 890.80	
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 6,390.10	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 50.00	
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Total 2014 Expense		(\$25,755.10)
Balance on Hand 8-31-15		\$ 9,558.75
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- (12) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2015 and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his expense.
- (13) 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 Elder David May Brother Archie Prince Brother Ervin Thacker	Brother Daniel Stanley Brother Charles Canada Brother Danny Reed Elder Chester Cochran	Elder Sam Frye Brother Ferrell Sesco Elder Harold Sesco Brother Clyde James
Brother Tony Williamson	Brother Ernest Sesco	Elder Richard Staton
Brother Dwight Maynard	Elder Thomas J. Dials	Elder Edward L. Smith
Elder Ron Gannon	Elder Hobart Hamilton	Brother Walter Bogar
Brother David Staten	Brother Bobby Scott, Jr.	Elder Todd J. Dials

During this report the Clerk reported the cost of building a new roof, made of wooden trusses and metal, to cover the entire building at a cost of approximately \$52,232.21 plus the cost of a crane. By regular move and second, the Building Committee was given the authority to do this work and for the trustees to barrow money if necessary.

- (14) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have the number of copies necessary printed and that he be allowed \$300.00 for his expense.
- (15) 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, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 2015: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Leonard Napier, Marion Duncan, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Freddie Maynard, Wayne Blackburn, Randall Lowe, Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Ron Gannon, Clyde Perry, and Paul Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

**NEW SALEM**: When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 2015: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Leonard Napier, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Edward L. Smith, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Sam Frye, Wayne Blackburn, Richard Staton, Ron Gannon, Clyde Perry, Paul Maynard, and Frankie Scott. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM**: When convened with the Rose of Sharon Church, 5665 Carleton-Rockwood Road, S. Rockwood, MI beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2016: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, Archie Prince, Ron Hamilton and Ivan Neal Thornsbury. Letter in the hands of Elder Stony Blackburn.

**PHILADELPHIA:** When convened with the Friendship Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2016: Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Leonard Napier, Frankie Scott, Arthur Mathis, Richard Staton, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Stony Blackburn, Dwight Maynard, Marion Duncan, Ron Gannon, Clyde Perry, Paul Maynard, Gary L. Napier, Todd Dials, Wayne Blackburn, James McDonald, Jim Cochran and Daniel Stanley. Letter in the hands of Elder Edward L. Smith.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP**: When convened with the Little Zion Church and co-host Churches located at 24 Divinity Lane, Panther, WV 24872 beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2016: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Frankie Scott, Marion Duncan, Richard Staton, Stony Blackburn, Arthur Mathis, Ivan Neil Thornsbury, Dwight Maynard, Daniel Stanley, Ron Gannon, Iven Blankenship, Clyde Perry, Vadis Blackburn, Jonathan P. Collins and Leonard Napier. Letter in the hands of Brother Archie Prince.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM**: When convened with the Doty Creek and Little Home Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2016: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Arthur Mathis, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Dwight Maynard, Marion Duncan, Ron Gannon, Clyde Perry, Edward L. Smith, Wayne Blackburn, Leonard Napier and Vadis Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

- (16) By regular move and second, the report of Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings was omitted today.
- (17) Since no written requests were received to host the 2016 Association, the standing request of the Pilgrims Home Church was granted. The Apple Orchard, Turkey Creek, Dix Fork and Little Tavie Churches verbally requested to co-host the 2016 Association.

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2016, to:

Brother Archie Prince 242 Sundance Lane 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 so thankful for the many Brothers, Sisters and friends, along with our Host Churches and the Building Committee, who have labored so much for this the One Hundred and Twenty Third Session of the Sardis Association. We are so thankful for the attendance of our corresponding Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Velocity Market at Zebulon, KY; to Food City for preparing the chicken; to the Pike County Solid Waste Department for taking our garbage; to Neil McGuire of Pepsi Cola Co. at Pikeville who handled the soft drinks; to Al's Outdoor Power Equipment for their donations, to the Campers for being excellent guests and for their donation; to Elder Paul Maynard, Brother Daniel Stanley and Brother Johnny Thacker for all the trips to pick up food and supplies; to Jared and A. J. Maynard for transporting the chicken: to all the Sisters, Brothers, friends and YOUNG PEOPLE

who work so hard in the kitchen preparing delicious food and serving it, and to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of the Pilgrims Home Church who staff the Concession Stand. We thank everyone who had anything to do for this grand old Association.

We thank God so much for his mercy and grace and the great love and peace found at 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 Stony Blackburn, seconded by Elder Leonard Napier, 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, 2016.
- (21) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Estill Hamilton, of the Union Association.

Elder David Lester, of the Old Friendship Association, then led in prayer.

The Association was dismissed by Elder Dennis Elkins, of the Union Association.

(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

Elder Todd J. Bials, 2nd Assistant Clerk

#### LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

Letter of Condolence to our Sister the Sardis Association. We your Sister, the Old Friendship Association, wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy and prayers in the loss of your Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last meeting.

Our prayers are that we will meet again in Heaven where there will be no more pain, sorrows, and heartache. Where we can give God all the praise the glory for every more. For God is our God forever and ever, he will be our guide even unto death.

We keep you in our prayers.

Elder Arthur D. Short, Clerk Brother Edgar Baker, Jr., Assistant Clerk

# Letter of Condolence to Our Sister the Sardis Association

We your Sister, the Northern New Salem Association, wish to extend our condolences to you, in the loss of your Beloved Elders, Brothers, and Sisters since the association last convened.

We know that the loss brings on great sorrow but we look forward to that day when your mourning shall turn to joy, for in this life they left us with good memories and a strong witness that they were walking hand in hand with our precious savior. Because of that strong witness, we believe that we will meet them again in that blessed forever and there to be with the Father forever.

Your brothers in Christ, Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk Elder Wayne Sartin, Ast. Clerk

TO OUR SISTER
THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION
From the 2014 Union Association

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

While this year has brought sorrows in the deaths of our members, God has manifested great joy through His spirit and promises. His grace and comfort has renewed us and our steps are stronger because of the witness of His love that continues to grow in us. Do we not truly walk after the things of the spirit because we are of Christ, born a new creature, eternally kept by his guiding hand? God has promised, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18). We have felt his comfort.

In writing our letter we are reminded of what Jesus commanded, "That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34). We the Union Association wish to send our love and condolences for the losses you have suffered and pray knowing that God has comforted you, like us, in his promise of the Resurrection and joining of spirit and body made perfect to glorify our God and his Son forever. May God's love continue to grow in us and strengthen our Faith together in the cause of our Savior.

With Great Respect and Love,

Elder Danny Belcher, Clerk Elder Barry Lucas, Assistant Clerk Brother Kevin Stanley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Clerk

# STANDING ITEMS

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

Sardis Association September 13, 1975

of Old Regular Baptist 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 13, 2015**

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came forth and announced the arrangements. He said, "I am glad today we have a God that loves us so much." Pray for these brothers. Let that Spirit that is here continue. It is a blessing to be with you. It is wonderful to be a part of you. It is appointed for us to die, but after this the judgement. We know a little bit about the power of God. I welcome everyone here.

The services today were introduced by singing the song, "How I Come To Love These Pilgrims."

Prayer was led by Elder Michael Lowe, of the Sardis Association.

Elder Jimmy Amos, of the Union Association, came to the stand desiring the prayers of God's people. He preached as follows: The Bible teaches that God's eyes are over the righteous and his ears are open to our cries. As a young man in the flesh and nature at the age of twenty two, I heard about a city called Heaven. We hear about a war, about taking up arms against false gods. Paul saw a stone that had a name on it, to the unknown Gods. There is no other foundation. We pray for brothers and sisters for God to touch them. We call upon the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Who are you worshiping today? Our God was in the beginning, the word was with God, the word was God. He is the God of all Gods. He said I was once dead, I am alive forevermore, I have the keys to death and hell in my hand. All we can do is to call upon God. He is the same as yesterday and he changes not.

At the age of twenty two years old I was lost. I knew there was only one source to go to. Any other way than Jesus Christ is the same as a thief and a robber. Our children need to be told the truth. You must come to him with a contrite spirit. They need to be told there is a repentance, there is a work to be done. Give God the glory. All good and perfect gifts come down from God out of Heaven. I am glad today our God is a God of second chances. We must lay it at the masters feet. The Bible says quench not the Spirit. Our God is an eternal God. He is the first and the last. After a while you get tired of running. The Bible teaches us to let our light shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify your father which is in Heaven. Heaven is his throne and the earth is his footstool. What kind of house will you build me? Have you done all you know to do?

One of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus, approached Jesus and asked, will you heal my daughter? Word came that his daughter had passed away. I love to see young children in church. Live the life in front of them. If a man preaches the gospel, he needs to live it. *The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.* 

At the age of nineteen I turned him away, I moved to California to get away from God. God is everywhere. He is coming again. Those left will be called up to meet him in the air. Let's get our eyes upon the Lord. I have something else inside; there is a wheel in a wheel. There is a man in a man. At the age of twenty two there was a war going on. They came to Jairus saying thy daughter is already dead. God's ways are far above man as Heaven is from earth. Our help comes from the Lord. Jesus walked to where his daughter was. Jesus asked what all the noise was. There is more rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine that need no repentance. What did Jesus do? He opened his mouth and put them out.

There is a separating time coming. Are you ready? If you are not ready, Jesus will say ye workers of iniquity, depart from me. If you want to make it to Heaven you must be born again, you must repent. Put your light on a candlestick so it will lite the whole house. *Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.* Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst.

Jesus laid his hand on Jairus's daughter and she raised up. Jesus said, give her something to eat. We desire a little meat along the way. You will get the little meat you need from Jesus. He gives us what we need. He gives me strength to take care of my family. Man has to work a little bit. My father gave it all on the cross of Calvary. Wherever I go I tell people, "where else would I rather be than in the house of the Lord."

I am not ashamed to confess my sins before God and his holy angels. I want God to say, you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you rulers over many. Peter saw Jesus walking on the water. Then he made the statement, there are lords many and gods many, but there is only one true and living God. I believe in a God that has all power. They said about Jesus, what manner of man is this that the water and winds obey him. He allows us to be here today. He allowed us to get up this morning. I believe in a God who can part the water when no man can work. My God is a great God, he is an almighty God.

Joshua 24:15 says, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. This is holy ground. We had better be very careful what we tell our children and our neighbors. We need to watch our walk. It is not God's will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and live and be born again. Be good to one another, love one another. Wait until that morning, this church will be tuned up. Heaven is real, hell is real, that lake of fire is real. I love you.

Elder Greg Stanley, of the Sardis Association, came next stating, I can remember my mother coming home from the Association and she would say, "It was Heaven on earth." We serve a real God. This book God inspired men to write. Pray that God will give me a little strength. When the Lord blesses you, you can feel it.

When I was younger I thought I was alright. One time a fellow asked me, "where do you belong?" It hit home. I realized I wasn't right. One day an old preacher preached to me and it landed upon me. Years later I got in a travel. When God takes away the load, it will not come back. We realize Jesus is coming back. Not even the angels know the day and the time. I love these brothers. I can't preach like them. I am looking for a place where there will be no heart problems, cancer or sickness. I am looking for a place where I will never grow old. Jesus will be in that land and we will be there with him. It will be light in that land. I will be able to see Jesus in that land one day because of what he did for me, not because of what I have done. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. I have that blessed hope, I will see Jesus one of these days. There is a better land awaiting. Let us be ready to cross the river. The natural man is sewn in weakness, but will be raised in power. I think about the old brothers that have gone before. Mom and Dad would load up the car with children and we would go to church. Bring them up in the way they should go. That love was instilled in them. Who can make the difference? It is Jesus. The one who can make the difference this weekend is the good Lord. He has poured down his Spirit from on high.

Jesus laid his hand upon two blind men and they could see. Jesus gave me a new set of eyes. Jesus gave me that great love. Love makes the difference. Love comes from the Lord, it makes you love your enemies. It will make you humble down and wash your brothers feet. I love this old time way. Jesus said I am the way and the truth. God loves us so much he sent his son. Jesus is coming back some day. The dead in Christ will rise first. The devil did not lead you this way, but God did. He cares so much about you today. He is giving you the opportunity to be with your family and friends. God is real. I can feel him today. If he would come back right now, I wonder who would be standing with him. We, who are left here, will be changed in a moment and the twinkling of an eye.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, our Assistant Moderator, came saying, the Lord has blessed these brothers. I am so thankful you are here. Pray for me. I have always believed in prayer. Even as a sinner I believed prayer meant a great deal.

If we put our faith in action we will have a home in Heaven. You are part of my spiritual family. I am glad that part of my natural family is here.

When the children go out in sin they are the ones who have to come back. If you want to go to Heaven you have to go the way God has laid out for us. If we have the Lord in our life, he will help us along the way. When you get salvation you will never fall away. God will draw you with his love and kindness. You have got to go by the way of Jesus Christ. There is a war on Christianity in this land. If you believe in the Lord in this life he will take you to a land where you can live forever. If you have the gift of Jesus Christ no one can take it from you.

When I was begging and pleading I couldn't see the Lord, but I could feel him. We are not perfect in this land. We make mistakes because of the flesh. When you have problems you want to go to God. He will come to you.

There was a king who made a decree that the people, when they heard the music, they had to bow and worship images. If you are not serving God, there is no one left but the devil. There were three there who would not bow down to that image and God's people will not today. I want to go to Heaven. When I was in sin I made the devil a good servant. When we die it will not make a difference what kind of car you have or what kind of house you live in. The greatest thing is to be a servant of the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord takes the dread away. When Jesus comes your troubles will have to leave.

We wait for the day of redemption. The dead in Christ will get up first. I am looking for the second coming of the Lord. I wouldn't take anything for the feeling I have. We all love the souls of men and women. The three Hebrew children refused to bow down. The decree was to cast them into the fiery furnace. God's people will not pay any attention to the decrees of this land if they are against God's word. I am glad I feel God's Spirit. If you still refuse to bow down to the music it will be okay. Our God is able to deliver us. We are not going to bow down to their image. They heated the furnace seven time hotter than it needed to be. The three were cast into the fiery furnace. It was so hot it killed the ones who cast them in. The king came and looked in and said, did we not cast in three, I see four. When they looked and saw four, one was like the son of man.

Pray while you can. Jesus will take you to the Glory Land.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, came forth asking God to give him the Spirit to tell you things. It takes the Spirit of God in order to preach. He knows what you need to hear. You must depend on God. Jesus is sitting on the right hand of God. There was need for someone to come down to make a way for us. I feel so unworthy to come before an all wise and all knowing God.

He needed to bring grace down to this world. There is a way that can deliver us. That way is Jesus Christ. You need to get born of an incorruptible seed. The inward man keeps the outward man in subjection. We need to realize that Jesus Christ is our deliverer. There is a book that needs to be opened. God had a plan for Jesus to come down and deliver us. The is no other foundation that can be laid than that which has already been laid.

There appeared a great wonder in Heaven; a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. We are not living under the fleshly covenant anymore. God unbosomed his son and sent him down for a living sacrifice. There was no other one found worthy in Heaven, in earth or under the earth. John wept bitterly, he realized there was no one worthy to bring salvation to us. God has never let his creation down. His children in Egypt were never let down. They became disobedient. We must watch and not become disobedient. The devil bothers me. We have to watch about the thorn in the flesh. Because of that, it makes me pray harder. Jesus said, my grace is sufficient to deliver you. My desire to go home is greater than anything else. This old church brings forth a new and living way. There appeared another wonder in Heaven, a great red dragon wanting to devour the church. We are fighting a battle today. This battle is not of nature. To fight this battle I must preach the gospel, be instant in season, out of season, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. I hope the preaching gets to your heart and condemns you. When I got in trouble over my sins I was condemned.

The light was formed the first day. God said it was good and very good. The light shined down and condemned me.

We have to die dead to the love of sin. We no longer want and desire those things. Where did the change come? When the Lord came in the birds even sounded different. I had changed. We have to experience a change, we have to experience a birth. You must repent, a Godly sorrow must set in. You must experience a change, you must experience a birth. If you don't feel a change you must try again. I am getting ready for that eternal day, when that great moderator gets off the right hand and comes back.

In the Bible it tells of a man and woman selling their property and giving money to the church. Did you sell out? They kept part of the money and died because they held it back. You must die dead to the love of sin. You can't keep anything back, you can't hide it from the one that really counts. That one is Jesus Christ. We have to strive to be perfect, the outer man can't be perfect. When we receive that new birth the inward man will be perfect. God is going to call everybody. You must speak from the heart, not from the head. They were asked how much they sold it for. They made it up to say we sold it for this much. They had to tell the church the truth. The man told the church a lie and he fell dead right there. I think he is in trouble. They went to the woman and she made up a story and they said, the same one who carried out your husband will carry you out today, she fell dead. If you hold things back from the Lord you are not being truthful. The devil is putting things in front of you. The Lord hasn't changed one bit. Christ said I have chosen you out of the world. God can never disappoint you, but you can disappoint God. We don't participate in the things of the world. You can't fool God.

Jesus Christ is the Word. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. He that hath an ear, let him hear. You have to get the ground ready, you must quit sinning before God will come into your life. Jesus made the way for everyone to go to Heaven. You have to become obedient. The man on the inside will guide you. Our desire is not to please the flesh, but to please God. God broke down the middle wall of partition so everyone could come to him. You must give it all to him. We can't do the things we used to do, we can't go to the places we used to go, we want to go to Heaven. He is the only way we are going to get home.

Elder Stony Blackburn, of the Sardis Association, led in prayer.

Elder Leonard Hamilton, of the New Salem Association, dismissed the service.

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19

# Circular Letter- 2015

To my beloved brothers and sisters of the blessed Old Sardis Association of the Old Regular Baptist, the church of Jesus Christ. It is with much fear and feeling unworthy that I attempt to fulfill the honor that you have bestowed on me to write this circular letter for our one hundred and twenty third session of the Sardis Association.

Last year when it was announced that I had been chosen by the delegates to write this circular letter there was a scripture that immediately came to my mind. After much prayer throughout the year, that scripture still constantly lingers in my mind, "For I am the Lord, I change not." (Malachi 3:6). It is by the grace of God that I am what I am, and God knows my heart that for forty-six years I have tried to hold up this old Blood Stained Banner and marched forward, not being ashamed of this old time Baptist way, whose establishment and practice is based upon what saith the Word of the Lord.

It grieves my heart when I see some of these things slowly being eroded away. Article two of our Articles of Faith so states, "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." If we believe this with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and I do, then how can anyone justify changing the practice that our blessed old brothers and sisters and those of us that remain, have had handed down for our instruction by the Word of God?

I have no desire to conform to the things of the world in order to attract new members. We are in the world, but not of the world. So, let us stand fast trusting always in God who gives us strength to overcome the things that Satan would have us do. In the second epistle of Paul, the apostle to the Thessalonians (2:15) it is written, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle." These instructions came from Paul through the inspiration of God. Therefore, they are the written words of God. (For I am the Lord, I change not.)

I realize that our numbers are becoming smaller each year, but let us pray and wait on God to add to the church such as should be saved and not attempt to make changes to entice them in. I believe that God directed my mind to the Old Regular Baptist family, not to come in and change the things that were already established, but because I was changed. I could see there was something different about this family and by the Grace of God I am one of them today.

We are no longer of the world. So as the world tries to consume us and convince us that we must change or cease to exist, let us do as Paul instructed the Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the word of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." We know the fate of those who are lukewarm.

Brothers and sisters, I know there are times that we become discouraged but when Elijah thought that he was the only prophet left and that all other prophets had been slain and the alters thrown down, he heard a voice speak to him. The voice didn't come in the wind; it didn't come in the earthquake; and it didn't come in the fire, but he heard it in a low still voice saying, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him." (1 Kings 19:18) In conclusion, my beloved brothers and sisters not only should we listen for that low still voice, but also take heed to what is spoken. (For I am the Lord, I change not.)

As I bring the letter to a close, I must say what a joy it has been, that in words I can't really express how wonderful it is to be a small part of this precious, loving family of brothers and sisters. **Hold fast, hold fast** brothers and sisters to the old time way so that when that time comes, you can say, "I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith."

Strive to please God who has chosen you to be a soldier. Farewell for a little season.

Your most humble servant,
Elder Frankie Scott

**Elder Frankie Scott** 

# UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

# **APRIL, 2016**

**LITTLE ROSIE**: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Mike Lowe and Elbert Sesco.

**OKEECHOBEE**: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Ivan Neal Thornsbury, David Crigger, Raymond Vanderpool and Gordon Akers.

# MAY, 2016

**SALEM**: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion 3:00 p.m. following the regular Saturday service. Ministers called: Creed Thomas, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Runyon, Harold Sesco, Billy Joe Robinson and Robert Haney.

**TURKEY CREEK**: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Danny Runyon, Stony Blackburn, Harold Sesco, Greg Stanley, Sam Frye and Gary L. Young.

#### **JUNE, 2016**

**APPLE ORCHARD**: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jerry Overstreet, Danny Runyon, Sam Frye and Arthur Mathis.

**ELIZABETH**: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Frankie Scott, Kenneth B. Jude, Sam Frye and Johnny Thornsberry.

**PILGRIMS REST**: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following regular church service. Ministers called: David Crigger, Mike Lowe and Daniel Newsome with Moderator attending.

**BUCK CREEK**: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Gary Blevins, Richard Staton, Arthur May, Sam Frye and Albert Cable.

**SIDNEY**: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Albert Cable, Kenneth B. Jude, David Crigger, Stony Blackburn, Todd Dials and Thomas J. Dials.

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

# **JULY, 2016**

**DIX FORK**: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Frankie Scott, Jerry Overstreet, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Phillip Estep, Curt Carroll and Chuck Hall.

**SAMARIA**: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Sam Frye, Billy Joe Robinson, Hobart Hamilton and Stony Blackburn.

**LEANNAH**: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco and Sam Frye. Business on this day only starts at 11:00 a.m.

**MT. PLEASANT**: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, A. B. Thacker, Edward Lee Smith and Jerry Overstreet.

**LITTLE TAVIE**: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Don Lawson, Thomas J. Dials, Gary Blevins, Faris Tuttle, Arthur Mathis and Raymond Stapleton.

**BIG BRANCH**: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Paul Hamilton, Duane Smith, Billy Joe Robinson, Andrew Walters and Harold Sesco.

**MARY ELIZABETH**: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Napier, Daniel Jacobs, Arthur May and Kelly Slone.

**BRIDE OF CHRIST**: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday after regular service. Ministers called: Gary Blevins, Jimmy Amos, Jimmy Stewart and Ralph Cloud.

**NARROWS BRANCH**: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m. after business. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Lacy Walters, Edward Lee Smith, Larry Thacker and Billy Joe Robinson with Moderator attending.

# **AUGUST, 2016**

**TABITHA**: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Arthur May, Thomas J. Dials, Todd Dials, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Albert Cable. Church service on this Saturday only starts at 10:30 a.m.

**BENT BRANCH**: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion following Sunday Church Service at 10:00 a.m.. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis, Harold Sesco and Tim Robinson.

**ROSA**: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Hamilton, Stony Blackburn, Arthur Mathis, Elbert Sesco, Lloyd Brown and Danny Runyon with moderator attending.

**ANTIOCH:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following the regular Church service. Ministers called: Rueben Lycans, Paul Maynard, Billy Joe Robinson, Gary Blevins and Preston Lewis.

**BETHANY**: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Paul Maynard, Sam Frye, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**PILGRIMS HOME**: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Billy Joe Robinson, Jimmy Amos and Lacy Walters.

# MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

# **MARCH, 2016**

**TURKEY CREEK** will hold a memorial meeting at the Enon Church House of James and Brooksie Spencer, Willis and Gretis Staton, Marvin and Lokie Rose, Elsie Rose and all the deceased members of the Enon Church the Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Duane Smith, Bobby Scott, Sr. and Hobart Hamilton.

**OKEECHOBEE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Faris Tuttle, Buddy W. Carty and James Barney. All corresponding brothers and sisters are welcome.

# **APRIL, 2016**

**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.

**PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday at the Church of all those buried on the Williamson Family Cemetery. Service will began at 6:00 p.m. Ministers called: Andrew Walters, Bruce Williamson and Richard Staton.

# MAY, 2016

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (May 1) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Ralph Cloud, Jimmy Amos, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone bring covered dishes.

**ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Brother Joe Fletcher; his wife, Hazel Fletcher; and son, Roger Fletcher; Lacy Orville Fletcher; Orville Spence; infant baby of Jeff and Mary Spence; Estil Spence; Sammy Spence; Mary Alice Spence; Ernest Spence; Ollie Spence; Unice Jude; Ernestine Perry, and others buried on the cemetery on Orville Road. This meeting to be on the odd Sunday in May, 2016 (May 1). All Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Church of all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the second Sunday in May at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Harold Sesco, Albert Cable and Ben Scott with moderator attending.

**LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the White family on Sunday following the second Saturday at the Church. Ministers called: Randy Lackey, Tim Robinson, Harold Sesco, Andrew Walters and Duane Smith.

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families, also those buried on the Hanners Cemetery 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., Albert Cable, Harold Sesco, Lacy Walters and Kenneth B. Jude.

**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: Hobart Hamilton, Jimmy Amos, Mike Lowe and Stony Blackburn.

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: Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters, Gary Young, Larry Thacker, Elbert Sesco 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, Lacy Walters, Gary Adkins and Gary Blevins.

**BETHANY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Sam Frye, Billy Joe Robinson and Albert Cable with 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: Duane Smith, Richard Staton and Gary Young.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Dix Fork Church of all buried on the Cochran Cemetery on the last Saturday in May (May 28), 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters and Edward L. Smith.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday in May (May 29), 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran, David Crigger, Charles Edwards and Edward L. Smith.

### **JUNE, 2016**

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

**TABITHA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jerry Runyon, Leonard Napier, Lester Cochran, Clyde Perry and Chester Cochran.

**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 as well as others buried on other area cemeteries. This will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Ben Scott, Albert Cable and Kenneth B. Jude.

**LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Cemetery next to the Church of all deceased members of the church on our regular church time 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Wayne Sartin, Greg Sowards, Ralph Cloud and Albert Cable.

**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.

**BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the church house of all the deceased on the Webb Cemetery on the third Sunday in June at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Gary Adkins, Arthur May, Leonard Napier, Clyde Perry and Richard Staton.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on Sunday following the third Saturday in June at 11:00 a.m. and of all those buried on the John Gilford Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Richard Staton and Tim Robinson.

**SIDNEY 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, Randall 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: Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Dewey Blackburn and Greg Stanley.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY on the fourth Saturday in June at 3:00 p.m. in memory of James Ballard and Mazie Smith Blackburn, William Cashier and Opal Crigger Blackburn, William Cody and Leona Blackburn Stanley, Geraldine Blackburn, Linda K. Deskins, Delores Johnson Blackburn, Elder Rush Stanley, George and Sylvia Blackburn Smith and Ermal and Dolly (Blackburn) Deskins and Vernon and Darlene (Blackburn) Crigger who are buried on the Crigger Cemetery. We welcome all Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

**ANTIOCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Mathis Cemetery in the head of Buffalo Creek in Wayne County on Sunday following the fourth Saturday in June at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Leonard Napier, Jimmy Stewart, Sam Frye and Edward L. Smith. Everyone welcome. Dinner to be served.

#### **JULY, 2016**

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Brother Dewey Jude's Family will be held on the Jude Cemetery in the head of Big Peter Cave on the Sunday after the first Saturday in July. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Lonnie Jude, Todd Dials, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude 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 of the deceased members of the Reed and Lockard families on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Gary Young, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Paul Maynard and Lloyd Brown.

**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: Albert Cable, Kenneth B. Jude, Lacy Walters, Jerry Overstreet 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. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis, Jimmy Amos and Sam Frye with moderator and assistant moderator attending. 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 on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. of all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY and Brother Clyde Brown and Sister Fern Brown who are buried on the Hill Crest Cemetery at Kenova, WV. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Sam Frye and Frankie Scott with 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, Duane Smith, Andrew Walters and Richard Staton.

**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: Wayne Herald, Jr., Sam Frye, Albert Cable, Chester Cochran and Thomas J. Dials.

MT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the John L. Blackburn Family at the home of Elder Dewey Blackburn, 4450 West Tunnel Road, Sharpsburg, KY on the odd Sunday (July 31) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hillard Newsome, Lacy Walters, Jerry Overstreet and Don Blake Little.

### **AUGUST, 2016**

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton, Joseph Staton, Mont Staton, Liburn (Zeek) Staton, Jerry Staton and Mary Staton will be held at the Elizabeth Church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Sam Frye, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon-Prince Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Daune Smith, Arthur May, Eric Williamson and Jeffrey Dillon.

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, the Bobby Fields Family Cemetery on Billy Lowe Branch, on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Richard Staton, Harold Sesco and Hobart Hamilton.

**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., Gary Adkins and Stony Blackburn.

**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: Kenneth B. Jude, Lacy Fletcher, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Albert Cable.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday of all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. Lowe and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, West Virginia. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Harold Sesco, Clifford Williams, Danny Runyon, Kenneth B. Jude 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 Scott, Sr., Harold Sesco, Jeff Dillon, Stony Blackburn, Larry Thacker and Lloyd Brown.

**PILGRIMS REST CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday of the deceased members of the Church and the friends of the community and veterans killed in action. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Greg Stanley, Andrew Walters, Robert Osborne and Johnny Thornsberry. Everyone Welcome. Dinner will be served.

**BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Community Garden Cemetery located on Route 37 approximately 5 miles south of Wayne, WV (Maynard Memorial) on Sunday following the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Arthur Mathis, Clarence Mathis, Sam Frye and Leonard Napier.

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the McCoy Cemetery including John and Margret McCoy, Oscar McCoy family, Tolbert McCoy family, also Johnnie Nichols, Sr. family and Lowe family of Gulnare, KY, Sister Victoria (McCoy) Maynard, Brother R. C. Maynard, Sr. and Elder Randall Scott on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Abe Howell and Jimmy Amos.

**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: Wayne Herald, Jr., Albert Cable, Danny Hurley, Todd Dials 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: Albert Cable, Arthur May, Gayle Brown, David May, Curt Carroll and Billy Joe Robinson.

**BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the church on Sunday following the third Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Chester Cochran, Gabe Lowe, Jr, Jimmy Stewart, Jerry Runyon and Albert Cable.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Will and Charity Jude, Johnny and America Jude, Mark Jude, son of Kenneth B and Dolly Jude, Henry Lee and Doris Jude, Mitchell Jude and other family members buried at the head of Peter Cave on Sunday following the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Lacy Fletcher, Billy Joe Robinson, Lonnie Jude, 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: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Wayne Sartin, Hobart Hamilton and Kenneth B. Jude.

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Henry Taylor Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson, Randall Lowe and Kenneth B. Jude. Dinner will be served nearby.

#### SEPTEMBER, 2016

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday before Labor Day in 2016. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Edward L. Smith.

**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 Avory 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, Albert Cable, Billy Joe Robinson, Kenneth B. Jude and Ben Scott.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting in memory of all deceased members of the Leannah Church on the first Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Sam Frye, Lacy Walters, Harold Sesco and Richard Staton.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Ervin Morrison and all others 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 of 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: Clyde Perry, David Lester, George Thomason and Bobby Scott, Sr.

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, Northern Gayle Brown, Paul Maynard, Arthur Mathis and Lacy Walters.

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Albert Cable, Leonard Napier and David May.

**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: David Crigger, Wayne Herald, Jr., Edward L. Smith, Harrison Runyon and Frankie Scott.

# OCTOBER, 2016

**ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday of all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Albert Cable, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Sam Frye.

**SALEM CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday of all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Lloyd Brown, Harold Sesco, Duane Smith, Richard Staton, Sam Frye and Bobby Scott, Sr.

**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: Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Kelly Slone, Ralph Slone, Jr., Abe Howell and Scott Hamilton.

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, Johnny Thornsberry, Paul Boggs, Mike Justice 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, Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials and Albert Cable.

**LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Danny Belcher, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Richard Staton, Jimmy Stewart and Sam Frye.

**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: Albert Cable, Richard Staton, Zeb Justice, Arthur Mathis and Phillip Estep with moderator attending.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the fourth Saturday of 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, Lacy Walters, Wayne Sartin, Kenneth B. Jude 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: Richard Staton, Jerry Overstreet and Mike Lowe.

#### **NOVEMBER, 2016**

**ANTIOCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Antioch Church on the fourth Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Jimmy Amos, Ralph Cloud and John Lewis.

# SPECIAL MEETINGS

CHURCH DAY AND TIME

Bent Branch Church Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Bent Branch/Pilgrims Home at Bent Branch New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.

Bride of Christ Church Will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Sammie Moore on

Sunday after the third Saturday in November, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.(One Time Only). Ministers called: Ralph Cloud,

Russell Hicks and Leonard Napier.

Buck Creek New Years Eve at 7:00 p. m.

Leannah Church Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Little Tavie Church Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

New Years Eve at 8:00 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Church Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Pilgrims Home Church Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.

Pilgrims Rest Church Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Saturday Night meeting in April, 2016 will recognize the ones who came to Brushy and established the Pilgrims Rest Church as an arm from the Pilgrims Home Church in January, 1969 and the community that came together to make this possible. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Harold Sesco, Elbert Sesco, Earl Dean Newsome with

moderator attending.

Salem Church Easter Morning 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Samaria Church Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

SARDIS ASSOCIATION AT BUILDING Every odd Saturday at 6:00 p.m.(None on April 30, 2016)

Rosa Church Every first Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.

Turkey Creek Church New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.

Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m except May 1, 2016.

June second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Edward L. Smith, Ray Hamilton, Jimmy Amos,

Freddie Murphy, Andy Fields and Lloyd Brown.

# OBITUARIES of BRETHREN AND SISTERS

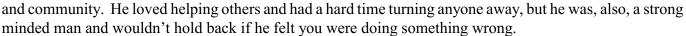
#### **ELDER SAMMIE MOORE**

After an unexpected brain trauma in 2013, my dad, Elder Sammie Moore, age seventy two, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on November 9, 2014. He was born on July 1, 1942, in Lincoln County, WV.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Burgess Bill Moore and Louisa Wiley Moore, his grandparents, who raised him, Layne Wiley and Armilda Williamson Wiley and a son, Sammie Dwaine Moore. Those remaining to cherish his memories are his wife of fifty two years, Essie Norman Moore, a son, Daniel and daughter-in-law, Dana Stephens Moore, a daughter, Tena Moore and a sister, Sue Plumley and her family.

Dad joined the church in 1972 and was a member of the Bride of Christ Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was a retired coal miner and served our country in Vietnam. Such a kind and gentle soul, he always was helpful and loving to his family



He was a devoted husband and a loving dad. I always tried to find Father's Day cards for him that said Dad instead of Father, because he was always very clear that there was only one Father, the one in Heaven, and that he would never compare.

The pillar of our family, every Sunday morning (and oftentimes other days of the week) you could find Dad at various churches, singing songs of praise and sharing his love of God. He was more than happy to visit and pray with the sick and share his faith with anyone who wanted to hear it.

Dad was always expressing his awe of how perfectly nature worked. He could name the trees and give their uses, name the birds and tell you interesting things about them...He loved nature deeply. Other than when he was in church, he was happiest out in his garden, making sure that it had incredibly straight rows and beautiful, delicious food. Every summer he and mom looked forward to canning and sharing their garden bounty with their friends and family.

He was skilled and talented carpenter, making some of the most beautiful furniture you've ever seen and could make just about anything you could show him.

He was always quick to share his opinion, his unique sense of humor and wit and his smile. As much as we all miss him, we know he is where he always longed to be, HOME AT LAST.

Written by his daughter, Tena Moore

#### ELDER RANDALL WHEELER SCOTT

It is with tremendous grief and a broken heart that I write the obituary of the greatest man I ever knew on this Earth. Randall Wheeler Scott, the son of the late Willard and Mae McCoy Scott, was born on April 17,1960 in Inez, KY.

He grew up on Lower Brushy and spent his entire life there. He had brothers and sisters: Virgil Scott (Janice), Donnie Hays Scott, Ronald Dean Scott (Jean), Bobby Lee Scott (Jamessa.), the late Jimmy Scott and James Odell Scott, Ada Jean Burris, Zelia Slone, Linda Faye Cornette and Peggy Morley.

On March 16,1979, Daddy married the love of his life, his best friend, Mary Louise Harris Scott. Together they raised three children: Tanya Presley (Albert), Randall Scott, Jr. (Brande) and Beverly Fisher



(Edward). Daddy was the proud grandfather to five grandchildren: Landon Scott, Jacob Fisher, Graci Presley, Khloe Presley and soon to arrive, Avery Fisher and two step-grandsons, Treven Richardson and Albert Presley III.

Daddy showed the world his love and devotion to Christ when he took off his old ragged coat and put on the new coat on September 17, 2006. His love for Jesus and his church family was remarkable. One of our proudest moments was when we saw Daddy take the altar to preach for the very first time. Our hearts were on fire with the Holy Spirit and with a multitude of joy.

Aside from Daddy's love for Jesus, his family, and friends; he had another love. Daddy loved to farm. From growing crops, baling hay, herding cattle; he truly loved it all. He would leave at first break of day light and you wouldn't see him again until after dark. He would tell us that he could set upon that hill and watch the cattle graze for hours. He did just that. More times than none, he would have us waiting because he couldn't tear himself away from what was precious in his sight.

On January 26, 2014, Daddy made probably the hardest phone call he ever had to make to his eldest daughter. I will never forget that conversation. Daddy said, "Lil Bit, I have some bad news." You see, Daddy was about to tell me what God had already told me. I, with my voice cracking, trying not to cry, simply said, "What stage, Daddy?" When I tell you it was like my life with my precious Daddy flashed before my eyes, it is no exaggeration. Daddy then, in the saddest tone I have ever heard him utter, said "It is stage four lung cancer." Trying my best to be strong, I said, "Well, Daddy, this is when we put our faith to the test. We just pray and put it in God's hands."

Daddy went through several radiation and chemotherapy treatments. He did so to spend more time with his family. Ultimately, it was up to God how much time that was. God decided that on March 9, 2015 at 3:55 p.m., it was time to call his faithful servant home. His battle with cancer was done.

As I write this, I wonder what am I leaving out? How do I sum up fifty four years? But, I think Daddy would want me to leave you with this. He often said that his biggest regret was that he didn't accept God's precious gift of Salvation sooner and that he should have taken us to church. His favorite song was "Two Coats" and his favorite scripture was John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Daddy would want me to leave this message for him. Raise your children in church, find you a little quiet spot and pray and humble yourself to the Lord. Repent and ask forgiveness for your sins. Jesus is knocking, all you have to do is let him in.

Daddy leaves behind a grieving wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends. But I would have to say the legacy he leaves behind is this: Love God, first and foremost, love one another. Life is far too precious to have any regrets. Daddy loved God, lived for God and preached the Word of God. In the end of his journey, he wasn't afraid. Daddy saw his prize in Heaven. I believe with every fiber if my being he gained it.

Daddy, I know I can speak for Mommy, Jr., Beverly and the rest of the family when I say, "There isn't a moment that we don't miss you; some days are better than others. Thank you for being such a wonderful husband, Daddy and Papaw. No one can ever measure up to you. We love you! Until we meet again..."

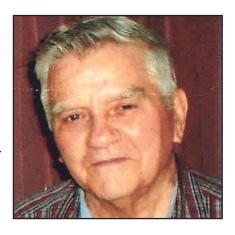
With Love, Your Wife, Mary Tanya(Albert), Jr. (Brande), Beverly(Edward), Landon, Jacob, Graci, Chloe, Avery, Treven, and A.J.

### JUDD CLINE

Judd Cline, eighty five years old, was carried to his Heavenly home by God's angels on Friday, May 15, 2015. He departed this life from his residence on Pickering Fork at Baisden, WV.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the late Nat and Vonnie Carter Cline, his paternal grandparents; two brothers, Sonny and Fleming Cline and three sisters: Retha Blankenship, Molly Lester and Zelia Lockhart.

Those left to love and cherish his memories are his loving wife of sixty three years, Dessie Mae Cline. and his three sons: Chris (Pam) Cline, Benjie (Tammy) Cline and Keith (Marsha) Cline. He had five grandchildren, who he adored: Kristie Cline, Kandice Sparks, Brian Keith Cline Jr. Emily Cline, and Matthew Cline. Also, he had two great-



grandchildren, Gracie Sparks and Annabelle Cline. He leaves behind his two sisters, Evelyn Hatfield and Vima Blankenship and his four brothers: Denzil (Tina) Cline, Rex (Betty) Cline, Tex (Iris) Cline and Jay (Marion) Cline.

Dad was a retired coal miner, where he worked hard to support his family for many years. He was a wonderful, loving, and giving person. He left a wonderful testimony behind about his love for the Lord and everyone.

He was a faithful member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church where be served as Deacon for twenty nine years. He loved going to church, spending time with his family and working in the garden. Dad was laid to rest in the Cline/Ritchie Cemetery at Baisden, WV. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Written by his daughter-in-law Marsha Cline

### **BELLE (SCOTT) COPLEY**

I asked the good Lord to strengthen me and help me to write the obituary of my dear sweet mommy, Belle (Scott) Copley, who I miss so very much and love with all my heart.

Mommy was born March 1,1926 in Martin County, KY. Mommy was eighty eight years and ten months old when she went to be with Jesus on January 1, 2015.

She was the daughter of the late Manford and Laura (Maynard) Scott. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband, my daddy, John Calvin (Cab) Copley, whom I love and also miss very much, and two brothers and four sisters: Walker Scott, Andy Scott, Lula Scott, Eula Fletcher, Truly Jude and Susie Pauley.



Mommy is survived by me, her only daughter, Vivian (David Carter) Copley; special nieces and nephew, Gayle Howell, Zola Howell and Calvin Pauley and numerous other nieces and nephews. Mommy was a very hard worker most of her life, she always worked hard in the corn fields when she was growing up, and even later in life. She worked hard in the garden and worked hard doing many other things throughout her life.

Mommy was a notary public for many years; she was a good wife to my daddy. Mommy and Daddy married on May 9,1964 at the home of Ollie and Harrison Jude. They were both thirty-eight years old. Daddy was the son of Phillip and Elizabeth (Sammons) Copley. Mommy gave birth to me on April 16,1971at Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY. She was forty-five years old. Mommy asked God for a little girl and God answered her Prayer. Mommy loved me more than words could ever say, with all her heart and I loved her that much, too. I was her pride and joy, I was her baby. Mommy was a homemaker, she cooked and cleaned and she took good care of me. My daddy worked for the sheriff's office here in Martin County, KY; he was a deputy sheriff. Mommy was a beautiful woman, she was a very special woman and mommy. She was the best mommy that I could have ever had, I couldn't have asked for better. Mommy was loving, kind, caring and understanding; she was all those things and so much more. She was an angel put here on earth from God to be my mommy, and now she's an angel in heaven.

I know that I will be in heaven with her someday and with my daddy, then there will be no more goodbyes. I was blessed to have had her for my mommy and thankful to have been her daughter. I miss mommy's laughter and her smile; she always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. She loved her family, we were all very dear to her heart and she was very dear to us; she loved everybody. Mommy would always lend a helping hand to help anyone that needed it.

Mommy loved going to church and listening to God's word; Mommy loved the Lord with all her heart. She was baptized on June 24, 1984 at the mouth of Pigeon Roost in Pilgrim, KY, underneath the railroad bridge. One of the Elders that helped baptized mommy was Sabert Nichols of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church at that time. Mommy became a member at the Sidney Church. She loved all her brothers and sisters at church, she always enjoyed being with them.

Mommy enjoyed life, she enjoyed the outdoors, she enjoyed spending time with the family, she enjoyed the get togethers that we all had together. Mommy enjoyed cooking the dinners for those special times we had, Mommy always made sure there was good food to put on the table. Mommy was a great cook, I miss her cooking and everything about her. Mommy enjoyed the vacation we had with the family, the cookouts, the reunions, the holiday get together and dinner, and so much more. Mommy and I always loved and enjoyed spending time together. It didn't matter where we were; just so we were together we were happy. Mommy enjoyed listening to country and gospel music; she also could play the guitar and sing. Mommy enjoyed working crossword puzzles; she loved animals and the color hot pink. I remember anytime that I felt bad or worried about something, Mommy would always help me feel better and she always knew the right words to say. Her words were filled with love, comfort, faith, hope and encouragement. Mommy and I were always there for each other and took care of each other, we had a special bond and special love that will never end. My life will never be the same without my mommy; I will always love her and miss her with all my heart.

Knowing that my mommy is in heaven with Jesus, and where God is, gives me strength that is helping me get through this difficult time without her. I know someday I will see her again. Until that time comes I will treasure and cherish all the memories and times that mommy and I shared together. She was truly the best friend that I ever had. In loving memory of my sweet dear, special, precious mommy, Belle (Scott) Copley. I miss your hugs, your kisses, I miss you, I love you Mommy.

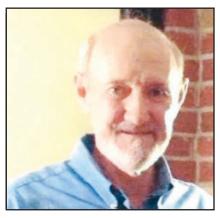
Written with Love by her Daughter, Vivian Sue

### **GEORGE W. EDMISTON**

George Edmiston, fifty nine years old of Hatfield, KY, passed away at his residence on May 5, 2015. He was born September 23, 1955 in South Williamson, KY.

He was the son of the late Alex and Betty Lowe Edmiston. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Alex Benny Edmiston.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Chafins Edmiston of Hatfield, KY; a daughter, Jennifer (Chris) Hatfield of Lexington, KY; a son, Lacy (Ashley) Edmiston of Chattaroy, WV; two grandchildren, Grayson Parker and Reece Olivia Edmiston; two sisters, Pennie (David) Copley and Sandra Dingess, both of Hatfield, KY; a special nephew, Richard Keith Evans of Lexington, KY and a host of family and friends.



George gave his heart to Christ and was saved by the grace of God through the blood of Jesus Christ and was baptized on March 15, 1997 by Elders Wallace Muncy and Hobert Hamilton. He was a member at Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church for eighteen years.

George was a genuine and humble man who loved his brothers and sisters in Christ. George was a blessing to all who knew him. He loved working for his church and his community. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone. He has surely gained his angel wings.

August 16, 2015, would have been our 40th wedding anniversary. My family and I thank God for blessing us with each day we had him in our lives. He will be missed and loved always.

Written By: Judy Edmiston (Wife)

### **BOBBY FIELDS**

It's with a sad heart and loving memories, I will attempt to write the obituary of my loving dad, Bobby Marshall Fields.

Dad was born on August 19, 1941and went to be with Lord in the morning of April 7, 2015. Daddy was born in Pikeville, KY, the son of the late Luther and Norma Hanners Fields. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Billy Fields.

Dad married Norma Jean Young Fields on September 27,1963 and to this union was born three children: Gerald Wayne Fields of Varney, KY, Lisa Ann Thacker, her husband, Johnny of Brushy, KY and Joey Edward Fields, his wife Jamalyn of Inez, KY. He also adopted his grandson, Cory Ryan Fields, whose wife is Heather, of Brushy, KY and raised him as his own. He is also survived by eight



grandchildren: Lucas Wade Robinette, Austin Wayne Fields, Johnny Lee Thacker II, Katelyn (Katie) Faith Thacker, John Pope, Katie Pope, Lauryn Pope and Trenton Pope, and four great grandchildren: Karsyn, Ella, McKenzie, and Caroline Robinette.

Dad gave his hand to the church and was baptized on March 18, 2001 and took his membership to the Apple Orchard Church and was a dedicated member and served as deacon for several years.

He enjoyed going to visit all our Sister churches and served as a borrowed Deacon at the Little Virgie Church and the Pilgrims Rest Church.

In his last days he often spoke of going Home to see his dear friends who went on before him, who we knew he missed dearly and we believe he did.

Daddy would tell you if you want to see me again, make things right with the Lord and come and see me in my new Home. I know he will be sadly missed and loved by many dear neighbors, family, friends and his wonderful church family he loved so much. Daddy, Rest in Peace until we meet again.

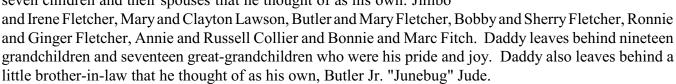
Written by his daughter and son-in-law, And his Brother and Sister in Christ Lisa and Johnny Thacker

### VIRGIL FLETCHER

With the most fond memories and a broken heart, I will write the obituary of our Most Loving and Humble Daddy. Virgil Fletcher, age seventy six, of Nats Creek, in Lawrence County, KY, passed away on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at his home. He was born November 25, 1938 at Three Forks of Big Petercave on Wolfcreek, in Martin County, KY.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Robert Wilson (Bob) Fletcher, Sr. and Susie (Blackburn) Fletcher; three sisters: Edith Jude, Alice Delong and Polly "Podd" Jude and infant twin brothers, Tommy and Johnny.

Daddy is survived by his beautiful wife, Mabel (Jude) Fletcher, seven children and their spouses that he thought of as his own: Jimbo



Daddy married his teenage sweetheart, Mabel Jude, on January 19, 1957. They both loved the outdoors. They enjoyed to get in their "little truck" and ride around in the hills, picking berries, finding ripe apples or just seeing the wildlife. They always raised big gardens so Mommy and the girls could put away enough canned food to last the whole family the entire winter. He looked forward for the holidays because he knew all of his children would be there, but his greatest love was for his Savior.

Daddy always taught us to love each other and work hard. He was such a hard working man, with the majority of his work being a logger and surface coal miner. He retired in 1993 after thirty nine years of public employment, of which, the last fifteen years of service was with the Marrowbone Development Company.

Our precious Daddy went to sleep peacefully with his beautiful bride of fifty eight years looking on. Daddy served our living God for over twenty years as a Christian so he could be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Daddy was a faithful member of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church his entire Christian life, where he honorably served as a Deacon and was the treasurer for over twenty five years.

Daddy's life was forever changed when he lost his oldest child and Brother in Christ, Eugene "Blue" Fletcher on April 18, 2011. We laid Daddy to rest on the Point at the Virgil and Mabel Fletcher Family Cemetery at Nats Creek in Lawrence County, KY. Elders Tom Dials, Billy Joe Robinson, Dewey Jude, and Kenneth B. Jude so wonderfully officiated the services, with brother Butler Fletcher assisting. Sunday evenings will never be the same.

Good night Daddy, We Love You!

### **ANDY (ANCE) JUDE**

I am writing in remembrance of my great uncle, Andy (Ance) Jude. Ance was a member of the Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was born February 27, 1934 and left this world July 2, 2015. He was always a part of my life since I was a little girl. His presence is greatly missed. He loved people and always enjoyed conversation. He was never married or had children of his own but loved us as his own. He lived a very good life and was well taken care of by Mom and Dad.

Nearing his last days, he wasn't afraid and he repeatedly said he was ready to go to heaven. So we take comfort in knowing that he is in a far better place where there is no suffering or heartaches. We miss



him every day and still look for him sitting on the porch. God's promise ensures us that we will meet again someday.

Written by his great niece, Pam Jennings

### AILEEN LEDSON

Aileen Ledson, eighty six, of Lenore, WV passed away at her home on Thursday, April 30,2015 after a long battle with cancer. She was born on August 31, 1928 in Mingo County, WV to the late Joseph Jake and Ada McCoy Hundley.

In addition to her parents she preceded in death by five brothers and sisters.

Aileen is survived by her husband, Marion Ledson, Jr.; three sons: Jerry (Marjorie) Ledson of Myrtle Beach, SC, Walter (Mary) Ledson of Lenore, WV and Tony (Helen) Ledson of Ft. Gay, WV and four daughters: Linda (Larry) Moody of Grove City, OH, Kay Adams and Gary Young of Groveport, OH, Karen (John) Dingus of West Liberty, KY and Connie (Gary) Sharp of Leon, WV. Also, she is



survived by twenty one grandchildren, twenty eight great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She left behind her siblings: Joseph Hundley, Jr., Sonny Hundley, Shirley (Honey) Hinkle, Virginia Sue Hundley, all of Lenore, WV, Boots Thompson of Delbarton, WV, Pauline Roberts of Cleveland, OH and Chris Stquadine of Johnstown, OH.

She was a member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church since January 27, 1973 where she faithfully attended as long as she was able.

Her funeral was on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. with Elders Albert Cables, Arthur May, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials officiating. She was laid to rest on the Ledson Cemetery on Laurel Creek at Lenore, WV.

### PHYLLIS IRENE (McCOY) LOWE

As I sit here and attempt to write the abituary of my dear mommy, with the help of the dear Lord, I think of the love she had and showed. My dear mommy was born to Virgil and Goldie (Blackburn) McCoy on March 26,1945.

She was one of nine children. She was married to Elder Gabe Dewey Lowe on June 1,1963. They were married for a little over fifty one and half years. To this union was born two sons; Randall Lee Lowe and Mark Allen Lowe. She loved her daughters-in-law and grandchildren very much.

Randall's wife is Deneita Sue Lowe and his children are Lisa and Vinnie Lowe. Mark's wife is Sharon Lowe.

Mommy became very ill and then had a stroke and grew worse.

Mommy told Dad that the Lord had forgiven her of her sins and we got to baptize her on January 15, 2015. She had her membership at the Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church. The Lord saw that mommy was to weak to go on and she passed away January 19, 2015 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Rest on mommy until we meet again over in God's country where we will not have to have to part anymore. We love and miss you very much. Your loving Family.

Written by her son, Elder Randall L. Lowe



It is with a sad and broken heart that I will attempt to write this obituary of my beloved, Daddy, Ransom Marcum. Daddy was eighty one years old when he went home to meet Jesus.

He was born into this earthly life on March 1, 1934 to the late Ran and Betty (Howell) Marcum at Pilgrim, KY.

On February 25, 1957, he married the love of his life, Norma Jean (Jones) Marcum. During their fifty nine years of marriage, they had three children: Brenda Kaye (Thomas) Spence, David (Veleda) Marcum and Shelby (Thurmon) Stacy. They had five grandchildren: Patricia Jean (P.J.) Anderson, Brea Spence, Shenna Scott, Jack Stacy and Renee Stacy. They had one great-grandchild, Brea-Ann Large and one on the way, Jace Branson Scott.



Daddy was preceded in death by his daughter, Shelby Stacy, in addition to his parents. Daddy was the last living of his brothers and sister: Harvey, Gabe, Harlen, Laddie, Homer, Tan, Granvel, Frelin, Buddy and Dessie Mae.

Daddy worked as a coal miner electrician for over twenty years. Daddy always loved to talk and joke with others. Even when he was suffering illness, he continued to try and make others laugh. Daddy suffered illness for many years in this earthly life, but never complained.

Daddy also loved going to church and seeing his brothers and sisters in Christ. Daddy was baptized at the Blackburn Cemetery in May of 1980 in Pigeon Roost, Ky. He served as a Deacon of the Mary Elizabeth Church up until he departed this life. Daddy had such a strong love for his family and I think of him everyday. He is missed by all who were blessed to know him, but I know Daddy is in a better place and he is no longer in pain. And I know, some day Daddy will get up and meet Jesus in the air. Daddy would invite you to his eternal home in Glory Land, and while you are there, plan to stay forever.

Sadly missed and forever loved, Written by his son, David Marcum

### **PATRICIA ANN MAY**

It is with a heavy heart that I write the obituary of my dear sweet mother. Patricia Ann May was born March 26, 1959 to the late Henry and Elizabeth Maynard.

She was married to Blackburn May on August 7, 1975 and over the course of a thirty eight year marriage raised three loving sons.

She enjoyed spending time with loved ones, reading her Bible, and being outdoors. Preceding her in death were her parents, her loving husband, and a sister, Francis Lackey.

Left to cherish her memories are her three sons: Blackburn (Carol) May, Steven (Sabrina) May and Michael (Jessica) May. She had four grandchildren: Rebecca, Joey and Alex May and Christina Mullins. Also left were three brothers, three sisters and a host of nieces and nephews.



Mom was a very enjoyable person to be around and her faith in the Lord was a light to her children. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her but more especially her sons and daughters-in-law. So until we meet again, we love and miss you Mommy.

Written by her loving sons

### MABLE (MCCOY) MAYNARD

It is with much love and great sadness that I write this obituary of my beloved mother, Mable "McCoy" Maynard. Mom was born on August 14, 1924 in Pike County, Ky. She passed from this life on July 5, 2015. She was laid to rest at the Apple Orchard Cemetery on Brushy Creek, KY.

Mable was the daughter of Tolbert McCoy and Cora "Nunnery" McCoy. She had five brothers: Nealie, Luther, Tolbert, Jr., Henry and Thomas; all preceded her in death. She was preceded in death by one sister, Vada Elkins.

She is survived by her twin sister, Pearlie Crider of Varney, KY, one brother, Ernest P. McCoy, of Pikeville, KY and her husband, Jonah Maynard, of Pikeville, KY.



Mom and Dad were married on October 26, 1946. They had one daughter, Carolyn (Gary) Thacker of Pikeville, KY. She is also survived by one granddaughter, Gina (John) Wolters of Indianapolis, IN and one great-granddaughter, Savannah Wolters of Indianapolis, IN. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and loving friends.

Mom gave her life to the Lord on April 30, 2015 and was baptized on May 5, 2015. She was a member of the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church.

Mom had a green thumb when it came to gardening and growing flowers. Next to spending time with her family, these were her favorite things to do.

We were blessed to have Mom for almost ninety one years. She will always be remembered and forever loved.

Written by: Carolyn Thacker (Daughter)

### **DOROTHY MAY MCCOY**

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear aunt, Dorothy May McCoy. Dorothy May was born July 26, 1924 and died on March 18, 2015 making her stay on this earth ninety years, eight months and eighteen days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andy Jude and Rebecca Scott Collins as well as her siblings: Sheridan, Elijah, Ruthie, Rosabelle and Edna Marie.

She is survived by one son, Chester "Pudd" McCoy and a host of nieces and nephews.

On July 12, 1992 she joined the Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church where she was a faithful member until her death. She loved her little church and all its members. Dorothy May was very loved and we

all miss her terribly, but our loss is Heaven's gain. She is resting peacefully at the foot of Jesus.



Written by her great niece, Katrina Hale

### **VERSIE JUDE MUNCY**

Versie Jude Muncy of Lovely, KY, passed away January 18, 2015. Versie was born July 1, 1917 to the late Cordilla (Cordia) Jude.

Versie was married to Malcolm Muncy in 1941. He preceded her in death in 1997 at the age of ninety two years, one month. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Jude and Freelin Taylor and two sisters, Alpha Adams and Pearlie Hill.

Survivors include her children. She leaves two sons, Delbert Muncy of Pilgrim, KY and Glenn (Linda) Muncy of Grundy, VA and a daughter, Madge Muncy of Lovely, KY. Also, she leaves a daughter-in-law, Darlene Muncy, Lowmansville, KY, three grandchildren: Danny Muncy, and special friend Kim Stumbo of Louisa, KY, Randy (Lavada) Muncy, Haysi, VA and Priscilla Kay Muncy of Lowmansville, KY.



She was a member of the Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized October 23, 1987. She was the oldest member of the Leannah Church at the time of her death. Mom attended Church as long as her health permitted her to. She was bedfast for several years. The Brothers would come visit her, have church services and sing and have prayer for her. She would get so happy she would raise her little hand and clap them and praise the Lord.

We were blessed to have a great and loving mother for ninety seven years, six months and seventeen days.

She loved her family so much and always taught us to do the right things in life. Home is not the same without her. We love and miss her so much but we know she is out of her suffering and resting so peaceful beside Dad. Waiting for that wonderful day.

In loving memory of Mommy, Written by the family.

### **GRACE ROBINETTE**

It is with a very sad heart that we try to write the obituary of our loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and our sister in Christ Jesus, Grace Robinette.

She was born March 27, 1929 to Alfred and Betty Thompson Young and left this world to be with the Lord on October 26, 2014, making her stay here on earth eighty five years, six months and twenty nine days.

She was married to Earl E. Robinette on September 29, 1949. They were married for approximately fifty six years. To this union was born six children, three daughters and three sons: Irene Sipple (deceased), Mary Betty Robinette (deceased), Cleo (Michael) Johnson of Varney, KY, Clifton (JoAnn) Robinette of Varney, KY, Richard



(Geneva) Robinette of Varney, KY and Kelly (Rhonda) Robinette of Canada, KY. Sister Grace had ten grandchildren: Jody Sipple, Tonya Davis, Michelle Newsome, Michael Douglas

Johnson, Carrie Sparks, Teddy Clifton Robinette, Derek Jordan Robinette, Anthony Robinette, Natalie Robinette and John Kelly Robinette. She also had eight great-grandchildren: Whitney and Katie, Cody and Blake, Madi and Kinsey, and Laken and Brandon.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister: John Junior Young, Harmon Young, Curtis Ferrell Young and Christine McGuire.

She is survived by two brothers and two sisters: Malcom Young of Varney, KY, Buddy Young of Hardy, KY, Lucy Robinette of Hatfield, KY and Bronise Persons of Gallipolis, OH.

It was a beautiful and blessed day on June 20, 1993 when Grace and Earl gave their life to the Lord and were baptized together along with Brother Roland Robinette, Brother Gary Young and Sister Winifred Young after the memorial meeting on the Robinette Cemetery. All five placed their membership at the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church. Mom was a faithful member until her death.

Sister Grace was a devoted wife and mother that worked hard to raise her children. She was very humble and taught her kids to always be respectful. She would say, "If you don't have something nice to say about someone, don't say anything at all."

To our dear, precious Mother, you will always be in our hearts. This is not goodbye, just farewell for a little while. We will meet again in Heaven.

Written by her family and Brother Gary Young

### HESTER ROBINSON

With much sadness and heartache, I will try to write the obituary of our dear, sweet Mom. Hester Irene (Maynard) Robinson was born August 20, 1927 to the late Roland Burns and Brookley Bell (Taylor) Maynard.

Mom left this world with her family and a wonderful, sweet hospice nurse around her on May 17, 2015 at 12:10 a.m. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Chester James Robinson; two sisters, Martha Jane Lowe and Rose Ann Robinette; four brothers: Jarrett, Clifford Raymond, Joseph (Joe) Hayes and Roland Burns, Jr.

Mom is survived by six sisters: Sally Deane (Sam) Adkins of Virginia Beach, VA, Lois Marie (Clifford) Hager of Palatka, FL, Edith



Daphene Muncy of Palatka, FL, Ruth Agnes (Jim) Reynolds of Interlachen, FL, Colleen Grose of Pikeville,

KY and Eldora Trimble of Ivel, KY. She also leaves to mourn her loss, two children, Betty Irene (Harold) Maynard of Pikeville, KY (Brushy Creek) and James Mitchell (Tammie) Robinson of Mare Creek; She left four grandchildren: Michael (Kay) Maynard, Deneita Sue (Randall) Lowe, Timothy (Christy) Maynard and Rachel (Johnnie) Rice and four great-grandchildren: Michael Austin Maynard, Lisa Marie Lowe, Vinnie Lee Lowe and Kayla Rice and a host of friends.

Mom is no longer in pain or longing to get up and walk and go to church, but in her Heavenly home where she has been yearning to go for, oh so long.

She was a member of the Apple Orchard Old Regular Baptist Church. Our hearts are broken and our home is now so empty but our loss is heaven's gain.

She is now resting after being so worn out from three and one half years of lying in bed. Rest in peace Mom, until we all meet again where there is no pain and sorrow.

### **ERNESTINE DAMRON SCALF**

Ernestine Damron Scalf, ninety four, of Lexington, KY, formerly. of Canada, KY, left this life to be "with her sweet Jesus" on Thursday, November 6, 2014. She was born in Williamson, WV, the daughter of Richard and Grace Webb Damron. Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by a beloved stepmother, Bertha Damron Surgeon, an infant brother and a brother, Harold Damron, plus numerous special brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

She is survived by her husband of seventy years, Edgar Scalf; two sons, Daniel R. Scalf (Joan) Lexington, KY and Phillip E. Scalf (Carla) of Ozark., MO; five grandchildren, Becky Scalf Williams (Matthew) of Nicholasville, KY and Dr. Richard E. Scalf (Dr. Leigh Ann) of Lexington, KY; Nicholas Scalf and Harrison Scalf (Erica) of



Springfield, MO. and Derek Scalf of St. Louis, MO. She had six great grandchildren: Brittany and Aaron Fannin (children of Becky Williams), Jillian, Caleb and Nathan Scalf (children of Rick and Leigh Ann) and Madison Scalf (daughter of Harrison and Erica). She had one sister, Eugenia Ann Johnson of Dingmans Ferry, Pa, one brother, Roger Damron, Huntington, WV and a beloved sister-in-law, Faye Scalf of Sidney, KY. She left a host of extended family members and friends.

She graduated from Pikeville College and taught at Bevins Elementary for thirty years before her retirement. She enjoyed crafting, quilting, sewing and camping with Edgar and friends.

She was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Old Regular Baptist Church at Sidney, KY.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Pleasant Old Regular Baptist Church at Sidney, KY, on Sunday November 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. with Hobart Hamilton, Stony Blackburn and Frankie Scott officiating. She was buried in the Smith Cemetery at Sidney, KY. Pall Bearers were Rick Scalf, Aaron Fannin, Matt Williams, Derek Scalf, D. G. McCoy, Bryan Ratliff, Chris Blackburn and Stan Scalf.

### **JAMES (ALBERT) SMITH**

It is with a broken heart and precious memories that I will write my wonderful husband, James "Albert" Smith's obituary.

Albert was born on February 18, 1934 at Sidney, KY. He passed away January 3, 2015 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, KY. He was at Richmond, KY about three months. He lived at Turkey Creek for over fifty five years.

Albert was in and out of the hospital several times, but God blessed him to be home for Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Dinner and New Years Day. All his family were so thankful to have him home for the holidays.

Albert and I, Genola (Thomas) Smith were married for fifty five wonderful years. We have three wonderful daughters: Donna (Nelson)



Weed, Sandra (Steve) Heath and Jamie (Tim) Pinson and five wonderful grandchildren: Shane (Jordon) Williamson, Nathan (Kelsey) Weed, Ashley Weed, Shawna Williamson and Zoey Pinson and one great-grandchild, Adelaide Williamson. He had two brothers, Danny Smith of Illinois and Ballard Smith, Jr, (Andrea) of Palm Bay, Fl.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ballard Smith; mother, Beulah Maynard Smith; one brother, Willie Smith and one sister, Betty Lou Smith Gueglechuck.

Albert was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for over thirty two years that he loved dearly, where he served as a deacon for many years. He loved going to church and serving God and being with his brothers and sisters and friends. He was a God fearing servant, wonderful husband, Dad, Pa Pa and brother.

He loved his three daughters and wanted to hear from them everyday so he could tell them that he loved them and would often ask "when are you coming in?" He loved his five grandchildren and doing things with them and just watching them grow up to adults except one granddaughter that is seven years old. She has been a great joy to our lives.

I love him and miss him so very much, but I know he is in a better place. I have lots of precious memories that I think of everyday, but I know our loss is Heaven's gain. Soon we will meet again and never part no more.

Written by his wife, Genola Smith With love that will last a life time.

### **CLETIS CONLEY STANLEY**

With the help of God, and a sad and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my brother, Cletis Conley Stanley.

Conley was born February 20, 1946 to the late Homer and Nellie (Stanley) Stanley. He passed away August 29, 2015 at the age of sixty nine.

Conley joined the Pilgrim's Rest Old Regular Baptist Church on November 10, 2012. He was baptized at the hands of Elder Leon Robinson, Elder Gary Young and Elder Duane Smith.

Conley was in the nursing home for about three years and really enjoyed the Brothers and Sisters coming and having church for everyone there. He wasn't able to get out and go anywhere to church due to his health. Conley was a very sick man the last five years of his life.

Left to mourn his passing are three brothers: Russell Stanley and George Stanley both of Varney.

KY, and Clifford (Annie) Stanley of Pikeville, KY and one sister, Edith (Elder Leon) Robinson of Varney, KY.

Conley was preceded in death by his Mom and Dad, Homer and Nellie Stanley; two brothers, Wilson Gene and Charles Truman Stanley and two sisters who died in infancy, Pearl Dean and Irene Stanley.

When your family starts out with eleven spokes in the wheel, then the spokes start falling out of the wheel, it doesn't take long until they're all gone. Our little family is down to four spokes now, but by the grace of God, one of these days I feel like we will connect again. I'm looking forward to that great day when we can be together again. I long to see my two little sisters, that I never got a chance to meet.

Conley, I believe, is just sleeping waiting on that great day when Jesus calls His children home. He took, that Heavenly flight, just had a change of address, from earthly to Heavenly. That's what I'm waiting on. I'm not going to say goodbye to Conley, but farewell for a little season. I'll soon follow you. You won't be in any more pain, having to have dialysis and sit and cry. God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. You didn't complain about anything. We could ask you what was wrong, was you in any pain? You would just look at us and say I'm okay. Farewell brother for a little season.

Written by your sister and sister in Christ Edith (Stanley) Robinson

### **OSCAR STEPP**

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart for as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart.

Oscar Stepp went to be with the Lord on March 5, 2015 at the Pikeville Medical Center. He was born on June 27,1927 to the late Ireland Stepp and Annie (Kennedy) Stepp. He lived a long life and enjoyed his life, while here on earth.

He was preceded in death by three children: Angela Denise Stepp, Anthony Dwayne Stepp and Lisa Suzanne Stepp. He was also preceded in death by five brothers: Mont, Irvin, Charles, David and Jonah; two sisters, Thelma Maynard and Ethel Mae Reed; three half



brothers: Arlie, Carlie, and Ira (Preacher) Stepp and one half sister, Sophia Smith. One brother, Rudolph, died July 14, 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Helen (Fraley) Stepp; one sister, Doris Ann Green; several brothers-in-law and sisters- in-law and host of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by brothers and sisters in the church, whom he loved so very much. Oscar was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church since January 3, 1976 and was clerk for several years.

He was an employee of the N&S Railroad, being a carman and welder. He worked with some of his brothers in the church during his several years of work; this was a great blessing to him.

Just close your eyes and you will see all the memories that you have of me, just sit and relax and you will find I'm really still there in your mind. Don't cry for me now I'm gone for I'm in the land of song. There is no pain, there is no fear so dry away that silent tear. Don't think of me in the dark and cold, for here I am no longer old, I'm in a place that's filled with love, known to you all, as "Up Above."

Written by his wife, Margaret Who loved and cherished him dearly

### **BESSIE VIOLA TAYLOR**

Bessie Viola Taylor, ninety one, of Catlettsburg, KY, formerly of Pikeville, KY, peacefully passed away Saturday, August 29, 2015 in Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, KY, surrounded by her loving family. Bessie was born June 23, 1924 in Pike County, KY, the daughter of the late Lola Jane Spears Sanders Young and William "Bill" Sanders.

She was also preceded in death by her loving husband of fifty nine years, Clinton Taylor, Jr. and a daughter, Clintis Taylor.

Bessie was a member of the Big Branch Church in Pikeville, KY and attended the Little Jewel Church in Wurtland, KY.

She worked on a press for Standard Overall which later became F. W. Means and then Coyne Textile. She is survived by a daughter,



Mary M. (Bill) Wert of Catlettsburg, KY; a son, Johnny Dale (Becky) Taylor of Catlettsburg, KY; three grandchildren: Scott Dale (Mary) Taylor, Jonda Taylor (Scott) Williamson and Billie Jo Wert (Jimmy) Benson; six great-grandchildren: Madison Taylor, Hannah Taylor, Cale Williamson, Drew Williamson, Westley Benson and John Carter Benson, Also, she is survived by a brother, Eugene Young of Pikeville, KY; two sisters, Ladie Sanders of Athens, OH and Rosie McCoy of Pikeville, KY and a host of extended family and friends.

The funeral services were held at the Stern Funeral Home in Ashland, KY on September 1, 2015 and was officiated by Reverend Terry Bryant. Burial was held in Golden Oaks Memorial Garden in Ashland, KY. As we sit here today in making an attempt to add our thoughts to this obituary, we remember Sister Viola as a faithful member of the Big Branch Church for twenty seven years. She never failed to attend as long as she was able. She will be sadly missed by all of the members of the Big Branch Church and friends in the community. She was baptized on the third Sunday in July,1988 by Elder Willis Lowe and Elder Virgil Fields. We feel and believe with all of our hearts that we will meet our dear sister in heaven where we will never part no more.

Written by the Moderators of the Big Branch Church

### **EDITH FAYE (LACKEY) WHITE**

Mom was born May 18, 1937 and lived in the head of Marrowbone Creek, WV with her parents, Will and Betty (Sartin) Lackey. She had eight brothers and sisters: Bill and Clyde Lackey, Florence May, Ethel Mullins, Lilly Mae White, Little Ed and Pricey Lackey are deceased. Lonnie and Raymond Lackey are still living. Mom left this old world December 4, 2014.

She married Noah White when she was sixteen years old and he was seventeen years old. They worked so hard and raised eight children: Lula Mae Sturgill died at the age of forty two with cancer. Living are: William David, Noah, Jr, and Phillip Adam White, Betty Chafin, Mary Messer, Janie Gail Canterbury and Theresa Dillon. Mom always taught us to remember the Lord in the days of our youth, fear Him and keep His



commandments and raise up our children to do the same. She said, parents would stand before God and answer on this matter. The Lord blessed them to have twenty one grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren. Mom was always smiling. She knew she was always loved and needed.

On October 18, 1953 she and Dad were married. They were married over sixty one years. It's hard to write just a little about someone who had such a full life. Mom ran White's Variety Store for many years. She ran a kitchen in the Auction House and a Grocery Store. She worked long hard hours for years, besides taking care of her home and huge family. She was always busy sewing beautiful quilts, canning and gardening and cooking big meals. Everyone loved her food. She made sure her children were never hungry and always had warm clothes and shoes and she kept a safe place called home for all of us.

Mom belonged to the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church for over forty five years. She was so strong in faith and loved to tell everyone the wonderful miracles that Jesus done for her. You could feel the peace he gave Mommy as she talked about His love to her. Mom lived a simple, peaceful life here yet she was very intelligent and creative. She taught us to explore our talents, be honest, hardworking, self-sufficient and independent, she said "that's why God gave each one of us a separate mind." Mom suffered many illnesses over the last few years. She got so tired of always being in pain. Often she said, "I just want to go on home and rest." We all miss her so much. It's hard to go on without her presence, especially for Dad. Always pray for Dad and visit him, we know home will never be the same there. We know someday we will all be together. We believe we will hear what Mom did that evening; "Well done good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Written by her lonely family.

### WINFERD YOUNG

It is with a very heavy heart that we write the obituary for our dearest, Winferd Young, who passed away Friday June 26, 2015 at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, WV.

She was born on July 9,1944 and was only seventy years old. Winferd Young was the daughter of the late Harmon Bill and Sarah Anne Robinson Maynard.

She married her husband, Gary Lloyd Young, on August 25, 1967. She and Gary had two sons, James Richard Young of Varney, KY and the late William Lloyd Young, also of Varney, KY. They, together, had four beautiful grandchildren: William Cody, Angela Sara-Rose, Dustin James, and Harlea Jana-Grace Young.

Winferd gave her hand to be a member of Old Regular Baptist
Church, along with her husband on June 20,1993 at the Robinette Memorial Meeting. She was a faithful member until her sickness wouldn't allow her to go anymore and even though she couldn't be there she loved when the brothers and sisters would come and see her.

Winferd had only two living sisters, Geraldine Muncy of Varney, KY and Alene Stanley of Pikeville, KY. Along with them she left behind many caring niece and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Clinton Maynard, and four sisters: Ina May Bostic, Nell Ruth Cauley, Elmo Williamson, and Carol Blackburn.

Winferd was a very strong minded and willed woman. She never let anything stop her from living through each day. She fought hard with every breath until her last one. The last year of her life she was so sick and in pain. She tried so much just to move and push herself to do the things she used to do although the pain wouldn't allow her to do so. She taught me many things and showed me how to be a mother and a wife and for that I will never forget what she meant to me.

The day she was taken off the respirator she looked at her loving husband and said,"Let's Pray!" She knew those last days were her last and she knew she was going home to be with the Lord. She didn't want to leave this earth until Gary told her that it was okay to go on home to be with Jesus and she closed her eyes so peacefully.

She was a very loving mother and grandmother. She cared so much for her family and friends. She wanted to make sure that Gary was taken care of even though she really needed the attention and care. That's what kind of woman she was; selfless. Although she was my mother-in-law, I always felt as though she was my mother and she had been for fifteen years.

She was a wonderful sister to all her sisters. There was nothing she wouldn't do for all of us. Her illness kept her from enjoying the last days of her life and now I know she will no longer suffer. Heaven opened the gates for her that day and she had to say good-bye. We will be broken hearted without her. She will truly be missed, but I know she is smiling, she is laughing, she is free.

Written with honor by her daughter-in-law, Tina Young. With a very special thanks to Debbie Morton for helping with her in time of need.

### OBITUARIES of FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

### **STELLA ADKINS**

Stella N. Adkins, eighty eight, of Wayne, WV went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, WV.

She was born on March 8, 1926 at Ferguson, (Rich Creek), WV to the late Joe Napier and Cynthia Lycans Napier. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Earl H. Adkins, brothers, Ellis and John K. Napier and a sister, Nora Robinson.

Surviving are her daughters: Phyllis (Duke) Queen of Wayne, WV, Donna (Ed) Quinn of Winfield, WV and a twin sister, Della Boyce of Lavalette, WV. Also, surviving are a special granddaughter, Krista (Curtis) Capehart of Winfield, WV and two special great-granddaughters, Gwyneth Capehart and Ainslee Capehart.



Stella and her husband of fifty three years, Elder Earl H. Adkins became members of Antioch United Baptist Church at Kiahsville, WV in 1949. She loved to cook for her family and friends. Her specialties were chicken and dumplings and blackberry cobbler. She also enjoyed sewing, quilting, crocheting, gardening and canning. She had beautiful flower beds in her yard.

She is greatly missed but has left us with love and many happy memories.

Written by her daughter, Phyllis Queen

### LANDON CANADA

It is with a heavy and broken heart that we write the obituary of our husband, dad and Papaw, Landon Canada.

Landon was born July 2, 1941 to the late Victor and Sulia Caines Canada in Pike County, Ky. He left this earth on October 2, 2014. He gave his hand to become a member of the Pilgrims Home Church, but he passed away before he could be baptized.

Landon was a retired coal miner from Chisholm Coal Company where he dedicated thirty two years working underground. He loved doing the back breaking work of a miner and would have still been doing it if his health would have let him. Landon was known to all of his mining buddies as "Pinky" but we never knew the story behind the name. He was also a member of the U.M.W.A.



Landon lived a hard life after losing his mother at the young age of five, until one day many years later while squirrel hunting up King Camp Hollow, a beautiful sound stopped him in his tracks. The voice behind that sound would eventually become his wife. He married Virginia Thompson Canada on November 14, 1964 and to this union was born three children: Charles Edward "Chuck" Canada (Vicki), Michael Landon Canada (Sandy) and Kimberly Lynn Walters (Andrew).

He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and would tell almost everyone he met about them. It was such a wonderful sight to see him light up anytime those babies were around him. He would be in so much pain, but the minute they walked in the door his pain went away, if only for a few minutes.

Brandi, Kasey, Jarrod and Morgan, your Papaw loved you all so much and he was so proud of the fine young people you grew up to be. Zoey, Matthew, Ruby and Maggie, the joy you all gave to him the past few years will forever remain in our hearts and minds. Oh, how he loved his great-grandbabies. Mattie, hold on to the memories you have of Landon. He worried about you and loved you very much and would have loved to have been able to travel and see you more often. He not only leaves behind his family but a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends whom he loved and cared for.

Over the last four years, Landon suffered from many complications related to his health but through his strength and stubbornness he was able to overcome many of these problems until the Lord saw it fit to call him home and give him rest from his pain and suffering. And so while we will cry many tears today and in the days to come, we will also smile as we remember all the Sunday dinners, birthday celebrations, smirky smiles and laughs that only his grandchildren and great-grandchildren could bring.

We will love you and miss you always.

### **DOLLIE BLACKBURN DESKINS**

Dollie Blackburn Deskins, eighty nine, of Sidney, KY went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at Parkview Nursing Home in Pikeville, KY.

She was born April 16, 1926, at Canada, KY to the late James Ballard and Mazie Smith Blackburn.

She was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church.

Preceding her in death was her husband of fifty eight years, Ermal Deskins; a daughter-in-law, Linda Deskins and a grand daughter, Alexis Grace Deskins.

Surviving are her children, Jackie (Donna) Deskins of Pinsonfork, KY, Janet (Rodney) Varney of Forest Hills, KY and Jerry Deskins of Sidney, KY. She was a loving grandmother to nine grandchildren, twelve



great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also, surviving are five brothers and sisters: Arminda Stanley of Sundbury, OH, Wayne (Fay) Blackburn of Sidney, KY, Paris (Phillis) Blackburn of Galena, OH, Jean (Ralph) Williamson of Fallston, MD and Yvonne (Kenneth) Williamson of Brownstown, MI. Left to mourn her passing is a host of extended family and friends.

Dollie loved her church family and although she was physically unable to attend for several years, she enjoyed the cards they sent her and the visits by Brother Buddy and Sister Gaye Kendrick. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Visitation was held at the R. E. Rogers Funeral Home on Friday, June 26, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. with special services at 7:00 p.m. with Roger Mullins officiating.

Her funeral was held at the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with her nephew, Elder Stony Blackburn and Old Regular Baptist Ministers, officiating. Burial followed at the Blackburn Cemetery, Dix Fork, Sidney, KY with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

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### **JOHN B. (J.B.) HARRISON**

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of a loving brother. John B. (J.B.) Harrison, age eighty, was born January 11, 1935 at Hatfield, KY. He was the son of the late John N. Harrison and Zella Mae Fraley Harrison.

He passed from this life to a better home on February 14, 2015 at the Martin County Healthcare Facility in Inez, KY. J. B. was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara J. Blevins Harrison. He was also preceded in death by three brothers: Layton, Bud, and Charlie Harrison and one sister, Opal (Harrison) Tackett.

He was a former carpenter and was a member of the Big Laurel United Baptist Church of Wolfcreek, KY. He loved visiting the Old Mary Elizabeth Church. He came as long as his health permitted. J. B.



had a stroke and was in a wheel chair for a longtime, but he always talked about the church and going to his heavenly home.

He was so lonely after losing his wife. They were soul mates for around forty five years at her passing. J.B. was a good husband, father and grandfather and the best brother ever. We all miss him so much, but God knew best and now he is resting from his labor and troubles here on earth, just waiting for Jesus to say get up J.B., lets go home.

J.B. and Barbara were blessed with ten children. They had three sons: John (Wilda) Harrison of Hatfield, KY, Matt (Lorrie) Harrison of Willis, VA and Scott Harrison of Meadows, VA and seven daughters: Dixie (Menfiee) Stacey of Warfield, KY, Debbie (Gene) Farris and Mary Francis (Doug) Rucker of Rockhouse, KY, Sherrie (Riley) Maynard of Inez, KY, Jackie (Eugene) Farmer of Grundy, VA, Loretta (Phillip) Rumberg of Check, VA and Nancy (Donnie) Dials of Willis, VA. Also, he had two brothers, Clifford (Minnie) Harrison of Hatfield, KY and Ray (Louise) Harrison of Martin County, KY and two sisters, Ruth (James) Vanhoose and Jean (Jimmy) Scott of Chattaroy, WV. He had twenty grandchildren, twenty one great- grandchildren, a host of family, friends and some special cousins he loved so very much.

I would like to say to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, if you want to see daddy or grandpa any more make things right with Jesus and you can see him again in that beautiful place where the family circle won't ever be broken anymore. J.B. when you get to heaven you will be able to sing that new song, your voice will be made young again.

Brother, I miss you so much our talks and your laughter. It made us all smile just to see you and tell you we loved you more.

Written by one that loved him so, Sister Jean Scott.

J.B., God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you and whispered come with me. With tearful eyes we watched you suffer and saw you fade away. Although we love you dearly we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best. Please keep your arms around him Lord and give him special care. Make up for all he suffered and all that seemed unfair. So many times we needed him, so many times we cried. If love alone could saved him He never would have died.

Loved and missed by his family Brothers and sisters.

### JAMES FLOYD HENSLEY

James Floyd Hensley passed away on April 1, 2015. He was born on March 17, 1950 to the late Joe and Hazel (Evans) Hensley of Hatfield, Ky.

He married Shelba Jean (Howell) Hensley on December 24, 1970 and to this union was born two children, James Floyd Hensley, Jr. (Jamie) and Shane (Zabrina) Hensley. He had three grandchildren: Braxton, Ian, and Caden Hensley, all of River, KY.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Hensley and three sisters: Ollie Hackney, Barbara Elkins, and Rebecca Bailey.

He is survived by one brother, Earsel (Vickie) Hensley from Stone, KY and two sisters, Betty (Carl) Little from Sidney, KY and



Dollie Harrison of Hatfield, KY. He was a coal miner for thirty-six years. He was a beloved husband, father, papaw, and friend to everyone he knew. He never hesitated to go out of his way to help and nothing was ever too difficult for him. His personality was contagious and always brought joy to everyone he was around. No matter the situation he always knew what to say and how to go about things in an honorable way. He will be sadly missed, but never forgotten for the people that he met would always remember his smile, willing to help, and for being the epitome of a friend.

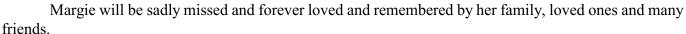
### **MARGIE MCCOY**

Margie May Lowe McCoy, age ninety, of Pikeville, KY passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at Signature Healthcare Center. She was a homemaker.

Margie was born at Thomas, KY in Pike County, KY on February 14, 1925, the daughter of the late, Adron Brownie Lowe and Amma See Thompson Lowe.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Clinton McCoy and one son, Thomas Jefferson "T. J." McCoy. She was also preceded in heath by two sisters, Edith Hanners and Margaret Bond.

She is survived by one brother, Rutherford Lowe of Onstead, MI and many nieces and nephews.





### **JUSTINE PHILLIPS**

Justine Phillips, age sixty nine, of Brushy Rd, Varney, KY passed from this earthly life on Wednesday, June 30, 2015 at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Justine was born on Monday July 2,1945 in Pike Co, KY, a daughter of the late Luther and Dora (Ray) Young.

Justine was a home maker and a member of the Piso Freewill Baptist Church. Other than her parents Justine was preceded in death by her first husband, Oscar Maynard.

Justine is survived by her husband, Rex Phillips, of Brushy Rd;



two sons, Bryan Maynard and his wife (Nellrena) and Barry Maynard both of Varney, KY; six grandchildren: Ericka James and her husband, Shawn, Catie, Nick, Taylor, Ben and Mikeal Maynard; two great-grandchildren, Jeremiah Anderson and McKenna James; three stepsons: Joe Phillips and Rex Phillips Jr., both of Island Creel, Pikeville, KY and Jessie Phillips and his wife, Lisa, of Florida; one step-daughter, Shelia Phillips of Florida; five step-grandchildren: Raelynn, Kyle, Alexis, Taylor and Katie Phillips; three brothers: Gary R. Young, J. W. Young and John L. Young, all of Varney, KY and one sister, Phyllis Stanley of Michigan.

Justine Phillips leaves behind many other family and friends to mourn her passing. She will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Her funeral was held July 4, 2015 at the Piso Freewill Baptist Church and she was buried in the Young Family Cemetery at Varney, KY.

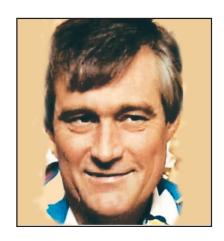
Submitted by Elder Gary Young and Family

### **EZRA LEE STANLEY**

Ezra Lee (Jim) Stanley, age sixty nine, of Lincoln Park, MI, formerly of Pike County, KY (Brushy) passed away Sunday, February 8, 2015 at Wyandotte General Hospital in Wyandotte, MI.

He was born May 1, 1945 to the late Willie and Mary (Maynard) Stanley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, who passed away December 21, 2014 and six brothers.

He is survived by one daughter, Jennifer Nutt (Wes) of Allen Park, MI and three step children: Bill, Bob and Cindy all of Michigan. Also, surviving is a grandson, Josh Nutt, of Allen Park, MI and several step grandchildren, all of Michigan. He is survived by one brother, Larry Stanley (Anita) of Mouthcard, KY and four sisters: Margaret Young, Betty Maynard, Nancy Irene Stanley and Mary Helen Burke (James), all of



Brushy, KY. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was a graduate of Johns Creek High School, graduating with the class of 1964. He served in the United States Army from November, 1964 until November, 1966; serving in Germany.

His final resting place was in the Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit, MI.

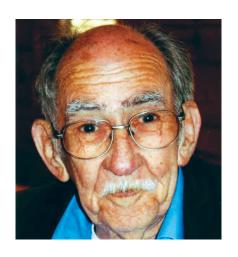
Written by his brother and sisters, who loved him dearly

### **BENNIE LEE (JOHN) WILLIAMSON**

Bennie Lee (John) Williamson was born on June 9, 1941 into the family of Marshall and Mary (Young) Williamson and died on January 23, 2015, making his stay on this Earth seventy five years, six months and twenty five days.

John moved to Florida at a young age but soon came home to get his bride, Yvonne (Thompson) Williamson, who preceded him in death. John and Yvonne had two sons, Mitchell Lee Williamson and Eric Williamson. After Yvonne's passing, John married Bessie Jane Maynard. With this union, two families were joined as one.

Left to mourn his passing are his children, Mitchell Lee Williamson and his wife, Patricia and their children, Ryan Mitchell



Williamson and Marie Elizabeth Williamson; Eric Williamson and his wife, Mechella and their children; Leanna Yvonne (Williamson) Eldridge and her husband, Benjamin Eldridge and Jon Eric Williamson; Greg Maynard and his children, Heather Maynard and Benjamin Maynard. Glenda Taylor and her children, Mika Caines, John Aston Caines and Emily Taylor. Also, Mika's son, Konner. Keith and Kristie Maynard and their children; Brianna and her husband, Chase Adams and Gabe Maynard. John also has natural family over in Glory who will be waiting for him. Along with his mom, Mary and dad, Marshall. He has a sibling, Betty Jean, who died as an infant. He didn't get to know her in this world but he will in the next. His sister and my aunt and sister in Christ, Lois Robinette, who was strong as a lion but as gentle as a lamb. He missed her so very much. His brother and my dad, Dave Williamson.

John's family that remain to mourn his passing are his sister: Mary Robinette and her husband, James Robinette and their children and grandchildren; his brother, James Clinton Williamson and his children. Clint you were so faithful in coming and seeing John while he was in the hospital. You were very special to him. His sister, Barbara and her husband, Gary Ratliff and their children and grandchildren. His sister, Vera and her husband, Lonnie Walters and their children and grandchildren. I certainly don't want to leave out a very special young lady. Who would have thought that twenty five years ago she would have made such an impact in our lives. Mechella, thank you so very much for loving Uncle John and caring for him and our family. Also to Patty, John's other daughter-in-law, who takes care of her grandmother and her family.

I want you to know that God will bless you and reward you both for all your efforts. Bennie Lee was John's given name, although I have heard many stories about how he got his name John, but the one it seems like everyone agrees on was the one where he was working on his wagon at a very young age and he said he was John Gibson because he wanted to be like Old Brother John. Old Brother John was a mechanic down the road from us and he must have made such an impression on John very young because Uncle John became a mechanic at a very young age. He even went to Florida and worked there as a mechanic for many years.

He became our neighbor after coming back home from Florida. When I say he was our neighbor, I mean he was that in every sense of the word. Countless times I went to John for help and he never did refuse. But it was not just me, he helped everyone who would ask. My boys would go over to his house to get John to come and help us with something and when I would ask, they would say John said, "Just let me get my boots on."

You didn't need to worry about your children when John was around; he would take care of them. Looking after them and protecting them was something he would always do. If you looked up Uncle in the dictionary it wouldn't surprise me to see John's picture, because he was and is a true Uncle to me. John worked as a mechanic in Florida, then a coal miner in Pike County for many years. I have heard many stories from those who worked with him. They all respected this kind, hardworking man. He retired from ST&T Leasing a few years ago. There he became a uncle to those boys also. They all loved an respected this man.

John's life always encouraged me to be the Uncle to all that John was to me. All of us who knew John have been left with great treasures, though you may not be able to get them out of your pocket or put them in the bank or even count them as some men try to do. Because as we all know John wasn't a rich man and if he had been he would have given it all away.

To each of his family, we are truly blessed to have had Uncle John in our lives. As for me, I will be forever grateful for John's presence in my life. John didn't care much for crowds or great recognition, but when John was in the hospital and people were coming in and out, his son, Eric, said, "Dad wouldn't have wanted people making a fuss over him but he would have been so happy to see that so many people that loved him." I am so glad that John told me that he had everything worked out between him and God. I know that one day he and I will walk together on the streets of pure gold and I will be very proud to have Uncle John as my neighbor forever in Heaven.

Written by his loving Nephew, Elder Dale Williamson

### **TEXIE STACY YOUNG**

With the Lord's blessing we will try to write our sweet Mommy's obituary. Texie Stacy Young, eighty six, of Pikeville, KY, formerly of Hardy, KY, passed away Sunday Evening, January 4, 2015, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY.

She was born May 10, 1928 at Hardy, KY, the daughter of the late Perry and Ollie May Hunt. Also, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl C. Stacy; her second husband, John Young, Jr.; three brothers: Warren Hunt, Dennis Hunt and Secil Hunt; three sisters: Nola Farley, Bonnie Scott and Loetta Sanders and one grandson, Jack Stacy.

She is survived by her children: John Carl Stacy of Versailles, KY, Sharon Spears of Prestonburg, KY, Jack Stacy of Stone, KY and Laura Pinson of Pikeville, KY. She leaves behind a grandson she raised,



David Keith Ramey of Prestonburg, KY; a brother, Jonah Fred Hunt of New Jersey; nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Mom was a homemaker and a Kentucky Colonel. She had also worked at Belfry Senior Citizens and Cantee's Department Store in Williamson, WV. Mom loved to sew, she would sew almost every day as long as she was able. She loved going to church; after she started getting sick she couldn't go much as she wanted. She would watch the gospel channel on television everyday. She would listen to her gospel cassettes and sing along with them. She would read her Bible and talk to the Lord.

Mommy was sick for several years, but the past two or three years she had gotten worse. She was in and out of the hospital several times and stayed tired and in pain a lot. She got to where she couldn't walk and had to use a wheelchair. During the last couple of months she had gotten worse, she had trouble eating and was in and out of the hospital a lot.

The Lord saw she was getting tired and said it was time. She had surgery the day before she died to put a feeding tube in, in hopes it would help gain her strength back. The following day she was so quite and slept most of the time. Within a few hours the family gathered around and starting singing, "Jesus Loves Me", within a short time the angels came and took her away. She will truly be missed by all.

Written by her children, Laura Pinson, daughter Sharon Spears, daughter, Jack Stacy, son John Carl Stacy, son

### 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, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk before the Association rises, 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 baptized by immersion of a legal administrator of the Gospel and ordained coming 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 make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.
- **ARTICLE 6.** No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.
- **ARTICLE 7**. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association, and only five minutes at a time.
- **ARTICLE 8**. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.
- **ARTICLE 9.** No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "brother."
- **ARTICLE 10**. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.
- **ARTICLE 11**. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.
- **ARTICLE 12**. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.
- **ARTICLE 13**. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the Decorum shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

### **CHURCH DELEGATES**

### TO THE

### SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2015

MT. PLEASANT: Lacy Walters, Dewey Blackburn, Frankie Scott

**APPLE ORCHARD:** Charles Lowe, Freddie Maynard, John Young

BENT BRANCH: Dean Lowe, Harold Collins, Michael Lowe

**BIG BRANCH:** Don Preece, Chuck Lowe, Mitchell Robinson

MARY ELIZABETH: David Staten, Thurman Stacey, Clifford Harrison

**BETHANY:** Arthur May, Albert Cable, Monty Messer

PILGRIMS HOME: Stony Blackburn, Andrew Walters, Mike Johnson

SALEM: Bobby Lee Scott, Ferrell Sesco, Ernest Sesco

**SIDNEY:** Butler Fletcher, Eugene Moore, Ronnie Lowe

DIX FORK: Wayne Blackburn, Neal Thornsbury, Ron Gannon

**NARROWS BRANCH:** Greg Scott, Donnie Farley, Bobby Scott, Jr.

**LEANNAH:** Larry Robinson, Trevor Robinson, Billy Joe Robinson

BUCK CREEK: Vadis Blackburn, Todd Dials, Marion Duncan

TABITHA: Rex Napier, Alex Hensley, Avery Hensley

**LITTLE ROSIE:** Timmy Robinson, Richard White, Danny Allen

TURKEY CREEK: Ron Hamilton, Danny Reed, Scotty Thomas

**SAMARIA:** Bernard Aldridge, Alton May, Chester Lackey

**ROSA:** Johathan Collins, Freddie Cline, Emerson Thompson

LITTLE VIRGIE: Alvin Thornbury, Paul Maynard, Daniel Stanley

PILGRIMS REST: Ervin Thacker, Daune Smith, Gary Ray Young

**OKEECHOBEE:** No delegates

**ELIZABETH:** Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe, Tony Mullins

**LITTLE TAVIE:** Leonard Napier, Lester Cochran, Urias Hall, Jr.

**ANTIOCH**: Arthur Mathis, Arthur Mathis, Jr.

BRIDE OF CHRIST: Sam Frye, Darrell Maynard, Gary Napier

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