2019 MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In session and assembled at the SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING 180 Brushy School Road Varney, Pike County, Kentucky September 13, 14, and 15, 2019

Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator
Elder Richard Staton - Assistant Moderator
Elder Michael D. Lowe - Clerk
Brother Alvin Thornbury - Assistant Clerk
Elder Todd J. Dials - 2nd Assistant Clerk

DEDICATION TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE ELDERS OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

We the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ, mourn the loss of our dear Elders that have outstripped us and gone on to that eternal home of glory since our last meeting.

We hereby dedicate this our 127th session of the Sardis Association to the memory of these bold soldiers of the Cross: Elder Lonnie Jude, Elder Robert Jude and Elder Danny Runyon. The preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by our brothers will long be remembered among the Old Regular Baptist family. They would not want us to mourn our loss but to rejoice in their gain.



Elder Lonnie Jude Sidney



Elder Robert Jude Sidney



Elder Danny Runyon Pilgrims Home

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed. Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly,



not by filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away!

- 1 Peter 5:1-4

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PROCEEDINGS

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FRIDAY September 13, 2019

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled in the Business Room of the Sardis Association Building at l80 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, with our host, the Pilgrims Rest Church and co-host Churches: Bent Branch, Big Branch, Bethany, Salem, Apple Orchard and Pilgrims Home, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2019.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and welcomed everyone, including the Brothers, Sisters, Friends and all in attendance. A joyful peace of love could be felt among the large crowd gathered to lift up the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Elder Arthur May having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory Sermon came to the stand saying I need your prayers. I have suffered a lot of adversity in the past year and did not even know if I would be able to be here today, but God has blessed me once again. He was blessed to preach that God loves you, even if you think he does not, he does. Jeremiah 31:3, "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." The truth sometimes scares people away. Who shall separate us from the love of God? Romans 8:38-39, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God! The greatest power that you can ever hear of is the power of God. Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." As Christians, we are a peculiar people zealous of good works. 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." I am very happy to be here today and I hope you'll hear something that will give you something to think about.

We sang, "Every Moment Brings Me Nearer." Elder Sam Frye led in prayer.

Elder Michael Lowe came to preach the Introductory Sermon, stating our hearts are broken this morning with the loss of our dear Brother Danny Runyon. He said as a child he was taught there is a God, and as a youngster, he believed it in the head. There came a time that believing with the head was not enough, and he had to believe it from the heart. After reaching the age of accountability, to know to do good and do it not, he became troubled by the Holy Spirit, condemning him of his sins. The outward man knew to do good and did it not, and it became sin to him. He began to pray unto Jesus Christ who died on that old rugged cross for our sins. During the Mosaic Law animals were sacrificed to stay their sins only for a year, but Jesus Christ died once and for all the sin of the entire world. They crucified Christ and secured his tomb with a big rock to ensure he wasn't removed by his disciples. They thought they had gotten rid of the man causing them so much trouble. That was on Friday, but what they didn't know was that Sunday was coming, when the stone would be rolled away!" He had risen! The tomb was empty! The angel asked them why do ye seek the living among the dead? After the resurrection, Christ appeared to his disciples but Thomas wasn't there. Thomas said he would not believe unless he saw Jesus for himself. Then Christ appeared to them in a locked upper room, with Thomas there. Jesus called to Thomas and told him to thrust his fingers in the nail holes and his hand in the spear hole in his side, and then Thomas said my Lord, my God and he believed. Jesus told him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed, blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. Jesus was talking about us. Come to God while you have life and opportunity. As a tree falls so shall it be. Men and women today have a hole in their hearts and they are trying to fill it with all kinds of different things; drugs, lust, and the evil things of the world, but the only thing that will fill that hole is Jesus Christ.

In the days of Noah, God repented he made man and told Noah to build an ark and told him exactly how to build it. As Noah built the ark, he warned men and women of the flood to come, but the sinners of that day were as the sinners of today, not heeding God's warning of the destruction to come. As the rains began to come and the waters began to rise, they believed, but it was too late. The door of the ark was sealed and the rains poured down. They beat upon the door, but they could not get in. God shut the door and Noah could not have opened it for them even if he wanted to. The rains came and all outside of the ark perished. Jesus Christ is knocking at the heart's door of sinner men and women today, calling unto them. If they believe and seek forgiveness of their sins, he is faithful to forgive them. In the last day, sinners will be cast into that lake of fire and brimstone prepared for Satan and his angels. We have to be willing to tell people the truth. If we love people, we will tell them the truth. Sometimes I read the obituaries, and I begin to look for some hope. Hope is anchored deep in the soul, steadfast, secure and immovable. Where there is hope there is life. Jesus Christ is my hope. If we do God's will we will have a wonderful day and association.

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 Matthew Ison, New Salem Association Elder Arthur Short, Old Friendship Association Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association Elder Scotty Hamilton, Northern New Salem Association Elder Jerry Overstreet, Union Association

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

Brother Tommy asked Elder A.B. Thacker, of the Union Association to open the service. Brother A.B. came forth and said I am thankful to be among you today. I believe I belong to the finest family on Earth. I hope we come seeking peace. God wants us to do the will of the Father. Old Baptist family we are on a highway, a holy highway. Baptist people, what separates you from the rest of the world? We are looking for that blessed hope. They asked Jesus for a sign. When we see red clouds in the evening, it will be fair weather. When we see red clouds in the morning, it will be bad weather. Only a hypocrite will look for a sign. Repent and be born again. He is coming again in all his power and glory. He said the hour is coming when the dead shall hear the voice of the Lord. He said marvel not, the time will come that those in the grave will rise. People don't want to hear the truth, everybody wants it to be their own way. God's way is always right. I've never thought about going somewhere else. I'm still holding on, I love that old time way. It's Jesus Christ and him crucified. I'm glad those gone on are waiting for us. I'm going to walk down streets of gold. I love this old church. I love the world of mankind, but I don't love their ways. For I am God, besides me there is none other. The devil will never get to God's children. God's got them hedged in. The Lord God will make a way for you. How I love Jesus, I sit and wonder how beautiful Heaven must be.

We sang, "Salvation O' The Name I Love."

Elder Danny Carty of the Northern New Salem Association led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said, what a wonderful God we have and that he could surely feel his love.
- **(2)** The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to receive contributions sent to the Association by the several Churches as follows:

Brother Bobby Scott, Jr. 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 Pilgrims Rest Church was read, and upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates were seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
- (5) The Committee on Finance reported \$4,270.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table, 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 Edgar Baker, Jr., Old Friendship Association Elder Scott Little, Northern New Salem Association Brother Dannie Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 2019 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 discharged:

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator Elder Richard Staton, Assistant Moderator Elder Michael D. Lowe, Clerk Brother Alvin Thornbury, Assistant Clerk

The Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, announced that this work having been completed, the Sardis Association is seated and is now in working order.

- (9) The Moderator asked the Association what they wanted to do about appointing a second Assistant Clerk to help with the clerk's duties. By regular move and second, Elder Todd Dials was re-appointed to serve as an Assistant Clerk and is, therefore, an Officer for the coming year.
- (10) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday Night and Saturday reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Jimmy Stewart, Philadelphia Association Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association Elder Preston Lewis, New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association Elder Kenny Newsome, New Salem Association Elder Wayne Sartin, Northern New Salem Association Elder Steve Baker, Old Friendship Association Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association

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

Elder Gary Young

- **(12)** By regular move and second, the reading of the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the Constitution were omitted.
- (13) 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: Jimmy Dale Sanders, John Bill Sanders, Sherd Mullins, Terry D. Hall, Estill Hamilton, Ted DePriest, Eddie Lane, Jerry Overstreet, A. B. Thacker, Paul Huffman, Harold Smallwood, Lance Looney, Toy Looney, Bill Owens, Gary Varney, Douglas Stacy, Jimmy Stacy, Roy Looney, Mark Justice, Dennis Elkins, Bill Elkins, Bobby Robinson, Bob Taylor, Danny Belcher, Tommy Blackburn, Fitch Reed, Leon Bolden, Goble Burke, Jerry Damron and Gary Ray. Letter in the hands of Elder A. B. Thacker.

NEW SALEM: Northern Gayle Brown, Clyde Lewis, Logan Kiser, Deffort Thornsberry, Squire Hamilton, Teddy Honaker, Clement Caudill, Tony Roberts, Jimmy Dye, Glenn Frazier, Preston Lewis, Ted Burke, Joe Caudill, Thomas Roberts, Chester Johnson, Mike Brown, Jack Adkins, Ronnie Halbert, O.C. Holbrook, Leonard Hamilton, Jesse Lewis, Randy Newsome, Earl D. Thornsberry, Tommy Bentley, Randy Combs, Chuck Hall, David Calhoun, Clarence Potter, Jeff Potter, Lonnie Tackett, Darrell Stanley, Dowell Thornsberry, Matthew Ison, Leo Thornbury, Arnold Adkins, Paul Boggs, Kenny Newsome, John Lewis, Roger Hicks, Bobby Slone and Bobby Howell. Letter in the hands of Brother Clement Caudill.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Chance Mullins, Danny Carty, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Jack Dials, Scott Hamilton, Buddy Carty, Ray Hamilton, Glen Slone, Wilburn Nichols, I.V. Hudson, Milford Prater and Joe Gibson. Letter in the hands of Elder Scott Little.

Letter of Condolence to Our Sister the Sardis Association from the 2019 Northern New Salem Association

It is with sad hearts and fond memories that we, the Northern New Salem Association, would like to extend our condolences to you, our sister association, in the loss of your beloved Elders, Brothers, and Sisters. For many years we were blessed to walk along side them and see their zeal for this blessed old church. We have mourned their passing and now we look to a day when the good shepherd will wipe away all tears. We believe that we will see them again in the morning of all mornings.

Northern New Salem Associaton, Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk Elder Wayne Sartin, Asst. Clerk Elder Scott Little, 2nd Asst. Clerk

PHILADELPHIA: Dallas Bledsoe Jr., Gary Napier, Jimmy Stewart, Gary Elkins, Jr. and Willis Tolliver. Letter in the hands of Brother Gary Napier.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Arthur Short, Steve Baker, Edgar Baker, Jr., Robbie Blankenship, Roger Baker, Danny Hurley, David Lester, Joe Gibson, Roger McCoy, Ivan Blankenship, George Thomson, Fred Bailey, Kermit Lester, Chad Hensley, Will Matney, Monroe Matney and Allen Hunt. Letter in the hands of Brother Joe Gibson.

Letter of Condolence to Our Sister the Sardis Association from the 2019 Old Friendship Association

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 you find tranquility in knowing that friends of the Old Friendship Association share in the loss of your dearly departed.

We keep you in our prayers, Elder Arthur D. Short, Clerk Brother Edgar Baker, Jr. Assistant Clerk Elder Fred Bailey, 2nd Assistant Clerk

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Aaron Whitaker Jr., Ralph Cloud, Dannie Caudill, Luke Haynes, Sam Derrickson, Nick Plowman, Reuben Lycans and Marvin Thornsberry. Letter in the hands of Brother Dannie Caudill.

(14) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our Association desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Hobart Hamilton, Michael Lowe and Albert Cable.

- (15) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association, and for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association and none responded.
- (16) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all of the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our Corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second, the committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. today.
- (17) On motion from Brother Jimmy Cochran, seconded by Brother Monty Messer, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Saturday morning, September 14, 2019.

SATURDAY

September 14, 2019

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sardis Association Building where, about the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials came to the stand and welcomed everyone, stating that these three days should be three days of worship. There is a crossroad, at a certain time, in a rational person's mind and heart to choose good or evil. There is a well of living water inside a child of God. It is between us and God in the last day, where we will be in eternity. There needed to be a more perfect sacrifice. Jesus came so that anyone who believes on him can get to that glorious Heaven. Brother Tommy proceeded to read the prayer list and then asked Elder Ray Hamilton of the Northern New Salem Association to open these service.

Brother Ray came asking for the congregation to pray for him. I tell people that I'm the best blessed man on Earth, because I've got a home in Heaven and God is my constant companion. I talk to him on a regular basis. He says we should have a little love in our hearts and a little forgiveness in our hearts. We all make mistakes, but we must have compassion on men and women and forgive them. God will guide you, but you must follow him. There is a time for everything under Heaven. I'd rather you do me wrong as for me to do you wrong. The love of God will never die! We know we are a child of God if we love the brothers. If you don't love the brothers whom you have seen, how can you love God whom you have not seen.

We are all going to die a natural death here. Let everything that has breath praise ye the Lord. I will give an account for all the things I have done in my body. Those who repent will rest under the altar of God. If you don't forgive your brothers, God will not forgive you. If you don't go to Heaven it's not God's fault. If you say you have never done any wrong, you are lying to yourself. He will forgive you and you will have a wonderful life. I'm going to give an account for the things I have done. When the little birds sing, they are praising the Lord. I have failed, but the Lord has blessed me. If you don't know when the Lord blesses you, he ain't never going to bless you. When I close my eyes in death, I'll wake up on the other side. If you don't forgive your brothers who you have seen, how will God, whom you have not seen, forgive you. You will have problems on Earth, when you close your eyes in death, you will have no problems. I lost my wife, we served the Lord together for sixty-three years. We will live together again one day.

We sang, "The City Beyond Death's Sea."

Elder Fitch Reed, of the Union Association, led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by regular move and second, received the report.

- (3) Elder Edward L. Smith, 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)** Called for the Sardis Association Treasurer Report. A move and second was made to receive the following report:

SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2019

Balance on hand 9-01-2018

\$6,836.69

Add 2018 Income:

Church Contributions for Minutes	\$4,280.00
Obituary Pictures	\$465.00
Rent Income	\$3,116.48
Building Fund Contributions	\$2,790.00
Food Fund Contributions	\$6,785.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$5,062.17

Total 2018 Income	\$22,498.65
Total Available for 2018	\$29,335.34

Less 2018 Expenses:

Equipment Expense	\$155.30
Minute Expense/Mailing	\$4,769.59
Clerk Expense	\$29.88
Building and Land Expense	\$541.66
Building Security	\$391.89
Electric Expense	\$4,795.71
Water Expense	\$597.98
Telephone Expense	\$1,153.48
Insurance Expense	\$890.80
Food and Supply Expense	\$6,028.05
Miscellaneous Expense	\$38.17

Total 2018 Expense (\$ 19,392.51)

Balance on hand 8-31-2019 \$9942.83

(5) 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:

Brother Daniel Stanley
Elder David May
Brother Archie Prince
Brother Ervin Thacker
Brother Tony Williamson
Brother Dwight Maynard
Elder Hobart Hamilton
Brother David Staten
Elder Michael Lowe

Brother Ferrell Sesco Elder Andrew Walters Brother Danny Reed Elder Chester Cochran Brother Ernest Sesco Elder Richard Staton Elder Edward L. Smith Elder Todd Dials

Brother Butler Fletcher
Elder Sam Frye
Elder Harold Sesco
Brother Clyde James
Elder Ron Gannon
Elder Thomas J. Dials
Brother Bobby Scott, Jr.
Brother Alvin Thornbury

(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 Jimmy Cochran, was received. The Pike County Public Library can be reached at the address: www.informationplace.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 and 1914. Also, any pictures and histories of the Sardis Association Churches are requested. If available, contact:

Elder Edward L. Smith (606)834-9958 Brother Archie Prince (304)486-5960 Brother Jimmy Cochran (304)674-5177

- (7) Read the Letters of Condolence from our Sisters, the Old Friendship Association and the Northern New Salem Association, and by regular move and second, ordered them to be printed in our Minutes.
- (8) Read the Minutes of the February 2019 meeting of the Okeechobee Church and the record of the Presbytery dissolving the church due to lack of growth and membership. By regular move and second, the Association accepted the work of the Presbytery for the dissolving of the Okeechobee Church.
- (9) Read the Request from the Turkey Creek and Apple Orchard Churches asking the Sardis Association to adopt a ballot process for selecting officers, who shall preach the Introductory Sermon and write the Circular Letter. The ballot cast would be counted by a committee of tellers appointed by the Association. After discussion on the floor, a move by Elder Randy Lackey, seconded by Brother Jimmy Cochran, to deny the Request, met with an objection by Brother Harvey White. A vote of the delegates showed 38 for the motion, 26 for the objection and the Request is denied.

- (10) Read the Request from the Tabitha Church requesting that the Association disallow the practice of televising any preaching, singing or any other part of our worship service on TV, radio, internet or any type of social media. After discussion on the floor, a move by Brother Jimmy Cochran, seconded by Elder Chester Cochran, to grant the Request met with an objection by Elder Duane Smith. A vote of the delegates showed 18 for the motion, 48 for the objection and the Request is denied.
- (11) 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 2020 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association Elder George Thomason, Old Friendship 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 2020 Association:

Elder Chuck Hall, New Salem Association Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association

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

Elder Bruce Williamson, Preach the Introductory Sermon Elder Lester Cochran, Alternate Elder Eric Williamson, Prepare Circular Letter

(12) 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 Association gave way to the funeral services of Elder Danny Runyon and no Saturday Night services were held. The following Brethren were selected to preach Sunday:

SUNDAY

Elder Michael Lowe, Sardis Association Elder Clyde Lewis, New Salem Association Elder Northern Gayle Brown, New Salem Association Elder Richard Staton, Sardis Association Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

(13) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2019 and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his expense.

(14) Read the request from the Bent Branch Church requesting to host the 2020 Sardis Association. By regular move and second, the request was granted. Big Branch, Pilgrims Home, Turkey Creek and Apple Orchard Churches verbally requested to co-host the 2020 Association. It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2020, to:

Elder Michael Lowe 169 Scott Fork Pikeville, KY 41501

The Sardis Association Building is located on KY Route 881 at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky. Follow US Route 119 from Pikeville, Kentucky toward Williamson, West Virginia, for about 12 miles to the foot of Bent Mountain and turn left onto KY Route 88l for about 10 miles to the large Sardis Association sign on the left and onto Brushy School Road. If traveling from Williamson, West Virginia toward Pikeville, Kentucky on US Route 119, the distance is about 16 miles and turn right onto KY Route 881.

- (15) 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.
- (16) 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, 2019: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Leonard Napier, Marion Duncan, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Wayne Blackburn, Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Clyde Perry, Bobby Scott, Jr., Alvin Thornbury, Ron Gannon, Albert Cable, Randall Lowe, Lester Cochran, Bobby Lee Scott, Ferrell Sesco and Ernest Sesco. 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, 2019: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Leonard Napier, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Edward L. Smith, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Wayne Blackburn, Richard Staton, Ivan Neil Thornsbury, Bobby Scott, Jr., Alvin Thornbury, Ron Gannon, Buster Hall, Albert Cable, Alex Hensley, Lester Cochran and Monty Messer. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Rose of Sharon Church, South Rockwood, MI, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2020: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, Leonard Napier, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Alvin Thornbury, Archie Prince, Lester Cochran, Sam Frye, Chester Cochran, Ron Hamilton and Buster Hall. Letter in the hands of Elder Stoney Blackburn.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the host Churches at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2020: Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Leonard Napier, Arthur Mathis, Richard Staton, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Stony Blackburn, Dwight Maynard, Marion Duncan, Wayne Blackburn, Bobby Scott, Jr., Albert Cable, Alvin Thornbury, Chester Cochran, Ron Gannon, Clyde Perry, Todd Dials, Monty Messer and Buster Hall. Letter in the hands of Elder Edward L. Smith.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the host Churches at the Panther Creek Church located at 716 Panther Creek Road, Panther, WV 24872, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2020: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Marion Duncan, Richard Staton, Stony Blackburn, Arthur Mathis, Ivan Neil Thornsbury, Dwight Maynard, Bobby Scott, Jr., Wayne Blackburn, Sam Frye, Alvin Thornbury, Chester Cochran, Ron Gannon, Charles Paynter, Lester Cochran, Albert Cable, Monty Messer and Leonard Napier. Letter in the hands of Brother Alvin Thornbury.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the host Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2020: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Hobart Hamilton, Marion Duncan, Wayne Blackburn, Leonard Napier, Bobby Scott, Jr., Richard Staton, Lester Cochran, Buster Hall, Ron Gannon, Clyde Perry, Albert Cable, Monty Messer and Alvin Thornbury. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

- (17) By regular move and second, the report of Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings was omitted today.
- (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-Seventh 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, Kentucky; to Food City for preparing the chicken and providing the ice; to the Pike County Solid Waste Department for taking our garbage; to Brother Jimmy Newsome of Pepsi Cola Co. at Pikeville who handled the soft drinks; to the Campers for being excellent guests and for their donation; to Elder Paul Maynard and Brother Daniel Stanley for all the trips to pick up food and supplies; to Jared Maynard and A. J. Maynard for transporting chicken: to all the Sisters, Brothers, friends and so many 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 staffed 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 Brother Bernard Aldridge, 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, 2020.
- **(21)** The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Ralph Cloud, of the Old Indian Bottom Association.

We sang, "The Day Is Past And Gone."

Elder Hillard Newsome, of the Northern New Salem Association, led in prayer.

Dismission was called by Elder Hobart Hamilton.

(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 Richard Staton, Assistant Moderator

Elder Michael D. Lowe, Clerk

Brother Alvin Thornbury, Assistant, Clerk

Elder Todd J. Dials, 2nd Assistant Clerk

STANDING ITEMS

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

Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

September 13, 1975 Dingess, West Virginia

Brethren:

In answer to the Query from the Dix Fork Church asking, "Does the Sardis Association believe in Sisters wearing pants, slacks or shorts?" We, as an Advisory body, say:

To answer this query in the affirmative would be interpreted by some Brethren too liberally and they would say we have laid down the gate and opened the doors to anything and everything.

To answer this Query in the negative would be interpreted by some Brethren too strictly and they would say we have shut the door on everything and Committees would flow from Church to Church like water. We believe the Sardis Association should advise the Churches to advise their members, both Brethren and Sisters, to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that becometh a Child of God. We believe that each Child of God will adorn themselves in a manner that they can easily be identified from the world. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

We believe, and the Association has so stated in the past, that each Church in the Sardis Association holds the key to its own door and is the sole judge of the conduct of its members as long as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the Scriptures. In fact, Article 3 of our Constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on any internal right of the Churches.

Elder Wayne Herald

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

Brother James M. Ray

- **Item 2.** The Association, by regular move and second, said that if a Sister has cut her hair, she should be asked to let it grow out; if she fails to do so and cuts her hair again, she will be excluded.
- **Item 3**. It is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Churches not to marry anyone having a living husband or wife unless they bring scripture evidence for putting their husband or wife away. (1929 minute)
- **Item 4.** It is ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women. (1919 minute)

- **Item 5.** It is ordered that requests for Union, Communion and Memorial meetings be published in our Minutes.
- **Item 6.** By motion and second, it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brethren and Sisters that are in good standing with the Churches at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. Also, friends of the Churches that are recommended by the Churches be printed in a separate section of our minute. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$15.00 will be made for a picture with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

Clerks Notes on Item 6:

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ To expedite the processing of the Minutes, obituaries should be typed, please be sure the name of the deceased is written on the back of the picture and indicate if you want the picture returned by mail. You may also email your typed obituaries and pictures to Elder Michael Lowe throughout the year at the following email address: MDL448@HOTMAIL.COM, You would still need to send the \$15 payment for printing pictures.
- **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 15, 2019

God graciously blessed a beautiful congregation of Brothers, Sisters and Friends to gather at the Sardis Association building once again and mingle our voices together to sing some old time songs of Zion. After singing several songs, about the hour of 10:00 a.m., our beloved moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and welcomed everyone, stating he was delighted to be blessed to meet out after two good days of work. He quoted our blessed Savior, from John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." He stated that Christ is the giver of the peace we have enjoyed. Brother Tommy was glad everyone was able to gather with us. Our love for God, our love for them, and their love for us is why they gathered. He was blessed to welcome everyone and then read the prayer list and called upon Elder Michael Lowe to come and introduce the service.

Elder Michael Lowe came saying by the blessing of God, all there is to preach is Jesus Christ, him crucified, three days in the tomb and he arose to forgive us all of our sins. How blessed we are to work through our differences, through Jesus Christ's love and peace. It was wonderful to see the brothers work yesterday and how they may not have agreed on every detail, but they agreed to work together in love and it showed. We can disagree and come out still loving our brothers. Jesus came to seek and to save those which are lost. God takes weakness and turns it into strength and makes leaders. Jessie's youngest son, little David, only a stripling of a boy, God anointed him to be king over Israel. A great battle was raging as the Philistines were taunting and laughing at God's people. Jessie sent David down to the battlefield to check on his brothers. David saw the giant and told King Saul he would fight him. David said God prepared him while he was out in the field protecting and delivering his flock of sheep. A lion came and God was with him when he slayed it, a bear came and again God was with him. David said God would be with him as he faced the giant, Goliath, that was shaming Israel. When David came to the king and said I will go, King Saul tried to coat David with his armor, but it did not fit! Is there not a cause? Is there not a reason? Is there not a reason God spoke to you this morning and bid you to come out to the house of the Lord? David took off the armor, went down to the brook, picked up five smooth stones, and with God as his armor, faced the giant. Using just a sling and a smooth stone, David slayed Goliath that had defied Israel, hitting him between the eyes with the stone. God directed that stone exactly where it should go. David then cut off the giant's head, using his own sword. God has prepared a way to take you home to Heaven today, but you have to take heed to that call. God hears your prayers.

He called for a song and we sang, "The Day Is Past And Gone."

Elder Greg Stanley led in prayer.

Elder Clyde Lewis of the New Salem Association, came forward stating he left his home church to be with us this morning and came trusting in God to care for the flock he left behind; knowing that even with him there it would still take God to keep and bless them. Bring up a child as it should go and when it gets old it will not depart from it. Brother Clyde likened that to him leaving his home church. You just put your trust in God that they won't depart from what they have been taught. In a man's eyes, he is always right, but not always in God's eyes. My love extends to all, even those in their sins. To the harlot, I love you and I want you to go to Heaven. To the drunkard, I love you and I want you to go to Heaven. God, through his love, by his blood is always there for you. Put on the whole armor of God. David had to have the full armor of God, including all five stones, just as we have to also. Jesus was everly with the Father. God dealt to every man the measure of faith. If I did not have a measure of faith, how could I have started to call on him from the heart? God knows all things about mankind, including all things in us.

God looked down through time and knew he would send his son to this world. God prepared a priest named Zacharias, and dressed him with the whole armor of his duties. He had the holy garment on. His prayers for a son went up before God and he sent an angel to tell him his wife would conceive a son. They were both well-past child bearing age and so the priest doubted, as did his wife, and as do we today. The angel said, the child's name is to be called John. Brother Clyde stated, I am a Lewis because my dad was one and a Baptist because God gave me that name. God struck Zacharias dumb to prove his message to him and to show his power. A few months later the power of the highest overshadowed Mary, a virgin highly favored of God, and she conceived a son. The angel Gabriel, when foretelling of his birth, said his name shall be called JESUS. Mary went to the hill country to see Elizabeth, Zacharias' wife, who was in the house of the law. After Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, her baby leaped with joy in his mother's womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost. Heaven and Earth embraced right there! John was born at night time, but daylight shown just as he was born, that light was Jesus Christ. Unless you believe in Christ Jesus, you will die in your sins. When John was born and they were to name him, everyone wanted to name him after his father or another in the family. Zacharias motioned for a tablet and wrote, his name is John, and immediately his tongue was loosed and he praised God. If you know the difference between good and evil without your parents guiding you, then you are responsible for your sins. If you will be obedient, God will lead you out of your sins and the darkness associated with it. After eating bad things, I know how much better the good is. Everyone knows where they stand with God. Don't leave this world without God, through faith and repentance, to receive that hope in Christ Jesus our Lord. When sown in weakness through death, you will be raised in power, through Christ Jesus our Lord. He will leave Heaven with the sound of a trumpet and the voice of The Archangel, saying arise my bride. If God saves you, you will have a desire to serve God. You may error a little, but God will bring you back in line.

Elder Northern Gayle Brown of the New Salem Association followed, expressing his desire that the spirit felt here through these three days will continue to flow. Pray that God will lift you up and, if he does, he will lift up the preacher. He said that we are walking by faith, and it is by that faith and the blessings of God he came to the stand, trusting him for his lifting in the spirit. I

desire the spirit and want to tell men and women the truth. It's amazing to me to see God's work. We can see miracles all around us today. God breathed the breath of life and Adam became alive. I believe that was a miracle. God took a rib from Adam's side and made him a help meet. When we are in the womb, we are in the garden, but when we come to the age of accountability, we sin and are outside of God's favor. Satan gave unto Eve, she did eat, she gave unto Adam, and he did eat. They both died to sin and death was pronounced upon our bodies. The steps of a righteous man are ordered of the Lord. The Son has always been and always will be with the Father. The sin in which you live will end when you receive forgiveness from God. When Adam and Eve ate of that forbidden fruit, they hid themselves because they were naked. I tried to hide myself too when I found myself in sin. When it comes to repentance, God knows all about your sins and will bring them back to your remembrance. When God drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, he made them coverings for their nakedness of animal skins. He placed a flaming sword that turns in all ways in front of that garden to protect the Tree of Life, lest man would try to touch it and live forever.

The baptism we need is the one of the fire and the Holy Ghost, and if we obtain it, we will want the water baptism. If you have not gone through a travail, there is no birth! When I wanted to be born of God, there had to be a travail. We have a strong God who spoke to the children of Israel through the prophets of old, but who speaks to us in the New Testament age through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. I didn't come here to glorify myself, I came here to glorify God. When Jesus clothed the wild Gadarene and put him in his right mind, he told him to go and tell his friends what good things the Lord has done for him. If you have been born again, you have Jesus down on the inside of you. They thought they had gotten rid of Jesus when they crucified him but he arose on that third and appointed day. I had dead gods when I was in sin, but now I have a true and living God dwelling in the inward man. Glory to God! One thousand years has an end but eternity does not. God told the children of Israel to march around Jericho one time per day for six days and on the seventh day to march around it seven times and on the seventh time to give a great yell, and the wall of the city fell. The wall would not have fallen if they went less than seven times. Naaman the leper, was told by the prophet to wash seven times in the River of Jordan to be healed of his condition. He questioned having to wash in that river when there were cleaner rivers back in his country. His servant asked him, if God had told you to do some great thing, wouldn't you have done it? He would not have been healed the first six times, but he did come clean on the He had to be obedient to God. Brother Gayle said the best day of his life was the day he came to God with a broken heart and a contrite spirit and was baptized spiritually. The second best day was when he gave his hand to the church and was baptized in the natural water. It felt good to be baptized then and several times since that feeling has been renewed. Unless you eat of Jesus' body and drink of his blood, spiritually not naturally, you will have no part with him.

Our beloved assistant moderator, Elder Richard Staton, followed, saying there will come a time when men will not endure sound doctrine but will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears, to believe a lie and be damned. He stated his heart was running over and that we owe God everything. He is my rock, a shelter in the time of need. Where God is there is liberty. When concerned for our soul, we can seek and we shall find, to the saving of our soul. John the Baptist was in prison because he told the king the truth. He told him that it was not lawful for him to

have his brother's wife. In nature, possibly feeling down as we do sometimes, he sent word to Jesus Christ, asking if he was the one to come or should we look for another. Matthew 11:4, Jesus reassured John with the words "Go and shew John again those things which you do hear and see: The blind do receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." They beat Christ, but in his humiliation, he opened not his mouth. Jesus is returning! Without him we can do nothing, but with him we can do all things well. Brother Richard warned, except you believe upon His name, you cannot be saved. I'm concerned about those on the outside. When God calls a man to preach, he'll equip them. Romans 10:14-15, "How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

The just shall live by faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. He said if I had not come, you would have had a cloak for your sins, but I have come, and you have no cloak for your sins. Christ is real today! Try to be a light unto the world. My desire is to serve God and with his help to warn men and women to flee from the wrath to come. Let your light shine before men that they may see that light and glorify the Father who art in Heaven. God is a spirit; all those who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth. Jesus Christ is the chief corner stone. All that receive him is accepted in the eyes of God. My mother is Jerusalem and my Father is God Almighty. I thank you for this weekend and your prayers, please continue to pray. 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", and shall go in and out and find pasture. Christ told Mary, I am alive and that forever more.

Our beloved moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, was blessed to preach that John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus Christ and that John was differently dressed and acting than anyone in that day. The inward man drinks of the blood of Jesus Christ and eats his flesh. You go to the water of baptism not to be a child of God, but because you are one, to prove you have been changed to follow God. That light, Jesus Christ, divides the night and the day. I believe in a resurrection. These bodies will be changed from a natural to a spiritual and be risen from the grave. Raised a glorified body to walk those streets of pure gold. If you are filled with the Holy Ghost it will show on the outside. I believe in having knowledge of what you have experienced. If you've been somewhere you know where you've been and you can tell the people about it. I have knowledge of what God has done for me not of what I hope for, but of what I have seen. The outer man becomes willing to walk how the inward man leads. You must receive God, get ahold of him and he will get ahold of you. God repented he made man and was going to destroy them. How do you become obedient? He saw Noah and told him to build an ark to deliver him, his family, and a few of each animal from the flood that he was sending upon the earth. Noah had to build the ark according to God's plan. I believe Jesus Christ is on the right hand of the Father making intersession for his people and one day after a while, he is going to come back and get this old blood washed army. I saw a holy city, a New Jerusalem, adorned as a bride coming down from God out of Heaven. Is your life according to God's plan? You will be judged by what is written in the books of the Holy Bible. I've got a spirit that will teach me and guide me through this life. God will give me understanding. You need to read the scriptures and pray for an understanding.

God told Noah how to build the ark. The number one thing he tells us to do is repent! Brother Tommy shared a story from when he was a young boy and he jumped into a swimming hole, not knowing how to swim. He ended up on the bottom of that big hole of water, looking upward. All his friends had deserted him and he had to start digging in the sand until he finally got to a rock where he could put his toe and start upward. He said it was the same way when he found himself drowning in sin and had no way to redeem himself, but the rock, Jesus Christ, was there. He had to dig to the rock, Jesus Christ, to keep from drowning. The rainbow is proof the Holy Bible is real. If you die in your sins, you will die and never die in the flames of that lake of fire and brimstone. In the spirit we know a lot, but in the flesh, we know nothing as we ought to know it. My home is in Heaven. I'm glad that we've got to meet here again. I'm so thankful for the brothers and sisters and I'm thankful that God has been here with us.

The congregation sang the song, "No Other Fountain." Much rejoicing was felt all over the congregation as a young sister came forward professing Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and asking to join the old church and be baptized.

Dismission was called by Elder Hobart Hamilton.

Following dinner, the congregation met at the water's edge and the young sister was baptized at the hands of Elder Richard Staton, Elder Bruce Williamson and Elder Gary Young.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2019

Last year when my name was read as having been chosen to write the circular letter for this Association meeting, a great fear came upon me and as I began to shed tears, the next word that came to my mind was MERCY. Knowing that I was unable to write the letter without God's help, but with his Mercy comes his help. I set here this morning shedding tears and praying that God will direct my heart and mind. God has mercy on us spiritually and in our natural life. Several years ago, when I was in trouble because of my sins, I called on the name of the Lord with a sorrowful heart. After much pleading, I believe God came to the rescue and saved my dying soul. I was like the little publican who went up to the temple to pray. Luke 18:13 says, "the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven but smote upon his breast saying God be merciful to me a sinner." I knew that I had sinned and come short of the Glory of God and was unworthy of God's mercy. I still feel unworthy to receive his mercy and blessings. Romans 10:13, says "for whosever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." But to receive the mercy of God's forgiveness one must believe that Jesus died on the cross and shed his blood for the sin of the world and that God raised him up the third day so we all could have the opportunity for eternal life. To obtain God's Mercy of forgiveness you must not only believe but must repent of all past sins with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. John the Baptist came up out of the wilderness preaching, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" and when Jesus began to preach, he preached the same thing. Matthew 4:17, says, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." God's mercy is available to everyone who will turn to him seeking eternal life. Psalms 86:5 says, "For thou, Lord art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee." As one of the malefactors who called upon Jesus, as they hung side by side upon the cross said in Luke 23:42,43, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus said unto him, "verily I say unto thee To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

The Bible has many examples of God's mercy especially to the people of Israel as they traveled from Egypt to the land that God has promised them, the land of milk and honey. God forgave them many times of their unbelief and trespasses along the way. We are on a journey today striving for that promised land and God's mercy still exists today, to forgive us of our short comings. As Jesus had mercy on the poor, the blind, the leprous and many others when he healed their various diseases during the time he spent on earth. God is still doing miracles today. After my sickness I promised God I would tell of the miracle he performed on me during my surgery to give Him Glory and Honor. I was in surgery for over seven hours, my heart disconnected from my body and hooked up to a machine. After the surgeon had finished with his surgery, he came out and told my wife that I was alright and he said that "he had someone else with him in there." I am adding this for the Glory of God feeling unworthy of his mercy.

As I end this letter, the tears are still flowing as they were at the beginning. You may think that the contents of this letter are different from previous letters without several references to the scriptures, but my prayers are that some poor troubled sinners will read this and see God's mercy working today in their search for spiritual peace in their everyday life as they struggle through many heartaches of their life.

I believe with all my heart that God directed my mind and heart as I wrote this letter because of the blessing that I felt. My final words are taken from Psalms 23:3, "He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake." And Psalms 23:6, "Surly goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Your humble servant, Elder Edward Lee Smith

Elder Edward Lu Smith

Union and communion meetings and ministers to attend

APRIL, 2020

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Mike Lowe and Andrew Walters.

MAY, 2020

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion following our 3:00 p.m. business meeting on Saturday. Ministers called: Sam Frye, Hobart Hamilton, Larry Thacker, Harold Sesco and Billy Joe Robinson.

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

JUNE, 2020

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jerry Overstreet, Richard Lowe, Arthur Mathis, Abe Howell and Andrew Walters.

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

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following regular church service. Ministers called: Daniel Newsome, Freddie Murphy, Earl D. Newsome, Mike Lowe and Bruce Williamson, with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Gary Blevins, Arthur May, Sam Frye, Northern Gayle Brown and Albert Cable.

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

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday, immediately following 2:00 p.m. business meeting. Ministers called: Mike Lowe, Billy Joe Robinson, Arthur May, Albert Cable and Tim Robinson.

JULY, 2020

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Arthur May, Danny Hurley, Freddie Murphy and Richard Staton.

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 Stony Blackburn. Business on this day only starts at 11:00 a.m.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jerry Overstreet, A.B Thacker, Stony Blackburn and Paul Maynard.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion after business meeting on Saturday. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Gary Blevins, Arthur Mathis, Albert Cable, Phillip Beverly, Edward Smith and Lacey Justice.

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: Bruce Williamson, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Billy Joe Robinson, Thomas J. Dials and Arthur May.

BRIDE OF CHRIST: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following regular service. Ministers called: Gary Blevins, Lester Cochran, Jimmy Stewart and Ralph Cloud.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday immediately following 11:00 a.m. business meeting. Ministers called: Edward L. Smith, Thomas J. Dials, Bruce Williamson, Albert Cable and Hobart Hamilton.

AUGUST, 2020

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Arthur May, Thomas J. Dials, Todd Dials, Clyde Perry, 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, Bruce Williamson and Teddy Honaker.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion on Sunday. Ministers called: Stony Blackburn, Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco, Lloyd Brown, Steve Baker and Moderator attending.

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

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Paul Maynard, Sam Frye and Gabe Lowe, Jr. Church service, on this Saturday only starts at 2:00 pm.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Jimmy Amos, Hobart Hamilton and Jerry Overstreet.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

MARCH, 2020

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held on the odd Sunday in February (March 1, 2020) at the Sardis Association Building. Ministers called: A.B. Thacker, Northern Gayle Brown, Matthew Ison, with Moderator and Assistant Moderation attending. Everyone please bring a covered dish.

TURKEY CREEK will hold a memorial meeting, at the Enon Church House, for James and Brooksie Spencer, Willis and Gretis Staton, Marvin and Lokie Rose, Elsie Rose and all the deceased members of the Enon Church on the Sunday after the first Saturday (March 8, 2020). Ministers called: Richard Staton, Duane Smith, Leonard Hamilton, Stony Blackburn and Hobart Hamilton.

APRIL, 2020

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday, at the church house. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Arthur May, Todd Dials and Billy Joe Robinson.

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

MAY, 2020

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 with the 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, Andrew Walters, Duane Smith and Monty Messer, Jr.

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: Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Richard Staton, Bruce Williamson 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: Harold Sesco, Lacy Walters, Kenneth B. Jude, Richard Staton, Albert Cable and Hobart Hamilton.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Stony Blackburn, Jimmy Amos and Rick Mullins.

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: Thomas J. Dials, Gary Young, Harrison Runyon, Charles Edward and James Young.

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: Thomas J. Dials, Gary Blevins, Arthur Mathis and Sam Frye.

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, Andrew Walters and Gary Young.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Dix Fork Church for those buried on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork, on the last Saturday in May (May 30, 2020) at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Sam Frye and Edward L. Smith.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday in May (May 31, 2020), at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Bruce Williamson, Charles Edwards and Edward L. Smith.

JUNE, 2020

DIX FORK CHURCH will have a Memorial Meeting at the church house for all those buried on the Morris/Mullins Cemetery at Double Hollows on Dix Fork the first Sunday following the first Saturday in June, at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Randy Newsome and Mike Lowe.

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, including Elder Homer Muncy, Sr. and all others buried on the Ruby Muncy Cemetery. This memorial will also include Sister Garnet (Lowe) Maynard who is buried on the cemetery near the mouth of Lackey Branch and others buried on area cemeteries. This memorial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, 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, Rex Napier, Jerry Overstreet and Albert Cable.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Glen Lowe and his wife, Mary E. Lowe, at the church 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, for Elder Sammie Moore and all the deceased on the Webb Cemetery on the third Sunday in June at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Leonard Napier, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Gary Blevins.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church for all those buried on the Robinette Cemetery and the John Gilford Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork on Sunday following the third Saturday in June at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Gary Young, Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco and Andrew Walters.

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, Jimmy Amos and Hobart Hamilton.

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: Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe Lowe, Randall Lowe, Dewey Jude and Lacy Fletcher.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY on the fourth Saturday in June, 2020, 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, 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, WV 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 is to be served.

JULY, 2020

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting, at the church house, for all those buried on the Reed and Lockard Cemetery, on the first Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Mike Lowe, Dale Williamson, Gary Young and Stony Blackburn.

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: Kenneth B. Jude, Andrew Walters and Bruce Williamson.

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 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 Jack Cassidy Branch of Coldwater Road. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Albert Cable and Todd Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Narrows Branch Church for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY, and for Brother Clyde and Sister Fern Brown who are buried on the Hill Crest Cemetery at Kenova, WV. It will be held on Sunday following the third Saturday in July 2020, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis, Leonard Napier, Elbert Sesco, Richard Staton and Edward L. Smith.

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: Dale Williamson, Duane Smith, Andrew Walters, Mike Lowe and Richard Staton.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel Stacy, his wife; Cora Stacy, Tan Howell, Ora Howell, his wife; Mary Jude, Mary Moore, Ralph and Carey Reed, Robert Howell and other family members on Sunday following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sam Frye, Albert Cable, Leonard Napier and Thomas J. Dials.

AUGUST, 2020

MEMORIAL MEETING of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton, Joseph Staton, Mont Staton, Lilburn (Zeek) Staton, Ruth 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., Jerry Runyon and Stony Blackburn.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting, at the Dillon-Prince Cemetery, on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Duane 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 McCealy Cemetery at Maher, WV, the Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL, the Joe Taylor Cemetery and Joe Taylor family buried at Maher, WV, the Bent Ridge Cemetery, the Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland, KY, the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL, Ft. McCoy Cemetery in Ft. McCoy, FL and Hennon Scalf Cemetery on Curry Branch and Sister Hester Maynard and all that are buried on the Williamson Cemetery, and the Bobby Fields Family Cemetery on Billy Lowe Branch, on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Harold Sesco, Greg Stanley, Mike Lowe and Hobart Hamilton.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on the first Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Gary Adkins, Stony Blackburn and Arthur Mathis.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the deceased on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, WV. This meeting will be held on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Lacy Fletcher, Thomas J. Dials, Todd Dials and Albert Cable.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday for all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and for Clinton B. Lowe and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, West Virginia. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Harold Sesco, Mike Lowe and Kenneth B. Jude.

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, Harold Sesco, Larry Thacker and Stony Blackburn.

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: Richard Staton, Andrew Walters and Dale Williamson, with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

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: Edward L. Smith, 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, Dale Williamson, Abe Howell, Jimmy Amos, Bruce Williamson and Mike Lowe.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dave Jude and Fletcher Cemetery on Peter Cave. Ministers called: 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: Arthur May, Gayle Brown, David May, Curt Carroll and Bruce Williamson.

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: Ministers called: Lacy Fletcher, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Kenneth B. Jude, Billy Joe Robinson and Dewey 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 following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Sartin, Hobart Hamilton, Curt Carroll, Kenneth B. Jude, Todd Dials and Sam Frye.

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: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude and Mike Lowe. Dinner will be served nearby.

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Brother Joe Fletcher, his wife, Hazel Fletcher, son Roger Fletcher, Lacy Orville Fletcher, Orville Spence, infant baby of Jeff and Mary Spence, Estill Spence, Sammy Spence, Mary Alice Spence, Ernest Spence, Ollie Spence, Unice Jude, Ernestine Perry, and others buried on the cemetery located on Orville Road. This meeting to be on the Odd Sunday, August 30, 2020. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

SEPTEMBER, 2020

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 September, 2020. Ministers called: Todd Dials, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., and Lacy Fletcher. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday before Labor Day in 2020. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Monty Messer, Jr.

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. This memorial is 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: Albert Cable, Billy Joe Robinson, Thomas J. Dials and Kenneth B. Jude.

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: Harold Sesco, Richard Staton and Dale Williamson.

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, Randall Lowe and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church and the deceased buried on the Maynard Cemetery Warfield, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Clyde Perry, David Lester, George Thomason and Preston Lewis.

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: Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Northern Gayle Brown, Paul Maynard, Arthur Mathis, Stony Blackburn 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, Danny Hurley, Harrison Runyon, Edward L. Smith, Clyde Perry and Gary Blevins.

OCTOBER, 2020

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday of all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Arthur Mathis, Leonard Napier and Sam Frye.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Salem Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, Richard Staton, Lloyd Brown, Greg Stanley and Jimmy Amos.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Kelly Slone, Ralph Slone, Jr., Squire Hamilton, Scott Hamilton and Dale Williamson.

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: Johnny Thornsberry, Paul Boggs, Mike Justice, Billy Joe Robinson, Harold Sesco and Stony Blackburn.

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: 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: Randall Lowe, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Sam Frye, Clyde Perry and Charles Edwards.

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, Phillip Estep and Moderator attending.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting 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 on Sunday following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Sartin, Todd Dials and Kenneth B. Jude.

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: Kelly Slone, Freddie Murphy and Roger Hicks.

NOVEMBER, 2020

ANTIOCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Antioch Church on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Ralph Cloud, Kelly Slone, John Lewis and Matthew Ison.

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.						
Sidney Church	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.						
Little Tavie Church	Every Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m. New Year's Eve at 6:00 p.m.						
Leannah Church	Every Odd Sunday at 10:30 a.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. (No meetings in the months of December, January, February, and March)						
Salem Church	Easter Sunday, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.						
Samaria Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.						
Sardis Association at Building	Every odd Saturday Evening at 6:00 p.m.						
Rosa Church	Every first Saturday Evening at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.						
Turkey Creek	New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m. Every Odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Lloyd Brown, Edward Lee Smith, Kelly Slone, Freddie Murphy, Ronnie Hensley and Mark Justice.						

Obituaries-MEMBERS OF THE SARDIS CHURCHES

ELDER LONNIE C. JUDE

Elder Lonnie C. Jude, age 65, of Pilgrim, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. He was born on October 8, 1953 in Pilgrim, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Calvin and Vinnie Jude. Brother Lonnie was preceded in death by his siblings: Juanita Pinson, Ronnie Jude and Faye Jude. He was a pipeline worker and an Elder at the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church. Brother Lonnie is survived by his wife, Wanda Faye Howell Jude of Pilgrim, Kentucky, as well as his children Brian (Rachel) Jude of Inez, Kentucky, Lonnie Jude Jr. (Lisa Hamilton), Jason Jude (Tracy Vanover), Mason (Megan) Jude all of Pilgrim, Kentucky. Brother Lonnie and Sister Faye raised as their children; Austin Lonnie (Sarah)



Justice of Debord, Kentucky, Charlene Jude (Tony Vance) and Crystal Howard (Jason Maynard) both of Pataskala, Ohio, April (Joey) Vance of South Carolina, Martha (Bobby) Fitch of Louisa, Kentucky, and Jessica Jude (Shawn Lawson) of Warfield, Kentucky, as well as grandchildren; Dakota, Chloe, Braxten Jude, Anthony Vance, Rayona Vance, Zach Howard, Colby Vance, Alisha Justice, as well as three great-grandchildren.

Brother Lonnie is also survived by his siblings; Sherman, Johnny, and Bobby Jude all of Pilgrim, Kentucky, Judy Kaye Adams of Paintsville, Kentucky, Brenda Kaye Maynard of Inez, Kentucky and Barbara Pauley of Pilgrim, Kentucky, as well as a host of extended family and friends.

Brother Lonnie suffered much pain from cancer that attacked his body on several occasions. Even though cancer bothered his body it did not influence his faith in God and his belief of a resurrection. Several times he said no matter what happened to his body he believed he would see God in the resurrection at the last day. He trusted in God until his last moments on this earth. Brother Lonnie is gone to a better home and our loss is Heaven's gain. May you rest in peace until that great awakening day when the bride will be with the groom forever.

Written by his Brother in Christ, Elder Tom Dials

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ELDER ROBERT "BUCK" JUDE

Elder Robert "Buck" Jude, age 71, of Lovely, Kentucky, went Home to be with the Lord on Friday March 1, 2019 at his home. He was born on August 25, 1947, in Pike County, Kentucky. His parents were the late James Thomas and Mahala Maynard Jude. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Fletcher Jude on January 9, 2018, one sister Julie Jude, brothers, Harvey, Billy, Clinton, and Vondy Jude. He was an Elder of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church. Buck is survived by a son, Robby (MJ) Jude of Williamson, West Virginia, a daughter, Marcy Jude (Ricky Harris) of Marrowbone, West Virginia. He also leaves behind his five grandchildren, Alyssa, Dalton, Jason, Savannah, and Joseph, and two great-grandchildren, Brayden and Braxton. Buck is also survived by his siblings: Clifford (Rachel) Jude of Breathitt County, Kentucky, Ed (Ruby) Jude of Burnwell, Kentucky, Bonnie (Willie) Mullins of Michigan,



Hessie (Nattie) Avita of Florida, Armenda (Trenton) Bevins of Burnwell, Kentucky and Mary (Joe) Jude of Pilgrim, Kentucky. Robert will be missed by family, church and friends.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Written by his Brother in Christ, Elder Tom Dials

ELDER DANNY K. RUNYON

Elder Danny Kay Runyon, age 70, of Varney, Kentucky, went home to be with Jesus peacefully in his sleep on the morning of September 13, 2019. He was born in Ransom, Kentucky on August 13, 1949. He was the son of the late Ernest B. "Boots" and Stella Smith Runyon. Survivors include his wife Shelia K. Runyon, his soul mate, his daughter, Jessica Ashley Runyon "Jessie" and her husband Mark Hartwig, and his grand dog Kaia. His sister Patsy Lee Bunn and her husband Jim of Greensboro, North Carolina and his brother Douglas "Mac" Runyon of Denton, North Carolina. He was also survived by his wife's brothers and sisters who he was very close to and loved as his own along with many nieces and nephews that meant the world to him.

He was preceded in death by his siblings Orison Runyon, Edith Little, Birdie Coleman, Ernestine Hatfield, Francis Marion

"Bud" Runyon, Eddie Lee Runyon, Hassell Runyon, Annetta Dotson, Charles Runyon, Paul Runyon, Tom Runyon, and Rosa Lee Martin. Danny was one of fifteen children and one additional, Stella Jo,

that he always made sure to mention his mommy also raised. They grew up in a modest house on Blackberry and he often shared memories of his parents and siblings through the years. The stories of the antics he would get into with his brothers were something straight of an old time movie and were guaranteed to make you laugh. He loved his mom and dad very much and talked about them often especially when he preached.

In the summer of 1972 he went to the Pike County Jamboree with his brother Tommy. There he saw this beautiful girl and said that's the girl I'm going to marry. He'd never met her but he knew. It truly was love at first sight. They married July 3, 1973 and the love they shared and the life they built was a light to so many through the years. Through the years they made so many happy memories but also faced several challenges and hardships. They continued to lean on one another and allowed each storm they weathered to only bring them closer.

His daughter Jessie was born August 27, 1980. He said he had prayed for a child and when God gave them her it truly changed his life and made him want to be a better person. A few years later he was baptized and then on the forth Saturday, June 1986, he became an ordained minister of the Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ.

Danny completed a two year welding program after high school and worked hard as a welder in the coal industry most of his life. He loved golfing, fishing, was known for his jokes, and he could name the make, model, and year of every car that drove by. He looked forward every year to family vacation at Oak Island, North Carolina one of his favorite places. He was the most tenderhearted and loving husband and father...he always told Shelia and Jessie as long as they were ok he was ok and he truly meant it. He worked every day through the week and Saturday and Sunday he kept right on working doing the Lords work. He would say you do the leading Lord and I'll do the following.

Above all that, he was he loved serving the Lord, to him this was the most important thing. He loved his church family with all his heart and even when he wasn't with them his heart and mind were focused around being the best he could be at this. He took it seriously and was always learning. When he preached he had a special way of teaching that came across and any glory that came from it he would give it all to the Lord. Down to the last conversation he had with his daughter he said when your daddy goes home he can go peacefully and know his wife and baby will be there to meet him one day. He was a pancreatic cancer survivor and lung cancer survivor and he would often say the Lord has blessed me to still be here, because he has more work for me to do. When the day comes that my work here is done then I'm just going to go right on home and that's what he did yesterday.

Our hearts are broken. Life without him will never be the same. He was the strongest example of not only faith but physical strength....true grit. Danny had a cool, calm confidence about him that even those who didn't know him well could sense just being around him. He was one of those men that gave you the sense no matter what comes his way he could handle it and was ready...both in this life and after. He loved us with all he was and he made sure he left us with so much to lean on now to get through this life without him. One day at a time.

Written by his daughter, Jessica Runyon Hartwig

FOSTER BLACKBURN

Foster Blackburn, age 82, of Varney, Kentucky, passed from this life, Friday, August 2, 2019. Foster was born to the late Bill and Maggie "Coleman" Blackburn in Pike County, Kentucky, January 6, 1937.

Besides both parents, Foster is preceded in death by his first wife, Nettie Blackburn; three brothers, Gene Blackburn, a US Air Force Veteran, William Rell Blackburn, US Air Force Veteran, Larry Don Blackburn, US Navy Veteran; one sister, Inez Blevins.

Foster is survived by his loving wife, Jettie Blackburn; five sons, Foster Neil Blackburn and his wife, Joan, Mark Blackburn and his wife, Kelli, Shawn Smith and his wife, Deanna, Dwayne Smith and his wife, Lisa, Randall Smith and his wife, Stacy; three daughters, Rhonda McCall and her husband, Gene, Shelia Means and her husband, Glenn, and



Jamie Larimore and her husband, Frankie; grandchildren, Kayla Blackburn, Sawyer Blackburn, Bradley Blackburn, Glenn L. Means III, Reanna Goble, Eli Smich, Jimmy Rowe and his wife, Angel, Cody Smith and his wife, Erika, Dalton Smith, Lexie Smith, Jared Smith, Kenzie Smith, and Maddie Smith; sister, Rose Hammons and her husband, John; two brothers, George Blackburn, US Army Veteran, and his wife, Peggy and Johnny Blackburn and his wife, Vivian.

Foster served his Nation proudly in the United States Navy. Foster was an honored Veteran who wore the title proudly. Foster also was a bookkeeper for thirty-five years at Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church. He wore the title "Honorary Clerk" because of his trust and discipline.

The family accepted friends at Thacker Funeral Chapel Sunday, August 4, 2019. The funeral services were held on Monday, August 5, 2019 1:00 p.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church with burial following at Annie E. Young Cemetery. Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist officiated all services honoring the life of Foster Blackburn with DAV Honors observed by the Johns Creek Chapter #166.

Written by his loving family

WALTER DEAN BOGAR

With much sadness and a grieving heart and missing my husband more than words could ever express, but realizing he is in a better home, I will try with the help of our Lord to write the obituary, honoring the memory of my precious, beloved husband.

Walter Dean Bogar, age 60, of Hardy, Kentucky, was born on July 22, 1958 and departed this life into everlasting peace and joy in the arms of Jesus on March 13, 2019; thus making his stay here on earth sixty years and eight months. Walter was the youngest of seven children born to the late Joseph (J.E.) and Birdie (Runyon) Bogar. In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by a sister, Nedria Stephenson and his other dad, Elder Berlin Thornsbury.



Survivors include his loving and devoted wife, Debbie (Thornsbury) Bogar and our two precious nieces whom we helped to raise, Rebecca and Kayla, his other mom, Thurajene Thornsbury. Four brothers, Darryl (Brenda), Roy (Brenda), Roger (Mae), and Tom Bogar, one sister, Elsie Ann Slater. His extended family (in-laws) whom he thought of as brothers and sisters, as they loved him as a brother: Ivan Neil (Mary), James (Susie), Troy Thornsbury, Barbara (Jerome) Newsome, Lesa (Mark) Justice, Reesia Thornsbury, and Tammy (Adam) Dotson; all whom he held close to his heart as they did him.

Walter and I were joined in holy matrimony on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1981, making our journey here almost 38 years, where we made so many wonderful memories together with our family. Walter was the love of my life, a wonderful husband, my best friend and soul mate. During our thirty-eight years of marriage, we worked lovingly side by side. We were truly a match made in Heaven. Walter worked very hard throughout his life. He was a good provider, working many long hours and never complaining even when he was sick. Walter worked in the coal industry most of his life, first at the coal tipple, later a coal truck driver, then, working inside the mines. He liked to stay busy for when he became disabled, I would often hear him say "the hardest thing I ever did was to do nothing." Walter had a gift for helping others. Two days before our Lord called him home, he was on the phone checking on his brothers and sisters in Christ, asking how they were doing and if they needed him for anything. This would be his last work serving the Lord. He was always there for our families, helping in any way he could. Walter left many footprints on all our hearts. He will be forever loved and missed by us all.

On a beautiful sunny day, the first Sunday in December, 2001, Walter came to the end of his travel and gave his hand to be baptized by Elders Berlin Thornsbury (Brother Dad, as he liked to call him) and David Crigger and put his letter at the Dix Fork Church, where he served as deacon and clerk and was a faithful member for seventeen years until his passing. He would say "the happiest years of my life were serving my Lord." He was so joyful in the Lord, a good Godly man. I would often hear him singing in the morning and at night before he went to bed. *Psalms 100:1-2, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."* I believe that was what Walter did.

Walter always looked forward to the weekends, going to church, visiting with his brothers and sisters in Christ, just like his other dad (Berlin) whom he was so blessed to travel many miles while

seeking his spiritual wisdom. Anybody that ever met Walter (for he knew no strangers), knows how welcome he made you feel, always with a smile on his face. Whether it was a big, warm hug or a kind word, he always made you feel special. *Ephesians 3:17, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love."* Walter let his light shine, never a truer Bible verse about him than the one found in *Matthew 5:15-16, "Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light unto all that are in the house, let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Heavenly Father, which is in Heaven."*

The night before Walter was called home, I had a beautiful dream about my Dad who has been gone several years. I dreamed he was sitting at a long, white banquet table, a table that had no end. I came up beside Dad and he never said a word, he just sat there and I felt he was waiting on someone. That same night, I dreamed of another wonderful soldier in Christ that left us long ago, Brother Leonard Coleman and he came to visit with Walter. When I woke that morning, I didn't entirely understand the dream, not until Walter was called home that afternoon. Since then, our Lord has given me beautiful heavenly dreams about my precious Walter, comforting me and letting me know he is just resting from his labors under the alter of God, in that sweet paradise, waiting on that glorious resurrection morning. Walter was just leant to us for a little while and for that we are eternally grateful. He was such a blessing to me and our family. He will live on in our hearts forever. His spirit shall never wither. So sleep on my precious husband in that wonderful, peaceful sleep that you so earned, free from the trials of this world until that blessed morning when God calls your name and you will get up with a new and glorious body.

Written with my deepest love and precious memories with the help of our Lord, His broken-hearted wife, Debbie

JANICE CHAFIN

Janice Chafin, age 80, of Laurel Creek, West Virginia, went home to be with Jesus on May 18, 2019, at her home. She was born May 20, 1938 at Glen Alum, West Virginia, the daughter of the late Jess and Sadie Blankenship Miller. She was also preceded in death by her sons; Robert Chafin and John Chafin, brothers; Everett, Charlie Sid, Joe and Tommy Miller and sisters; Lucy Hatfield and Marie Miller.

Janice was a member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved attending various churches throughout the Lenore area. Everybody loved Janice and she loved everybody. She enjoyed watching the game show network and talking on the phone. Her children meant everything to her.



She is survived by her husband of sixty-two years; Chester Chafin, sons; Chester Lee Chafin, Billy and wife Annette Chafin, Timmy Chafin and Ricky Chafin, her loving daughter; Rena Gail and husband, Bobby Matney, brothers; George and wife Cindy Miller, Arthur and wife Betty Miller and Carl and wife Kay Miller. She also leaves behind thirteen grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Freedom United Baptist Church at Laurel Creek on Thursday May 23, 2019, with Elders, Albert Cable and Tommy Dials officiating. She was buried at the Chafin Cemetery at Laurel Creek. Visitation was on Tuesday May 21, 2019, with Elders Noah White Jr., Ransom Chafin and Eddie Layne officiating and, Wednesday, May 22, 2019, with Elders Jamie Richardson, Eddie Hatfield and Tommy Ellis officiating.

MATT FLETCHER

It is with much sadness I will write the obituary of my sweet husband, Matt Fletcher. Matt was the second oldest of thirteen children. He was born April 26, 1929, to the late Martin Fletcher and Pearlie Moore Fletcher. He left this world to be with Jesus on Saturday morning, April 28, 2018. Matt was preceded in death by ten brothers and sisters. He is also survived by his wife of forty-five years, Dorsie Lee Sesco Fletcher; children, John Martin (Verna) Fletcher of Martin County, Kentucky, Pauline (Claude) Spence of Martin County, Kentucky, Teresa (Andy) Anderson of North Carolina, Randy (Lanya) Fletcher of Mingo County, West Virginia, Melissa Fletcher (Mike McVickers) of North Carolina, Debbie (James) Marion of South Carolina, Cynthia (Donnie) Hinkle of Pike



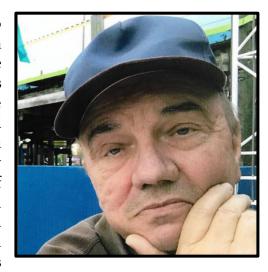
County, Kentucky, Cathy (Frelin) Workman of Pike County, Kentucky. He was the proud papaw of twenty grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. He also had several nieces and nephews who will miss him very much.

Matt gave his life to the Lord on March 3, 1991, and was a faithful member of the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church. He lived a good happy life. Matt loved going to church and spending time with his brothers and sisters. He loved spending time outside in the mountains. He was a timber cutter for years and also loved to sell produce, people called him the produce man. He just loved meeting people and making friends. Matt was a loving husband, dad, papaw and uncle. He is missed so very much but forever in our hearts. Knowing that he went to sleep in the arms of Jesus makes the grief more bearable. So sleep on a little while longer sweetie until we meet again in our Heavenly home, there we will be together forever and ever.

Greatly and sadly missed by his wife and family

DARRYL JOE MAYNARD

Darryl Joe Maynard, age 61, of Wayne, West Virginia, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne with Elder Sam Frye officiating. Burial followed in the Community Memorial Gardens, Wayne. He was born September 9, 1957 in Huntington, West Virginia, a son of the late Buddie Joe and Betty Jo Williamson Maynard. Darryl was a member of the Bride of Christ Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Darryl Joe Maynard II; grandparents, Victoria and Ruben Maynard and Laura and Ivory Williamson. Darryl is survived by his loving wife of forty-two years, Wanda Watts



Maynard; three daughters, Linda Jo Blower (Eustace), Betty Jo Marcie Stroud (Darrell) all of Wayne, and Jessica Caprina Price (John) of Flatwoods, Kentucky; three grandchildren, Bryan Carson Blower, Telissa Dawn Stroud, and Kasey Alexander Blankenship. He will be missed by all of his family and friends.

Written by his loving wife, Wanda Maynard

EDWARD MAYNARD

Edward Maynard, age 97, passed away April 17, 2019 at his residence. He was born January 28, 1922 in Martin County, Kentucky, to the late Jenious and Mary Elizabeth Fletcher Maynard. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Jude Maynard, two sons, Gene Fariss and Jessie Maynard, three brothers: Vernal Maynard, Clyde Maynard, and Floyd Maynard, and two sisters, Laudie Sartin and Molly Porter. He is survived by four sons: Charles Maynard and Bill Maynard, both of Belfry, Kentucky, Jenious (Easter) Maynard of Lovely, Kentucky, and Johnny Dee Jude "Deebo" of Inez, Kentucky, five daughters: Betty Sue Jude of Inez, Kentucky, Gladys Vivian (Lacy) Jude and Barbara Francis, both of Belfry, Kentucky, Oretha (George) Stacy of Nats Creek, Kentucky, and Mary



(Ricky) Parsley of Marrowbone Creek, West Virginia, one brother, Alvis Maynard of Arkansas, and one sister, Patty Mary Dials of Ohio. He is also survived by a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., at the Mary Elizabeth Church, Belfry, Kentucky with Lacy Fletcher, Ron Gannon, and Albert Cable officiating. Burial followed in the Jude-Maynard Cemetery, Huntleyville, Kentucky.

Written by his loving family

DELPHIA MORRISON

It is with much sadness that I write the obituary of Sister Delphia Stump Morrison. She was born at Phelps, Kentucky on April 10, 1928, the daughter of the late Perry and Stella Hamilton Stump. She departed this life on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at the Riverview Healthcare Center in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, at the age of 91.

Sister Delphia joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the third Sunday in December, 1952. She placed her membership with the Bent Branch Old Regular Church where she served as a deacon's wife and a faithful member for many years.

Sister Delphia was married to the late Brother Herndon Edward "Mickey" Morrison. To this union were born four children. Along with her loving husband and parents, she was



preceded in death by one son, David Herndon Morrison and one granddaughter, Casondra Morrison. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ervin Stump and Thurman Stump and two sisters, Gladys Hill and Alta Coleman.

Left to mourn her passing is one son, Bruce Edward Morrison (Dewania) of Pikeville and two daughters, Carolyn Morrison Brewer (Roy) of Louisville, Kentucky and Joan S. Wead (William) of Louisville, Kentucky. One brother, Ernie Stump of Birmingham, Alabama, and three sisters, Edith Oaks of Taylor Mill, Kentucky, Francis Grout of Taylor Mill, Kentucky and Geneva Guthrie of Florence, Kentucky. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Gage Edward Morrison, Staci Lea Morrison, Jonathan Steenbergen (Carrie) and three great-grandchildren, Noah Steenbergen, Jamie David Ratliff, and Mara Steenbergen.

She was a retired Pike County School Teacher having taught at the Johns Creek Schools, and a member of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association.

Life goes in a circle as Sister Delphia was my kindergarten teacher in 1980, and she continued to teach me through her example of a Godly Christian as a young servant of the Lord when I came to the church. I will always remember her graceful and elegant persona both physically and spiritually.

To her family I want to say, if you want to meet her again you must repent of your sins and enlist in the blood stained army, whose Captain has never lost a battle. Sister Delphia is not gone forever, for by the grace of God we will meet her again, where parting will come no more, and where she will never have any more pain, sickness can't rob her mind and she will suffer no more sorrow. It will be joy, peace and happiness forever.

Funeral services were held on Saturday July 27, 2019, at the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. Serving as Pallbearers were Gage Morrison, Jonathan Steenbergen, Roy Brewer, Amos Oaks, Jim Guthrie and Melvin Grout. Burial followed in the Bent Ridge Cemetery at Meta.

Written by a Brother of hope, Elder Michael D. Lowe

HELEN LORETTA ROBINETTE

Helen Loretta Robinette, age 81, of Belfry, Kentucky, formerly of Rockhouse Fork, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at the Bluegrass Hospice Care in Hazard, Kentucky. Helen was born on January 10, 1938, in Heisey, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Millard and Lakie Burris Robinette.

She was also preceded in death by her son, James Kenneth Williamson; her grandson, Todd Williamson and her sister, Peggy Albert. Helen was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Richard (Kim) Williamson of Hatfield, Kentucky, Lisa Phillips of Belfry, Kentucky and Mavis Elaine Williamson of Allen, Kentucky; her



brothers, Bobby Joe (Nita) Robinette of Richmond, Kentucky, Woody (Carletta) Robinette of Canada, Kentucky; her sister, Mildred Rutherford of Shelbiana, Kentucky; her grandchildren, Ashley Williamson, Andrew Elkins and Hunter Williamson; her great-grandchildren, MaKayla Lester, MyKah Davis, Addyson Davis, Myki Williamson, Merci Elkins and Kenneth Wayne Matheny and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Written by her loving family

RAYMOND ROBINETTE

Raymond Robinette, age 92, of Canada, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at his residence. He was born on November 18, 1926, in Brushy, Kentucky, the son of the late Tobie and Stella Thompson Robinette. He is also preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Louise Robinette; his daughter, Stella Eileen Robinette; six brothers and one sister.

Raymond served in the United States Army, was a retired Carman for the railroad and a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his children, Debbie Luster of Bardstown, Kentucky, Randy Robinette of Troy, Ohio, Charles Eric Robinette of Canada, Kentucky and Barry Robinette of Versailles, Kentucky; his seven grandchildren and three great-



grandchildren. He also leaves behind a host of loving family members and friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 beginning at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed at the Smith Cemetery at Sidney, Kentucky

Written by his loving family

JIMMY GEORGE RUNYON

Jimmy George Runyon, age 79, of Turkey Creek, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday morning, April 9, 2019, at his residence. He was born January 12, 1940, at Gulnare, Kentucky, the son of the late Bill and Edna Leedy Runyon. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Lewis Runyon and two sisters, Doris Varney and Alma McQuire.

He was retired from General Motors after working for thirty-seven years and was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Pilgrims Home at Varney, Kentucky.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Bell Runyon of Turkey Creek, Kentucky; his children, Wendell Runyon and wife, Dawn of Lynch Station, Virginia, Lori Runyon and husband, Jeff Owens of Huntsville, Alabama and Jane Barnett and her friend,



David Backus of Grand Blanc, Michigan, three sisters, Blanche Walker of Johns Creek, Kentucky, Emma French of South Williamson, Kentucky and Jo Marie Pollis of McAndrews, Kentucky; four grandchildren, four step grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Written by his wife, Anna Bell Runyon

JOHN D (JUNIOR) TAYLOR, JR

With sorrow and precious memories, I will write this obituary of my Dad. Junior Taylor was born on January 21, 1927, and died September 9, 2018, at the age of 91. He was born on Brushy Creek, and was the son of the late John D. and Rebecca Pinson Taylor. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by; sisters, Mary M. Taylor, Tilda (Thomas) Blankenship, Grace (Junior) Smith and Easter (Rush) Muncy, and his brother, Glen Hayse Taylor. He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Dianne (Paul) Fraley; and his wives, Dollie Dempsey Taylor and Martha Taylor.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda (Tom-deceased) Gehringer of Allen Park, Michigan, two sons, Elbert "Buddy" (Linda) Taylor of Wayland, Kentucky and Don T. (Esther) Taylor



of Canada, Kentucky; one brother, Eugene (Betty) Taylor of Turkey Creek, Kentucky; nine grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Dad was a retired coal miner and member of the United Mine Workers of America. Dad was also a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, and enjoyed attending services there as long as he was able. He enjoyed singing the gospel songs and loved all the visitors who visited him during his last days.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 11 a.m. in the Rogers Funeral home chapel with Richard Staton and Hobart Hamilton officiating. Burial followed in the Sartin Cemetery, Turkey Creek, Kentucky, with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

Written by Don T. Taylor

J. S. WALTERS

It is with a heavy heart full of memories that we announce the death of J. S. Walters. He was called home to Heaven on October 16, 2018. He was born the son of the late George and Gladys Walters. He was also preceded in death by a son, James Walters(stillborn), four brothers, Windel, Bill, Zack and Brad, four sisters, Barbara Hall, Etta Sue Tuncliff, Betty Lou Caines and Nancy Lowe. He is survived by one brother, George Clinton Walters, his wife of sixty-five years, Allie Mae Walters, two sons, Brian Keith (Sebrena) Walters, Lonnie (Vera) Walters, one daughter, Rita (Billy) Church. He had seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



J. S. was a retired coal miner and carpenter. He was always a hard worker until his health would not permit him to

do so. He was an honest and dependable person who loved his family and church. He was baptized on July 7, 2001, into the Old Regular Baptist by brothers Andrew Walters, Elbert Sesco and Kenneth Elkins. He made his home at the Pilgrims Home Church at Varney. Although we will miss him we know he is not suffering anymore.

Written by, Sebrena Walters and the Walters family

IMOGENE WORRIX

Sister Ima was born on October 6, 1926, into the family of Reuben and Ada Terry Miller, and left this world on June 15, 2019, at the age of 92 years old.

Sister Ima married Joe Worrix in 1943 and started their lives together. They had only thirty-five years together before Joe passed away. Into this union there were two sons born. Douglas Aurther Worrix who preceded her in death, leaving Tim Worrix and his wife Marcella and their daughter Macy to morn her passing.

Sister Ima was the oldest of nine children. She had two brothers and two sisters who preceded her in death. J.E. Miller and his wife Madeline or Malty, Eugene Miller, Emma Sue



Miller (Mary Lou's twin) and Ella Jo McGuire and her husband Charles. Left to mourn her passing are May Miller, wife of Brother Eugene, Mary Lou Lyons (Richard deceased), Joyce Justice (Phillip deceased), Rita Rhodes and her husband Warren, who works so hard taking care of everyone. Zita Tooley, who was so precious to Sister Ima and all of us. And a large host of cousins, nieces and nephews who loved her .

Sister Ima was added to a large family on the fourth weekend in July 1965. The brothers and sisters of the Pilgrims Home Church welcomed her in. I can only imagine their joy. Sister Ima kept her seat at Pilgrims Home as long as she was able to come. Many times not able to be there, but she came. She was such a great light to our church family and anyone who knew her.

I have been so very blessed to know this family and glad they have shared a portion of their life with me. I've always felt welcome around them and felt right at home. I have learned so much about life because I've been with them as they have laid their love ones to rest. It's about love as I have watched them care for their family when they are so very sick, even to the end. It's about hope because they have a hope of seeing them in Heaven. The Bible teaches us that hope is the anchor of the soul, sure, steadfast and unmovable. I have watched them as they cared for Sister Ima, trying to help her to be as comfortable as they could. Each one with their own special gift of love for her. God will repay you for your kindness.

Sister Ima has suffered a lot of losses in this life. I can only imagine the pain she has endured, but she stayed true to her God, to her faith and to her family. Brother Reuben and Sister Ada would have been so proud of her and each and every one of these family members. Thank you Lord for the life she lived before us, giving God the praise, honor and glory. Help us Lord to live humble before you as Sister Ima did. She was as gentle as a lamb and bold as a lion, always striving for that better land we have heard about called Heaven. Let us take a hold of one another's hand as we have seen this family do throughout all the years. Preferring one another as a child of God should do. Sister Ima has made Heaven a little brighter, a little closer, a little more real today for me and all of us who knew and loved her so very much. We have lost a great light both in this family and in her church family. I believe with all my heart I will see Sister Ima again in that beautiful land God has prepared for all his children.

The Bible says eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered into the hearts of men the good things God has laid up in store for them that love him and serve him. Welcome home Sister Ima.

Written by your Brother in Christ, Elder Dale Williamson

Obituaries-FRIENDS OF THE SARDIS CHURCHES

BEATRICE (HANNAH) BAISDEN

This is a story of a lovely and special lady, Beatrice (Hannah) Baisden who went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. She was the first-born child of Mark Sr. and Edna (Davis) Hannah (both deceased) on January 1, 1922.

She later became the big sister to seven brothers; Billy Ray (deceased), Howard (deceased), Arnold (deceased), Samuel (deceased), Clifford, Mark Jr., and William Hannah. She had four sisters; Flora Davis (deceased), Norma Sartin (deceased), Nelma Newsome (deceased), and Margie Brewer.

When she was a young woman she met her prince in a man named Joe Smith Baisden (deceased), marrying him on August 24, 1937, they were married for sixty-four beautiful years before his death.



They then started a family of their own. To this union was born eleven children; Pinky Baisden (deceased), Tilda (Arthur) May, Thelma (Donald-deceased) Tennant, Carlos (Rosa Perry-deceased) Baisden, Curtis (Noami Harris-deceased), Karen Harris-deceased, Henny (Porter) Baisden, Kennith (Donnetta Vance-deceased) Baisden, Eliza (Gid) Vance, Joann (Terry) Glidewell, Elma Lou (Henry) Czyzewski, Edna Mae (Gearld Wesley-deceased) Biggestaff, and Adella Gail (John "Toby" Wesley-deceased), Harry Glen Runyon; twenty grandchildren, April, Babs, Curtiss, Regina, Joe Alex (deceased), Teresa Lynn (deceased) Bruce, Dwayne, Jeff, Paula, Doug, Melissa, Becky, Donna, Mickey, Jerry, Kenny, Jason, Teresa Louise and Glen; thirty-four great-grandchildren, Nicole, Michelle, Chris, Allie, Timmy, Anthony, Patrick, Deanna, Krystal, Max, Kara, Jason, Aaron, Michael, Ashley, Melissa, Tyler, Reagan, Kennedy, Zaylee, Fancie, Shane, Kay, Lakin, Grayson, David, Katilynn, Krysten, Mattie, Hunter, Damion, Gracelynn, Ryan and Brooke, and fifteen great great-grandchildren, Gracie, Joey, Katie, Scarlet, Olivia, Riley, Jax, Nevaeh, Addie, Winter, Eli, Macy, Bryer, Liam and Sophie. Along with the people who were special to her, Henry Earl Parsley, Emmett Williamson and Tommy Lucas.

Funeral Services were held at the Mt. Hope Baptist Church in Dingess, West Virginia on Friday, March 1, 2019, with Bill Snodgrass, Keith Brumfield and James Ed Baisden. She was laid to rest at the May Cemetery with pallbearers being her grandsons, great-grandsons and family. Often time when at church she would say, "I can't thank him enough for what he did for me."

Written by her loving family

JAMES EDMAN FARLEY

With a broken heart, we will try to write the obituary of another one of our brothers that died within six months of each other, James Edman Farley. James went to his heavenly home on Friday, October 5, 2018 at Sanctuary Pointe, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was born at Hardy, Kentucky on October 11, 1941 to the late Lawrence and Nolie Hunt Farley.

He retired as an electrician at Ellis & Watts, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was baptized and became a member of the Hilltop Baptist, Fairfield, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Carol Lowry Farley, three brothers, Harold, Donnie and Darrell Farley, and one sister, Ebba Helen Farley. James is survived by two brothers, Charles (Marianne) Farley and Jerry (Carol) Farley and eight



sisters, Barbara (Roscoe-deceased 3-28-18) Williamson, Ollie (Johnny) Scott, Daisy (Vernal) Sesco, Connie (Bill) Huddle, Amanda Cleo Farley, Patsy (Gary) Dotson, Patty (Lewis) Luster and Judy (Clayton) Stanley. He is also survived by a special niece, Carman Savage.

We the family of the late Lawrence and Nolie Hunt Farley, would like to thank you our brother, Charles Farley and sister, Ollie Scott for all the special care and love given to our brother over the last eight years. Your love and affection for him is greatly appreciated. Our Father and Mother would be so proud of the way we take care of our siblings.

James' funeral was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 11 a.m., at Newcomer Funeral Home in Cincinnati, Ohio with Pastor Barry Wilson officiating. James was cremated and his remains were brought back to Kentucky to be buried next to his brother, Donnie Farley at the family cemetery.

We love our dear brother, James Edmon Farley, rest in peach till we meet again.

Written by his loving family

ORTHA MAE LOWE

Ortha Mae Lowe, age 85, of Belfry, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday September 8, 2019 at the Pikeville Medical Center. Ortha was born on March 31, 1934 in Marie, Kentucky, the daughter of the late John Langley and Gracie Robinson Lowe. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Glen Lowe, Emzie Lowe and two infant brothers; her brother-in-law, Robert Elkins and her sister-in-law, Mary Lowe.

Survivors include the children she raised and considered her own, Mitchell (Patti) Case of Sidney, Kentucky and Sherri (Joey) Case Thacker of Sidney, Kentucky; their children, whom she considered her grandchildren, Kasey Justice, Cody Thacker and Cory Thacker all of Sidney, Kentucky, Mitchell Case of Pikeville, KY, Kristin Blankenship of Sidney, Kentucky and



Jamie Case of Sidney, KY; her siblings, Georgia Ann Elkins of Belfry, Kentucky, Gordy (Angeline) Lowe of Pikeville, Kentucky and Bethel Lowe of Belfry, Kentucky. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 11 a.m. at R.E Rogers Funeral Home chapel with Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton and Dale Williamson officiating. Burial followed at the Lowe Family Cemetery at Big Branch, KY, where Joey Thacker, Cody Thacker, Cory Thacker, Mitchell Case, Donnie Elkins, Mitchell Lowe and Brian Lowe served as pallbearers. Bobby Elkins, Mike Horn, Jeff Coleman and Robert Coleman served as Honorary pallbearers.

CHESTER HUNLEY MCCOY

Chester Hunley McCoy, also known to everyone that knew him as Pudd-Eye, age 71, of Inez, Kentucky, passed away on July 24, 2019 at the Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, Kentucky. He was born on April 2, 1948 in Martin County, Kentucky, to the late Harp and Dorothy Mae (Jude) McCoy. Pudd-Eye worked as a strip miner and logger most of his life until becoming disabled. He then worked odd jobs mowing grass to pass the time. In 2016, he became a resident of the Martin County Healthcare Facility, after having a very bad stroke that paralyzed his right side, leaving him unable to care for himself. While at the Healthcare Facility he gave his life to the Lord and was baptized by Elder Mitchell Horn. He loved the Lord and enjoyed praying and listening about His word. Pudd-Eye leaves behind one very special cousin whom he thought of as a sister, Pearlie Robinson and her husband, Larry. He also leaves behind many friends and family. Although he will be sadly missed by all that knew and loved him, we know in our hearts that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Pearlie Robinson

DAVID ROBINSON

It is with a humble and pure heart I will try to write the obituary of my Brother in Christ, David Robinson. David Eugene Robinson, age 45, of Beauty, Kentucky, departed this life on Thursday, November 29, 2018 in Lovely, Kentucky. David was born in Martin County, Kentucky on October 28, 1973 to Gary Robinson of Louisa, Kentucky and the late Eunice Blackburn Robinson. David was proceeded in death by his Mother Eunice (Blackburn) Robinson and his grandparents, Jobe and Trixie Blackburn and Ira Robinson, all of Martin County, Kentucky.

David is survived by his daughter, Kaylee Elizabeth Robinson of Frankfort, Kentucky, his father, Gary and stepmother, Brenda Robinson of Louisa, Kentucky; his wife, Anna



Marie (Jackson) Robinson of Martin County, Kentucky; two sisters, Donna Sue (Robinson) Cornette of Brushy Creek, Kentucky and Barbara Lynn (Robinson) Davis of Kermit, West Virginia. David leaves behind two nieces, Hanna Grace Davis and Brittany (Cornette) Howell, four nephews, Kobe, Michael and Kyle Davis and Brent Cornette, along with a great niece and nephew, Jaxon Levi Howell

and Makala Rae Howell.

Funeral services were held at the Stoney Hill Freewill Baptist Church in Stonecoal, West Virginia on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., with James Maynard and Leonard Sesco officiating. David's final resting place is at the Jobe Blackburn Cemetery, Pigeon Roost, Kentucky.

David traveled many miles to church services where he was asked to preach and was known for this beautiful voice and often was asked to sing. Brother David often sang "Gone Away with a Friend", and we know that our loss is Heaven's gain, and now Brother David is only gone away with a friend.

Written by a Sister in Christ

HURSELL STEVENS

With a broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband of fifty-seven years, Hursell Stevens, who passed away at the Pikeville Medical Center on July 4, 2019, at the age of 78, just a few days short of his seventy-ninth birthday.

Hursell was born July 27, 1940, to the late Arthur and Virginia Gibson Stevens at Owsley, Kentucky. He was one of sixteen children. He was also preceded in death by the following siblings, Juanita Baker, Lillian Young, Ossie Johnson, Lillian Marie Stevens and Annie Sue Stevens, and his brothers, Howard Stevens, Douglas Stevens, Melvin Stevens, Edgil Stevens, Ballard Stevens, Milford Stevens and Arnold Junior Stevens.



Hursell married Mary Lois Muncy on May 31, 1962 in Clintwood, Virginia. To this union was born two daughters, Brenda Kay (Kenny) Hatfield and Tammy Shae Casey. He had two granddaughters, Brittany Nicole Hatfield (Landon Leedy) and Jacklyn Dawn (Kristopher) Steinman; and one very special great grandchild, Madison Ann Steinman. Hursell is also survived by one brother, Eldon Stevens and his wife Debbie of Pikeville, Kentucky; and two sisters, Violet Mullins and her husband Kenny of Belcher, Kentucky and Mary Kent of Pikeville, Kentucky. He has two surviving sister-in-laws, Sherri Stevens of Pikeville, Kentucky and Helen Stevens of Columbus, Ohio and one brother-in-law, Sam Baker of Minford, Ohio.

Hursell was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon. He loved his church and his church family with all his heart and never missed an opportunity to worship with them if he was able. Hursell "Beaver", as his friends called him, was a member of the Stone Lodge #890 for over fifty years. He has been a member of the Shriners for many years and participated in various fundraising activities for the Shriner's Hospital. He was a tire salesman by trade. This was his chosen career for many years. One of his favorite past times was sitting on the front porch, reading the paper and watching his hummingbirds.

Although Hursell was a man of few words, he spoke volumes if you would just listen. He always knew what was going on around him even if he wasn't commenting on the conversation. He loved watching sports as he got older, but as a young man, Hursell was a very active individual. He loved to hunt and fish. He was a member of the local softball team at one time and played basketball in high school. He did these activities with his friends, especially his best friend Blake.

Farewell my love, I will see you soon. Rest easy now, there is no more pain. I know you are smiling, seeing your mommy, brothers and sisters. I can just see her now, opening her arms and saying, "Welcome home baby, Mommy's been waiting."

Written by his Loving Wife, Mary Lois Stevens and Family

WINDLE WILKIE WALTERS

Windle Wilkie Walters, age 78, of Hatfield, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, April 13, 2019, at UK Medical Center. Windle was born August 7, 1940, at Haise, Kentucky, to the late George Washington Walters and Gladys Ward Walters. Windle is also preceded in death by his brothers, Zack, Brad, Bill and J. S. Walters, sisters, Betty Lou Caines, Ettie Sue Tunnicliff, Nancy Lowe and Barbara Hall. Windle was a retired coal miner and a member of the UMWA.

Windle is survived by his wife Annetta Jean Walters, his children, Windle Wilkie Walters of Hatfield, Kentucky, and Lori Gail Walters of Hatfield, Kentucky. One brother, George Clinton Walters of Pikeville, Kentucky, one grandchild, Ashley Brooke Walters and a host of loving family and friends.



Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday April 16, 2019, at the R. E. Rogers Home, Belfry, Kentucky, with John George Blackburn, Ronald Robinette and Andrew Walters officiating. Burial followed at Smith Cemetery, Rockhouse, Kentucky, with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS SSOCIATION

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 Savior 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 Savior, 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 2019

MT. PLEASANT: Lacy Walters, Daniel Stanley, Bruce Williamson

APPLE ORCHARD: Freddie Maynard, Johnny Thacker, Charles Lowe

BENT BRANCH: Dean Lowe, Harold Collins, Rick Newsome

BIG BRANCH: Don Preece, Terry Blackburn, Brad Tibbs

MARY ELIZABETH: David Staten, Eddie Walters, Clifford Harrison

BETHANY: Arthur May, David May, Monty Messer

PILGRIMS HOME: Stony Blackburn, Ervin Thacker, Jimmy Newsome

SALEM: Ferrell Sesco, Ernest Sesco, Alonzo White

SIDNEY: Thurman Jude, Eugene Moore, Ronnie Lowe

DIX FORK: Ron Gannon, Charles Edwards, Wayne Blackburn

NARROWS BRANCH: Ivan Thornsbury, Bobby Scott, Jr., Danny Stanley

LEANNAH: Larry Robinson, Clarence Robinson, Hayes Robinson

BUCK CREEK: Vadis Blackburn, Todd Dials, Marion Duncan

TABITHA: Rex Napier, Alex Hensley

LITTLE ROSIE: Vernal Sesco, Harvey White, Danny Allen

TURKEY CREEK: Ferrell Thomas, Danny Reed, Ron Hamilton

SAMARIA: Randall Lackey, Chester Lackey, Bernard Aldridge

ROSA: Freddie Cline, Charles Paynter, Franklin Cline

LITTLE VIRGIE: Alvin Thornbury, Paul Maynard, Dwight Maynard

PILGRIMS REST: Andrew Walters, Duane Smith, Eric Williamson

ELIZABETH: Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe

LITTLE TAVIE: Chester Cochran, Jim Cochran, Urias Hall, Jr.

ANTIOCH: Arthur Mathis, Arthur Mathis Jr.

BRIDE OF CHRIST: Sam Frye, Leonard Napier, Archie Prince

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Name and Telephone	Church Membership	Address
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Cable, Albert (681)735-3222	Bethany	24 Toms Branch, Lenore, WV 25676
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Cline, Freddy (304)664-9293	Rosa	204 Pickering Fork, Baisden, WV 25608
Cochran, Chester (304)675-5162	Little Tavie	151 Chapel Drive, Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550
Cochran, Lester (304)675-3324	Little Tavie	Rt. 1, Box 8669 Sand Hill Rd., Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550
Crigger, David (352)732-2017	Dix Fork	P.O. Box 402, Anthony, FL 32617
Dials, Thomas J. (606)395-6572	Buck Creek	59 Jacobs Lane, Warfield, KY 41267
Dials, Todd J. (606)298-0960	Buck Creek	168 Creekwood Estates, Inez, KY 41224
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Frye, Sam (304)429-2181	Bride of Christ	668 Lewis Subdivision Rd, Huntington, WV 25704
Gannon, Ron (606)237-7531	Dix Fork	2632 Forrest Hills Rd., Forrest Hills, KY 41527
Hall, Urias, Jr. (740)710-9080	Little Tavie	216 Florence Avenue, Jackson, OH 45640
Hamilton, Hobart (304)475-4225	Turkey Creek	270 Riffe Branch Road, Delbarton, WV 25670
Hensley, James (304)393-9219	Tabitha	P. O. Box 16, Naugatuck, WV 25685
Hensley, John Henry (304)475-5122	Tabitha	Route 2, Box 84C, Delbarton, WV 25670
Howard, Willie (606)353-1253	Sidney	P. O. Box 142, Canada, KY 41519
Jude, Dewey (606)395-5402	Elizabeth	610 Frog Pond Road, Inez, KY 41224
Jude, Kenneth B. (606)673-3003	Sidney	701 Norris Fork Road, Louisa, KY 41230
Lackey, Randall Lee (304)542-2283	Samaria	246 Hickory Lane, Williamson, WV 25661
Lowe, Gabe D., Jr. (606)395-6355	Elizabeth	8773 Meathouse Road, Pilgrim, KY 41250
Lowe, Michael D. (606)253-1992	Bent Branch	169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501
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May, Arthur (304)393-4118	Bethany	115 May Road, Breeden, WV 25666
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Maynard, Paul (606)631-5835	Apple Orchard	12941 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
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Muncy, Homer Jr. (606)395-5686	Leannah	HC 67, Box 620, Pilgrim, KY 41250
Napier, Leonard (304)486-5119	Little Tavie	431 Rocklick Branch Rd., Prichard, WV 25555
Napier, Rex (304)595-5438	Tabitha	1417 1st Avenue, Box 462, East Bank, WV 25067
Perry, Clyde (606)298-4481	Elizabeth	P. O. Box 1767, Inez, KY 41224
Robinson, Billy J. (859)321-6919	Leannah	705 Oil Springs Rd, Winchester, KY 40391
Robinson, Leon (606)631-9825	Little Virgie	356 Stanley Fork, Varney, KY 41571
Robinson, Timothy (304)235-3425	Little Rosie	92 View Avenue, Williamson, WV 25661
Runyon, Danny (606)631-7630	Pilgrims Home	Brushy Rd., Varney, KY 41571
Runyon, Jerry (740)992-2687	Little Tavie	38143 State Rt. 143, Pomeroy, OH 45769
Sesco, Elbert (606)353-7794	Pilgrims Home	20 Fonso Stanley Road, Canada, KY 41519
Sesco, Harold (606)353-0161	Pilgrims Home	Box 130, Sidney, KY 41564
Smith, Duane (606)631-3423	Pilgrims Home	80 John Young Branch, Varney, KY 41571
Smith, Edward L. (606)834-9958	Dix Fork	2911 Camellia Drive, Flatwoods, KY 41139
Stanley, Greg (606)437-7978	Bent Branch	4233 Millers Creek, Pikeville, KY 41501
Staton, Richard (606)237-1217	Pilgrims Home	3668 Long Branch Road, Belfry, KY 41514
Thornsbury, Ivan Neal (304)475-0649	Dix Fork	399 Academy Drive, Delbarton, WV 25670
Walters, Andrew (606)631-9717	Pilgrims Home	4981 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
Walters, Lacy (606)353-7468	Mt. Pleasant	3600 Dix Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564
Williamson, Bruce (606)637-9184	Dix Fork	37 Marie Street, Kimper, KY 41539
Williamson, Dale (606)631-9738	Pilgrims Home	5213 Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501
Williamson, Eric (606)631-9926	Pilgrims Home	1079 Callahan Branch, Kimper, KY 41239
Young, Gary (606)631-3959	Pilgrims Home	1344 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571

LIBERATED BRETHREN

None

SARDIS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder Thomas J. Dials (606)395-6572	Moderator	59 Jacobs Lane, Warfield, KY 41267
Elder Richard Staton (606)237-1217	Assistant Moderator	3668 Long Branch Rd., Belfry, KY 41514
Elder Michael D. Lowe (606)253-1992	Clerk	169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501
Brother Alvin Thornbury (276)628-8670	Assistant Clerk	26335 Pewter Lane, Abingdon, VA 24211
Elder Todd J. Dials (606)298-0360	Assistant Clerk	168 Creekwood Estates, Inez, KY 41224

TRUSTEES OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

Elder Arthur May
Brother John Henry Elkins
Brother Archie Prince
Elder Paul Maynard
Elder Ivan Neil Thornsbury

CHURCHES and CLERKS

CHURCH	ADDRESS	PHONE	CLERK and ADDRESS
MT. PLEASANT	17321 East Big Creek Road, Sidney, KY 41564	(606)353-9507	Daniel Stanley, 78 Brown Branch Road, Sidney, KY 41564
APPLE ORCHARD	10770 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501	(606)631-9314	Johnny L. Thacker, 356 Billy Lowe Branch, Pikeville, KY 41501
BENT BRANCH	87 East Helena Ave., Pikeville, KY 41 501	(606)253-1992	Michael Lowe, 169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501
BIG BRANCH	16784 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501	(606)424-1984	Chuck Lowe, 13987 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
MARY ELIZABETH	Hatfield, KY 41514	(606)353-9320	Eddie D. Walters, 56 Davidson Hill, Belfry, KY 41514
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SALEM	30 Goody Road, Goody, KY 41514	(606)237-4723	Ernest Sesco, 289 Sukey Fork Road, Belfry, KY 41514
SIDNEY	288 North Wolf Creek Rd, Pilgrim, KY 41250	(606)298-0960	Todd J. Dials,168 Creekwood Estate, Inez, KY 41224
DIX FORK	2484 Dix Fork Road, Sidney, KY 41564	(606)353-9507	Daniel Stanley, 78 Brown Br. Rd., Sidney, KY 41564
NARROWS BRANCH	1699 Narrows Branch Road, Hardy, KY 41531	(606)353-9747	Bobby Scott, Jr., 148 Josh Hollow Rd, Hardy, KY 41531
LEANNAH	9016 Meathouse Road, Pilgrim, KY 41250	(606)631-4893	Hayes Robinson, 15835 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
BUCK CREEK	12 Big Elk Road, Beauty, KY 41203	(606)298-0960	Todd J. Dials,168 Creekwood Estate, Inez, KY 41224
ТАВІТНА	218 Wonderland Road, Verdunville, WV 25689	(937)764-0429	Avery Hensley, 1720 Zion Lane, Hillsboro, OH 45133
LITTLE ROSIE	2791 Buffalo Creek Rd., Williamson, WV 25661	(304)235-0041	Harvey White, 1275 Dan's Branch Road, Williamson, WV 25661
TURKEY CREEK	1348 Turkey Creek Rd, Turkey Creek, KY 41514	(734)482-3148	Ron Hamilton, 7332 McKean Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
SAMARIA	3646 Dingess Road, Dingess, WV 25671	(606)534-7487	Larry May, 481 Little Laurel Creek, Louisa, KY 41230
ROSA	Baisden Fork, Baisden, WV 25608	(304)664-9333	Charles Paynter, 1055 Gilbert Creek Road, Baisden, WV 25608
LITTLE VIRGIE	50 Long Fork Road, Kimper, KY 41539	(276)628-8670	Alvin Thornbury, 26335 Pewter Lane, Abingdon, VA 24211
PILGRIMS REST	5051 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571	(606)631-9085	Clifton Robinette, 2955 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
ELIZABETH	8068 South Highway 3, Louisa, KY 41230	(606)631-3734	Randall L. Lowe, 13739 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
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STATISTICAL TABLE

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CHURCH	STARTING TIME	MODERATOR	ASSISTANT MODERATOR	MINUTES REQUESTED	CONTRIBUTIONS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEETING TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
Mt. Pleasant	11:00/11:00	Lacy Walters	Ron Gannon	75	150		2						6	2	July
Apple Orchard	*11:00 or 6:00/11:00	Gary Young	Duane Smith	75	200					2			15	1	June
Bent Branch	10:00/10:00	Dale Williamson	Duane Smith	125	350	3					1		27	3	August
Big Branch	11:00/11:00	Richard Staton	Danny Runyon	100	225	1					1		25	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	11:00/11:00	Ron Gannon	Lacy Walters	75	200						1		20	3	July
Bethany	11:00/11:00	Arthur May	Albert Cable	50	100						1		29	4	August
Pilgrims Home	10:00/10:00	Danny Runyon	Duane Smith	200	400	2	2				4		79	4	August
Salem	11:00/11:00	Elbert Sesco	Eric Williamson	75	100						1		47	1	May
Sidney	2:00/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Todd Dials	60	200						2		19	4	June
Dix Fork	11:00/11:00	Edward L. Smith	Charles Edwards	125	250	2				2	1		24	1	July
Narrows Branch	11:00/11:00	Ivan N. Thornsbury	Larry Thacker	75	150								10	4	July
Leannah	10:30/10:30	Billy J. Robinson	Paul Maynard	75	150					2	1		26	2	July
Buck Creek	10:30/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Albert Cable	75	160							1	11	3	June
Tabitha	2:30/10:30	Rex Napier	Albert Cable	50	100								14	1	August
Little Rosie	11:00/11:00	Elbert Sesco	Tim Robinson	40	80								8	2	April
Turkey Creek	11:00/11:00	Hobart Hamilton	Richard Staton	120	250	2					2		41	2	May
Samaria	11:00/11:00	Randall Lackey	Tim Robinson	30	100						1		21	1	July
Rosa	10:30/10:30	Hobart Hamilton	Gary Young	75	300							3	16	3	August
Little Virgie	11:00/11:00	Richard Staton	Paul Maynard	75	150								8	4	June
Pilgrims Rest	10:30/10:30	Gary Young	Duane Smith	40	150	1				1	1		14	2	June
Elizabeth	10:30/10:30	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	Clyde Perry	50	100								7	1	June
Little Tavie	10:30/10:30	Chester Cochran	Lester Cochran	60	275	1						1	14	2	July
Antioch	7:00/10:30	Leonard Napier	Clarence Mathis	75	150						1		9	4	August
Bride of Christ	7:00/11:00	Sam Frye	Leonard Napier	30	80						1		2	3	July
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^{*} Apple Orchard business meeting time April - November is 6 p.m. except communion on June 1/meeting time December - March is 11 a.m.

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