

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In Session with Little Virgie Church
Kimper, Kentucky

September 10, 11, and 12, 1971

Elder Edwin May—Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald—Assistant Moderator
Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.—Clerk
Bro. James M. Ray—Assistant Clerk

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FRIDAY

September 10, 1971

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, The Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Little Virgie Church, Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1971. Many of the Brethren and Sisters were pleased to find the very large and very nice tent set up on the grounds next to the Church. Even though we were blessed with perfect weather for our Association, the tent made Stand preaching much more enjoyable because of the comfortable seats and the shade it provided.

The sweet spiritual singing in that old fashioned way called the many Brethren, Sisters and friends together at the Stand where arrangements had been made for the preaching. Once again we were blessed with a very large and beautiful crowd for the first day and several believe this to be the largest we ever had. Noticeably absent was our beloved Moderator, Elder Edwin May, who could not be with us until later in the day because he was preaching in the funeral of a loved Brother and long time friend, Brother Willie SESCO. Brother Willie was the Father of Elder Lloyd SESCO, Moderator of Little Virgie Church.

Our beloved Assistant Moderator, Elder Wayne Herald, came to the Stand and very ably reminded us of the reason for our coming together and pleaded for the will of God to be done in all things.

Elder Steve Robinson, Jr. opened the services about the hour of 9:30 a.m. with a few well spoken words in the Spirit desiring peace and giving thanks to God for our many blessings. Brother Steve then led in prayer.

Elder Ross Cline preached the Introductory Sermon from his Text: "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before

us." Brother Ross was blessed to cover his subject very well and with prayerful diligence linked up his Text with other scriptures.

The Sardis Association Delegates and a large delegation from our Sister Associations then assembled at the Church where arrangements had been made for the work of our Sardis Association. As is our practice, the many other Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the Stand where some wonderful preaching was heard.

Elder Banner Mann, New Salem Association, introduced the services at the House and led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) The Moderator of the Sardis Association, Elder Wayne Herald, called for the Letters from the several Churches of the Sardis Association to be handed in to the Clerk. The Letter from the Little Virgie Church was read by the Clerk and, upon motion by Elder Charlie Johnson and second by Elder Faye Scott, all Letters were received, the Delegates seated and Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(Note: See Item 4 of Saturday's work for appointment of Committee on Finance at the same time the Church Letters are called for.)

(2) The Sardis Association completed its organization by electing the following Officers to serve for the coming year:

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

(3) By motion and second it was ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during the setting of the Association.

(4) Committee appointed to see that the Stand be supplied with Ministers and that peace be preserved around the Stand as follows:

Elder Alson Thornbury
Brother John Scott
Elder Chester Belcher

(5) On motion by Elder Harvey Lowe and second by Elder S. D. Hensley the Sardis Association Rules of Decorum and Constitution were read by the Clerk.

(6) Called for newly organized Churches or other Churches of our same faith and order desiring to take up fellowship with Sardis Association. None responded.

(7) Called for the Letters from our corresponding Sister Associations and received the following:

UNION: Represented by the following Delegates: Lonnie Mounts, Fred Rowe, Early Clevinger, John M. Justice, Fred Rice, John Addington, L. H. Stiltner, N. A. England, Delbert Sanders, John Layne, Fon Bolling, Frank Thacker, James Gannon, W. F. Hubbard, F. M. Stiltner, Jasper Belcher, John M. Mullins, Oliver Tackett, Bruce Mullins, Kit Gibson, Thurston Bowman, W. C. Elkins, Melvin Potter, Jimmy Dale Sanders and Woodrow Belcher.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following Delegates: W. B. Day, Ershel Huff, Lennie Boyd, Alvin Pitts, Harn Beverly, James Hensley, Carl Ray Tuttle, Jessie Jones, Albert Gibson, Clifford Williams, Freeel Tackett, Jink Ray, Hatler Kiser, Jim Case, J. M. Johnson, Worley Boyd, Mitchell Chaffins, James Tackett, Walter Akers, Banner Manns, Sam Eversole, Russell Hicks, Perry Tackett, Ambrose Jarrens, Charles D. Miller, Lonzo Allen, Edd Moore, Ross Hopkins and John C. Huff.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following Delegates: Joshua Hicks, Harrison Runyon, Paris Tackett, Chuck Keese, Roy B. Akers, Roy Hudson, Gene Robinette, Buddy Wayne Carry, Raymond Gilmann, Jessie Boyant, Tom Blackburn and John B. Hale.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following Delegates: Clifford Colley, Elias Cotton, George Woods, Rush Stanley, Walter Morrison, Ira Stepp and Ada Scaggs.

FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following Delegates: Claude Conn, George Endicutt, Hassel Estep, James Layne, Robert Mullins, Harvey Mullins and Morgan Belcher.

INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following Delegates: Kerby Ison, McKinley McKentash, Olus Baldrige, Nelson Seals and Clark Hays.

(8) The foregoing Letters were read and by regular move and second were received and the Delegates seated with us in Council, being given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator.

(9) The Moderator called for transient Ministers and members of our faith and order and received the following:

Elder Willie White
Brother James M. Ray
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
Brother Lindsey Vance

(10) By motion and second it was ordered that we correspond with the following Sister Associations: *UNION, NEW SALEM, NORTHERN*

NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA, FRIENDSHIP and INDIAN BOTTOM.

(11) A Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren as follows:

Elder Alson Thornbury
 Brother John Scott
 Elder Chester Belcher

(12) A Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one Delegate from each Church and the entire Little Virgie Church delegation. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT	ASSOCIATION
Tommy Adair	Sardis
Charles Keese	Northern New Salem
Grover Adkins	New Salem

SATURDAY	ASSOCIATION
Mitchell Chaffins	New Salem
John C. Layne	Union
Morgan Belcher	Friendship
Bruce Mullins	Union
Kirby Ison	Indian Bottom

(13) A Committee on Arrangements was appointed consisting of one Delegate from each Church of the Sardis Association, Moderators, Clerks, and the entire Delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations to arrange the business for Saturday's session.

(14) On motion by Elder H. Jimmy Deeley and second by Brother James Scott the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY

September 11, 1971

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing many old time songs of Zion, Elder Fon Bolling of the Union Association opened the session with preaching. We were led in prayer by Elder Paris Tackett of the Northern New Salem Association. Business then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Called the roll of Delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and on regular move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.
- (3) Appointed a Committee on Finance as follows:

Elder Tommy Adair
 Elder Ellis Davis
 Brother Uley Perry

This Committee reported \$760.00 received from the several Churches and after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(4) By motion and second it is ordered that the Committee on Finance be appointed on Friday so as to receive the money contributed to the Association by the Churches at the same time the Letters are turned in to the Clerk.

(5) Appointed the same Committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday. They reported as follows:

SATURDAY NIGHT	ASSOCIATION
James Gannon	Union
George Woods	Philadelphia
Buddy Carty	Northern New Salem
Hassel Estep	Friendship

SUNDAY	ASSOCIATION
James Tackett	New Salem
Roy B. Akers	Northern New Salem
Edwin May	Sardis
Wayne Herald	Sardis

(6) Called for the Treasurer to report and, upon regular move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand September 13, 1970	\$1,320.78
Less paid out for 1970:	
Printing 4000 Minutes for 1970	\$987.04
Envelopes for mailing Minutes	20.75
Stamps for mailing Minutes	40.00
Travel Expense for Minutes	30.00
Mailing, supplies and Telephone Exp.	45.75
Total paid out for 1970	\$1,123.54
Balance on hand September 10, 1971	\$ 197.24
Add 1971 receipts:	
Donations from Churches	\$760.00
Received for pictures	150.00
Other donations: Elder Edwin May	40.00
Elder Lewis Marcum	5.00
Total receipts for 1971	\$ 955.00
Balance on hand September 12, 1971	\$1,152.24

(7) By motion and second it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1971 and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

(8) By motion and second it was ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes; that he have 4500 copies printed; and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his services.

The Clerk is to determine the number of our Minutes to be sent with our Letter to corresponding Sister Associations and is to mail a copy of our Minutes to every Ordained Minister in our corresponding Sister Associations.

(9) The Circular Letter written by Elder Willie White was read by Elder Isom Hannah because of Brother Willie's illness. By motion and second the Circular Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(10) On motion by Brother Dave Baisden and second by Elder S. D. Hensley it was ordered that Elder Steve Robinson, Jr. prepare the Circular Letter for presentation at our next (1972) Association.

(11) Letters to our Corresponding Sister Associations were read by the Clerk and Delegates appointed to attend as follows:

UNION: When convened with the Little Hope Church, Clintwood, Dickinson County, Va. on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1971. **ELDERS:** Clifford Maynard, Edwin May, Willie Varney, H. Jimmy Deeley, Steve Robinson, Jr., Willie Stiltner, S. D. Hensley, Robert L. Robinson, Alson Thornbury, Chester Belcher and Charlie Johnson. **BROTHERS:** Floyd Morris, Frankie White, Jim Scott, David Baisden, James M. Ray, Ralph W. E. Varney, Sr., K. H. Williamson and J. M. Francis. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the Long Fork Church, Hartley, Pike County, Ky. on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1971. **ELDERS:** Charlie Johnson, Clifford Maynard, S. D. Hensley, Willie Varney, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, J. L. Nichols, Ross Cline, H. Jimmy Deeley, Willis Lowe and Millis Roberts. **BROTHERS:** Jim Scott, Ralph Smith, Frankie White, Cashier Blackburn, Ralph W. E. Varney, Sr., Delbert Kazee, Larry Edwin May, David Baisden, Floyd Morris, Joe Warrick, Uley Perry and Leroy Reed. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Ohio on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1972. **ELDERS:** Willie Varney, Clifford Maynard, Charlie Johnson, S. D. Hensley, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Jeff May. **BROTHERS:** Cashier Blackburn, Russell Thacker,

David Baisden, Delbert Kazee, Larry Edwin May and Jim Scott. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Mt. Olivet Church, Warnock, Route 2, Greenup County, Ky. on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1972. **ELDERS:** Willie White, Ellis Davis, H. Jimmy Deeley, J. L. Nichols, Tommy Adair, Lewis Marcum, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Clyde Brown and Berlin Thornbury. **BROTHERS:** Donny Lowe, Delbert Kazee, Chalmer Marcum, Frankie White and Floyd Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Willie White.

FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Panther Creek Church, Panther Creek, McDowell County, W. Va. on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1972. **ELDERS:** Charlie Johnson, Steve Robinson, Jr., Charley Evans, S. D. Hensley, Robert L. Robinson, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Willis Lowe and Berlin Thornbury. **BROTHERS:** Cashier Blackburn, Bill Williams, Kelly Stanley, Dewey Cline, Frankie White, Louie Muncy, Floyd Williamson, Delbert Kazee and Russell Thacker. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbury.

INDIAN BOTTON: When convened with the New Bethlehem Church, Taloum, Knott County, Ky. on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1972. **ELDERS:** Clifford Maynard, Lloyd SESCO, Charley Evans, Chester Belcher, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsbury, Edwin May and Wayne Herald. **BROTHERS:** Rass Smith, Delbert Kazee, Joe Warrick, Troy Walters, Jim Scott and Dewey Cline. Letter in the hands of Elder Lloyd SESCO.

(12) A Request from the Salem Church to appoint a Committee to meet with like Committees of the Union Association and New Salem Association to negotiate for a one-third (1/3) interest and ownership in the tent now owned jointly by them was granted on motion by Elder Charlie Johnson and second by Brother Bill Williams. A Request is to be sent to these two Sister Associations asking them to ask their Tent Committees to meet with our Tent Committee appointed as follows:

Elder Edwin May
Elder Charlie Johnson
Elder Clifford Maynard
Brother Joe Warrick
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

This Committee is empowered to negotiate the terms, conditions and price required to purchase a one-third interest and ownership in the tent. The Clerk is to notify all Sardis Association Churches of the price agreed upon.

(13) A Request from the Rosa Church concerning various practices of the Friendship Association was withdrawn by all three Rosa Church Delegates after discussion and the reading of a Committee Report on work already done by the Friendship Association in August 1971. This Report was presented by Brother Uley Perry and reads as follows:

Report from Friendship Association Committee

The Friendship Association met on Friday, August 27, 1971. A Request was presented from the New Salem Association and certain Churches within the Friendship Association concerning notebook singing, short hair and mixing with other denominations now believed to be practiced by some Churches within the Friendship Association.

Saturday, August 28, 1971 the Association held a business session and selected a Committee to meet and discuss these issues. The Committee was composed of members from the Friendship Association, New Salem Association, Union Association, Sardis Association and Thornton Union Association. Members to this Committee included: Elders John Lane, Edwin May, Raymond Collins, Ivory Sowards, Barner Mann, Delbert Justice, Sidney Collins, Hassel Estep, Cecil Belcher, Harold Burks and George Erhart. Brother Lee Blankenship also served on this Committee. John Lane was selected to serve as Moderator and Sidney Collins was chosen to serve as Clerk.

After Brother Edwin May suggested that the Committee come together with praying hearts so that the issues might be resolved in such a manner as to cause an upbuilding of Zion, the Committee proceeded to discuss the issues involved in this meeting.

Concerning notebook singing, the Committee agreed to return to the Association the following scriptures: Ephesians 5:13: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"; and Colossians 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing "with grace" in your hearts to the Lord."

Following this discussion the Committee moved on to the issue involving mixing with other sects and orders. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Association that they advise any Church that has members mixing with other faiths in funerals to divide their services and to take no part in a regular service with other faiths.

The last item discussed in Committee was the issue involving short hair. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Association that all Ministers teach their Sisters to let their hair grow. Doing so in obedience to the commandment of God. The Committee felt that if all Churches would labor with their Sisters teaching them the will of

God concerning this matter they would see the results of their labor in one years time. May the Grace of God go with each of us.

Signed by order of the Committee,
John Lane, Moderator
Sidney Collins, Clerk

(14) By motion, second, objection by Elder Millis Roberts and vote of 46 for the motion and 6 against it, it is ordered that we reprint Items (17), (18) and (19) of our 1970 Minutes. These Items are reprinted as Item (15), (16) and (17) below.

(15) 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.

(16) By motion and second, it is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Association not to marry people into adultery, where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

(17) In answer to the question, "Shall we receive into our fellowship men or women having more than one wife or husband?" The Association by regular move and second said, "We advise the Churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companion for the cause of fornication, such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same."

(18) By motion and second it is ordered that request for Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings be published in our Minutes.

(19) By motion and second it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brothers and Sisters that are in good standing with the Church at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association.

(20) Brethren called in Union, Communion, Memorial Meetings and Associations last year made their reports which were received and their failures excused. Our Brethren did a good job of filling their appointments.

(21) A Request for the 1972 Sardis Association was received from Turkey Creek Church, Bent Branch Church and Pilgrim's Home Church. By motion and second it is ordered that our next Association meeting be held with the Turkey Creek Church beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1972. The Turkey Creek Church is located at Turkey Creek, Pike County, Ky. and is about 3 miles from Williamson, W. Va., just above the Appalachian Regional Hospital at South Williamson, Ky. on Kentucky Route 292.

(22) By motion and second it is ordered that the Sardis Association

request all of our Churches, who can and want to, to send help to the Church who will host our next Association, the Turkey Creek Church.

(23) A Committee was appointed to take the vote of the Delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon, and his alternate, at our 1972 Association as follows:

Elder Ed Moore, New Salem Association
Elder Fon Boiling, Union Association
Brother Rush Stanley, Philadelphia Association

This Committee reported the following and was discharged:

Elder Ison Hannah to preach the Introductory Sermon.
Elder Wayne Herald to be his alternate.

(24) By regular move and second it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tender our humble "thank you" to each and every member of the Little Virgie Church; to the many other Regular Baptist Brethren and Sisters in and near this community but whose membership is not at Little Virgie Church; to our many friends in and near this community; to the Pike County Sheriff, Charles Keese, and his Deputies; to the Funeral Homes and other Churches who provided chairs; and to the many other Brethren, Sisters and friends who labored so long and hard to feed, house and care for the exceptionally large crowds attending all three days of our Association. The Little Virgie Church is small in number but it is filled with love and these beloved members, with the blessings of God, accomplished miracles. While it is impossible to thank everyone who worked so hard, we can pray that God will richly reward each and everyone who had a part in making our Association a success.

(25) The Minutes were read and corrected by the Clerk and, on motion by Elder Ellis Davis and second by Brother Floyd Williamson, were ordered to be signed by the Officers of this Association.

(26) On motion by Elder Clifford Maynard and second by Brother Marshall Williamson, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the time and place mentioned above. The Sardis Association then adjourned by way of prayer.

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

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY September 12, 1971

Services were introduced by Elder James Tackett of the New Salem Association. His Text was St. John 3:16 which reads, "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."

We were ably led in prayer by Elder James Tackett.

Elder Roy B. Akers of the Northern New Salem Association filled the Stand to preach. His Text was taken from I Corinthians 10:12 which reads, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Elder Edwin May came to the Stand to preach and close. His subject was "I am not only willing to offer myself up, I am ready to die." At the end of Brother Ed's sermon Elder Wayne Herald published an open door and called for a song. Song was "Amazing Grace."

Dismissal was called by Elder Wayne Herald.

The Spirit seemed to overshadow the congregation when they began gathering and God continued to shower down His blessings throughout this day.

Humbly submitted,

James M. Ray

Brother James did a good job of recording today's services, since I could not get here until Brother Ed was well into his sermon. I can only add that on behalf of the Delegates and Officers of the Sardis Association, I want to thank God for giving us another loving and peaceful Association.

May God Bless the Sardis Association with a double portion of His love until we meet again.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the precious Brethren of the Sardis Association. To fulfill the request of the Association on being appointed to write this Circular Letter for your approval or disapproval, I have prayed God and I have done the best I could.

The subject which I have chosen to write from consists of three words found in the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians, the 13th Verse: "And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity." Now Brethren, I realize that these words cover the whole Bible and all the ordained authorities could write about them and then the half would not be told. Therefore, I will try to be brief as possible.

"Faith" denotes the truth of the Gospel of Christ and the Kingdom of God. In the 6th Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles the 7th Verse reads: "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of priests were obedient to the faith." This convinces me that they had forsaken the law of Moses and had chosen to worship God according to the truth of the Gospel, or as Paul says in Romans 3:27 "... by the law of faith." Boasting is not excluded by works but it is excluded by "Faith" in Christ, or as Jude 3rd Verse says "... the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Ephesians 4:5 says "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." I believe this is the one "Faith" that was to be preached in all nations teaching them to observe all things whatsoever he had commanded them, Matthew 28:20.

"Faith" is an act by which we lay hold of and receive the benefits of the Righteousness of God through Christ. I believe the above scriptures show that when they had forsaken the law of Moses this "Faith" moved them to speak and do the things which was by the law of "Faith", Romans 3:27. Old Baptist don't believe that we can work out our salvation but we do believe that they are necessary to prove that our acts and deeds are wrought of God, John 3:21, without which acts and deeds proves this to be a dead "Faith", James 2:17, or like the Scribes and Pharisees which say and do not, Matthew 23:3. I have dwelt so long on this word I'll not be able to say but very little about the other two because of length.

"Hope", Ephesians 2:12 and 13 shows that when we are strangers from this covenant of promise we are without God and have no "Hope" in the world. Christ says in Matthew 23:3 that those that say and do not are hypocrites. And Job 8:13 says that the hypocrites "Hope" shall perish but Second Peter 1:1 says to those who have obtained

like precious "faith" through the Righteousness of God have been given exceeding great and precious promises that by these we may be partners of the divine nature. Second Thessalonians 2:16 says that we have been given everlasting consolation and good "Hope" through Grace. First Timothy 1:1 shows us that Christ is our Hope and all that don't have "Faith" in Christ will perish. I can not dwell any longer on this because of the length of this Letter.

I will now come to the third word "Charity" and Paul says this is the greatest of the three. I'll just barely mention this word in order to close this Letter. This word also means "Love". First John 4:7 says "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God: and every one that loveth is born of God; for God is love." That is one of the reasons why this is the greatest of the three because "Faith" and "Hope" without this "Love" is unprofitable and vain. No one can have this "Love" or "Charity" that is not born of God. First John 4:7, everyone that "Loveth" is born of God and knoweth God. First John 3:17, says, if we love this world's goods and see the needs of our Brethren and deny them and give not those things that will help him that we cannot have this "Charity" or "Love" of God. John 13:34 and 35 says, we ought to "Love" one another as He has loved us, by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if we have "Love" one to another. Nothing can convince people without this "Love," for God is "Love", First John 4:8, and it is impossible to convince people without God, for John 15:15 says, without me ye can do nothing. Colossians 3:14 says, and above all these things put on charity which is the bond of perfectionness.

I hope what I have written meets your approval.

Your humble servant,
Elder Willie White

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME: Friday night before the first Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Willie Varney, Ellis Davis, Burgess Dials, David Baisden, Mont Ellis, John Lowe, S. D. Hensley, Earl Belcher, Julius Lester, Lassie Edwards and Moderator attending.

OKEECHOBEE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Isom Hannah and all other Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Dexter Church and Fon Bolling.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, Edward Runyon, Mont Ellis and Moderator attending.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Roy Hudson and Andrew Maynard.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, James Gannon and Steve Robinson, Jr.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jeff May, Wayne Herald, Tracy Hatfield and Steve Robinson, Jr.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, S. D. Hensley, Charley Evans and Edward Runyon.

PILGRIM'S REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion on Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornbury, and Moderators attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Edwin May, Roy B. Akers, Hiram Adkins, Isom Hannah, Tracy Hatfield, H. Jimmy Deeley and Paris Tackett.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald, Clifford Maynard and Berlin Thornsbury.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard and Moderators attending.

JULY

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: N. A. England, Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr., Tracy Hatfield and Thaniel Thacker.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Faye Scott, Willie Varney, Tracy Hatfield and Ross Cline.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Isom Hannah, Edwin May, Wayne Herald and Roosevelt Lowe.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Carl Ray Tuttle, Wayne Herald, Charles Keese and Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Faye Scott, Isom Hannah and Bill Justice.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Edwin May, Isom Hannah, Andrew Maynard and Moderator attending.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. This is our Union Meeting. Our Communion is in August. Ministers called: Hessel Estep, Carl Ray Tuttle, Isom Hannah and Fon Bolling.

NARROWS BRANCH: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Claude Conn, Tracy Hatfield, Willis Lowe, Charlie Johnson, James Gannon, H. Jimmy Deeley and Moderator attending.

AUGUST

TIBITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Tommy Ellis, Edward Runyon and Ison Hannah.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Ison Hannah, Wayne Herald, Ross Cline and Ellis Davis.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr, Mont Ellis and Roosevelt Lowe.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Charles Keese and John M. Justice.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Our Union Meeting is in July. Ministers called: Hassel Estep, Carl Ray Tuttle, Ison Hannah and Fon Bolling.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Eales Cotton, George Woods, H. Jimmy Deeley and Charley Evans.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Jeff May, George Woods, Ison Hannah, Charie Johnson and Berlin Thornsbury.

PILGRIM'S HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Dexter Church, Carl Ray Tuttle, James Gannon and Moderators attending.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

MEMORIAL MEETING of Sister Victoria Smith will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Harvey Chapman and Edwin May.

MAY

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased on the Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Edwin May, Wayne Herald and Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Rathif Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran and Chester Belcher.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Willie Stiltner and Alson Thornsbury.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: James Gannon, Jethro Hampton, Robert L. Robinson and David Baisden.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Charlie Johnson, James Gannon, Wayne Herald, Harvey Chapman, Claude Conn and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Brother Jobe Blackburn on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Steve Robinson, Jr, Ben Robinson, Ison Hannah, and Wayne Herald.

TIBITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of Tibitha Church, Gillman family and Meadows family on the last Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Charley Evans, Steve Robinson, Jr. and David Baisden.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on May 30th at 2:30 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

JUNE

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday for all members of Southern Home Church and friends. Ministers called: Earl Belcher, John Lowe, Millis Roberts, H. Jimmy Deeley, Julius Lester, Lasse Edwards, Hiram Young and Tommy Adair.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Sisters Esta M. Reed, Matidia M. Robinson and others on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr., Faye Scott and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Brother Okie Robinette on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Isom Hannah, Charley Evans, Willie Varney and Burbage Mullins.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Charlie Johnson and Ivan Amburgy.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Brother Ransom Chafins on the third Saturday night and Sunday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie White, Willard Blair, Ellis Davis and Willie Varney.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Brother James and Sister Betty Gillman and others on the third Saturday and Sunday at the Cemetery just above the Elk Fork Church. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Eales Cotton, Ross Cline, Faye Scott and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Floyd Blackburn Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Chester Belcher and Ernest Cochran.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held in the head of Sycamore Creek at the Lowe Cemetery for Johnie Nichols, his wife and others on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, J. L. Nichols, Roosevelt Lowe, Isom Hannah and Faye Scott.

JULY

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Willis Lowe, Mont Ellis and all Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Dinner will be served near by.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Chester Belcher, Alson Thornsbury and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Howard Cemetery on the Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Dexter Church, Tracy Hatfield and Edward Runyon.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Ky. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, H. C. Maynard, Willie Stanley, Wayne Herald, Claude Conn and James Gannon.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith's Cemetery at Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on Sunday following the third Saturday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Dexter Church and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING of J. M. Taylor and family, Flem Maynard and family will be held on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Faye Scott, Isom Hannah, and Bill Justice.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Newsome Cemetery near the home of Brother James White on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Ellis Davis, Edward Runyon, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Jeff May.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Milstone Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Isom Hannah and Willie Varney.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Dike Williamson will be held at the home of Brother Emzy Williamson on the fifth Sunday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, James M. Chapman and James Gannon.

AUGUST

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Dillon Cemetery near the Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Isom Hannah and Melvin Watts.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Chester Belcher and Faye Scott.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Sister Martha Crigger will be held on the Crigger Cemetery on the first Sunday at 4:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers welcome.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, James Gannon, Mont Ellis and Jethro Hampton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the first Saturday for all deceased members of the Apple Orchard Church. Ministers called: Edwin May, Alson Thornsbury and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Uncle George Lowe, Aunt Jane Lowe, Sam Staton and Joseph Staton will be held on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Robert L. Robinson, Roosevelt Lowe and Isom Hannah.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts and others on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called in Union Meeting will be used.

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased buried on the Lowe Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Steve Robinson, Jr., Roosevelt Lowe, Ernest Cochran, Isom Hannah and Moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Willie Varney.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: James M. Chapman, Lloyd SESCO, Taubly Kiser and Moderators attending.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all other deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Clinton Howard, James Gannon, Harold Edmonds and Ernest Cochran.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING of the McCoy family, Richard Maynard and his granddaughter will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Chester Belcher, H. C. Maynard and Ernest Cochran.

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Sister Rachell Stacy in the head of Little Rock Castle on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Nathan Jude, Lewis Marcum, Clinton Howard, Milford Lowe, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Ben Robinson.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the same time as the Union Meeting, the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Same as in the Union Meeting.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of the Sidney Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Milford Lowe, and Clinton Howard.

MEMORIAL MEETING of P.F.C. Edward McCoy and others will be held on the Henry Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran, Willis Lowe and Andrew Maynard.

SEPTEMBER

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Jeff May, Willie Varney and David Baisden.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Tom McCoy and all the deceased that are buried in the Buck Branch Cemetery, near the mouth of Wolf Creek, will be held the first Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Faye Scott, Willis Lowe, Robert L. Robinson, and Steve Robinson, Jr.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder W. H. Bowling, wife and family will be held at the Pilgrim's Rest Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Ellis Davis, Alson Thornsbury and Ireland Harrison.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, S. B. Fraley, James Gannon and Harold Edmonds.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Roscoe McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Edwin May.

OCTOBER

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday for all of the deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Grover Adkins and Charlie Johnson.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Willis Lowe, Wayne Herald and Harold Edmonds.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Mt. Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Lloyd SESCO, Carl Ray Tuttle and Ross Cline.

Obituaries

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Scott Cemetery in the head of Finley Fork on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Ernest Cochran, J. L. Nichols and Moderator attending.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Charley Evans and Faye Scott.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church House for their deceased members, and also for the deceased buried in the Maynard graveyard at Warfield, Ky., on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Harold Edmonds, Wayne Herald, Mitchell Chaffins, Luther Conn and Hershell Huff.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Mitchell Chaffins, Banner Manns and Moderators attending.

JOHN H. PAULEY



It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my husband, John H. Pauley. He was born on October 12, 1904 and deceased this life on Sunday, February 14, 1971. This made his stay on this earth 66 years, 5 months and 10 days.

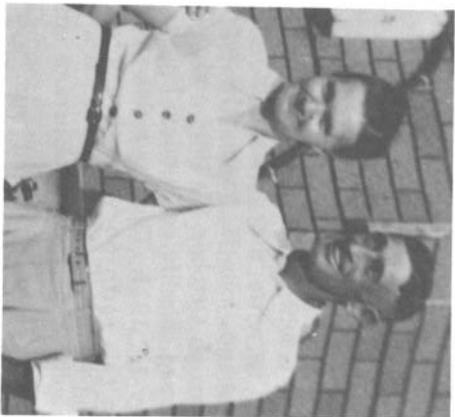
Johnnie, as I called him, was the son of Ambrose and Ellen (Fields) Pauley. He had two brothers, Shaddle Pauley and Lacy Pauley, both of Beauty, Ky.; and three sisters, Wilda Dials, Beauty, Ky.; Loudie Howell, Pilgrim, Ky.; and Maudie Lowe. Johnnie was married to Mary Blackburn the first time and she preceded him in death in 1949. Johnnie and Mary had eight children and two of them, Francis Howell and Homer Pauley, preceded him in death. The surviving children are: Willie Pauley, Detroit, Mich.; Landon Pauley, Arnold Pauley, and Mildren (Pauley) Milan, all of Columbus, Ohio; Hayes Pauley, Three Forks, Ky.; and Ruby Fraley, Inez, Ky.

Johnnie was a member of the Regular Baptist Church and, since Johnnie and I had been married, he always filled his seat at Church everywhere he could. At home he constantly read and studied his Bible. Many times I would ask him things concerning Christ and the Bible and he always gave me an answer. It seemed as tho Johnnie understood much better than I do. I really miss him telling me things. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his Wife,

Mrs. Garnett Pauley

TOM MORRISON



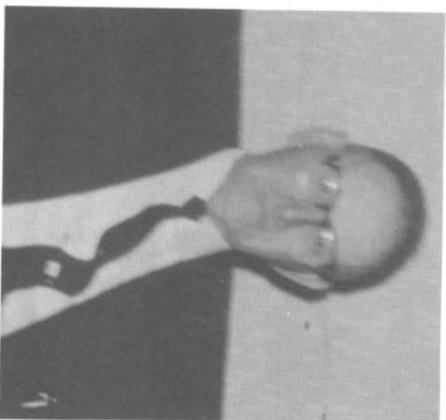
It is with much sadness we try to write the obituary of our Daddy, Tom Morrison. He was born February 17, 1901 at Thomas, Kentucky and died November 3, 1970. He was the son of Walker and Otta (Vest) Morrison.

He was married to Luna Bevins, who preceded him in death in 1969, and to this union was born four children. The oldest son, Edward (Mickey) Morrison, preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing two sons, Wilard and Clayton, and one daughter, Dorothy Burnette. We miss Daddy very much. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, four brothers, two sisters and a host of friends and neighbors.

Daddy was a faithful and devoted member of the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church. His life proved his profession. We feel Dad's troubles are over and his soul is at rest with Christ in God.

In loving memory,
The Children

CARL SMITH



Born January 8, 1894 in Pike County, Ky. and deceased November 18, 1970. With the blessing of our Lord and Saviour, our Dad lived to be seventy-six years of age. He was a son of the late Ira and Elsie (Morris) Smith. He married the late Fannie Charles on October 7, 1915 and to this union was born seven children and two of them, Irvin Smith and Marie Smith, preceded him in death. The children left to mourn him are: Luther Smith, Sidney, Ky.; Ora Lewis, Orange, Calif.; Allene Stacy, Hardy, Ky.; Emogene Abshire, Phyllis, Ky.; and Lester Smith, Columbus, Ohio. There are 22 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

After the death of our Mother, Fannie Smith, our Father later married Lillie Stanley of Sidney, Ky. Lillie is a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on July 8, 1961 and was baptized by Elders Henry C. Maynard and Clyde Brown and placed his membership at the Narrows Branch Church, Hardy, Ky.

Dad was a very sincere and warm person with a great sense of responsibility to his fellow human beings. This, with his wonderful sense of humor and cheerfulness, made him a most understanding Father, husband and friend. He was a person whom it would benefit us all to emulate. He is missed deeply by all his family and friends. He leaves a vacant place in the old Church and the hearts of his Brothers and Sisters in Christ that cannot be filled until we all come together in the redemption of God's children in Heaven.

Written by his Daughter,
Emogene Abshire

ELDER JAMES GARFIELD THORNSBURY



It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that I make this attempt to write the obituary of Elder J. G. Thornsbury. "Uncle Jim," as people like to call him, was a retired N&W Tipleman and he was a very active Minister of God up until the death angel appeared to take his soul away. He was the son of William Marton and Pricy Phillip Thornsbury. He was born March 14, 1891 at Kimper, Ky. and departed this life March 9, 1971 making his stay here 79 years, 11 months and 22 days.

Jim leaves his widow, Virgie Blackburn Thornsbury, six sons: Enoch Troy, Berlin, Kenneth, Harold Edward, Vern E., and a foster son, Gregory, at home; nine daughters: Gertured, Hattie, Bertha, Ocie, Lois, Shirley, Janeth, Sue, Wanda Ruth and Sadie Cox. Three sons preceded him in death.

PaPa professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Dix Fork Church August 5, 1928 and was ordained a Minister the first Saturday in August 1935. PaPa, as I called him, lived what he preached. He always told his children and friends about Jesus Christ, that He was the way and the only way to Heaven.

Before he died, I was shaving him and he told me he didn't have long to live. I asked him why he said that and, according to a dream he had, he was with some good old Brethren that had gone on. Three days later he died.

Children, if you want to see Dad and Granddad you will have to fall out with sin first, for I do believe PaPa is with Jesus.

Written by one who loved him very much,
his Daughter-in-law, Mrs. Berlin Thornsbury
and his Grandson, Ivan Neal Thornsbury

MARY YOUNG

By request of the family, I will try to write the obituary of Sister Mary Young. She was born December 15, 1889 and deceased this life January 13, 1971 making her stay on earth 82 years and 29 days. She was the daughter of the late John and Angeline Maynard Davis.



She was united in marriage to Julius Young on March 24, 1915 and to this union was born three children: Truly Young and Bal-lard Young of Varney, Ky.; and Elma Stratton, Berkeley, Mich. Julius preceded his wife in death.

She leaves her children, 8 grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Wilda Young, Mrs. Stella Young, Mrs. Bessie Burnett, Miss Elva Davis and Mr. George Davis. Three brothers and a sister preceded her in death and were: Willie Davis, Jimmy Davis, Johnny Davis and Cordella Davis Muncey. Besides her family she leaves the entire Pilgrim's Home Church to mourn the loss of a dear Mother and Sister.

Sister Mary joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on June 27, 1937 and was baptized by the hands of Elders Jim Jude and Lark Lowe and placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church where she lived a faithful member until death. She was faithful to fill her seat in the Church and enjoyed meeting with her Brothers and Sisters in Christ. She always met you with a beautiful smile.

We feel our loss has gained Heaven another jewel. Children, you have lost a good Mother, the community a good neighbor and the Church a wonderful Sister. Children, prepare to meet Mother in this life. After death there is no repentance. Remember the good advice of Daddy and Mother. May the good Lord bless you.

Written by,
Sophia Williamson

MANDY KIMBLE

It is with much sadness that I will attempt to write the obituary of Sister Mandy Kimble. She was born August 3, 1890 at Lenore, W. Va. and deceased this life September 11, 1970 making her stay here 80 years, 1 month and 8 days. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary White Clark.

She was married to the late Brother Ed Kimble in 1909 and to this union was born eight children. Two sons, Leroy and Tommy Kimble, preceded her in death. Surviving children are: Willard Kimble, Georgia Messer, Louise Baisden, Roxie Marcum, Columbia Johnson and Ollie Browning. She also leaves 26 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and many friends to mourn her death.



Sister Mandy was a member of the Samaria Regular Baptist Church and was a faithful attender of the Church until she was confined to the home of her daughter, Columbia Johnson. When the Brethren would visit her at home she would always talk about the goodness of God and her better home awaiting and would always ask us to have prayer before we would leave. I have seen her shout the praises of God so many times and say she would rejoice to go to be with Jesus.

We all miss her so much. I would like to say to her loved ones, death is a door we all must pass through to be in a better and a Heavenly country which is prepared for the Redeemed of the Lord. Be good and live for Jesus so that we may all be together with Sister Mandy in that country.

Written at the request of the family,
by your humble servant,
Elder Jeff May

ELOISE (BROWN) COCHRAN



Sister Eloise (Brown) Cochran, the daughter to Sister Gladys (Blackburn) Brown and the late Alfred Brown, who was a friend and neighbor to all who knew him. She was born February 21, 1925 at Canada, Pike County, Ky. and her sweet soul returned to God who gave it about 8:30 on Friday, December 11, 1970, making her stay on earth 45 years, 10 months and 7 days. Her happy disposition, sweet smile and loving kindness endeared her to everyone who knew her.

Sister Eloise was married to Brother Julius Cochran in the year of our Lord, December 14, 1942. Sister Eloise gave heed and obeyed the spirit of God, and found the Lord precious to her never dying soul, and became a member of the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church the first Saturday in July 1948. She was baptized by the hands of Elders J. G. Thornbury and H. C. Maynard. She remained a loving and faithful member and filled her seat when she could until death called her from our midst. She loved the Brethren and Sisters and always wanted peace in the Church.

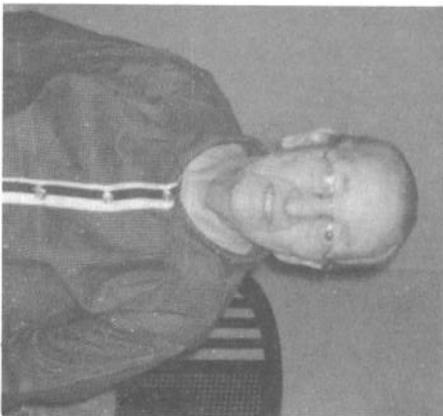
Left to mourn the loss of this good Sister, loving wife and wonderful Mother, with Brother Julius, are six children; three sons, Johnny, Larry and Bobby of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Schmally, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Janet Hall, Point Pleasant, W. Va.; and Miss Deborah Cochran of the home; three brothers, Claude Brown, Sidney, Ky.; and Coda and Charles Brown both of Detroit, Mich. One son, Danny Edward Cochran, preceded her in death. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain. We feel and believe that Sister Eloise fell asleep in the arms of Jesus; that she will sleep and rest in peace until the Resurrection morning when God will call for her and take her home to Heaven in a beautiful white robe, where there will be no more death, sorrow, pain or weeping and where all God's believers will join Sister Eloise and see that happy smile again.

Let me say this to Sister Eloise's children, if you want to hear her sweet voice and be with your Mother again, you will have to follow and obey the spirit of Jesus. And to her sisters and brothers in the flesh, you too can be in one happy family with your sister after this life around the throne of God, but you will have to obey Jesus while

you have life and opportunity. Let me say to you who have not made your peace with God, please take heed to the Light of God and His love still voice while His love and mercy are still extended to you. Sister Eloise, sleep on for a little while. It won't be long until the rest of God's Children will meet you around the Throne of God. May God richly bless and save us all in my prayers.

Written by your unworthy Brother,
Charlie W. Johnson

LOUISA ELLEN LOWE



It is with many sweet and precious memories that I try to write an obituary of my dear Mother-in-law, Louisa Ellen Lowe. She was born March 5, 1888 and departed this life August 2, 1971 making her stay here 83 years. She was the daughter of the late Wesley and Amy (Blackburn) Young. She was married to Elder Lark G. Lowe on August 6, 1902 and to this union was born 13 children, three of which preceded her in death as infants. Her husband, Elder Lark Lowe, also preceded her in death on November 3, 1963. The surviving children are: Frank Lowe and John Lowe of Anthony, Fla.; Fred Lowe, Ocala, Fla.; Ben Lowe, Lenore, W. Va.; Avery B. Lowe, Pikeville, Ky.; Willis L. Lowe, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Bessie Allen and Sarah Hazle Reed of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Mary McElwee, Galena, Ohio; and Sadie Pauley, Hardy, Ky. She also leaves 61 grandchildren and 110 great-grandchildren; three half-brothers, Arther Young and Boyd Young of Varney, Ky. and Jim Young, Island Creek, Ky.

Aunt Ellen, as everyone called her, joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1923 and filled her seat at Church as long as she was able to go. When she got sick and couldn't attend Church she called the Brethren and Sisters in and has Church at home. She was loved by all who knew her and she loved everyone.

I would like to say to her children, you have lost a precious Mother, so be good to one another and love one another and someday, by God's great mercy, we'll meet where the family circle won't be broken.

Written by one who loved her dearly,
a Daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thelma Lowe

JOHN LEE FARLEY



In much sadness and with God's help I'll try and write the obituary of my Dad, and Brother in the Lord, John Lee Farley. He was born April 17, 1906 and died May 16, 1971 making his stay on earth 65 years and 29 days. He was the son of James and Judy Murphy Farley.

Dad suffered so long. He lost his left leg above the knee in the Hardy, Ky. coal mines in 1936 and was sick for the last 18 months of his life. He was married to "Mother" Fern Smith on July 25, 1925 and to this union was born

11 children, one son, Bobby, has already crossed over to the other side. He leaves the rest of us to mourn his death: Cletius Farley, Warren, Mich.; Cecil Farley, Macon, Ga.; "Jack" Andrew Jackson Farley, Madison Hgts., Mich.; Mrs. Mary Alma Yates, Warren, Mich.; Mrs. Phillis Gene Killala, Highland Park, Mich.; "Pat" Willie Lee Farley, Hazel Park, Mich.; Burl Sessel Farley, Madison Hgts., Mich.; Lester Stirl Farley, Detroit, Mich.; and "Little Ray" Raymond Erick Farley, New Baltimore, Mich.

So children, if you want to see your dear Dad, "Pop", again you will have to get on the same road that he traveled. He left the road signs so we could see them and someday I hope to meet him in the glory land where there will be no more sickness and no more cancer to take our loved ones. He joined the Narrows Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist the 4th Saturday in August 1948 and was baptized the same day. So he put on the whole armor of God. He was so kind to us children and so understanding it breaks my heart to try and write this.

Dad had two brothers: Lawrence Farley, Hardy, Ky. and "Bob" James Robert Farley, Hardy, Ky. who has joined him in death and was buried July 24, 1971. He had 29 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. He also left my dear Grandparents and his Mother and Father-in law, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hattie Smith, Hardy, Ky. We all miss him so much but our loss is Heaven's gain. Amen.

Written by a Brother in hope, and Son,
Cletius Farley

MARTHA JANE CRIGGER



Sister Martha Jane Crigger, the daughter of the late Andy P. and Sarah Ann Gannon Hankins, was born November 6, 1884 and deceased this life about 2:00 a.m., July 6, 1971 in the Appalachian Regional Hospital, making her stay here 86 years and 8 months.

She was married to James Harvey Crigger and to this union were born 10 children. One son, Perry Andrew Crigger, and one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Smith, preceded her in death.

Aunt Martha, as we loved to call her, became a member of the Dix Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist, being baptized the first Saturday in October, 1939 at the hands of Elders J. G. Thornsbury and Willie White. She filled her seat in the Dix Fork Church regularly and remained a faithful member until death took her from our midst.

Aunt Martha was good and kind to everybody and loved to have the Brethren and Sisters, relatives and friends visit in her home and eat with her and Uncle Harvey those meals she could cook so well. She seemed more like a Mother to all of us because of the love she bestowed upon us. She will certainly be missed by the community, the Dix Fork Church, her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and her many friends.

Survivors include her husband, James Harvey Crigger; two sons, Cecil Crigger and Earl Crigger, both of Sidney, Kentucky; six daughters, Mrs. Bessie Pauley, Mrs. Gladys Williamson, Mrs. Opal Blackburn, Mrs. Iris Brown, and Mrs. Edith Williamson, all of Sidney, Kentucky; and Mrs. Marie Allen of Monaville, West Virginia; three brothers, Tom Hankins of Goody, Kentucky; George Hankins of Williamson, West Virginia; and Carl Hankins of Sidney, Kentucky; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Smith of Sidney, Kentucky; and Mrs. Anna Edmonds of Pikeville, Kentucky; 23 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn her loss.

But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain. For she, like Mary, hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. We believe that she, like the Psalmist David, could say, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow

me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

To Uncle Harvey and the children we say, "Weep not for Aunt Martha, whom we feel will meet us in Heaven when this life is over, but rather weep for yourselves and your children." Our prayer is that all of us may be saved and live with all of the redeemed of the Lord in Heaven forever and ever.

Written by one she dearly loved,
Elder Harold Edmonds

FREELAND SCOTT

Loving my Father so much it is sad for me to write his obituary. Freeland Scott, a retired Farmer and a well known resident of Hardy, Ky., died at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 1970 at the Whispering Oaks Nursing Home, Salyersville, Ky. A lifetime resident of Pike County, Ky. he was born December 10, 1885, the son of Floyd and Jane (Runyon) Scott.

He was married to Vicie (Wolford) Scott and to this union was born five children: two daughters, Dorothy Doan, Columbus, Ohio and Olive Carman, Hardy, Ky.; three sons, Warren Scott, Rome, Ga.; Luther Scott, Hardy, Ky.; and Johnnie Glenn Scott, deceased.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Narrows Branch for over fifty years and was a faithful member until his health and sickness confined him to my home. Daddy was confined four years with his sickness but he became as humble as a little child. He was kind and patient to everyone during his sickness.

I have nothing to grieve about. He told his granddaughter he was "going to see Mother". I hope that Daddy's loss here on earth will be Heaven's gain.

Written by his Daughter,
Olive Carman



WILLIAM LACKEY

With much sadness in my heart I will try to write an obituary of my Daddy, William Lackey. He was born March 10, 1905 and passed away February 22, 1971 making his stay here 64 years, 11 months and 12 days. He was married to Betty Sartin and to this union was born ten children, two of whom have gone on to be with Jesus. Those remaining are: Clyde and William, Jr. of Dingess, W. Va.; Raymond and Lonnie of Lenore, W. Va.; Ethel Mullins of Virginia; Edith Faye White, Lilly May White and Florence May; all of Lenore, W. Va. He had 52 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Shelva, Edward and Cornelius; and two sisters, Mary Belle and Sarilda.



Dad was a member of the Samaria Regular Baptist Church and he lived a good life. When he was sick he would call for Brother Jeff May and he would come and have prayer for him. Daddy loved the Old Church and everyone loved him. Daddy would always tell us children to take good care of Mother. He was so good and kind to everyone. He said the night before God called him away that he knew that he would not be well any more and that it was his time to go. He said not to worry about him that he would be better off and for us to be good to Mother.

I don't worry about him but I miss him so much, as we all do. I'd like to say to the boys, if you see Daddy any more you have to live like Daddy did. Give your life to the Lord before it is too late and live like Daddy did, and you will meet him someday.

Written by his Daughter,
Lilly Mae White

ELBERT ROBINETTE

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my beloved father, Elbert Robinette. He was born June 12, 1898 in Pike County, Ky. and deceased this life September 24, 1971, which made his stay here on earth 73 years, 3 months and 12 days.

He was united in marriage to Bertha Canada in 1919, who survives. To this union was born 9 children: Earl Robinette, Joe Robinette and

Rolan Robinette all of Varney, Ky.; Mrs. John G. Blackburn, Sidney, Ky.; Mrs. Richard Johnson, Rawl, W. Va.; Mrs. J. S. Walters, Hatfield, Ky.; Mrs. Bobby McCoy, Texarkana, Texas; and Mrs. Johnny McCoy, Grand Prairie, Texas; all who mourn his loss.

He was the son of the late Hiram and Florence Elizabeth Pinson Robinette. He leaves 2 sisters: Mrs. Minnie Thacker, Burnwell, Ky. and Mrs. Wilda Muncy, Columbus, Ohio; 4 brothers: Bill, Grayson and Okie Robinette of Varney, Ky. and Joe Robinette, Switzer, W. Va. Also surviving are 30 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 22 years. Dad was a regular attendant* for as long as he was able to fill his seat. For the last four years Dad wasn't able to go to Church very much, but his thoughts were there. I believe with all my heart that Dad is gone to rest. I know our lives will never be the same because we miss him so much but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Our Dad is gone but we will always remember the good things he taught us. We will always remember the love and happiness he gave us forever in the years to come. Our homes are empty without you Dad but sleep on, I know you are resting now. And now, Oh God, we pray to meet our dear Dad in Heaven some sweet day.

Written by his Son and Daughter-in-law
Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Robinette

PEGGY STACY

With much sadness and grief and with the help of the Lord, I will write the obituary of our Mother, Peggy (Stollings) Stacy. She was born February 14, 1898 and departed this life March 26, 1971 making her stay on this earth 73 years, 1 month and 12 days. She was the daughter of William A. and Lydia (Scott) Stollings. She was born at Hardy, Ky. and spent her entire life in that community.

She was married to Neely Stacy on December 25, 1915 and to this marriage was born four children, all surviving: Harry Elmer Stacy, Johnson City, Tenn.; James William Stacy, Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. Charles H. (Estie) Farley, Wapakoneta, Ohio; and Mrs. Fae (Dorothy) Smith, Hardy, Ky. She is survived by



the following brothers and sisters: Ken Stollings, Williamson, W. Va.; Hi Stollings, Hardy, Ky.; Lizzie Brookhart and Emma Stanley, Hardy, Ky.; and Cora Keese, Orlando, Fla.; also a host of Nieces, Nephews and friends. Mom is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She loved her friends and grandchildren and she had enough love for them all. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren will remember their visits with her. They will miss her very much.

Mom joined the Regular Baptist Church at Narrows Branch, where she remained a member, on the 4th Saturday in July 1937 and was baptized the same day by Elders Hi Maynard and Ester Hopkins. Mom had been in bad health 25 years. She was always patient with her sickness and had faith in her Lord to see her through her illnesses. The Lord was good to her in the end and she had no pain, she just slept. She was ill about 23 hours and just slept until the Lord took her from this life. We are contented to believe she is asleep and at peace with her God, free from all suffering and pain.

We feel our loss of Mom here on this earth is her eternal gain.

Written by her two Daughters,
Estie Farley and Dorothy Smith

AMANDA HANNAH

It is with a sad heart that I will attempt to write the obituary of Sister Amanda Hannah, daughter of the late John and Sarah Meade Sturgill. She was born April 11, 1889 and deceased her life February 22, 1971 making her stay here 81 years, 10 months and 11 days.

She was married to the late Joseph Hannah on April 23, 1915 and to this union was born five children. One son, William Hannah, preceded her in death and those remaining are: Arland Hannah, Route 1, Kermit, W. Va.; James H. Hannah, Dingess, W. Va.; Elder Isom Hannah, Cyclone, W. Va.; and Elizabeth Brewer, Lenore, W. Va. There are 19 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, one brother, John Sturgill, Route 1, Kermit, W. Va., one half-brother, Blackburn Sturgill, Lenore, W. Va., and one sister, Elizabeth Blackburn, Clearmont, Fla.



She was a member of the Samaria Regular Baptist Church and a faithful soldier until death. She has been a Mother to our country and a wonderful Mother to her family. Space would not permit me to tell all the good things of her life but to us that knew her know we have lost someone special. Samaria Church has lost a loving member but I feel our loss is her eternal gain. So children be good, live for Jesus so we may all live together with her in Heaven someday.

Written by request of the family,
by your humble servant,
Elder Jeff May

STELLA (DAVIS) YOUNG

It is with much sadness and I trust God's guidance that I attempt to write an obituary of a very dear friend since my childhood and a Sister in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Sister Stella (Davis) Young.

Sister Young was born at Piso, Ky. on April 19, 1893, and departed this life February 2, 1971, at the age of 77 years, 9 months and 13 days.



Sister Stella was the daughter of the late John and Angelina (Maynard) Davis. She was united in marriage to Brother William A. (Amos) Young November 11, 1915. To this union six children were born, five sons and one daughter. Namely, William P. Young of Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky., Emery Young of Detroit, Michigan, Reford and Raymond Young of Indianapolis, Indiana, Condor Young of Madison Heights, Michigan, and Mrs. Lola Thompson of Warren, Michigan.

Sister Stella leaves her husband, her children, grandchildren, a great-grandchild, one brother, George Davis of Piso, Ky., three sisters: Sister Wilda Young and Miss Elva Davis both of Piso, Ky. and Sister Bessie Burnette of Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky., a host of friends and relatives, and the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church to mourn her passing.

Sister Stella professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church on September 28, 1952 at the hands of Elders Jonah E. Williamson and Emmitt Case. Sister

Stella was a faithful member and filled her seat in church as long as she was physically able to do so.

Sister Stella was a devoted wife, a kind and loving mother, and a friend and neighbor to all that knew her.

Sister Stella suffered greatly during the last years of her life here. I feel her suffering is over. Her soul has returned to God and her body will moulder back to dust, but some sweet day she shall live again. Yes, live with God, with Christ Jesus, and with all that have had their robes washed and made white in the Blood of the Lamb, in a land where all is peace, joy, and happiness.

Brother Amos, I know you miss her so, but you shall join her soon. Children, if you want to go to that land where Mother has gone you can. Christ is the door to that land where Mother has gone.

Written as requested by a brother in hope of life eternal,
James M. Ray

ISOM RAY

It is with sadness and grief that it has now become my duty to attempt to write an obituary of my dear Father, Isom Ray, who God blessed and called home on August 30, 1970.



He was the son of the late Alex and Effa Thompson Ray. He was born January 10, 1894 and a World War I veteran. He was married to Maryland Smith Ray who preceded him in death. He leaves five children to mourn his loss: Hollis Ray, Meta, Ky.; John T. Ray, Route 2, Pikeville, Ky.; Leon Ray, in the Army; Betty Kendrick, in Michigan; and Viola Syck, Meta, Ky.; and 12 grandchildren.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Edwin May on October 17, 1959. We children have given up a devoted and loving Father and Mother and we miss them both very much. By the help of God may be we will meet them both someday.

Written by his loving Daughter,
Mrs. Viola Syck

VIRGIL RITCHIE



With the help of God, I will attempt to write the obituary of our dear beloved Brother, Virgil Ritchie, who passed away March 9, 1971. He was born July 18, 1928 at Baisden, W. Va. making his stay here on earth 42 years, 7 months and 21 days. He was the son of Estel and Alcie (Cline) Ritchie. He was united in marriage to Lennie Cline on August 11, 1947 and to this union was born five children: Donna Kay, Eva Gail, Avery Byrd, and Stony Ross, all at home; and Cathy Lynn, attending Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va.

He joined the Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist and was baptized in April 1951 at the age of 23 and was a faithful member until death. He leaves to mourn his loss his companion, children, Mother, Dad, two brothers—Hurshel of Charleston, W. Va. and Steve of Baisden, and five sisters—Causby Blankenship, Dessie Mae Cline and Elva Thompson, all of Baisden, W. Va. and Shelyva Cline and Lennie Long of Nitro, W. Va. One sister preceded him in death in 1940 at the age of 3 months.

On Tuesday afternoon, about 4:00 p.m., God sent an angel into the hospital to take him away. Although the Doctors did all they could, God saw fit to take him from us and I know our loss is Heaven's gain. God only knows how heart broken we are since He called him away. I believe with what I have felt in my heart that I will meet him again some day. When the trumpet shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise, I believe Virgil will be one in that number that will be blessed to meet Him in the air.

Although our circle has been broken here, I believe we will meet again around the Throne of God where there will be no more heart aches, or sorrow, nor parting ever more. I know if Virgil could speak to his family he would say "Weep not for me but for yourselves and your children." I would like to say to his companion and children, if you want to see Virgil again you must fall out with sin and accept Jesus as your personal Savior, as Virgil did about 19 years ago.

We have not only lost a dear Brother and friend but he was one of the best singers we had in the Rosa Church. Oh, how my heart aches

when I go to Church and can not see him there! So many times we have gone to Church together. I am looking forward to the day when we will all go marching home to glory. He is sadly missed by all that knew him. He was a friend to everyone.

Written by his Sister, in hope of eternal life,
Dessie Mae Cline

JAMES MAYNARD



Brother Jim, as we called him, was born into the home of Henderson and Susie Maynard on the eighth day of September 1883. Brother Jim grew up to man-hood and was united in marriage to Sister Elizabeth Brown, the daughter of J. H. Brown and Victoria Brown, who preceded him in death. To this union was born one son, Ireland Maynard, Pikeville, Ky. and three daughters: Mrs. Virginia Fitzpatrick, Beckley, W. Va.; Mrs. Ethel Brown, Belfry, Ky.; and Mrs. Victoria Mullins, Belfry, Ky. Brother Jim leaves 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

So we see God was good to Brother Jim. He made peace with God and was borned again. He was baptized on the first Sunday in August 1952 by Elders J. G. Thornsbury and H. C. Maynard and placed his membership with the Dix Fork Church where he lived and died. So children, if any of you have not repented and made peace with God and been borned again, if you want to see Brother Jim in that country you must be borned again. So we see that Brother Jim was blessed to live on this earth 87 years. He often spoke of how small he was when born and God blessed him throughout his life. So now he sleeps but will awake when Jesus comes back and go home to live forever.

Written by,
Elder Claude Brown

VIRGIE MAYNARD



Virgie Maynard was born March 27, 1897 the daughter of Green Street and Vista Lowe Maynard. She married Ben Pinson and to this union 3 daughters were born: Edith Ramey, Eunice Thornton and Mary Lou Pauley. She raised her children alone and also raised a Nephew, Lloyd Maynard, who was left in her care.

Virgie was baptized May 30, 1928 by Elder Jonah Bevins and Brother Troy Francis and placed her membership with the Pilgrim Home Church. In later years she moved her membership to the Turkey Creek Church for convenience.

After being a widow for 35 years, Sister Virgie married Brother Stanford Maynard. They went to Church somewhere every Sunday as long as she was able to go. She was ill for three years before her death. I helped Stanford take care of her and he was so good to her. Her children lived so far away that we moved her to my home and I waited on her until the death angel called her away. I know how Sister Virgie fared for I took care of her day and night. She tried so hard to live until her daughter came back from Holland but the night of January 5, 1971 she closed her eyes and her spirit left her frail body and went back to God who gave it. She knew she was going and said, "Angie, don't leave me." It hurt me so deep to see her go. I'll never forget her, we had so many good talks. I know all her sorrows and shared all her joys. I heard her talk to her first husband and her Grandpa. She told me there wasn't anything between her and her God, said she had always tried to tell the truth. She would call the Brethren to come to her home and they would preach for her before she got real bad. She loved to see people come and eat with her. Sister Virgie has paid the debt that I still have to pay. I hope I can be as patient as she was. God gives life and God takes life and He does all things well. Sister Virgie's body was laid to rest in the Pinson Cemetery where she will rest in sleep until Jesus comes riding on the clouds of Glory to call His children home. Then she will get up when He calls and she will answer for Virgie.

Children, Mother can't come back to you but you can go to her. The important thing is to repent, believe and be baptized. Draw nigh

to God and He will draw nigh to you. Be afflicted and mourn, then when Jesus comes you can go home with Mother, for as death finds you so will the judgement.

There is so much I could write about Sister Virgie, so I'll say sleep on Sister Virgie and take your rest. I have a hope we will meet again in that morning. It's not goodbye but farewell for a little while. Then we can go to Heaven, both Soul and Body, and be with Jesus where there won't be any trouble, sickness, sorrow, pain or death. There won't be any cancer over there. It will be peace, joy and happiness forever and forever.

Written by her Sister-in-law,
Angeline Maynard

ELLA WALLEN

Our dearly beloved Mother, Ella (Ray) Curry Wallen, age 83 years, 5 months and 6 days, departed this life December 1, 1969. She was the daughter of the late George Harvey Ray and Susan Robinett Ray.



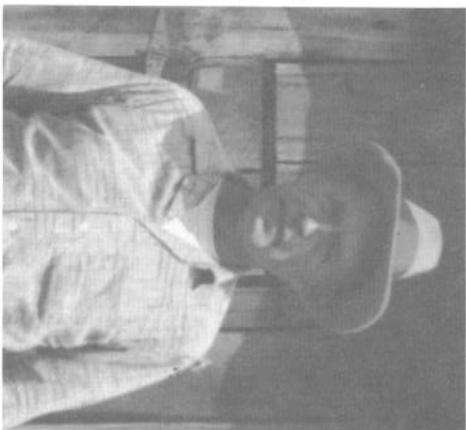
Mother was married December 24, 1905 to William H. Curry who preceded her in death, and to this union was born nine children. Three children preceded her in death, James S., Kathalee and June Curry. Six children are still living: Grets Bolen, Mabel Oney, Willie L. Curry, Edward L. Curry, Bennie H. Curry and Charles H. Curry, all of Turkey Creek, Ky. There are 21 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Mother married Floyd Runyons about the year 1931 and they joined the Old Regular Baptist Church many years ago, both were baptized the same day. Mother later moved her membership to the Turkey Creek Church.

In 1950 Mother married E. H. Wallen, who preceded her in death. I feel that our loss is Mother's eternal gain.

Written by her daughter, Mabel Oney and her daughter-in-law, and Sister in the Lord, Mrs. Edward L. Curry

ALLEN BAISDEN



It is with much sadness in my heart and by the help of the Lord and by request of the family that I will try to write the obituary of my dear Brother in Christ, Brother Al Baisden, and a very loving Uncle.

He was the son of John Henry and Martha (Farley) Baisden. Brother Al was born November 16, 1896 and departed this life May 22, 1971 making his stay on earth 74 years, 6 months and 6 days. He was united in marriage to Rosa (Ooten) Baisden on September 12, 1916 and to this union was born eight children. One daughter, Violet Bevins Baisden, preceded him in death and left to mourn his loss are his wife, Rosa Baisden, and the following children: Mildred Chambers, Sophia Abshire, Homer Baisden, Anna Holbrook, John Henry Baisden, Paul Baisden and Pauline Cox's. He also leaves 6 brothers as follows: Jonce Baisden, Jim Baisden, Howard Baisden and Harrison Baisden; 2 half-brothers, Elbert Baisden and Greenway Chafin; 32 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Uncle Al joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ about 11 years ago and was baptized by the hands of Elder H. C. Maynard and took fellowship with the Elk Fork Church. During his 11 years with the Church he only missed about three meetings. Uncle Al was afflicted for several months but he bore his afflictions with much patience. He loved to go to Church and he would go sometimes when he wasn't able but he loved to be with his Brothers and Sisters in the Church. He lived a true and devoted Christian life until death. He was kind and gentle and loving to all, especially to the people of God. He loved to have Brothers and Sisters go home with him and eat dinner. When he couldn't be with them he always had them in his mind and heart. When he was in the hospital he told me he was looking forward to coming home and be able to go to Church once again and be with the good Brothers and Sisters.

Uncle Al was never able to get to come home again but that didn't stop him from loving and praying for his Brothers and Sisters and he always prayed that they would have a good meeting. He had a good word and a friendly handshake for everyone he came in contact with

and was a bright and shining light to his children. I really believe he practiced what he professed. He was always faithful in visiting the sick, in helping the needy, attending his Church and rejoiced in the God of his salvation. I deeply feel the loss of Uncle Al is his eternal gain. Uncle Al will be missed by all who knew him, especially his companion, children and the Brothers and Sisters in the Church.

I want to say to his children who are out in sin, if you ever expect to see your Daddy again you will have to go to him by living as he did while the Lord blessed him here on earth with us. Just remember his good counsel and try to meet Daddy in heaven. So, let us all live our lives as Uncle Al did and when we leave this world of sorrow we can be with all the Saints of God and with Daddy. I believe with all my heart Uncle Al is up there and he won't be sick anymore and he won't be troubled anymore for it will be peace, joy and happiness up there.

Sleep on Brother Al, I believe I will see you again some sweet day. Now children, weep not for Daddy but rather weep for yourselves and your children. Daddy is gone to return no more but his confession of Jesus Christ in his soul has set a pattern for his children and you can meet him again if you too will follow Jesus. Be good to Mother as you know Uncle Al would want you to. She needs you all more now than she ever did. Give her the flowers while she is still living. May the good Lord bless you all.

Sadly written by a Niece, who loved him,
Eloise Baisden

FLOYD AND FANNIE GILLMAN



It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my Mother and Father, Floyd and Fannie Gillman. Mother was born March 1, 1891 in Pike County, Ky. the daughter of the late Wes and Becky Roberson Maynard. She was a member of the Regular Baptist Church. Mother died September 25, 1969 making her stay on earth 78 years. Dad was born January 10, 1886 at Kernit, W. Va. the son of the late James and Victoria Scalf Gillman. He was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Regular Baptist Church at Hatfield, Ky. He died August 7, 1970 making his stay on earth 84 years.

To this union was born 11 children and one child preceded them in death. The surviving children are: Arnold and Denver Gillman of Williamson, W. Va.; England Gillman, Worthington, Ohio; Clarence Gillman, Asheville, Ohio; Boyd Gillman, Westchester, Ohio; Kenneth Gillman, Hatfield, Ky.; Mrs. Essie Linkenhoker, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Victoria Canada, Buchel, Ohio; Mrs. Plunia Startridge, Chillicothe, Ohio; and Mrs. Margi Thompson, McVeigh, Ky. Other survivors are: two brothers, Walter Gillman, Hatfield, Ky. and Hi Gillman, Williamson, W. Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Stepp, Hatfield, Ky. and Mrs. Emma Smith, Pomeroy, Ohio; 60 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren.

Now I say unto each of you, if you want to see Father and Mother believe in the Lord. I feel through belief that you can repent of your sins and be saved, looking for the coming of the Lord when He shall come at the last day. Then we feel that we can meet Father and Mother. Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have a right to the tree of life.

Written by a Son, in hope of eternal life,
England Gillman

JAMES JOSEPH TAYLOR



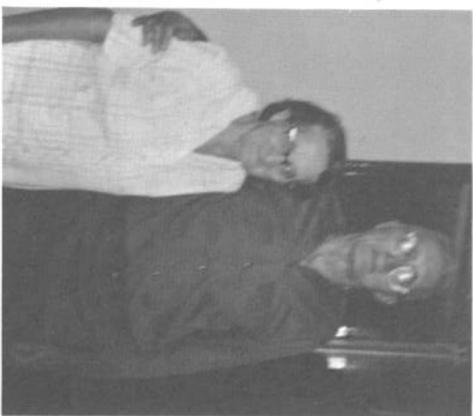
It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write an obituary of my Grandfather, James Joseph Taylor. He was born June 14, 1892 and deceased this life December 14, 1970. He was the son of William and Rebecca Ray Taylor. On May 22, 1917 he was united in Holy Matrimony to Ollie Keese Taylor and to this union was born six children. Claude Carl Taylor deceased this life as an infant on December 14, 1926 and James Pierce Taylor deceased this life January 27, 1964. He now has four living children: Mae Robi-

nette, Varney, Ky.; Glen Taylor, Gulnare, Ky.; and Ray Taylor, Gulnar, Ky. He also leaves: one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Meta, Ky.; one half-brother, Troy Maynard of Johns Creek; 20 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was baptized August 17, 1969 by Elder Ernest Cochran and Elder Lloyd SESCO. He suffered so much during the last few years that he lived. Our homes are so empty without him but I believe that he is gone to a home where he will never suffer anymore.

Written by his Granddaughter,
Pauline Taylor

LESLIE BLANTON



Brother Leslie Blanton, age 70, was born November 6, 1900, the son of the late James and Lula (Lemaster) Blanton. He departed this life to be with Christ on June 3, 1971, his spirit is awaiting the resurrection of his body from the grave.

He was married May 3, 1922 to Lula (Eldrige) Blanton, who survives, of Sandy Hook, Kentucky and to this union was born two daughters: Mrs. Drexel Todd, Goody, Ky. and Mrs. Avery Short, Altavista, Va.

Additional survivors are eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one brother, J. W. Blanton of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Brother Blanton professed a hope in Christ and was baptized November 8, 1931 by Elder Jonah Bevins and was received into fellowship of the Salem Regular Baptist Church, where he lived and showed a love for God and the Brethren and Sisters until God called him home.

He was ordained a Deacon on May 3, 1934 and served the Church faithfully until sickness prevented him from living in this community. His love for the Church caused him to return on many occasions when his body was frail and suffering with pain but he relied on God to give him strength and direct his way. His friends and loved ones saw his love for Christ, the Church and the cause of righteousness. His destiny will be Heaven when Christ comes to claim His children.

Written by request of the family,
Brother Calvin C. Bevins

MARY MAYNARD



Mary Maynard was born December 1, 1901 the daughter of George and Betsy (Collins) Runyons. She was married to Van Maynard and to this union six children was born, two died in infancy and those surviving are: Nancy Jane Adkins, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Rell of Detroit, Mich.; and Raymond and Fred of Huntington, W. Va. Other survivors are: 7 grandchildren, 1 brother and 4 sisters.

Mary was baptized in 1928 by Elders J. E. Taylor and Wallace Jackson taking her membership to the Apple Orchard Church where she remained the rest of her life. Mary was sick for a long time and was not able to go to Church but called for the Brothers and had good meetings in her home. Mary was a very good person and to know her was to love her. She was easy to get along with. We had lots of good talks and I knew her sorrows and how deep she was grieved. She loved her children, wanted them to be good and she tried to be a light to them.

On March 4, 1971 Mary's spirit left her poor afflicted body and went back to God who gave it. Her body was laid to rest on that lone some hill where she will rest from her labors until Jesus comes back for His children. Then Mary will get up and go to Heaven, both soul and body. Children, make Mother's God your God. She can't come back to you but you can go to her. Repent while you have life for there is no repentance after death.

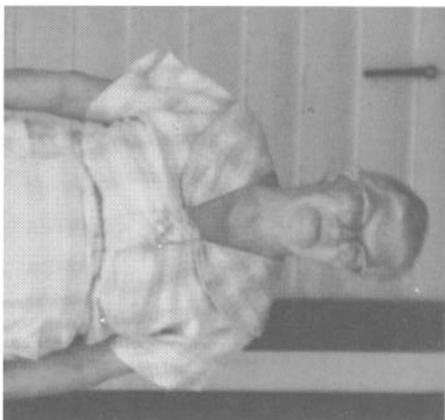
Children, be good to your Daddy, he is very lonesome now. See to his needs and you will feel better by doing so. He was so good to Mary, never seemed to get tired doing for her. We tried to make her comfortable as best we could. She couldn't move, speak or open her eyes but she could hear us and nod her head. I'm glad God made me able to help Van and Nancy Jane take care of her. We loved her but we couldn't keep her and she had to answer that call.

Mary will rest from her labors but her works will live on. Someone will remember something she has done for them, me for one. We were very close, got along well and our children got along well. I believe Mary's suffering is over; that when Jesus calls she will answer and go shouting to meet Jesus in the air and ever be with Him, where there

won't be any suffering, no sickness, sorrow or death. All will be peace, joy and happiness forever. So I'll just say, sleep on Sister Mary it won't be long until we meet again. I'll not say good-bye but farewell for a little while. In the great beyond where Jesus is I'll see her again some sweet day.

Written by her sister-in-law,
Angeline Maynard

MARY JANE (DORSEY) FARLEY



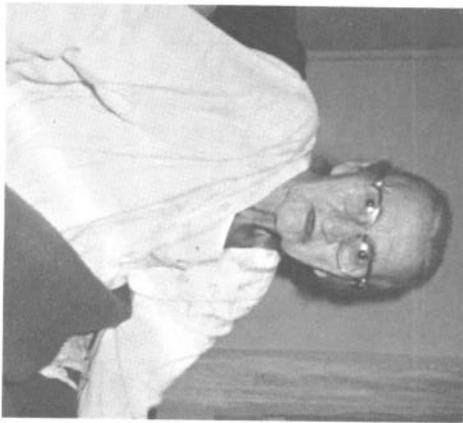
It is with great sadness for me to try and write the obituary of my dear Mother, Mary Jane (Dorsey) Farley. She was born September 29, 1891 at Spring, W. Va. and departed this life at the age of 79 on March 7, 1971. She was the daughter of the late William (Bill) Dorsey and Sally (Phillips) Dorsey. She was married to the late Ransom Tobe Farley on January 6, 1910 in Pike County, Ky. and to this union was born 8 children. Two sons, Arthur Farley and Winfred Farley, preceded her in death. Surviving children are: Mrs. Edith Norman, Waparoneta, Ohio; Charles H. Farley, Waparoneta, Ohio; Ernest Glen and Herbert M. Farley of McCarr, Ky.; and Toby Ray Farley, North Matewan, W. Va.

Mother was baptized on Sunday, August 28, 1955 by Elders Ester Hopkins and Jeanes Anderson. She was a member of the Enon Regular Baptist Church for 16 years, 6 months and 7 days. She loved to go to Church until sickness kept her from going regular. She was loved by all. She loved all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Momma, as they called her.

Dear precious Mother, it is so hard to remember you have gone away. Your sweet smiling face we can no longer see. The old home place can never be the same. So often we wonder why you had to go but Mother we know that God knew best. He called you home where there is no more sickness, no more pain or sorrow. We know you are at rest with Him and someday, sweet Mother, I hope to see you again.

To all my Brothers, Mother wanted us to go to Church and if we want to see Mother again we will have to live a good life as she did before us.

Sadly missed by all the Family,
Written for the Family,
Mrs. Edith Norman



ELIZABETH ROBINETTE

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of Aunt Lizzie Robinette, as we all knew her by "Grannie". She was the daughter of the late George and Sarah Jane Lowe. She was born March 24, 1890 making her stay here on earth 81 years, 4 months and 24 days.

She was a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the hands of Elder Faye Scott. She was a faithful member until she became disabled to attend. When I would visit her at the hospital she would tell me she was ready to go home to be with Jesus.

She leaves three children: Nancy Jane Thompson, South Williamson, Ky.; George Davis, Goodman, W. Va.; and Clinton L. Barb, Portsmouth, Va.; four brothers: Arson Lowe, Pikeville, Ky.; Liburn Lowe, Harts, W. Va.; Stanley Lowe and Evert Lowe, both of Turkey Creek, Ky.; two sisters: Mrs. Rachel Cary, Rawl, W. Va. and Mrs. Lara Staton, Pilgrim, Ky.; 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; and many friends and other relatives. Everyone that knew her loved her.

I want to say to the family, don't weep for Mother, I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by one who loved her,
Ester Scott

JAMES LANDON WILLIAMSON



It is with much sadness and I trust God's help that I attempt to write an obituary of a very dear Brother in Christ. Brother James Landon Williamson. He was a retired employee of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company.

Brother Landon was the son of the late Elder Mont Williamson and Sister Tempie (Franis) Williamson. He was born February 1, 1892, at Varney, Ky. He departed this life September 27, 1971, making his stay here on earth 79 years, 7 months, and 26 days.

Brother Landon was united in marriage to Sister Bell (Francis) Williamson on July 1, 1926. To this union six children were born. One infant daughter, Oia Mae Williamson, preceded him in death.

Brother Landon leaves three sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters, 1 half sister, a great number of nieces, nephews, and other relatives, the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church, and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

Surviving children are as follows: Mr. J. L. Williamson, Jr. of Forest Hills, Ky., Mr. Ralph Williamson of Varney, Ky., Mr. Kenneth Williamson of Hatfield, Ky., Mrs. Betty Ruth Lowe of Melvindale, Michigan, Mrs. Joyce Young of Varney, Ky. The surviving sisters are as follows: Sister Elon O. Francis of Turkey Creek, Ky., Sister Charity Lee, and Sister Bell Francis of Varney, Ky. and one half sister, Mary Thompson of Varney, Ky.

Brother Landon professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church on August 29, 1943 at the hands of Elders Basil Robinette and Rudolph SESCO. He always filled his seat in Church and visited Sister Churches as long as he was able to do so, and he seemed to enjoy good meetings.

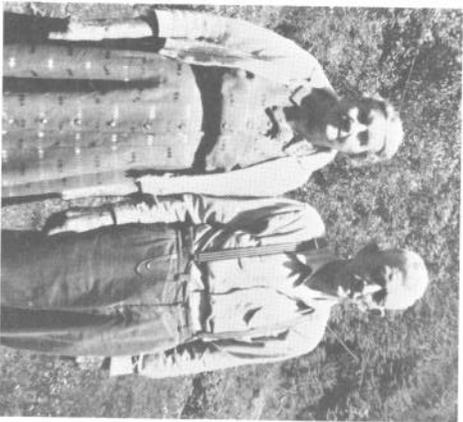
Sister Bell, your loving companion from you has gone at God's command. I feel his soul has returned to God, and his body will be planted in the Earth and will return again and will meet King Jesus in the cloud and there forever be.

Children, your actions and your deeds have proven to all that you loved your Daddy. Try not to sorrow for Daddy has gone to a better Land, a land of peace, happiness, and joy. You that are out of the Ark of Safety can ask Jesus to come into your life, and He will Dress you to live in that Land and meet with your Daddy again.

May God Bless and Save you.

Written by a Brother in Hope of Eternal Life,
James M. Ray

TRIMBLE BLACKBURN



It is with much sadness in my heart that I will try to write the obituary of my beloved Father-in-law, Trimble Blackburn. He was a retired miner and a member of the Regular Baptist Church. He was born May 7, 1891 in Pike County, Ky. the son of the late Harkens and Alta Blackburn.

He was united in marriage to Rebecca (Stone) Blackburn and to this union was born eleven children and three preceded him in death. He has many survivors to mourn his loss, his widow, Rebecca Blackburn, Goody, Ky.; five daughters: Mrs. Alta Murphy, Goody, Ky.; Mrs. Alma Miller, Logan, Ohio; Mrs. Ada Stanley, Goody, Ky.; Mrs. Grace Stanley, Sidney, Ky.; and Mrs. Fannie Sandefur, Portsmouth, Va.; three sons: Willard Blackburn, Goody, Ky.; Glen Blackburn, Varney, Ky.; and Willis Blackburn, Pontiac, Mich.; a foster-son, Frank Porter, Jr., Oakwood, Va.; two sisters: Mrs. Myrtle Pinson and Mrs. Trennie Pinson, Sidney, Ky.; one brother, Tildea Blackburn who preceded him in death; 47 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and 3 step-grandchildren who reside with their step-father, Willis Blackburn, in Pontiac, Mich. We hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

We all loved "Papa", as we all called him, and we miss him so much. He has a host of friends to mourn his loss. I pray we will all meet him some sweet day. We believe in all our hearts that Papa is resting. He did so much suffering here on earth. So sleep on Papa, we miss you so! Take your rest and we pray we will meet on that Golden Shore

some sweet day. You won't have any difficulty breathing and your heart condition won't be known. For us who do not know Jesus, we have to Repent, Believe and be Baptized, if we want to be with him and enjoy everlasting life.

Written by his Daughter-in-law, in Hope,
Mrs. Glen Blackburn

ESTER MARVIN BEVINS



Brother Ester M. (Eck) Bevins, age 55, was born August 7, 1915 the son of the late Elder Jonah and Ella (Harris) Bevins. He departed this life to be with Christ on November 2, 1970 and his spirit is awaiting the resurrection of his body from the grave.

He was married in 1941 to India Belle (Honaker) Bevins, who survives, of South Williamson, Ky. and to this union was born one son, Jack L. Bevins, also of South Williamson, Ky. Additional survivors are: three grandchildren; Jennifer Lynn, David Christopher and Janeth Evin Bevins, all of South Williamson, Ky.; three sisters: Mrs. Carson Fairchild, Jackson, Ohio; Mrs. Robert Kelsey, Williamson, W. Va.; and Mrs. Chester Combs, Goody, Ky., and one brother, Quentin R. Bevins, South Williamson, Ky. He was preceded in death by a sister, Lola (Bevins) Pauley and two brothers, Clyde and Oakley Bevins.

Brother Marvin professed a hope in Christ and was baptized September 7, 1957 by Elders Ester Hopkins and B. H. Bevins and was received into the fellowship of the Salem Church where he gave glory to Christ for the assurance of a new and better life, an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved for him in heaven.

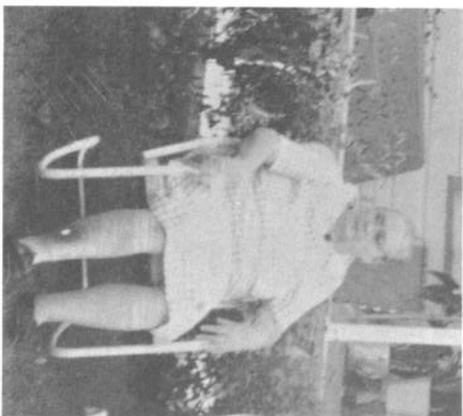
He was ordained a Deacon of Salem Church on August 7, 1965 and served the Church faithfully in this position, never contentious with the Brothers in matters concerning the welfare of the Church; exercising care in his responsibility to the Church as a Deacon.

His spirit has returned to God, and his body is resting in hope that it will be reunited with his spirit and bear the image of the heavenly

at the appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has assured us of a reunion with loved ones who have died in Him.

Written by his Nephew,
Brother Calvin C. Bevins

TINIE MCCOY ROBINSON



With the help of God I will try to write the obituary of my wife, Tinie McCoy Robinson. She was born August 18, 1902 and died October 10, 1971, making her stay on earth 69 years, 1 month and 24 days. She was the daughter of Tom and Margaret Blackburn McCoy. She was married to Tom Robinson on June 29, 1922. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church around 25 years ago. She was a faithful member until death, always prayed to see Church time come.

To her and Brother Tom there were born eight children, four boys and four girls as follows: Marie Lowe, Williamson, W. Va.; Mirttie Preece, Hayes Robinson and Nadean Preece all of Pilgrim, Ky.; Rush and Bill of Warfield; Betty Jean Griffith of North Manchester, Ind.; and Charles of McCombs, Ky. There are 26 Grandchildren and 4 Great-Grandchildren.

I want to say to all of my children that life is so short, but eternity has no end. Prepare to meet Mother in that beautiful home Jesus has gone to prepare, where death can come no more. May we never forget Mother, she loved her children so dear.

I must close by saying I don't believe it is good-bye Mother, it is just farewell until we meet again. I have enjoyed your company for many years but we will now part for awhile and I do believe we will meet again on the resurrection morning.

Written by her husband,
Tom Robinson

GOLDIE (CHARLES) (BEVINS) SCALE



Sister Goldie (Charles) (Bevins) Scale was born August 7, 1916, the daughter of the late Thomas and Minnie (Blackburn) Charles. She departed this life to be with Christ on July 7, 1971 and her spirit is awaiting the resurrection of her body from the grave. She was married to the late Clyde Bevins on July 14, 1941 and to this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Bill (Pricilla) Pendleton, of Snowflake, Va.

She was married to Roscoe Scalf, who survives, on September 1, 1955 and to this union was born two children, Charles David and Cynthia Lynn, both of Fairview. Also left to mourn her loss are three step-daughters: Mrs. Johnny Wilburn, Tazewell, Va.; Mrs. Admiral Blackburn, Goody, Ky.; and Mrs. Glen Nickles, Snowflake, Va.; two step-sons: Calvin Bevins, Roanoke, Va.; and Kenneth Bevins, Salem, Va.; two grand-children, Kimberly Ann and Robert Todd Pendleton; three sisters: Mrs. Trulie Edmonds, Mrs. Gertie Stratton and Mrs. Viola Stanley all of Zebulon, Ky.

She accepted Christ as her Savior on April 4, 1943 and was baptized at the hands of Elder B. H. Bevins and remained a faithful member of the Salem Church until Christ called her home. She trusted Christ while a young woman and received the blessing of a quiet and meek spirit, never complaining of her many trials encountered during her life-time. Goldie was a kind and loving Mother to her natural children and showed loving compassion for her step-children.

God in His tender mercy spared Goldie the pain of knowing she was leaving Charles David, Cynthia Lynn and Roscoe by taking her while she was asleep. We can not bring her back, but by the Grace of God she can be reunited with her and all of our loved ones at the coming of Christ.

Written by her Step-son,
Calvin C. Bevins

MAGGIE RUTHERFORD VARNEY



It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the Obituary of my beloved Mother, Maggie Rutherford Varney.

She was born March 25, 1882 at Road Fork, Kentucky, the daughter of Joseph and Virginia Slater Rutherford. She deceased this life Feb. 2, 1971. She was married to A. M. (Matt) Varney on October 11, 1900 who survives.

To this union was born six children, five sons and one daughter. They are as follows: Ferd H. Varney, E. Harold Varney, Ralph W. E. Varney, W. York Varney,

Russell L. Varney and Lotus E. Williamson. Two sons preceded her in death, Ferd H. and Russell L. Varney. There were twelve grandchildren, two of which preceded her in death, June W. Smith and Sonny Varney. There were eighteen great-grandchildren, one of which preceded her in death, David L. Williamson.

One sister, Mrs. Warren (Zella) Whitt of Williamson, W. Va. survives.

She became a member of the Regular Baptist Church called Salem and was baptized at the hands of Elder Hi Maynard and Elder Hayes Maynard. She did not attend as she would like, but she was afflicted for many years. She loved to talk on the Bible and was firm in the faith.

I thank God for the good Mother He gave us for so many years. All who knew her loved her. We can never be prepared to give her up, but can only say the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord. With all her affliction she wanted to maintain her own home, and loved to see her children and other friends and relatives come to see her. There would not be space enough to write all the good things I could recall about her life.

I believe she could see her Savior as she rejoiced, clapping her hands, just before she closed her eyes in death. If it were not for our earthly nature, we could have shouted for joy. She went to the arms of Jesus, I believe with all my heart.

I am just waiting for that meeting time in the air.

Written by her daughter, in hope of eternal life,
Lotus E. Williamson

ELDER LESLIE CLYDE SWANSON



Elder Leslie Clyde Swanson, age 75, was born on March 12, 1895 to the late Layfayette and Flora (Kindall) Swanson. He departed this life to be with Christ on March 1, 1971. His Spirit is awaiting the resurrection of his body from the grave. He was married April 29, 1914 to Belle (Kirby) Swanson, who survives, and to this union was born nine children: Sylvan H. Swanson, Hollywood, Fla.; Leslie C. Swanson, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.; John I. Swanson and Joseph H. Swanson, Roanoke, Va.; Bill C. Swanson, Morgantown, N. C.; Benjamin H. Swanson, Virginia Beach, Va.; Mrs. Frank McMillan, Portland, Oregon; and Mrs. John Russell, Roanoke, Va. One daughter, Juanita, preceded him in death.

Additional survivors are 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and his sister, Mrs. Walter Williams, Charlotte, N. C.

Brother Swanson professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Salem Regular Baptist Church in June 1926 at the hands of Elders Ester Hopkins and Willie Hay. He was ordained into the Ministry of said Church on November 2, 1935 where he attended unless prevented from doing so by reason of illness. Even though moving from the vicinity of the Salem Church, his heart, prayers and thoughts were with the membership at their regular meeting time. Brother Swanson devoted his life to the study of God's word in trying to know and do God's will, always counselling others to seek the Lord while they had life and opportunity.

We believe that Brother Swanson fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, the one he trusted and loved, and when Jesus comes to ransom His children's bodies from the grave, we will meet Brother Swanson again.

Written at the request of the Family by,
Brother Calvin C. Bevins

MARTHA VARNEY PAULEY



With humbleness I write the Obituary of our Mother, Martha Varney Pauley. Mom was born March 27, 1885 at Road Fork, Pike County, Kentucky the daughter of A. H. and Nancy (West) Varney and deceased this life June 18, 1970. She was a member of two of Pike County's pioneer families, one by birth and one by marriage. She was married to Joseph C. Pauley who preceded her in death and to this union was born 10 children, four of these preceded her in death. The surviving children are: Charles Pauley, Edward Pauley, Frank Pauley, Robert Pauley, Jack Pauley and Mrs. Edna Mae Aaron. She is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: A. M. Varney, C. B. Varney, Bertha Wilson and Agnes Blackburn.

Mom was a member of the Salem Church of Old Regular Baptist but was unable to attend for the last few years of her life because of illness.

There are many cherished memories we children have laid close to our hearts and many wonderful things we could tell about Mom's good life but space would not permit it. We can only say that the life she lived testified of her saving faith in God and we truly believe she is now resting in the arms of Jesus.

Written for all the children,
Charles Pauley

CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 6. New Churches may be admitted into 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 the consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power 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 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 a 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 are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

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

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

ARTICLE 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with 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 of IMMERSION, back foremost, so as to cover all over.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by the 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 regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the Church.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term of 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.

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Adair, Tommy	1043 N.E. 28th St., Ocala, Fla.
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Brown, Claude	Sidney, Ky.
Brown, Clyde	Sidney, Ky.
Brunfield, Billy	Rt. 2, Box 48, Carthage, N. C.
Carey, Grover	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Clay, Earl W.	905 S. Park St., Ockeechobee, Fla.
Cline, Johnny	Box 304, Baisden, W. Va.
Cline, Ross	Baisden, W. Va.
Cochran, Ernest	Sidney, Ky.
Conley, Bill	Omar, W. Va.
Crigger, David	Sidney, Ky.
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Deeley, H. Jimmy	Rt. 1, Box 9-A, Delbarton, W. Va.
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Dials, Willis	Pilgrim, Ky.
Edmonds, Harold	Box 31, Sidney, Ky.
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Ellis, Tommy	Rt. 2, Delbarton, W. Va.
Evans, Charley	Box 222, Stirrat, W. Va.
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Glanden, Ted	Baisden, W. Va.
Graham, Hobert	Medway, Ohio
Hannah, Isom	Mallary, W. Va.
Harrison, Ireland	Chattaroy, W. Va.

Hatfield, Tracy	Hampden, W. Va.
Hay, Maynard	Naughatuck, W. Va.
Hensley, Samuel D.	Pie, W. Va.
Herald, Wayne	Box 586, Kermit, W. Va.
Howard, Clinton	Pilgrim, Ky.
Johnson, Charlie	Sidney, Ky.
Jude, Harrison	Loura, Ky.
Jude, Nathan	Brunwell, Ky.
Lowe, Harvey	McCombs, Ky.
Lowe, John	Anthony, Fla.
Lowe, Milford	Pilgrim, Ky.
Lowe, Roosevelt	Goody, Ky.
Lowe, Willis	Box 85, Turkey Creek, Ky.
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May, Jeff	Dingess, W. Va.
May, W. H.	Dingess, W. Va.
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Maynard, Clifford	Meta, Ky.
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Sheppard, A. A.	Meta, Ky.

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 Thornsbury, Alson Kimper, Ky.
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LIBERATED BRETHREN

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Evans, Joe	Rt. 2, Box 29, Delbarton, W. Va.
Gillman, Dana	Box 105, Barnabus, W. Va.
Hay, Edwin	Huntsville, Ala.
Jenkins, James	Box 80, Holden, W. Va.
Sheppard, Mike	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.

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Elder Edwin May, Moderator	Rt. 4, Box 85, Abingdon, Va.
Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator	Box 586, Kermit, W. Va.
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk	Box 746, Pikeville, Ky.
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk	Box 132, Varney, Ky.

**CHURCH DELEGATES
 TO THE 1971
 SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

MT. PLEASANT: T. R. Boger, Monroe Smith, James Scott.
 APPLE ORCHARD: Epison Maynard, Willie Nichols, Cleston Robinson.
 ENON: Pete Maynard, Jack Farley, James Spencer.
 REBECCA: Edward Runyon, Maynard Hay, Howard Gilman.
 BENT BRANCH: Lloyd SESCO, Ted Blackburn, Clifford Maynard.
 SARDIS: Willie Varney, S. D. Hensley, H. Jimmy Deeley.
 BIG BRANCH: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Landon McCoy.
 MARY ELIZABETH: Tom Fraley, Rell Maynard, Alex Edminson.
 BETHANY: Isom Hannah, Ellis Davis, Mark Hannah.
 ELK FORK: Grover Carey, Dave Baisden, James Jenkins.
 PILGRIM'S HOME: Joe Warrix, Marshall Williamson, Mills Roberts.
 SALEM: B. H. Bevins, Calvin C. Bevins, Floyd Morris.
 SIDNEY: Walker Scott, Jobey Blackburn, Lewis Marcum.
 DIX FORK: Stirl Smith, Charlie Johnson, Harmon Crigger.
 NARROWS BRANCH: Kelly Stanley, Willie Stanley, Bill Williams.
 LEANNAH: Milford Lowe, T. J. Robinson, Ira Robinson.
 BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazee, Burgess Dials, Johnny Cline.
 TIBITHA: Charley Evans, Joe Robinette, Dana Gillman.
 LITTLE ROSA: Faye Scott, Robert L. Robinson, Lacy Marcum.
 TURKEY CREEK: Leroy Reed, Floyd Williamson, Willis Lowe.
 SAMARIA: Jeff May, Ersel Prince, Frankie White.
 ROSA: Ross Cline, Tracy Hatfield, Uley Perry.
 MUNCY VALLEY: Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis, Avery Hensley.
 LITTLE VIRGIE: John J. Scott, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsbury.
 SOUTHERN HOME: Tommy Adair, George Deel, Robert Clay.
 PILGRIM'S REST: Willie Stanley, Gorden Maynard, Emzy Williamson.
 OKEECHOBBEE: Earl W. Clay, G. W. Clay, Mosco Gilliam.

CHURCH	MODERATOR	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CHURCH CONTRIBUTION	CHURCH TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	35	\$30.00	2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	43	\$25.00	1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	\$15.00	1	June
REBECCA	Jeff May	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	63	\$35.00	2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	B. H. Bevins	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	74	\$50.00	3	Aug.
SARDIS	Willie Varney	10	0	0	0	2	0	4	108	\$35.00	4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	\$20.00	3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Charlie Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	42	\$25.00	3	July
BETHANY	Willie White	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	45	\$20.00	4	Aug.
ELK FORK	Andrew Maynard	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	43	\$30.00	3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Wayne Herald	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	155	\$50.00	4	Aug.
SALEM	Charlie Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	90	\$50.00	1	May
SIDNEY	Lewis Marcum	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	31	\$20.00	4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	2	1	0	0	0	5	1	74	\$50.00	1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Roosevelt Lowe	1	0	0	2	1	4	2	67	\$30.00	4	July
LEANNAH	Roosevelt Lowe	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	49	\$20.00	2	July
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	\$25.00	3	June
TIBITHA	Willie Varney	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	46	\$25.00	1	Aug.
LITTLE ROSA	B. H. Bevins	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	\$20.00	2	June
TURKEY CREEK	Charlie Johnson	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	78	\$40.00	2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	35	\$25.00	1	July
ROSA	Johnny Cline	2	0	0	0	0	5	1	100	\$35.00	3	July
MUNCY VALLEY	Willie Varney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	\$10.00	2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd Sesco	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	15	\$20.00	4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	\$25.00	1	April
PILGRIM'S REST	Edwin May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	\$20.00	2	June
OKEECHOBEE	Earl W. Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	\$10.00	2	April
TOTALS		48	7	1	2	5	40	19	1388	\$760.00		

CHURCHES AND CLERKS

CHURCH	ADDRESS	CLERK	ADDRESS
MT. PLEASANT	Sidney, Ky.	James Scott—Box 105,	Sidney, Ky.
APPLE ORCHARD	McCombs, Ky.	Van Maynard—Rt. 3, Box 36,	Turkey Creek, Ky.
ENON	McCarr, Ky.	James Spencer—McCarr,	Ky.
REBECCA	Delbarton, W. Va.	F. M. Preece—Rt. 1, Box 184-U,	Delbarton, W. Va.
BENT BRANCH	Meta, Ky.	Merlin Sesco—Meta,	Ky.
SARDIS	Delbarton, W. Va.	Jesse Farley—Rt. 1, Box 10,	Delbarton, W. Va.
BIG BRANCH	McCombs, Ky.	J. L. Nichols—Box 2,	McCombs, Ky.
MARY ELIZABETH	Hatfield, Ky.	S. B. Fraley—Rt. 2, Box 30,	Hatfield, Ky.
BETHANY	Lenore, W. Va.	Ellis Davis—Rt. 1, Box 180,	Williamson, W. Va.
ELK FORK	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.	Anse Curry—Rt. 1, Box 27,	Delbarton, W. Va.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Varney, Ky.	James M. Ray—Box 132,	Varney, Ky.
SALEM	Goody, Ky.	Calvin C. Bevins—209 Maplelawn Ave.,	N.E., Roanoke, Va.
SIDNEY	Three Forks, Ky.	Stella Maynard—Box 30,	Pilgrim, Ky.
DIX FORK	Canada, Ky.	Omer Williamson—Canada,	Ky.
NARROWS BRANCH	Hardy, Ky.	Clyde Brown—1613 Pine St.,	Kenova, W. Va.
LEANNAH	Pilgrim, Ky.	Tom Robinson—Pilgrim,	Ky.
BUCK CREEK	Beauty, Ky.	Thomas J. Dials—Box 31,	Warfield, Ky.
TIBITHA	Omar, W. Va.	Dana Gillman—Box 105,	Barnabus, W. Va.
LITTLE ROSA	Chattaroy, W. Va.	Robert L. Robinson—Box 139,	Chattaroy, W. Va.
TURKEY CREEK	Turkey Creek, Ky.	Landon Taylor—Rt. 3, Box 30,	Turkey Creek, Ky.
SAMARIA	Dingess, W. Va.	Ersel Prince—Dingess,	W. Va.
ROSA	Baisden, W. Va.	Uley Perry—Box 96,	Gilbert, W. Va.
MUNCY VALLEY	Pie, W. Va.	Tommy Ellis—Rt. 2, Box 143,	Delbarton, W. Va.
LITTLE VIRGIE	Kimper, Ky.	John J. Scott—Box 16,	Kimper, Ky.
SOUTHERN HOME	Rt. 1, Citra, Fla.	Childmer Marcum—Rt. 1, Box 415,	Citra, Fla.
PILGRIM'S REST	Pisco, Ky.	K. H. Williamson—Varney,	Ky.
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