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OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In session assembled with the
Samaria Church
Dingess, Mingo County, West Virginia
September 9, 10, and 11, 1994

Elder Isom Hannah - Moderator

Elder Thomas J. Dials - Assistant Moderator

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. - Clerk

Elder Edwin Hay - Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

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FRIDAY

September 9, 1994

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Samaria Church at Dingess, Mingo County, West Virginia on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1994.

About the hour of 9:30 a.m. as the chilly fog gave way to the glorious sun on this beautiful fall morning, the little band of faithful Brethren and Sisters came together as one joyful soul under the tent hopeful that God would carry us up to Mt. Zion. Elder Isom Hannah, our Assistant Moderator, seemed lonely as he came to the Stand with many kind and loving words in memory of our deceased Moderator, Elder Edwin May, who had faithfully served our Sardis Association as Moderator for some 30-years, and asked that this 102nd annual session be dedicated to Brother Ed.

Elder William (Billy) Adair, Sr., having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory, came to the stand to preach the opening of the service. He, too, wanted to remember Brother Ed May and sang "The Old Preacher" in his memory. Brother Billy then preached Jesus as the promised "Root of Jesse", using and expanding upon the prophesies of Isaiah. Stating he felt more like shouting than preaching in this family of God he, nevertheless, was blessed to deliver a wonderful opening sermon. Brother Billy then led in prayer.

Elder Paul Vance came to the stand to preach the Introductory Sermon. Freely admitting his fear of standing in this place to fulfill the request of the Brethren, and he hoped the will of God, to preach an Introductory Sermon. Brother Paul continued the tribute to Brother Ed's memory by singing "On the Other Side of Jordan" aptly following up Brother Billy's song.

Brother Paul touched the heart of the congregation as he was visibly led out in the Spirit to preach "one Lord, one Faith, one Spirit, one Baptism, one Family and one way to Heaven in Jesus Christ who said, 'I am the door'." Brother Paul preached that fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and very forcefully pleaded with the people to dig deep and build their house upon the Rock that was the Church in the wilderness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Samaria Church house where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom the several non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the tent to enjoy the preaching of:

Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association Elder Ked Adkins, Union Association The delegates having assembled themselves in Order, Elder Isom Hannah standing as Moderator of our Sardis Association called to seats the delegates from our churches sent to represent them in this Association and the many delegates sent by our corresponding Sister Associations. Brother Isom very lovingly hoped we had come together in love and unity for the gospel and cause of our Lord Jesus and the upbuilding of our Sardis Association.

Brother Isom then called upon Elder Grover Adkins, the venerable Moderator of the New Salem Association, to open the services at the house. Brother Grover, whose aged and frail body belies the wisdom and compassion gained over decades of striving for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and peace among the churches, pleaded with the Brethren for "patience" to wait upon the Spirit of God to direct our minds into the path He would have us follow. This common goal between Brother Grover and Brother Ed May was the mortar that bound them together in an inseparable bond of love and friendship.

Elder Buddy W. Carty of the Northern New Salem Association led in prayer and pleading for God's blessing upon this Association.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Elder Isom Hannah, our Moderator, came to the Stand asking the Brethren to heed the Godly advice we have heard here today on how to conduct ourselves in the house of God. If we would follow this advice, he said, we can go away saying this is the best Association we ever had.
- (2) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to receive contributions sent to the Association by the several Churches as follows:

Brother James Blackburn Brother W. H. Hale Elder Thomas J. Dials

- (3) The Moderator called for the Letters from the Sardis Association Churches to be handed in to the Clerk and for the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance.
- (4) Having reviewed the Letters received from the Churches for regular form and order, the Clerk read the Letter from our host Church, the Samaria Church, and, upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
 - (5) By move and second the printing of 4500 minutes for 1993 was approved.
- (6) The Committee on Finance reported \$3,845 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.
- (7) The Moderator appointed a committee to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association and the entire Samaria Church delegation.
- (8) The Moderator appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates for Officers to serve the Sardis Association for the coming year and instructed the delegates to vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk:

Elder Grover Adkins, New Salem Association Elder Frank O'Quinn, Union Association Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association

(9) The Sardis Association then completed its 1994 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

Elder Isom Hannah, Moderator Elder Thomas J. Dials, Assistant Moderator Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

NOTE: The Clerk thanked the Delegates for their confidence and the honor bestowed upon him to have served the Sardis Association as Clerk for over 30- years. Brother Ralph stated his belief that God called him to this office and blessed him to fulfill its duties. However, he stated, there is a time for all things and the time to select a new and better qualified Clerk has arrived. He asked the Delegates to seek out from the many qualified Brethren a new Clerk at our 1995 Association.

- (10) By move and second, it is ordered that our Moderator make all temporary appointments during the sitting of the Association and until new officers are selected at our next Association.
- (11) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Jason Lowery, New Salem Association Elder Odes Williams, New Salem Association Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association

[NOTE: Elders Jason Lowery and Hillard Newsome replaced Elders Buddy Carty, Dave Gibson and Monroe Jones who were chosen by the Committee but had to be absent]

SATURDAY

Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association Elder C. W. Turner, Northern New Salem Association Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association Elder Herman West, Union Association

[NOTE: Elder Monroe Jones replaced Elder Ellis Holbrook who was chosen by the committee but had to be absent]

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

Brother Larry May Brother Jeff May, Jr. Brother Alton May

- (13) By regular move and second, the reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum was omitted.
- (14) The Moderator called for the Letters from our corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters were read and, by regular move and second, were received, the delegates seated with us in Council and given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator:

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Jesse Williamson, Arvid Blevins, Frank O'Quinn, Floyd Jude, Billy Hutchings, Robert Clay, Rollen Hollens, Billy Joe May, Edgar Baker, Herman West, Bill Owens, Howard Daniels, Ked Adkins and Dorse Adkins. Letter in the hands of Elder Frank O'Quinn.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: John Justice, Pete Hensley, J. D. Clarke, Ellis Holbrook, Teddy Honaker, C. B. Smith, Walter Akers, Hiram Adkins, Grover Adkins, Chuck Hall, Gary Compton, James Tackett, Tilton Dye, Woodrow Dye, Jack Akers, Clyde Jacobs, Ledis Hamilton, Clinton Moore, Monroe Jones, Jimmy Waddles, Odes Williams, Jason Lowery, Clifford Williams, Wendell Hamilton, Forrest Hall, Ed Moore, Rodney Johnson and Woody Pack. Letter in the hands of Elder Gary Compton.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: John Jude, Forrest Osborne, Buddy W. Carty, Squire Hamilton, Larry Dixon, Reed Triplett, Duane Graves, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Howard Parsley, Ray Hamilton, and Jerry Runyon. Letter in the hands of Elder Forrest Osborne.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: David Gilliam, Harlan Barney, Walter Morrison, Lowell Adkins, Ira Adkins, Jr., Howard Adkins, John Paul Clark, Glen Merritt, Paul Moore, Luther Ramey, Jr., Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Donnie Brown and Paul Morrison. Letter in the hands of Brother Walter Morrison.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: John R. Justice, Danny Hurley, Dave Gibson, Cecil Blankenship, Monroe Matney, Woodrow Whitt, Roger McCoy, David Bailey, David Lester, Gary Brown, Phillip Estep, George Baker, John Payne, Doug Reed, Leonard Coleman and Kermit Lester. Letter in the hands of Brother Gary Brown.

- (15) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our same faith and order desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Bruce P. Forsyth, James Gannon, Bill Cochran, James Barney, William Campbell, Sr., William Campbell, Jr., Sabert Nichols, Edwin Hay, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Steve Robinson, Jr., Buddy Glandon, Berlin Thornsbury, Glen Dixon, Charles Jarrell, Billy Williamson, Gordon Akers and David Crigger. Brother Clifford Maynard requested to be included in the list of transients. The Clerk asked the Delegates to instruct him on this request and, after discussion, by move and second the request was denied.
- (16) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association and for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association. A Letter of Correspondence was received from the Old Indian Bottom Association. After discussion and by regular move and second, the delegates were seated and the letter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

- (17) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second this committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. today.
- (18) On motion by Elder S. D. Hensley, second by Brother Stewart Brown, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 10, 1994.

SATURDAY

September 10, 1994

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Samaria Church house where, about the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Isom Hannah, called the house to order, and asked Elder Clifford Williams of the New Salem Association to open these services.

Brother Clifford was so wonderfully blessed to preach of "the Love of God" and our dependence upon Him. This short but powerful sermon did, in fact, fill the heart of every delegate in the House with God's Love and set their minds upon seeking His will in today's session.

Elder Chuck Hall of the New Salem Association led in prayer.

Our very capable Moderator, Elder Isom Hannah, acknowledged the reading of our Rules of Decorum was omitted on Friday but felt it would be good to do so today. He read, explained and admonished the Brethren to follow our Rules of Decorum as we work in this business session.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.
- (3) Appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our 1995 Association; who shall be his alternate; and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1995 Association:

Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association

Elder Chuck Hall, New Salem Association

Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Hobart Hamilton, Preach the Introductory Sermon

Elder Elbert Sesco, Alternate

Elder Joe Evans, Prepare Circular Letter

(4) The Committee appointed Friday to arrange the preaching met and selected the following Brethren to preach Saturday night and Sunday and was discharged:

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Edwin Hay, Sardis Association Elder Melvin Fields, Old Indian Bottom Association Elder Forrest Osborne, Northern New Salem Association

[NOTE: Elders Edwin Hay and Melvin Fields filled in for Elders Arvid Blevins, Chuck Hall and Jerry Runyon who were chosen by the Committee but had to be absent]

SUNDAY

Elder Lacy Walters, Sardis Association Elder Phillip Estep, Old Friendship Association Elder Richard Staton, Sardis Association Elder Isom Hannah, Sardis Association

(5) Called for the Sardis Association Treasurer Report and, by regular move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand 9-13-93 Interest received 8/1/93 to 8/1/94 Contributions to Building Fund:	\$ 284.05 \$ 12,389.00	\$ 17,519.14
Total available for 1993	<u> </u>	\$ 30,192.19
Less 1993 Expenses: Print 4,500 copies of minutes Liability Insurance to Pilgrims Home Church Itemized Expenses Total 1993 Expenses	\$ 4,300.00 \$ 300.00 \$ 120.15	(\$ 4,720.15)
Balance After Expenses		\$ 25,472.04
Less Loan to Pilgrims Home Church to buy Property Balance on hand 9-9-94		(\$ 7,000.00) \$ 18,472.04
Add 1994 Receipts: Contributions from Churches Obituary Pictures Total 1994 receipts	\$ 3,845.00 \$ 330.00	\$ 4,175.00
Balance on hand 9-9-94 Repayment of loan by Pilgrims Home Church		\$ 22,647.04 \$ 7,000.00
Adjusted Balance on Hand 9-10-94		\$ 29,647.04

- (6) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1994 and that he be allowed \$50 for his expense.
- (7) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 4000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300 for his expense.

(8) Elder Edwin Hay, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand apologizing for the length of his letter but aptly explained that the subject that God had given him required that he be diligent and, he hoped, his lonely struggle to be sure of its content would meet the minds of this Association for their acceptance. Brother Edwin read his letter to a very attentive delegation who, by regular move and second, received it and ordered that it be printed in our minutes.

Beloved Brethren of the Sardis Association, your Clerk would ask that as you listened so diligently to the reading of this letter that you visit it often to seek out the kernel thereof.

- (9) Read the Letter of Correspondence from the Old Indian Bottom Association. Discussion was had on past Committees, their authority and work with this Association. Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. questioned their organization by stating he had not found a record of their "birth," the name of their mother nor a history of their lineage. Other discussion was had and, upon move by Elder Bobby Scott, second by Elder Chester Cochran, this Letter was received without objection and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator amidst much rejoicing. The delegates were: Murl F. Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Haston Whitaker, Delmar Jones, Spencer Bedwell, Melvin Fields and Rodney Slone.
- (10) It is ordered, by regular move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, Old Friendship Association and Old Indian Bottom Association; that our Clerk prepare the Letters of Correspondence and file of Minutes; and that Brethren to attend these Associations as delegates be appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the host Churches at the Union Association Building, Ash Camp, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1994: Willie Stiltner, James Gannon, Virgil Fields, Berlin Thornsbury, Isom Hannah, Thomas J. Dials, Billy Williamson, Frank Sheppard, Buddy Glanden, Elbert Sesco, Henry Jude, Bobby Scott, Jimmy Blackburn, Stewart Brown, Frankie White, Leon Robinson, Charles Canada and Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1994: James Gannon, Frank Sheppard, Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., Hobart Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Joe Evans, Henry Jude, Berlin Thornsbury, Isom Hannah, Elbert Sesco, Frankie Scott, Virgil Fields, Bobby Scott, Billy Williamson, Edwin Hay, Thomas J. Dials, Marion Duncan, James Blackburn, Frankie White, Stewart Brown, Billy Robinson and Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1995: Edwin Hay, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Bobby Scott, James Barney, Glen Dixon, Billy Williamson, Wayne Herald, Jr., Elbert Sesco, Thomas J. Dials, Isom Hannah and Gordon Akers. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Friendship Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1995: James Gannon, S. D. Hensley, Edwin Hay, James Barney, W. H. Cochran, Willie Blackburn, John Wayne White, Bobby Scott, Isom Hannah, Thomas J. Dials, Berlin Thornsbury, Elbert Sesco, Wayne Herald, Jr., Billy Williamson, Buddy Glandon, Ron Knox, Gordon Akers, Julius Cochran, Clyde Brown, Frank Spence, Stewart Brown and Marion Duncan. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Panther Creek Church, Panther, WV, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1995: Edwin Hay, Virgil Fields, James Gannon, Elbert Sesco, Bill Cochran, Isom Hannah, Joe Evans, Bobby Scott, Willie Blackburn, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Runyon, Berlin Thornsbury, S. D. Hensley, Sabert Nichols, Jerry Thompson, Wayne Herald, Jr., Thomas J. Dials, Buddy Glanden, Willie Stiltner, Billy Williamson, Howard Sammons, Marion Duncan, Julius Cochran and Stewart Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbury.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the Little Home Church, Red Fox, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1995: Edwin Hay, Glen Dixon, Virgil Fields, James Gannon, Chester Cochran, Buddy Glandon, Billy Williamson, Frankie Scott, Frank Sheppard, John Paul Hamilton, Gary Holbrook, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Runyon, Willie Blackburn, Elbert Sesco, Richard Staton, Bill Cochran, Bobby Scott, Joe Evans, Berlin Thornsbury, Henry Jude, Billie Brumfield, Thomas J. Dials, Isom Hannah, Dale Williamson, Julius Cochran, Clyde Brown, Greg Scott, Clayburn Varney, Eugene Newsome and Stewart Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Joe Evans.

- (11) Read the Letter of Condolence from our Sister Association, the Northern New Salem Association, and, by move and second, ordered it be printed in our Minutes.
- (12) In the absence of other Tent Committee members, the Clerk gave the Tent Committee report that is was old, frayed and needed to be replaced. Report was received by move and second.
- (13) Read the Request from the Little Tavie Church for a Letter of Dismission from the Sardis Association to be placed with the Philadelphia Association. Expressing their sadness at giving away this little band of Brethren and Sisters, on move by Elder Tommy Ellis, second from Brother Edgar Scalf, the request was granted and our Clerk authorized to write the letter.
- (14) Discussed Liability Insurance and re-imbursement to the Samaria Church for the cost of insurance for this year. By regular move and second, the Brother Clerk was authorized to pay the Samaria Church \$525 for Liability Insurance premium.

To further help the Samaria Church with its expense of hosting the Association, a donation was made up at the House and the Tent totaling \$850.

(15) By move and second, Item 14 of our 1975 Minutes is reprinted, without the preamble, as follows:

September 13, 1975 Dingess, West Virginia

Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

Brethren:

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

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

To answer this Query in the negative would be interpreted by some Brethren too strictly and they would say we have shut the door on everything and Committees would flow from Church to Church like

water. We believe the Sardis Association should advise the Churches to advise their members, both Brethren and Sisters, to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that becometh a Child of God. We believe that each Child of God will adorn themselves in a manner that they can easily be identified from the world. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

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

Elder Wayne Herald Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Brother James M. Ray

- (16) 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.
- (17) Ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Churches not to marry anyone having a living husband or wife unless they bring scripture evidence for putting their husband or wife away. (1929 minute)
- (18) Ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women. (1919 minute)
- (19) Read the Request from the Okeechobee Church asking if the Sardis Association has an order against using double married men in any function of the ministry, including holding or leading prayer? If not, would it give advice in the matter and consider adopting an order to that effect?

After discussion and on advice from our Moderator, by move and second the answer to the first question is that we do not have an order against such practice and the answer to the second question is that each Church holds its own key.

(Clerk's Note: On Sunday our Moderator, Elder Isom Hannah, verified the words used in this move and second. Realizing we can not now change this wording, he asked that his intent, and, he believed, the understanding of the Brethren, be recorded as being the same advice given by this Association in the past that each Church in the Sardis Association holds the key to its own door and is the sole judge of the conduct of its members as long as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the scriptures.)

- (20) A request from the Rebecca Church asks, "In the receiving of members having more than one living companion, does the criteria of receiving the innocent party also apply to the receiving of members by other than baptism, (restoration, recommendation, letter)?" On regular move and second, the word "receive" in the following item (21) is defined to include "any means of receiving members."
- (21) In answer to the question, "Shall we receive into 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."

- (22) By motion and second, it is ordered that requests for Union, Communion and Memorial meetings be published in our Minutes.
- (23) Read the Request from the Bethany, Big Branch, Pilgrims Rest, Salem, Sidney, Leannah, Turkey Creek and Pilgrims Home Churches concerning printing of Obituaries in our minute. Discussion was followed by move from Elder S. D. Hensley, second from Elder Charles Hall, to keep the order we now have. Objection was filed by Elder Willie Blackburn. Vote of delegates showed 29 for the move and 34 for the objection and the move failed.

A move to grant the Leannah Church Request was made by Elder Joe Evans, second by Brother Clayburn Varney, with no objection and so ordered, as shown in the following item (24). It is noted that this work by the delegates automatically granted seven request to print obituaries of friends of the church.

- (24) By motion and second, it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brethren and Sisters that are in good standing with the Churches at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. Also, friends of the Churches that are recommended by the Churches be printed in a separate section of our minute. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$15.00 will be made for a picture (beginning in 1995) with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.
- (25) By regular move and second, the report of Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial meetings was received.
 - (26) Report of Committee on acquisition of property:

Elder Bobby Scott
Brother Isaac Williamson
Brother John Henry Elkins

Elder Jerry Thompson Elder Billie Brumfield Elder Isom Hannah Elder Thomas J. Dials

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

Elder Edwin Hay

Elder Edwin Hay gave the report on the Committee activity and, after discussion, it was determined that the building desired and needed by the Association was too big for the Pilgrims Home Church property and would create a parking problem.

Two additional members were appointed to this Committee, as shown above. By a move and second the report was received and the committee instructed to continue working for a permanent site.

(Clerk's Note: On September 29, 1994 Pilgrims Home Church paid to me the \$7,000 loaned to them to buy the property originally discussed as a building site for a permanent building. This beloved Church did its very best to accommodate the Sardis Association and her members diligently tried to make it work. For this we, the Sardis Association, sincerely thank each of her members and friends for their loving effort.)

(27) The Request from the Southern Home Church to host our 1995 Association was read. By regular move and second, the Southern Home Church Request was granted. Therefore, the Southern Home Church will host our 1995 session.

The Southern Home Church is located at Sparr, Marion County, Florida (near Ocala, FL). Directions to the Southern Home Church: Take Interstate 75 to just North of Ocala, FL; take exit 71 onto Route 326

east to junction with Routes 441 and 301; turn north (left) on 441/301 to a "Y: where Routes 441 and 301 separate; take Route 301 about 2 miles to Church on left side of the 4-lane highway.

All of our Churches should send contributions to help Southern Home Church defray the expense of hosting the Association no later than August 1995.

(28) By regular move and second, the Sardis Association does hereby again tender our deepest and sincere "thank you" to the entire Dingess, WV community and the members, family and many friends of the Samaria Church. The results of your many hours of labor and tireless efforts to host this Association were evident by the attention to the many and varied details that were seen to and implemented to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

It is not possible to thank everyone but the Samaria Church feels that a special "thank you" is due to: Barry and Jimmy Dale Copley for the unrestricted use of the 3 acre lot on which to set the tent, build a feeding building and have abundant parking; Mike Baisden for the tractor work on the lot and Sister Mary Marcum for the use of the equipment; Landon and Fannie Baisden and Jess Browning for overseeing the tent lot and its content and providing a tap to their water system for our use; Spaulding Botanical Gardens for the loan and use of flowers; Nolan Freewill Baptist Church and the Laurel Lake Park for the loan and use of folding tables and picnic tables; the Hatfield, Chambers, Chafin and Mounts Funeral Homes for use of their tents; numerous children and young adults that eagerly helped throughout with their willing hands and several abilities - there isn't space to list each of you individually but you made our hearts run over with love and gratitude and you will long be remembered at the Samaria Church; and the many visiting Brothers and Sisters from the several churches in the Sardis Association for their abundant help and encouragement - they brought food, labor, help of all kinds, etc., this was truly a Sardis Association - and finally a very special "thanks" to all those we inadvertently overlooked.

- (29) By regular move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises was omitted and it is ordered that these minutes be signed by the Officers of the Association.
- (30) On motion by Elder S. D. Hensley, second by Elder Billy Adair, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the place set out above at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1995.
- (31) The Sardis Association was closed by preaching by Elder Murl F. Caudill, Moderator of the Old Indian Bottom Association and Prayer by Elder Arnold Whitaker, Assistant Moderator of the Old Indian Bottom Association.
- (32) This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.

Elder Isom Hannah, Moderator Elder Thomas J. Dials, Assistant Moderator Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 1994

Joyous, smiling, beautiful faces milled about as we arrived upon the tent grounds and the tender, sincere, unpretentious clasping of hands made the nearly 2-hours trip and the Dingess Tunnel more than worth it all! The "feeling" we all know but have never been able to fully describe abounded within this small band of Christians known as "Old Regular Baptist."

About the hour of 10:00 a.m., Elder Thomas J. Dials, our newly selected Assistant Moderator, young in years but drenched in wisdom of age, came to the Stand to announce the arrangements for today's preaching. Brother Tommy, thankful for God's bountiful blessing upon this Association was, nevertheless, mindful that we must leave these grounds shortly and admonished one and all that it doesn't end here but, on the contrary, the real work begins today with continued prayer and dedicated work for the upbuilding of every church in this Old Association and all her correspondence.

Elder Lacy Walters, another young and blessed Sardis Association Brother, came to the Stand in the opening of these services proclaiming, "How good it is to look out and see the sun still shining, and know that God is still on His throne." We can still cry unto the Lord to have mercy upon us but one day, he said, we are going away forever and if you leave this world without being born again by the Spirit of God your troubles have just started; troubles not to be compared with those of this world. Get in the "way", he begged, the "way" from earth to Canaan's land. Jesus said, "I am the way" and Brother Lacy affirmed, there is no other "way" whereby we can obtain that new birth in a pardon and remission of sin. Brother Lacy then led in prayer.

Elder Phillip Estep of the Old Friendship Association followed the opening and continued to "plow the ground" opened up by Brother Lacy by preaching, "one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism in Jesus Christ our Lord." Thanks be to God for His Son, he preached, and the new and living "way" whereby mankind can seek and obtain forgiveness of sin. Repentance is now required of all men and women, he said, and repentance is not merely a change of mind. We must have faith to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that He came in the flesh, died for our sin and arose for our justification.

We must confess our sin before God, bring forth fruits worthy of repentance and trust in God for the spiritual Baptism of the new birth in Christ Jesus, our Lord. The fullers soap may cleanse the robe, he said, but the blood of Jesus will cleanse the soul.

Elder Richard Staton, yet another young but richly blessed Sardis Association Brother, was next in the Stand proclaiming there is a "feeling" in this old time religion. As the walls are about Jerusalem, he said, God is about His people. He preached Jesus to be the lamb that stood as slain from the foundation of the world.

Brother Richard admitted he has nothing to boast about but has a lot to be thankful for because I have Jesus, an Elder Brother, a high priest seated on the right hand of God and from whose side flowed the only water that can quench the fires of Hell.

Elder Isom Hannah, our worthy and careful Moderator, came in the closing of our Association troubled that he may not have fully explained some advice given in the Association and that some of the Brethren may misunderstand the intent of his heart. When trouble comes, he said, my bed is too short and too narrow and sleep won't come. Desiring humility rather than exaltation, he stated he knew nothing as he ought to know it,

Quoting Isaiah 59:20, "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord," Brother Isom preached that God was saying to us that "my arms are not too short to help you and my ears are not shut up that I can't hear you but your sins prevent me from reaching you."

Seemingly, the lonely burden of responsibility that befalls those occupying the office of Moderator has already begun to weigh heavily upon him and Brother Isom is not as "free" as in times past and did not stand too long.

Elder Forrest Osborne of the Northern New Salem Association called Dismission giving praise to God for this heartfelt, Spirit freeing and shouting meeting from opening to closing.

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

Your Clerks

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO OUR SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

Words are inadequate as we try to express to you our Sister the Sardis Association our deepest sympathy in the expiration of your beloved Moderator the late Elder Edd May, Brothers and Sisters since your last setting.

Always remember the advice, counsel, good examples and teachings Elder May gave you in your Associations, as well as in your churches. He stood tall in the vineyard of the Lord, grew tired from his many miles of traveling here, to warn men and women of the danger of living and dying in sin, trying to comfort the sick and dying, all without price, yet never complaining. All to the glory and honor of God. As they labored here, now they rest from their labor, and their works follow them. Lets remember the happy days we walked with them here, and live in hope of meeting them in Heaven some glorious day.

Your sister, the Northern New Salem Association Elder Hillard Newsome - Clerk Elder Wayne Turner - Assistant Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

In response to being selected by the delegates to write a Circular Letter for the 1994 session of the Sardis Association, I submit the following for your consideration. The subject of my letter came to me at about 3:00 a.m., Saturday, March, 19, 1994, while in my bed in Okeechobee, FL, bringing tears to my eyes and wonderment to my mind. It was not a subject I would have picked but it would not leave over the past five months and I have waited until the very 11th hour to write this letter. I wanted to be sure. But God will get the fleece wet, he'll get it dry, he'll polish the lamp and provide the trumpet but you must do what he bids you to do.

In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezar dreamed dreams that troubled his Spirit and caused sleep to go from him [Daniel 2:1] and the king's magicians, astrologers and sorcerers and the Chaldeans (wise people after the flesh) could not interpret the dream because the king could not even tell them what the dream was but still in his authoritative way demanded that they tell both the dream and its interpretation under penalty of death if they could not do it. And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain [Dan 2:13] and they sought Daniel and his men to be slain with them. But counsel and wisdom was with Daniel, and he inquired and obtained time from the king and that he would shew the king the interpretation. I believe that Daniel took these actions acting on faith that God would provide him the answer. He went to his house (the house of his Brethren) and of his companions; Hannaniah, Misheal and Azariah (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) and that they would desire mercies of the God of Heaven (prayer is the sincere desire of the heart) and that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men. Moving out on this faith and trusting God for deliverance, the secret was revealed unto Daniel in a night vision causing Daniel to bless the God of heaven as he said, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise [Proverbs 9:10], and knowledge to them that know understanding:" [Dan 2:20-21]

Daniel went to the captain of the guards, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men, and said, "Destroy not the wise men of Babylon [Luke 6:27-28]; bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation." [Dan 2:24] I believe the captain of the guards had some conscience, I don't believe he really wanted to kill the captives of Judah, and he had a sense that Daniel and his companions were unique, peculiar people [Titus 2:14] because he brought Daniel before the king in haste and told the king that he had found a man of the captives of Judah that will interpret the dream for the king. Then Daniel made it clear to the king that it was not him that had the interpretation, neither could the wise men, magicians or soothsayers interpret the dream (they depended on the wrong source) but there was a God in Heaven that revealeth secrets and the secret was not revealed to Daniel for any wisdom that he had but for their sakes shall make known the interpretation of the dream. Then Daniel said, O king, you saw in your dream a great image whose brightness was excellent and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay [four distinct, different metals]. Then Daniel interpreted the dream for the king as it applied to his kingdom and the circumstances at that time and the subsequent kingdoms that would follow his and they would be inferior as they emerged and Daniel, like the rest of God's children, didn't understand entirely the full application of the dream but God let him know that and let him tell the king "...what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

Now Brethren, able Elders, who were among us in times past, but have now passed on and gone, preached sermons and wrote detailed letters concerning the application of this dream to the coming of Christ, how the natural kingdoms of the world evolved over a period of time into the mixed kingdoms that were in existence at the time of his coming, particularly the Roman [clay] and Jewish [iron],(although the real iron was the remnant of Israel that still kept God's ordinances; i.e. the princes of Israel] the kingdoms that ruled Jerusalem and its surrounding environs when Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judah in the days of Herod the king. I do not feel that it is necessary to retrace that line of doctrine here.

After the details just described appeared to me in my dream, it was impressed on me very clearly on that night that the interpretation of the image is still applicable today and that The Regular Baptist family as we know it, our circle of correspondence and the fabric that sustains it, our Sardis Association and member churches in particular, are rapidly heading for a clay/iron mixture in the which they will mingle themselves together but will not cleave one to another. I have seen, witnessed and experienced this when I visited other Baptist groups which the Brethren wanted me to observe. One will find traces of the old time practices but by and large the clay is dominant. I see this in correspondence I receive from concerned parents that their children don't seem to have any where to go to church in which old time doctrine, practice, feeling and blessings are found. Just as clear as the warning was in the dream, the things that needed to be done by us [collectively] to avoid the migration to such an environment or state is to become more obedient to his teachings and pray harder and more earnestly that God will grant more wisdom to the wise and knowledge to them that know understanding and be more prayerfully patient until we get a response. Note, that in the relationship Daniel and his companions had with the Babylonians, they had been carried off into a strange, hostile land but they relied solely on God in their day to day lives; when threatened by imminent danger they desired mercies of God and trusted that he would hear them; any thing that was done on their behalf in time of trouble or imminent danger they gave God the praise and honor; they would not mix and mingle with the king's people no more than casual day to day activities, they would not eat the king's portion of meat or drank the king's drink, but survived very well on pulse and water and were fairer and more well favored than those that were partakers of what the king offered. "This is a faithful saying, and I would that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works...". [Titus 3:8] Good works belong to good people and I mustn't take the time to detail what these good works are but they must begin with believing with all your heart, soul, mind and strength that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that he died for our sins, that he was buried and raised again from the dead, etc. and that we believe all things written in the Bible concerning him and all that he said and did. In my short lifetime, I have seen many that were with us go out from us because they were not of us [Brother Lloyd Sesco recently wrote a circular letter defining "us"], I have seen deviation from ancient landmarks, practices and customs; and I have seen the virtual disappearance of the Kyova and Mud River Associations of Old Regular Baptists even though these Associations had several gifted, learned and able pillars and leaders (C. Cole, Reuben Dyer, Richard Damron, John Miller, Gilbert Miller, Ernest Breedlove, Peter Oest, and others) which I was blessed to know and hear.

Daniel also saw, in a vision upon his bed, four beasts which I believe represent the four dispensations of time [apologies to Brother Monroe] and I am fully persuaded that we are living in the last beast time [the last dispensation of time.] The fourth beast [Daniel 7:7] was a great and terrible beast, that had great iron teeth and was not content in just tearing things up but stamped any residue he could find with his feet. I've never seen such turmoil, trials and troubles among the family of God and the things that come upon us causes us to mourn and weep and wonder and pray. The seasons of peace seem to be getting shorter. But dear Brethren, the same hand that led us all these many years through scenes dark and drear, will kindly conduct us safe home if we will put our whole trust in him, fear him and keep his commandments, and

tarry patiently for his deliverance. Brethren, you know the source of all our troubles, as an old song says, "...Though Satan may his powers employ, Our peace and comfort to destroy, ..." You also know the remedy for these troubles; we can't stop Satan from talking to us and tempting us but we sure can ask God through our Lord Jesus to deliver us from his presence and not let us pay attention to what he says and to lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, even the very appearance of it.

So dear Brethren let us draw closer together and this can only be done through the Spirit, which is the common element between the three that bear record in Heaven and the three that bear witness in the earth [I John 5:7-8]. We must prayerfully strive to become more unified and if the exhaustive, printed concordances and the automated searches of the electronic copies of the King James Bible are correct, the word unity only appears three times in the scriptures; Psalms 133:1, Ephesians 4:3 and 4:13. But these are more than sufficient for our instruction. It is good and pleasant for us to dwell together in unity (we also know this from experience)[Psalms 133:1]. How do we attain unity? First of all, we have to work at it; "..that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." [Ephesians 4:1-3]. This tells us the source of the unity we seek and how to act toward each other and stresses that we must stay at peace with each other if we are going to have unity and therefore have a pleasant place in which to dwell. There is also a unity of faith that we must achieve and sustain. When Christ ascended upon high and led captivity captive, he gave gifts unto men; "....For the perfecting [Hebrews 6:1] of the saints [a constituent part of a church, Phillipians 1:1], for the work of the ministry [Timothy 3:1], for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith [Romans 4:16], and of the knowledge of the Son of God [II Peter 1:8], unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature [Phillipians 2:3-8] of the fullness of Christ." [Ephesians 4:12-13] Brethren, it is essential that unity of the faith be achieved and to me that means that we must all believe alike, believe the selfsame things. We often hear Brethren say, that if we differ, lets differ in love. I beg you Brethren, consider what you say. Do the scriptures really allow us to differ? There is to be no schism in his body [I Corinthians 12:25] and even if there is differences in administrations it is still the same Lord. [I Corinthians 12:5]. When we differ, and we will, lets still love each other, moreso, if at all possible, with a pure heart fervently [I Peter 1:22], lets come together and let us reason and solve our differences using the scriptures and God's guidance through his Spirit; don't let differences remain and cause constant trouble and cold feelings among us. This is what the scripture teaches me. Why is the unity of faith important to us? "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; [Ephesians 4:14]. I've already told you who the great deceiver is, please don't give him ear. There is another unity that is not described explicitly as a unity in the scriptures but nevertheless requires unity and that is the unity in our practice. Can we find a scripture that instructs us concerning this? One in particular; "Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained [the children of God have already attained salvation of the soul, seal of the Spirit and a promise of the resurrection of the body], let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same things. Brethren, be followers together of me and mark them that walk so as ye have us for an ensample." [Phillipians 3:16-17]. Finally, there is the requirement that we be unified in what we speak [I Corinthians 1:14], the doctrine we preach [Titus 2:1, II Timothy 4:2] (Brother Tom Dials Circular Letter covered the doctrine subject very well) and what we are to conclude about one who does not abide in the doctrine of Christ [II John 9] and what we are to do if any comes among us and bring not the doctrine of Christ [II John 10].

Brethren, all that I've now written has to be translated into every day practice, so let's strive to determine what to do and then do it. First of all, the scriptures must be rightly divided; I'm not going into any detail but as an example, the scripture says in a seemingly contradictory manner; "Thou shall not covet...." and also says; "to covet earnestly the best gifts....". Like wise our form and plan of government under which our Association is organized and operates must also be rightly understood and applied. For example, Article 14 of our constitution says that all matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority of the delegates present. Article 2 of our Articles of Faith says that we believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice. Therefore, make sure that the matters that are to come before the Association to be decided by the will of the majority be scripturally sound and substantiated by ensample, epistle or word or tradition (ancient landmarks) based on the same before you allow it to come before you. We certainly want to avoid being put at odds, or in a strait, between the will of the majority and the instructions and teaching of the scriptures. Above all, we must continue in the Apostle's doctrine [which came by Jesus Christ and the source of his doctrine (teaching) was God], walk in the fear of the Lord [fear God and keep his commandments] and the comfort of the Holy Ghost and your churches will do well [Acts 9:31]. Dear Brethren be careful, there is a stated consequence unto every man concerning the adding to or taking away of the prophecy of this book [Revelations 22:18-19].

Brethren, this is getting very lengthy, I'm not done, but I must close. Let us draw closer together according to the guidance of the Spirit and the instructions and teaching in the scriptures (they will not disagree!). Let us strive to agree more for we are taught the effect and outcome of any two agreeing here on earth and the consequences of biting and devouring one another. Let us work to "...perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an Association..."[the preamble to the Constitution of the Sardis Association] and work mightily to preserve our chain of correspondence. And remember to read the third Chapter of Revelations concerning the church in Sardis that it had the name that it was alive but God knew its works and it was dead. God knows all about us and I'm glad, because he also knows about our worrying, weeping, crying, rejoicing, needs, and the help we require. But O Lord God of Heaven, help us, the Sardis Association, to strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die, because even if, perhaps, we haven't been diligent to strive for the perfection that is required of us and we be guilty of shortcomings, we still love each other and most of all we love you. Help us Lord to do better; when we err, correct us in your righteous judgement and not your fierce anger; help us to do your bidding until we are called from this old unfriendly world. And I trust that this text used by Brother Ester Hopkins in the windup of our Association years ago will still be applicable to us, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." [Revelations 3:4]

Now Brethren, I have presented to you the warning and the instruction that I feel the Lord of Heaven gave me and I hope He will provide witness of the same to you. Even though Brother Isom and Brother Hobart, Brother Arlice and Sister Louise were asleep in other parts of the house, they couldn't help me and I felt the burden alone.

Farewell, Farewell to All Below (one of Brother Ed's favorite songs). Humbly submitted;

Your servant, Elder Edwin Hay

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL, 1995

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Services begin on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Gene Johnson, Floyd Jude, Isom Hannah, and Arvid Blevins.

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Thomas J. Dials, Joe Evans, John Wayne White, Paul Vance, Leonard Napier, Richard Staton and Wayne Herald, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Lowe, Odes Williams, Ellis Amburgey, Johnny Newsome, Doug McCarty, Teddy Robinson, Garland Deel and William Adair, Sr.

MAY, 1995

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Bobby Scott, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Jerry Estep.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Richard Staton, James Gannon and Paul Vance.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jack Akers, Monroe Jones, Chris Watts, John Wayne White, Jason Lowery and Paul Boggs.

JUNE, 1995

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: James Tackett, Don Little, Lacy Walters, Clifford Williams and Sabert Nichols. Dinner served near church on Sunday.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Wendell Hamilton and Sabert Nichols.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, Steve Robinson, Jr., Vernon Rose and Richard Staton.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Lacy Walters, Steve Robinson, Jr., Jack Robinette, Henry Jude, Jerry Thompson and Elbert Sesco.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Frank Sheppard, Steve Robinson, Jr., Joe Evans, Willie Stiltner, Woody Pack and Richard Staton.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Virgil Fields, Junior Muncy, Milford Lowe, Henry Jude, Isom Hannah, Jimmy Hall and Vernon Rose.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, John Paul Hamilton, Paul Vance, Richard Staton and Clifford Williams.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Steve Robinson, Jr., Elbert Sesco, Bobby Scott and Hobart Hamilton.

JULY, 1995

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ralph Adkins, Buford Brooks, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Curtis Carroll.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Buddy W. Carty, Isom Hannah, Leonard Napier, Hobart Hamilton and Joe Evans.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco and Jimmie Hall.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Dewey Roberts and Ted Robinson.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Gary Compton, Isom Hannah, Berlin Thornsbury, Paul Vance, Edwin Hay and Sam Franks.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Paul Hamilton, Steve Robinson, Jr., Virgil Fields and Moderators attending. Everyone welcome.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Vernon Rose, Isom Hannah, Wendell Hamilton and Odes Williams.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Danny Runyon, Richard Staton and Wendell Hamilton with Moderator attending.

AUGUST, 1995

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Frank Sheppard, Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis, Willie Stiltner, Roger Stepp and James Barney.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Mark Murphy, Steve Robinson, Jr., Billie Brumfield and Leon Robinson.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Hiram Adkins, Foster Blackburn, Chuck Hall and Teddy Honaker.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Paul Vance, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton, Elbert Sesco, Danny Runyon and Burl Sturgill.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Paul Vance, Hobart Hamilton, Edward Runyon, Clinton Moore and Edwin Hay.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Robert R. Clay, Stanley Campbell, Chris Watts, Berlin Thornsbury and Willie Blackburn.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Teddy Robinson, Robert Haney, Jerry Estep and Teddy Honaker.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 1995

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Edwin Hay, Billy Miller, Isom Hannah, Roy Caudill, Stanford Branham, Gene Ratliff and Chris Watts.

APRIL, 1995

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Lacy Walters, Elbert Sesco and Leonard Napier.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith, great- grandson Joseph Donovan Thornsbury, Gertrude Thacker and grandson, David Eugene Thacker, Ethel Layne, Maxie Laferty, and Patty Thornsbury, daughter-in-law of Mary Thornsbury, will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Dale Williamson, Wendell Hamilton, Richard Staton and Hurshell Huff.

MAY, 1995

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the Howell and Jude Cemeteries in the head of Peter Cave at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe and Gabe D. Lowe. Memorial to be held at the Leannah Church.

MUNCY VALLEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Muncy Valley Church on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billy Adair, Dale Williamsom, Chris Watts, and Richard Staton.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Elk Fork Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Tommy Ellis, Lacy Walters and Willie Blackburn.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Gabe Lowe, Richard Staton and J. L. Nichols.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May Fraley Harrison at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Bobby Scott, Richard Staton and Joe Evans.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbury, Bobby Sesco and Leonard Sesco.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Ted Robinson, Leonard Sesco, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters and Bobby Scott.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and Trixie Blackburn, his wife, and all the deceased on that cemetery at the old home place on Pigeon Roost Creek on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Milford Lowe, Edward Runyon and Moderator attending.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, David Crigger, Joe Evans and Moderator to attend. There will be no church at the Bethany Church house on this Sunday.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley and Hinkle Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek on the fourth Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Don Little, Billy Williamson, Arvid Blevins, Richard Staton and Foster Blackburn.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder Jonah E. Williamson and loved ones will be held on the Williamson Cemetery one-half mile below the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Teddy Honaker, Teddy Robinson and Jerry Estep. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters and Berlin Thornsbury.

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

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on Memorial Day at 2:30 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis and Mark Murphy.

JUNE, 1995

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Southern Home Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Dale Williamson, Danny Runyon, Odes Williams, Walter Mullins and Isom Hannah.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Leonard Sesco, Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis and Harold Sesco.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Mary Thompson, husband George, and all the deceased on the Thompson Cemetery at the old home place at the foot of Brushy Mountain on Brushy Creek will be held on the first Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Dale Williamson and Billy Williamson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Muncy Cemetery, also Elder Homer Muncy, Sr. and all others buried on the Ruby Muncy Cemetery. Sister Garnet (Lowe) Maynard who is buried on the cemetery near the mouth of Lackey Branch will be included in this Memorial, at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Wayne Herald, Jr., Kenneth B. Jude and Elbert Sesco.

MEMORIAL MEETING: There will be a special memorial meeting of Elder Bill Jude and his family at the old home place on Wolf Creek on the second Sunday evening at 3:00 p. m. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Kenneth B. Jude, Ralph Caudill, Thomas J. Dials and Arvid Blevins.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Glen Lowe and his wife, Mary E. Lowe at the home on Big Creek on the second Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Wendell Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on the Sunday after the third Saturday at 11:00 a. m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Richard Staton, Bobby Scott, Lacy Walters and Billy Williamson.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Lacy Walters, Freddie Maynard and Hobart Hamilton.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Joe Evans, Danny Runyon, and Frank Sheppard.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Leonard Sesco, Rex Napier and Ed Runyon.

JULY, 1995

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the first Saturday at the Maynard Cemetery in Warfield, KY. Ministers called: Henry Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Virgil Fields and Sabert Nichols.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Bobby Scott, Roger Stepp, Elbert Sesco, Leonard Sesco Jr., and Richard Staton. Dinner will be served nearby.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Vernon Rose and Clifford Williams.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek in West Virginia. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Isom Hannah and other Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dials Cemetery on the Jack Cassidy Branch of Coldwater Road. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Wallace Muncy, Jimmy Hall, Thomas J. Dials and Paul Vance.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, Kentucky, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Bobby Scott, Lacy Walters and Elbert Sesco.

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

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

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Meeting begins at the Sardis Church house on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Isom Hannah, Charles Jarrell and Billy Adair.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel Stacy, his wife, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Homer Muncy, Jr., Tom Dials and Kenneth B. Jude.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Kirk and Fields Cemetery. This will include Elder E. F. (Frank) Fields, his wife, Rebecca, who are buried on Big Branch, Ellen (Kirk) Moore and Dim Moore, Vina (Fields) Kirk and Andy Kirk, Elmer Fields and Mint Fields and others who are buried on the cemetery on the Meathouse Fork of Wolf Creek a mile below Leannah Church on the odd Sunday (July 30th) at 10:30 a. m. Ministers called: Freddy Ramey, James Luxmore, Gary Compton and Vernon Rose.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, on Winn Branch on the odd Sunday in July (July 30) at 10:00 a. m. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Richard Staton and Berlin Thornsbury.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the A. C. and Bertha Young Cemetery in memory of A. C. and Bertha Young and other deceased on the odd Sunday (July 30) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Roger Stepp, Larry Thacker, Dale Williamson, Danny Runyon, Richard Staton and Billy Williamson.

AUGUST, 1995

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of the Cline family on the right-fork of Gilbert Creek on the first Sunday at 5:00 p. m.. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton and Joseph Staton on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek at 10:30 a. m. on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Milford Lowe, Gabe D. Lowe and Wayne Herald, Jr.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Hobart Hamilton, Jeffrey Dillon and Lacy Walters.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Richard Staton, Don Little and Leonard Sesco.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Marvin Bryant, Lacy Walters and Jethro Hampton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott and Wendell Hamilton. Dinner served near the Church on Sunday.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, Marion Preece, Sr. W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts, A. A. Sheppard and all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Odes Williams, Glen Dixon, Hobart Hamilton, James Barney, Joe Evans and Richard Staton.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. Lowe and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, West Virginia, at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Clifford Williams, Hobart Hamilton and Ernest Cochran.

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosie Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Kelly Castle, Wallace Muncy, David Crigger and Isom Hannah.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for the deceased members of the Church and the community. Services will begin at 10:30 a. m. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbury, Robert Haney, Don Little, Arvid Blevins, Dewey Ratliff and Moderators attending. Dinner will be served nearby.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, West Virginia, on Sunday after second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Steve Robinson, Jr.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all the deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the Third Saturday. Ministers called: Johnny Bentley, John P. Hamilton, Herman West and Richard Staton.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, David Crigger, Berlin Thornsbury, Paul Vance and Ed Runyon.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy family on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, J. L. Nichols and Gabe Lowe.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dave Jude and Fletcher Cemetery on Peter Cave. Ministers called: Jimmy Hall, Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols and Tom Dials.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sidney Church and of Elder W. W. Fields and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Thomas J. Dials and Berlin Thornsbury.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday and the same ministers called in the Communion Service will be used in this memorial meeting.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Henry Taylor Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Virgil Fields, Ben Scott, Gabe Lowe and Roger Stepp.

SEPTEMBER, 1995

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meat House Fork of Wolf Creek, about a mile above the Leannah Church, on the first Sunday, September 3, at 10:30 a.m. in memory of Shirley McCoy and Lucy McCoy, his wife, and others buried in the McCoy Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife Ora Blackburn, and daughter Mae Blackburn and all others buried on the Buck Branch Cemetery near the mouth of Wolf Creek. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Gabe D. Lowe, Clifford Williams, and Ben Scott.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Joe Evans, Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon and Hobart Hamilton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Lower Brushy Creek on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Sabert Nichols, Danny Runyon, J. L. Nichols and Tom Dials.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church and the deceased buried in the Maynard Cemetery at Warfield, Kentucky on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Richard Staton, Steve Robinson, Jr., Monroe Jones, and Kelly Castle.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Wendell Hamilton, Lacy Walters and Wallace Muncy.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Oscar McCoy's home in memory of his wife, Nannie, and their parents and other family members on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, J. L. Nichols, Bradley Billiter, Richard Staton and Hurshell Huff.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude, America Jude, their three sons, Ambrose, Matthew and Russell, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Isom Hannah, Sabert Nichols and Tom Dials.

OCTOBER, 1995

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Paul Barney, James Barney, John Paul Hamilton, Gabe Lowe, Isom Hannah, Hobart Hamilton and Wayne Herald, Jr.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Jason Lowery, Lacy Walters, Leonard Sesco, Jr. and Gary Compton with our Moderator and Assistant Moderator to attend.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Wendell Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco and Lacy Walters.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mount Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Woody Pack, Wendell Hamilton, and Monroe Jones.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased who are buried on the Scott Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy and Steve Robinson, Jr.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: James Gannon, Buddy W. Carty, Bob Adkins, Johnny Thornsbury and Lacy Walters.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Freddy Ramey, Herman West, Roscoe Crouse, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans, Leonard Napier and Richard Staton.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of John Jude and Belle Jude, his wife, Annie Jude and her son T. J. Jude on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy, Clifford Williams and Virgil Fields.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Woody Pack, Wendell Hamilton, Kermit Newsome and Clyde Jacobs.

OBITUARIES of BRETHREN AND SISTERS

ELDER CLAUDE BROWN



By the help of the good Lord, I will try on this Father's Day to write the obituary of my precious daddy, Elder Claude Brown.

Daddy was born April 5, 1923 in Canada, KY to the late Alfred and Gladys Blackburn Brown. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Eloise Cochran and Daphene Asmus; one brother, Cody Brown; and his first wife, Millie Scott Brown.

Daddy is survived by his wife, Inis Crigger Thornsbury Brown; three sons, Roger (Linda) Thornsbury of Paintsville, KY, Keith (Tammy) Thornsbury of Paintsville, KY, and Elder Donnie (Marsha) Brown of Pt. Pleasant, WV; two daughters, Melinda (Steve) Benefield of Talihinia, OK and Janie Stokes of Sidney, KY; one brother, Charles (Joann) Brown of Brooklyn, MI; and nine grandchildren, that he cherished, as well as, many friends, neighbors, relatives, and brothers and sisters of the church and the Dix Fork Church where his home was.

Daddy offered his hand to the Narrows Branch Church 47 years ago, after a long suffering travel and new birth in Christ Jesus, telling and showing what great things the Lord Jesus had done for him. A short time later he learned he couldn't run away from a job the Lord had for him to do. He was examined and ordained an Elder of the Narrows Branch Church to preach Jesus to a lost and dying world. He served the Lord and the churches from that time, for 45 years, whenever and wherever it fell his lot. God gave Dad a gift of much knowledge and understanding of the scriptures, which he shared with the younger brothers, being a Father in the Gospel to many of us. Dad's life says more than I could ever write, being a light for all who really knew him. If they will follow the stones and markers that he has laid up along the way, I believe it will lead them in the path Jesus laid out for us all.

On December 22, 1993, after a long suffering journey, his labors ended, the Lord let him lay his armor by and led him across Jordan's River to enter that rest that he had promised his children, making his stay here upon this earth, 70 years, 8 months. The scripture says, "Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Dad's works will remain with me as long as I live, but I want to say unto all that read this, that your works will also follow you whether they be good or bad. If you want to meet the Lord in peace when this appointment with death comes to you, turn to the Lord, repent of your sins, and be born again.

I will end by saying, sleep on my precious Daddy, farewell until the morning of eternity, where our hope is, when we shall awaken, not with crippled hands and legs, but with his likeness to walk that street of gold and give God perfect praise forever and ever....

Written by his son and brother in the Lord, Elder Donnie Brown

ELDER ANDREW MAYNARD



With the help of the Lord and sad hearts we will try to write the obituary of our beloved husband, brother and friend, who passed away June 17, 1994. Andrew was born September 10, 1919. The son of Thomas and Hattie (Simpkins) Maynard. He is survived by his wife of fifty one years, Pauline (Gilman) Maynard; one brother, Hansel Maynard; three sisters, Vicie Francis, Virginia Milkovich and Nancy Stepp; and several nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church and was moderator there when he passed away. He loved the Church and his brothers and sisters and was so proud of them. Andrew joined the Regular Baptist Church at Elk Creek and was baptized by Elder Grover Carey, the third Sunday in May, 1957. He was ordained a minister in October, 1962. He

remained a faithful member and firm in his belief and trust in the Lord. He was a good teacher and leader. He was dearly loved and will be missed by his wife, his brothers and sisters of the Church, and his many friends, some of whom he was like a father.

To all who knew and loved him he will never be forgotten and he will be forever missed, but he is resting in the Paradise of God, waiting for that great day when all of God's children will be reunited. So it behooves us to live a life that is pleasing to God so that we may see him again.

Sadly and prayerfully written by, Wife, Pauline, and Friends who sadly and greatly miss Him

ELDER HIRAM "HI" YOUNG

In loving memory and by request of the family, I am honored to write the obituary of one whom I loved and deeply respected. Brother Hi was born May 7, 1914 to Andrew Jackson "Butler" Young and Minnie Williamson Young in Varney, KY. He died January 28, 1994 at his home in Ocala, FL. He was married to Suzie Mahala Cline on November 11, 1938. This union was blessed with ten children...Sons: James Earl, Belleview, FL; Earnest, Anthony, FL; William Jacob, Live Oak, FL; David Darrell and John Easley, Ocala, FLDaughters: Minnie Ellen Maynard, Reddick, FL; Una Faye Painter, Springfield, MO; Mary Magdaline Bullard, Silver Springs, FL; Hester Ann Adcock and Myrtle Neon Davies, Ocala, FL. He had twenty three grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters: Polly Olesky, Bear, DE and Stella Slone, Turkey Creek, KY.



Baptized the first Sunday in June, 1951 at Salem Church in Goody, KY, he placed his membership with Turkey Creek Church. In 1954 he came by letter to Southern Home Church in Citra, FL where he remained a member until his death. He was ordained to preach on August 5, 1961 and served as assistant moderator for twenty five years. Brother Hi's faith and courage was evident during his illness. In his final days he preached and told of the goodness of the Lord. He told his wife, "I'm going to shine'like the morning sun." He died an honorable death, surrounded by the love and care of his family. You could see and feel the love in the way his sweet wife and children cared for his needs.

Brother Hi will be missed by his family and by the church, however we have great joy and consolation in the promise of our Lord when he said, "Whither I go thou canst not follow me now, but thou shalt follow me afterwards." I feel that Brother Hi has followed the Lord and now waits with joy for the redemption of the body, "for God hath raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power."

Written by a daughter-in-law and Sister in the Lord, Judy Adair Young

JOHNNY ADAIR, SR.

By the grace of God through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I will write this obituary of my Dad, Johnny Adair, Senior. My heart is so sad but my Spirit rejoices. Dad was born April 26, 1926, in Delbarton, WV and was a faithful member of Southern Home Church of Sardis Association. He left this ole troublesome world on the wings of a Dove, December 30, 1993, which made Dad's stay here on earth 68 years. I can almost hear him shouting Praises to God and singing the old songs of Zion, that he loved so dearly, like Prince of Peace.

He was the son of the late James Adair and Rebecca Evans Adair Grubb. He left behind 5 children, 16 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 3 brothers and 1 sister. Dad's life in this world wasn't one that you would call glamorous. We watched him make it through many trials as he lived

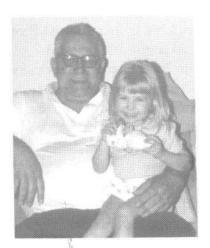


before us. The words that he would always speak here were, "Always pray and trust in the Lord." Thanks be to God for his mercy. Dad has left behind an example of Faith and Courage, that no matter what, go to God and he will carry you through.

Dad said himself to his children, "If you ever want to see me again you've got to get on that narrow highway." To those that I love, that are still lost, I leave you this Fathers gone to glory don't you want to go too?

Written with loving memories by, Brother Johnny Adair, Jr. and Elder Gary Adair

ROBERT JACKSON BENNETT



With much sadness and with broken hearts, we will try to write the obituary of our dear husband, father and father-in-law, Robert Jackson Bennett. Robert was born April 8, 1929 in Cook County, Georgia. The son of Martha Alma and Matthew Thomas Bennett. Brother Robert departed this life on November 12, 1993 at his home in Summerfield, FL after a long illness. Making his stay on earth 64 years, 7 months.

Brother Robert was married the first time to Norma June Gillis and to this union was born two sons, Robert Ray and James Edward Bennett. June preceded him in death. Brother Robert was married the second time on November 13, 1959 to Lois Marie Maynard and to this union was born one daughter, Kathy IreneBennett (Lowe). Besides

his wife, sons and daughter, Brother Robert leaves 6 grandsons, 3 granddaughters and one great granddaughter, 2 brothers and one sister and many friends and loved ones to mourn his death. Preceding him in death were his father, mother and one brother. Brother Robert joined the Old Regular Church in September 1992 and placed his membership in the Apple Orchard Church where he remained until his

death. Brother Robert loved to go to Church and be with his brothers and sisters. We would take him to church when he really wasn't able to sit up. He said church was the only place he could get a little peace from all his pain.

Brother Robert said the only reason he didn't want to leave this world was he didn't want to leave his family. To his children, family and friends, if you want to meet Brother Robert you must follow Jesus to make it to Heaven. Where all will be happiness and peace forever. Although we miss him so much we know he's only Gone Away With A Friend. And our loss is heaven's gain. Sleep on Brother Robert, we will see you soon.

Written by: His Wife, Lois M. Bennett, Daughter, Kathy I. Lowe, and Son-in-Law, Elder Richard Lowe

ETHEL BROWN



At the request of Brother Stuart, I will attempt to write the obituary of his dear companion, Ethel Brown. Sister Ethel was born April 11, 1916 and deceased this life November 25, 1993. Her parents J. C. Maynard and Lizzie Brown Maynard preceded her in death. She was married to Brother Stuart January 30, 1933 and to this union was born two children, a baby son and one daughter, Polly Elizabeth, who preceded her in death. She and Brother Stuart adopted their two grandchildren, James S. and Eva Marie of Belfry, KY.

She has one living sister, Virginia Fitzpatrick of Beckley, WV. One sister and four brothers preceded her in death. She joined the church in April 1954 and she and Brother Stuart were baptized the same day by Elders Ernest Cochran and Charlie Johnson and placed their memberships with the Dix Fork Church.

Sister Ethel was such a precious sister. I will always remember her humble spirit and how she lived her life. Being a deacon's wife, she took her duties very serious and always had a Godly appearance. She conducted herself in a way that brought no reproach upon herself or the church. She was a wonderful wife and mother and an example of what a Christian woman should be. She faced a terrible tragedy, when she seen her own daughter killed, but being a virtuous woman, she trusted in the Lord to help her and Brother Stuart and they adopted their two grandchildren and raised them to fear and admonish the Lord.

The Dix Fork Church misses her but she was one of the many roses in God's flower garden and now she will bloom in Heaven. We have lost several members this year and not one of them is more precious than the other in God's eyes. To the members of the Dix Fork Church, I would like to say, "I hope we can earnestly pray for God to help us persuade sinners to be born again and draw them by our love and kindness as I feel Sister Ethel did." It didn't matter to her that you were a sinner, she still went out of her way to show her love for them because she knew we were all once lost and wretched but through Jesus Christ, we obtained mercy and mercy pleaded our case. I thank the Lord for sisters like her who helped pave the way for us younger ones to follow. I feel I'll shout and sing with her again on Heaven's bright shore where there will be no cancer or sickness but perfect peace at last. Heaven is worth striving for and is the answer to all our problems and someday, I am going there. So sleep on Sister Ethel, we'll see you again in the sweet bye and bye.

Written By her sister in Christ, Sister Geraldine Crigger

OLLIE MARIE (MAYNARD)CHAPMAN

It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of a good dear friend and Sister in Christ. Ollie Marie (Maynard) Chapman known to a lot of her family and friends as (Beckie). Most of her family and close friends never called her anything but (Mother). To me the name (Mother) was best suited for this Dear Sister, whom we dearly loved. Sister Ollie was born June 22, 1919 in Pike County, KY making her stay with us 75 years, one month and nine days. She entered her eternal rest August 1, 1994 at her home on Rockhouse at Sidney, KY.

Ollie was the daughter of the late Johnny and Laura (Sesco) Maynard. Ollie was united in marriage in 1934 to William Charlie Chapman and to this union 15 children were born. Six sons: James, Doug, Gary and Jackie Chapman all of Kimper, KY; nine daughters: Betty May



at home at Sidney, KY; Janice Collins, Brenda McGuire, Linda Johnson and Barabra Fields all of Pikeville, KY; Emma J. Smith of Little Rock, AR; Dixie Simon of St. Petersburg, FL; Mary Wolfe of Castalia, OH and Ruth McDaniel of North Carolina. Ollie is survived by all these children, twenty six grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren, one brother, John D. Maynard of Sidney, KY and one sister, Mary Annie Brown of Williamson, WV. Ollie was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Randall Lee Collins and David Paul Chapman. She was also preceded in death by four brothers: Ralph, Charles, Gordon and Emzie Maynard and also one sister, Dorie Maynard Staton.

Ollie joined the Old Regular Baptist and was baptized by the late Jonah Ester Williamson around 1965. She was a faithful member and will dearly be missed by everyone at the Pilgrim Home Church at Varney, KY. Ollie was ready to go home but hated to leave a dear son, W. C., who is confined to a wheel chair. One daughter, Betty, who has always been there for mother, God will reward you. All of you children were good to Mother, your love for her surely showed. Ollie worked hard all her life to raise her 15 children. She will need no marker to mark where she lays. She has left her mark on all of us. She is with the Angels that she saw as she was leaving this world. Her prayers have been answered. We surely will miss you but will meet you some sweet day.

Written by: Sharlene Cline & Francis Collins with the help of her son, Douglas Chapman





With a sad and happy heart I will write the obituary of my mother, Verda Cline. I am sad because we will miss her and happy because we know she is in heaven. Mother passed away on March 15, 1994. She was born August 11, 1911 at North Springs, WV. She was preceded in death by her parents Garfield and Lula Cline Davis; her husband, Emmett Cline; two sons, Jimmy and Kelly Cline; two brothers, Dorsey and Luther Davis; and five sisters, Vida Tittle, Ida Webb, Mertie Lambert, Marie Whitt and Lettie Davis. Survivors: Daughters, Rosie Keyes, Louredith Jones, Iness Testerman, Yvonne Cline, Dorothy Cline, Sharon Cline and Gail Cline; sons, Clarence, Dickie and Ronald Cline; brothers, James "Bunchie" Davis and Monroe Davis; sisters, Dorothy Carter and Laura Davis; 14 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Mother became a member of the Rosa Baptist Church in July 1946. She was a faithful member as

long as her health permitted her to be there. A few years ago mother had a dream: She dreamed she was walking up a hill. She thought she would never get to the top. When she finally got to the top of the hill, she saw many trees; one was different, it had something like water flowing from it. She touched the tree and a voice told her she had touched the Holy Spirit. She had a feeling like nothing before; she remembered shouting, she was so happy. When it was time to go down the hill, instead of walking, she floated down. Since I was a child mother always sang religious songs, until two years ago. After having the third stroke she quit singing. About two weeks before her death she started singing the old songs again. I believe that Mother knew there was going to be a change.

I never heard Mother complain about her sickness or life in general. In closing, I believe that one of Mother's favorite verses from the Bible is appropriate. The verse is from Timothy II, Chapter 4, Verse 7. The verse was spoken by Paul before his death. It states: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Mother is sadly missed by our family.

Written by Her Daughters, Gail and Dorothy Cline



GARNETTE (STANLEY) CRISP

It is with a broken heart full of sadness, but filled with love and precious memories, that I'll try with the help of our Lord to write the obituary of my sweet and loving wife.

Garnette Stanley Crisp was born March 1, 1948 in Pike County. She was the daughter of Herman Stanley of South Williamson and the late Elizabeth Ray Stanley. Garnette departed this life on Sunday, July 24, 1994 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, KY.

On February 7, 1994 Garnette and I, Herman Crisp, were married. For five short months we had a relationship based on true love and devotion. We loved going to church and visiting with friends. She was a member of Old Cedar Bottom Regular Baptist at Kimper. I am a

member of Old Beaver Baptist Church of Minnie. We always went to church together. Garnette was a disabled bookkeeper formerly employed by Sidney Coal Company.

Besides her father and husband, Garnette is survived by her stepmother, Janet Sue Stanley; one daughter, Dawn Thacker of Pikeville; two brothers, Herman Eugene Stanley of Pontiac, MI and Steven Michael Stanley of Goody; one sister, Brenda Sue Bostic of Pikeville.

I have lost a good wife and loving companion. She leaves me with a broken heart and will be sadly missed by all who loved her. Garnette was laid to rest in the Riley Hall Cemetery at Allen. I hope to meet her in Heaven.

Written by, Her Husband

JANIE DIALS

In loving memory of the best mom (mine) who ever lived. It is the hardest thing to sit and try to put into words what a special and loving mom I had. As mommy always said we all knew that she loved us with all that was in her. Mommy always kept the family together. She always wanted her children to love one another and live in peace. Mommy and Daddy always gave us a home of love and peace. We can never live up to what our parents were in our lives. We are all so thankful that we had good loving Christian parents who cared for every one of us. Mommy fought a long hard battle in this life before she went to be with her Lord. She always trusted in the Lord all of her life. Mommy was saved and baptized in the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1945.



Janie (Moore) Dials, 72, of Martin County passed away November 24, 1993 at the Louisa Hospital. She was married to the late Elder Willis

Dials who passed away October, 1989. She was also preceded in death by two children; Clay and Marlene. Survivors are: Thelma Parsons, Mary Curry, Ina Ruth Hall, Billy Dials, Betty Moore, Helen Blankenship, James Moses Dials, Samuel Lee Dials, Glenna Davis, Doris Evans, Deborah Ratcliff and Beatrice Maynard. She is also survived by the following adopted children: Tammy Preece, Reggie Lee Evans and Billie Jo Evans. She had 21 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren and 7 step grandchildren.

Mom was laid to rest at the Dials Cemetery, Jack Cassidy Branch (Coldwater), on November 27, 1993. Mom, we miss you so very much in this daily life, your comforting words and your sweet smiles but, we know the race has been won and your trials and troubles are over for you have won the crown of glory with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Written with the greatest of love, (Daughter) Glenna Davis, brothers and sisters





Jake was born November 4, 1898 at Varney, KY and passed from this life on Wednesday, June 15, 1994 at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home at Pikeville, KY. He was the son of the late Mary Elizabeth and Thomas Jefferson Francis of Brushy Creek. He grew up on Brushy Creek and married Nye Allen. To this union was born 6 children: Lenora Bell Francis, Claudia Lowe, Mary Faye Maynard, Ferrell Francis, Jr., George T. Francis and Earnest Verlin Francis who are all deceased.

After the death of Nye, his wife, he later married Nancy Mounts and to this union was born 7 children. He leaves 4 of these 7 to mourn his passing. Those preceding him in death are: Pauline Bostic, Elmo Saunders and Douglas Francis. Surviving sons are: Cecil Ed Francis

of Meta, KY and J. M. Francis of Matewan, WV. Surviving daughters are: Betty Gail Ray of Matewan, WV and Alice Kay Smith of Feds Creek, KY. He has 49 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and great grandchildren. Brother Jake had three brothers and 3 sisters who are deceased. He leaves one surviving sister; Bessie Allen Robinette of Varney, KY with whom he spent the last several years of his life.

Brother Jake worked for the Kentucky Department of Highways for many years. He loved politics and through out his life he maintained the respect of many people in Eastern Kentucky. Many of whom sought his advice on social and spiritual matters. His first love was the Lord Jesus Christ. He gave his life to Christ in January of 1950 and was baptized, putting his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church of the Old Regular Baptist. He was an active member who attended faithfully until illness overtook him.

Year after year he was to be seen sitting on his porch reading his bible. He felt it was every Christian's responsibility to study the scriptures. His feeling was that knowledge of scriptures limits disagreements among God's Children. His life was the Church. He has fought a good fight. He has kept the faith and there is a Righteous Crown of Life laid up for him. Just sleep on brother. We can't bring you back, but by the Grace of God we can all meet you in Heaven where suffering will be no more.

Written by, Elder Billy Williamson

SHADE GIBSON

It is with God's help that I will try to write the obituary of this sweet and humble brother, Shade Gibson. Shade was born September 13, 1930 in Pike County to the late Roland and Onie Maynard Gibson. Making his stay with us 63 years 11 months and 3 days. He went for his eternal rest August 16, 1994 at his home after a long illness. Shade was united in marriage to Jettie Robinette Gibson November 10, 1953 and to this union 4 children were born: two sons, Emmit Ester and Earnie Edgel Gibson of Varney, KY; and two daughters: Lasagna Wright of Virgie, KY and Teresa Kay Collins of Whitesburg, KY. Shade is survived by his wife and children and two grandchildren; Tara Lynn Mullins and Darren Casey Gibson and were looking forward to a third grandchild.



Shade joined the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized in 1985 by the hands of Elbert Sesco and Louie Muncy. Shade was a retired coal truck driver. We surely miss this dear brother. He would walk to church every church time and go all over the house shaking hands and give that little hug when it didn't look like he was even able to stand up. Brother Shade always wanted the brother to lay hands on and pray for God's help with his illness. I really believe his life was lengthened through prayer and his faith in God. He will surely be missed by his family, the Pilgrim Home Church and his community. If Brother Shade could speak to us I'm sure he would say to his family and friends love one another and love Jesus and some sweet day we will meet again. From his wife and children. We loved you Daddy and we miss you very much. Hope to meet you in Heaven some sweet day. LOVE YOU.

Written by, Teresa Collins, Sharlene Cline & Francis Collins

MABEL GILMAN



With a very sad heart I will try to write a memorial of my precious mother, Mabel Gilman, who I feel went home to heaven December 26, 1993. Mother was born May 9, 1928 at Trace Creek, WV. She was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Letty (Estep) Runyon. She was also preceded in death by three sisters: Polly Runyon, Ollie Ooten and Leotie Hall; and two brothers: Kenny Runyon and Isom Runyon. Left to mourn her loss is her husband of 46 years, James Gilman, and their children; two sons: Garland Gilman and James (Jimmy) Gilman of Trace Creek, WV; three daughters: Linda Hill of Ashland, OH; Joyce Dove of Chattaroy, WV and Nellie Farmer of Trace Creek, WV; brothers: Elder Ed Runyon of Dingess, WV; Don Runyon of Myrtle, WV; Nicholas Runyon of Stollings, WV and Alex Runyon of Sharples,

WV; sisters: Novella Green of Union, OH and Nellie Mounts of Trace Creek, WV; grandchildren: Robert and Stephanie Hill; Craig, Brian and Nathan Dove; Jessica and Aaron Farmer; and Chad Gilman; daughters-in-law and sons-in-law.

Mother was a very special and humble person who endured a lot of suffering in this life, even as a young girl, but she always had strong faith in God. She would tell us how she laid with rheumatic fever for a year when she was eleven years old and how Elder Grover Carey would walk through the hills to lay hands on her and pray for her. She called this faith doctoring, and when I was little she would have me prayed for in the same way. Mother would tell us about how she got in trouble over her sins and how she repented and was baptized January 1, 1954. She said they had to cut the ice to baptize her. She took her membership with the Rebecca Church at Trace Creek, WV.

I can remember when I was a child, Mother would get so happy in Church. She would cry and shout praises unto the Lord. Mother loved to sing the old Baptist songs to us as we were growing up. Mother loved the old Church and the Brothers and Sisters and she kept the faith. Shortly before she died we had Church for her and she really enjoyed it. She said it was better than medicine! She really suffered at the end. She could only have one Tylenol a day for pain, but it seemed her spirit got brighter. I'm thankful I repented of my sins and was able to walk with Mother, for I have precious memories of worshipping with her and it was wonderful to be able to wash feet at Communion time. Daddy would like to tell the family to remember the life Mother lived and get on the right path if you want to meet Mother again.

Written by: Nellie Farmer, Daughter and Sister in Christ

ETHEL LEE MASTIN PERRY

Ethel Lee Mastin Perry was born August 16, 1903 in Powell County, Ky. The daughter of Benjamin and Virginia Bennett Mastin. Died Nov. 4, 1993. She is preceded in death by husband George O. Perry Sr.; two sons Ernest C. Perry and Roy L. Perry; one daughter Eloise Estepp.

Survivors include daughters: Betty L. Frum and Virginia Gill of Biloxi, Miss. and Carol Sue Coverdale of Mt. Sterling, Ohio; Sons Denise W. Perry of Martinez, Ga. and George O. Perry Jr. of Catlettsburg, Ky., Eighteen grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. She was a member of Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church for many years.

Written by: her son, George O. Perry, Jr.

EDNA MARIE CORNS HERALD

With the help of God we will try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Sister Edna Marie Corns Herald, who deceased this life on June 13, 1994. Sister Edna was born June 28, 1911 at Crum, WV, to the late Aaron and Elizabeth Webb Corns. She died at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, WV, making her stay her on this earth 82 years, 11 months and 15 days.

Sister Edna was united in marriage to the late Elder Wayne Herald, Sr. on December 24, 1928 at Wayne, WV. They shared their joys and sorrows almost 57 years. She leaves to mourn her passing her children: Edward Eugene Herald of Bluefield, VA; Carl Leon Herald, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Lois Faye Justice of Crum, WV and Doris Ann Asbury of Kermit, WV. She leaves two sisters: Allie Mae Corns Herald of Belle, WV and Ollie Belle Corns Herald of Crum, WV. She will be missed by many grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Sister Edna lived a good clean Christian life for 51 years before her children, family and friends. She belonged to the Buck Creek Church of Old Regular Baptists at Beauty, KY. Our dear mother will be missed by many of her brothers and sisters in Christ and friends. We feel that Sister Edna is resting from her labors in the Arms of Jesus, waiting for that glorious resurrection morning when Jesus comes on the cloud of glory to take his children home, to live around the eternal throne of God forever and ever. Sister Edna is gone from our midst but her memory lives in the hearts of her children, family and friends forever. We feel our mother preached her own funeral by the life that she lived before her children and friends.

So sleep on, sleep on Mommy till that glorious day when the God in Heaven declares that time shall be no more and gathers His elect from the four corners of the earth, to meet him upon that cloud of glory, to go home and be with Jesus to live forever. To the family and friends that are still out in the field of sin, if you want to meet Mom again, take heed to that light that shines in a dark place, till the day dawns, and the day star arises in your hearts, for Jesus made it plain to Nicodemus, except you be born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven. Loving Jesus keep mommy and daddy in your care until we meet again. Life is made easier knowing that you both are in the arms of our loving Savior.

We want to leave this poem with everyone: Have you ever lost a loved one, Who was so very dear to you; One you loved so very much and, Miss her like we do; Have you ever had a heartache or, Ever felt the pain, or shed those many; Tears that fall like drops of rain; If you've never had this feeling, Then I pray you never do; For when God takes your Mother, He takes a part of you; It's a lonesome house without you, And sad has been our way, for life and Home are not the same, since you were Called away.

Written by her children who dearly loved her

DIXIE L. REED

It is with loving memories that we try to write the obituary of our mother, Dixie Louise Lockard Reed. She was born April 27, 1911 at Williamson, WV. She was the daughter of Artillis Lockard and Martha Maynard Lockard. She went to sleep in the arms of Jesus, Jan. 16, 1993, making her stay on this earth 81 years, 8 months and 19 days. She was united in marriage to William Homer Reed on March 4,1931. Dad was killed in the coal mines on November 4, 1968, they were married 37 years, and to this union were born 10 children. Alfred E. Reed, preceded her in death, September 29, 1978. Left to mourn her loss are: Grover D. Reed of Ashboro, NC: Ruth Farley of Warren, MI; Hester Maynard, High Point,

NC; William Ralph Reed, Winchester, KS; Frances E. Berkley, Johnstown, OH, Maxine Dilldine of Trinity, NC; Sue Ryan of Isil of Palm, SC; Carl Reed of Ypsilanti, MI and James Reed of Turkey Creek, KY. She had 34 grandchildren, (one preceded her in death, James Maynard October 29, 1990) 48 great grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, that are left to mourn her loss; one sister Bonnie Tencher of Williamson, WV. and many sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ.

She was baptized 1934 at Mary Elizabeth at Big Creek, (which was White Oak at the time). She was one of the original eleven members that started the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church. She was a faithful member and attended church as long as her health permitted. The last couple years of her life she was hardly able to get around. She read her Bible daily, until the last 3 weeks of her life. Her eye lids were swollen, which made reading impossible. She continued to talk about Jesus and wondered why he didn't just take her home. She died at the home of her daughter, Frances in Ohio, Saturday evening at 9PM. She just fell to sleep, to awake in the presence of Christ. We will and do miss you mother, our hope is to be with you and dad in that Great Morning.

See you soon Mother, Your daughters and sons

MENDA SMITH LOCKARD

At the request of the family I will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved Sister in Christ, Sister Menda Smith Lockard. Sister Menda was born October 10, 1910 in Pike County, Kentucky and deceased this life April 14, 1994 at the Harrodsburg Health Care Manor, making her stay on earth 83 years 6 months and 4 days. Sister Menda was preceded in death by her parents Kelly Smith and Menda Stanley Smith. Sister Menda leaves to mourn her loss two brothers Lloyd E. Smith of Dayton, Ohio and Loushin Smith of Bentonville, Ark. and One sister, Zona Ferrell of Charleston, WV. Also surviving Sister Menda is one niece Wanda Ferrell and one nephew Dave Ferrell both of Liberty, Kentucky whom she raised. Sister Menda was a member of the Narrows Branch Old Regular



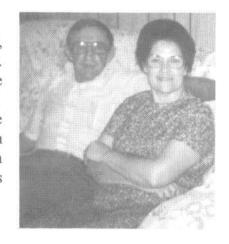
Baptist Church for over eighteen years at the time of her death. She fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and will rest until the day that God has set when He shall call all from the graves to receive their just reward and to those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb they will live in the House of the Lord forever. So rest on Sister Menda until we meet again.

Written by a Brother in Christ: Elder Bobby Scott

GLEN LOWE

With the help of the Lord and with a sad and very broken heart, we will try to write the obituary of our dear sweet Father, Glen Lowe.

Daddy was born October 30, 1925 and departed this life September 30, 1993. Making his stay here on earth 67 years and 11 months. He was the son of the late John L. Lowe and Gracie (Robinson) Lowe. He was married to Mary Elon (Francis) Lowe on May 9, 1959 who preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by one son, Gregory Lowe, one brother, Emzy Lowe, and two brothers who died at birth.

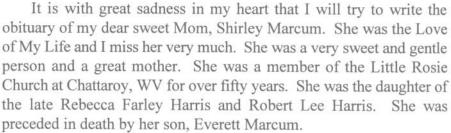


He is survived by two sons, Brian Kent Lowe and Mitchell Dwayne Lowe, his daughter-in-law, Michelle (Sesco) Lowe, and one grandson, Barry Lowe all of Sidney, KY; one brother, Gordy Lowe of McCombs, KY; three sisters: Georgia Ann Elkins of Hatfield, KY; Ortha Mae and Bethel Lowe both of Sidney, KY. Daddy was a faithful member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized October 28, 1961 by Elder Brown Lowe and Elder Emmit Case. He was also a deacon in the church for 17 years. He loved all his Brothers and Sisters. Daddy was a retired coal miner and served in the military during the Korean War.

Its just not the same here without Daddy. The house is so sad and empty. But we know you were lonely too. And now you are at rest with Mommy. We can't hardly go on without you both. But we feel we will be with you again some sweet day. That is what we are waiting for; to walk down the streets of gold with you, and to see our Lord and Savior. So rest on Daddy with Mommy until we all meet again.

Written by: Sons, Brian and Mitchell, and daughter in law, Michelle

SHIRLEY HARRIS MARCUM



She is survived by her husband, Lace Marcum, of Chattaroy, WV, and three daughters: Cordella Clark of Vineland, NJ; Elberta Goodwin of Oak Grove, MO and Wanda Lee Marcum of Chattaroy, WV. She had 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Alfred Harris of Florence, KY and a sister, Gladys Harris Riffe of Warren, MI.

My Mom lived a good Christian life. She loved to go to church on Sundays and loved talking to all her friends. One in especially, Sister Ester Scott. I can say for sure we all (friends and family) miss her deeply. And for myself will never get over the pain of her death.

Written in sadness by: Her Daughter, Wanda Lee Marcum

CHARLIE MAY

With the help of the Lord I will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved Brother in Christ, Brother Charlie May. Brother Charlie was born February 12, 1911, in Pike County, Kentucky, he was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas May and Mariah Blackburn May; two brothers, two sisters and a grandchild. He was a retired coal miner and World War II Army Air Force veteran. He also was a member of UMWA local 5737. Brother Charlie leaves to mourn his loss a loving and devoted wife, Sister Etta Smith May. Also surviving him is one son, the Rev. Charles Gary May of Stone, Kentucky and one daughter, Janet Baldwin of Huntington, WV, one brother, Sid May of Hardy, Kentucky and six grandchildren.





Brother Charlie gave his hand to Elder Bobby Scott to be baptized on April 8, 1994 and was baptized at his home due to his health by the hands of Elders Bobby Scott and Elbert Sesco. After being baptized Brother Charlie placed his membership at the Old Regular Baptist Church called Narrows Branch. He passed from this life exactly three weeks to the day from the time he was baptized. Brother Charlie attended Church for many years and always seemed to be a member even before he joined the Church. All the years working in the mines for a living and the weight of this life had left Brother Charlie with a feeble body the last few years. But God has promised that he will deliver the creature also from the bondage of corruption unto the glorious liberties of the children of God. One day by the sweet Spirit of our Lord we shall all be raised from the earth to meet Jesus in the air to live forever in a body which shall never suffer or die and neither will there be any tears in Heaven.

To Sister Etta and the children, I believe that Brother Charlie is happy today and at rest with the Lord waiting for the redemption to wit: of his body. May God continue to be with you and watch over you until we shall hear the voice of God.

Written with love: Elder Bobby Scott

VICTORIA MAYNARD

It is with much sadness and sorrow that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear mother, Victoria Maynard. Mama is no longer with me now. I miss her so much. My home is not the same since she's gone. She was the best friend I had in this world. The Lord called Mama home on January 17, 1994 making her stay here on earth 92 years, 4 months and 5 days. Born Sept. 12, 1901 in Pike County, KY. She was a daughter of the late Trigg McCoy and Kentucky Morrison McCoy.

She is survived by one son R.C. Maynard of Johns Creek; and one daughter Lyda Mae Lowe of Turkey Creek; one brother Elcana McCoy of Matewan, WV; three step sons R.D. Maynard of Hatfield, KY, Shorty T. Maynard of Burnwell, KY, and Irvin Maynard of Chillicothe, OH, one step daughter Eunice McCoy of Meta, KY.



Mama was laid to rest in the Blackburn Cemetery at McCombs, KY. She was preceded in death by her first husband Steward Maynard, and her daughters, Gladys Cole and Maxie Maynard, one son Billy Gene Maynard and three step sons, Thurman, Adis, and Curtis Maynard. Mama joined the Old Regular Baptist Church Sept. 17, 1933. She had her membership at the Big Branch Church at lower Brushy Creek; Mama worked hard helping to raise a big family and she took care of my step Daddy. For almost twelve years, her life was not a Bed of Roses, but she was happy. She had the Lord with her. She loved to laugh and joke with her close friends. Mama lived alone for twenty-five years. She never seemed to be afraid. She loved to go to church, but after Daddy passed away, she didn't get to go like she wanted to. She enjoyed fixing dinner on church time, or when the family could be there. Mama was a neat person, a good homemaker, and a good mother to us all.

You are sadly missed Mama, but I feel that you are with Jesus now, where there will be no more strokes, troubles and heartaches. About five minutes before Mama passed away she opened her eyes and looked at me. I feel that she wanted to tell me she was going home, but she was to weak. I believe Mama fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, she went so easy. I promised Mama I would see her again. My life is so empty without her. I go back to the old home place where we all grew up. It brings back so many memories. All I can say is thank you Lord. I feel their presence its so real. Mama's home now. She's gone away with a friend where she will never cry no more. The Lord had a better home awaiting. Sleep

on peaceful Mom. I believe some sweet day we'll meet again, where we'll never part no more in that beautiful country called heaven, where we'll be together for ever and ever and walk the streets of Glory hand and hand. Thank you Lord for my mother. I miss her so much. Rest on Mama. If God's will I will meet you on Heaven's bright shore. Where there will be no more dying. All will be Peace and Love.

Written by her only daughter, Lyda Mae Maynard Lowe

DAN MOUNTS

Brother Dan Mounts was born at Hurley, Va. on January 25, 1896. He passed away on June 7, 1994 in Phoenix, AZ and was laid to rest at Arlington Heights, IL. He was 98 years and 5 months old. His wife, Della St.Clair Mounts, passed away in Chicago on January 5, 1978. Dad was a coal miner for several years at Hardy, KY and also spent many years in Chicago and Florida. He really enjoyed living in Florida. Surviving Brother Dan Mounts are 7 children: Grethel Patrick of Tennessee; Edith Trainer, Geraldine Fordham, Jean Schneider and Ruby Jessee all of Arizona; John Mounts and Ermal Oetting of Florida. Brother Dan had four children who preceded him in death. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren. He was a good dad and granddaddy. We all loved him and will miss him.



Brother Dan Mounts came to the Southern Home Church in Sparr, FL on the first Saturday in June, 1987 by letter from the Narrows Branch Church in Hardy, KY. He was a faithful member and a great example to all of the members of the Southern Home Church. We could always expect to see Brother Dan and his daughter, Sister Ermal, walk through the church doors on Sunday. He would always take his same seat on the stand where he could hear the preaching of our beloved brothers. Although Brother Dan had lived many years in this life he attended church until his last days. He always enjoyed the church meetings and requested church to be held at his home when he was not able to go. Words could not express the love we all have for Brother Dan Mounts and the joy we felt seeing him each week. Brother Dan is in a better home where the sicknesses and worries of this world are far behind him. So we hope all the family and children will get in touch with the same Jesus that Brother Dan Mounts did and meet him over in Heaven some beautiful day.

Grethel Patrick and the Brothers and Sisters of the Southern Home Church



GRACE M. PHIPPS

"Let not your heart be troubled." John.14:1 "In my fathers house are many mansions." John. 14:2. These scriptures enables me to write mom's obituary with sadness but with joy because I feel mom has joined her loved ones in Heaven especially our dad.

Mom was born April 11, 1925 to Harvey C. and Fanny Pauley Maynard of Sidney, Ky., making her stay on this earth 69 years, 1 month and 20 days. She died May 31, 1994. Mom was united in marriage Sept. 20, 1943 to U.W. Phipps by Elder Jim Thornsbury. To this union was born two children: Jack D. Phipps of Ecluid, OH and Ellen A. Smith of Sidney, KY. Dad preceded mom in death April 25, 1991.

Mom was a member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized by the hands of Elders Charlie Johnson and Ernest Cochran on the 1st Sunday in March, 1954. Mom didn't get to attend church much in the last few years of her life, but Mom's love for God never lessened. She loved her church and was steadfast in her faith.

Mom is survived by two brothers, Earl Maynard of West Liberty, KY. and Hie Maynard of Sidney; three sisters Pearlie May of Sidney, Bertha Doss of Berkley, MI and Hazel Church of Ransom, KY. She was preceded in death by a sister, Belva Church; 3 brothers: Trimble Maynard, Clyde Maynard and Vernon Maynard. Mom is also survived by 4 grandchildren, Jack D. Phipps II and Kelly Lynn Harrison of Poca WV; Paulette R. Johnson of Lexington, KY. and Paul Wesley Smith of Sidney, KY. 1 great grandchild, Myles Noah Johnson, of Lexington, KY. A host of nieces, nephews and friends who loves and misses her so much. Mom our home and our lives are so lonely and empty without you, but we understand now. She told my brother and myself as she lay in her hospital bed "Children you just don't understand. You are just standing in my way." She had a better home to go to . She went to meet the one she loved the most, "God." We know she is happy now her days are painless and we wouldn't call her back to us for any reason.

Written by her loving daughter, Ellen A. Smith of Sidney, KY.

LANDON ROBINETTE

Landon was born January 30, 1923 at Varney, Kentucky and passed from this life on October 11, 1993 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital of Pikeville, KY. He was the son of the late Lilburn and Fannie Stanley Robinette of Varney, KY. Landon grew up at Varney, on Brushy Creek, and in February of 1943 he entered the U.S. Army in defense of his country. During World War II, with the Forty Ninth Engineer Combat Battalion, he was in; the Normandy Invasion, Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe. He received the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, the Meritorious Unit Award, and the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, with 4 Bronze Service Stars. He was Honorably discharged on December 1, 1945. After being honorably discharged from the military, Landon married Lois Allen on



June 1, 1946. They made their home at Varney, KY until now. To this union was born one daughter, Janet Sue Robinette and one son, Eddie Dale Robinette. He was employed by the Norfolk and Western Railroad for several years. He was loved and respected by those he worked with. The war had taken it's toll on his body and because of continued lung problems he became disabled. Landon was baptized on October 19, 1985 and became a member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church. He was an active member of the church and at the time of his death, he was on a committee to work with the Sardis Association toward making the Pilgrim Home Church a permanent site for the association to meet.

He is survived by his wife, Lois of Varney, KY, his daughter Janet Sue Williamson also of Varney, KY, Ledna Young of Pontiac, MI, Ernestine England of Pontiac, MI, and Minnie Oettel of Harietta, MI. He leaves behind one brother Clinton Robinette of Pikeville, KY. Surviving grandchildren are: Angela Williamson Scroggins and Natalie Williamson Belcher. He leaves behind two great grandchildren, Marcus Blake Scroggins and Kyle Landon Belcher, and one step granddaughter, Deonna Bartley. Landon was preceded in death by one sister, Edna Young and three brothers, Edward, Clayton, and Bennett.

All who knew Landon knew he was as good as a human being could be within themselves. He was an uncle to all the youth of Brushey. On warm summer days his yard was the ball field to sit and listen to one of his tales. On cold winter nights his kitchen became a game center where they could bicker over who owned "Boardwalk" or who would have black or red in a game of checkers.

To his son-in-law he was a dear friend of 27 years and a father who never knew "no". He was one who managed to exclude the negative and always use the positive, a dear brother in Christ and an example of the Kingdom of Heaven. To his only son and daughter he was a father sent by God. To his wife he was a gift of God with whom she could live her life with here. To his brother and sisters left behind he was big brother whom they looked to when darkness seemed to surround them. A brother who always loved them dearly and lived a gentle life before them. One who knew the darkness would soon surround all. Thus he was a light to his loved ones but in 1985 he took a greater light in hand, he lifted it up, he carried it high so that all could see it while he lived here.

He has the victory, he has prevailed. He said to his wife, Lois, a few moments before he left, "don't weep for me" and said to his Lord, "take me home away from the suffering of the dark shadows of death". Now he has set his light high, as a guiding light for all that remain here in the dark valley of the shadow of death. Yes, he will be sadly missed by all who knew him; by his family, the Pilgrim Home Church, and all his friends and neighbors on Brushy Creek. Truly our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by: Elder Billy Williamson

NANCY ANN RUNYON



Ecclesiastes: Chapter 3: Verse 1: To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven. It is with much sadness and a heavy heart, that I write my beloved Mother's obituary, Nancy Ann Sheppard Runyon. Mother was born June 20, 1929, at Simmons Fork, Trace Creek, WV. She was the daughter of the late Dock and Susan (Gilman) Sheppard. She was a homemaker and a member of Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church, for as long as I can remember.

Mother married my daddy, Nicholas Runyon, Jr., on April 11, 1950. To this union was born 4 children, Larry Dean and Darrel Eugene both of Delbarton, WV; Doris Hall of Pecks Mill, WV and Donna Branham of Lenore, WV. Mother was also blessed with 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and a large family of cousins,

nieces and nephews. She is also survived by 2 brothers, Johnny Sheppard of Okeechobee, Fla. and Allen Sheppard of Dingess, WV; and 2 sisters: Ada Richards of Godby Heights WV and Arminda Sheppard Collins of Delbarton WV. To my daddy and to my brothers and sister: mother is gone but we know not forgotten! For now, the circle is broken, but one day will gather whole again.

I would like to end with Psalm 23 that I recited many time while sitting at my mother's bed. "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointist my head with oil: my cup runneth over. 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." We truly believe mother is dwelling at the house of the Lord forever.

Written by her daughter, Donna Branham

BROOKIE SMITH SCOTT

Mommaw's gone now. The flickering lamp of life went out June 8, 1994, closing the final chapter in her earthly story. The 86 years, 10 days she lived on earth begin when she was born at Piso, KY, May 29, 1908, to the late Jarrett Smith and Jane (Williamson) Smith. She grew up in that vicinity until she met and married C. B. (Charlie) Scott, September 10, 1931 when she moved to the Hardy area. They enjoyed nearly 52 years of companionship in marriage until his death in March 1983. This union was blessed with five children who survive; three girls: Polly J. Hay of Hazel Green, AL; Lois J. Owens of McDonough, GA and Joyce A. Seale of Fairdale, GA; and two boys: J. C. Scott of McDonough, GA and Charles E. Scott of Griffin, GA. She is also survived by one brother: Earl Smith of Chattaroy, WV and three sisters: Mrs. Hester Maynard of



Varney, KY; Mrs. Lola Roberts of Robinson Creek, KY and Mrs. Lakie Maynard of Citra, FL: twelve grandchildren, ten great grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces and a host of friends and acquaintances that came to know and love her over the years.

Mommaw belonged to the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church for over 50 years having joined the fourth Sunday in April, 1944, was baptized by Elders Ester Hopkins and Lewis Smith, and she was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. After she became unable to take care of herself and came to Alabama to live with her daughter, she would still have us call back to Kentucky every fourth weekend on Sunday evening to inquire what kind of meeting the Narrows Branch Church had. When I would travel on weekends to called meetings and return home late Sunday evening she would still be up and would want to know what kind of meeting we had and who was there. She truly lived the life of a Christian as set forth by the examples given in the scriptures and always tried to do the right things as best as she understood. For her to live was Christ; to die was gain (even though after nature it is very hard to understand because it is a loss to us).

Mommaw wouldn't want me to brag on her. I'll just report what I witnessed during her last days. She was very afflicted in body for the most part of the last year but she bore her afflictions with much patience and humble prayer to be delivered according to the will of the Lord. She trusted in the Lord to deliver her from all manner of trials and tribulations; from the forgiveness of her sins (death of her soul) through the death of her body and fully believed that he will yet deliver her by changing her vile body and fashion it like unto his most glorious body in the resurrection. Even though afflictions had caused desire to leave her, she would still from time to time declare her love and concern for her children and grandchildren and bade them all bye. Her sorrows and joys are now over, her sufferings have ceased. A week ago she was waiting to cross "one more river", now she is waiting for the resurrection of her body. We all will miss her, believe we will meet again in a better country, but for now it is farewell for a while.

Written by her unworthy servant and Brother in Christ; Edwin Hay

HATTIE (MARCUM) SMITH

On Monday, April 18, 1994, mama went to the Light of eternal peace and happiness with the Lord. She was born in Wayne County, WV on August 23, 1913, a daughter of the late Jacob and Susannah (Pack) Marcum. She was preceded in death by her husband, Prince Smith, and a daughter Sarah Anne, six brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include three sons: Woody C. Smith of McCombs KY, Aubrey K. Smith of Johns Creek, Winston Smith of Paintsville. Three daughters: Lois Blackburn of Meta, Joyce Smith of Joes Creek, and Janet Robinson of McCombs. Seven grandchildren: Morris Smith, Jr., Billy Joe Blackburn, Pamela Blackburn, Shirlene Blackburn, Emily L. Robinson, Jennifer A. Robinson, and Denise Smith. Three greatgrandchildren: Donavan Smith, Keshia Blackburn and Austin Blackburn. Several others called her grandma whom she loved dearly,



and she thought of them as her grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Polly Taylor of Kiahsville, WV. and Nancy Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY. One brother Joseph C. Marcum of Sparr, FL. Each of us have our special memories of our mother and grandmother. We miss her very much and love her dearly.

With love, The Family

BESSIE MAE STACY

It is with a broken heart but yet with much honor that Sister Bessie Mae asked me to write her obituary. She was born Dec. the 17th 1947 and deceased this life Dec. the 11th 1993 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, making her stay here on earth almost 46 years. Her parents are Gladys Crigger Williamson, who preceded her in death and Omer Williamson, who resides at Sidney, KY. She was married to Jerry Stacey Feb. the 6th, 1966 and to this union was born two children, Rodney Stacey of Sidney, KY. and Jennifer Stacey at home.

She joined the Antioch Regular Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. the first Sunday in Oct. 1973 and was baptized by the hands of Elders Roy Akers and Paul Adkins. She later moved her letter to the Dix Fork Church the 1st Sat. in July 1982 and lived a devoted and faithful member until her death.



She leaves to mourn her loss, besides Jerry, the children and her daughter-in-law Angie, her dad, Brother Omer, three sisters; Hazel Thacker of Sidney, KY; Anna Lois Baldwin of Winchester, KY and Barbara Deskins of Romeo, MI; also one brother, Clinton Jr. of Sidney, KY and a host of family and friends besides the brothers and sisters of the church. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Clifford, Perry and Okey.

Sister Bessie Mae and I were very close. We had many private talks about our love and concern for the church. She wore the mark of a Christian and dressed in modest apparel as a woman professing Godliness and she wore it with honor giving God the Glory. She had a wonderful voice and could sing so beautiful. Many times she would even help the brothers start the songs. Her voice has rang out in the Church many times but it is silent today. But in Heaven, it will ring again. We gathered around her bedside the Sunday before she died and Brother Berlin Thornsbury sang "He's my all and all", which was one of her favorite songs. Her voice was weak as she gasp for breath, she sang ever word with tears streaming

down her face. She looked up at me and said "the Church is my life and I don't want to leave my family but God knows the best". She told me to take care of myself because the Dix Fork Church needs you. She said it looks like I'm going to have to go first and leave Dad behind. She didn't want him to know how sick she was and was hoping he would never know the pain of losing her, but God had other plans for Sister Bessie Mae. She worried so much about Jenny and tried to hang on for her sake, but to you Jenny I want to say, "don't be afraid because Mommy asked God to send a Guardian Angel to watch over you. And to Rod, You've always been an obedient son and she loved you so much and was proud of you". Jerry stayed with her until she took her last breath. He held her in his arms and told her how much he loved her. He said, "We started together and I wanted it to be just me and her who ended it together". She loved all of her family and was a mother to all of them especially Ricky Dale. They could always count on her ever time there was a problem.

We are all going to miss her and there's an emptiness here that only she could fill. I've heard her call my name many times and seen her in dreams since she has been gone and my spirit groans within me and envies her because she has met death with courage and we still have ours to face. A friend of ours dreamed of her and she was looking through a window at everyone, waving and smiling at us and said "I am Heaven bound". That is so true and Heaven is rejoicing today because Paradise has a new Angel.

Farewell Sister Bessie Mae. I wrote this just for you with all the love in my heart and be watching for me because I'll see you again.

MARY JANE SMITH

Written by her friend and Sister in Christ: Sister Geraldine Crigger





With much heartache and great love, I write this obituary of our dear precious mother, Mary Jane Smith. She was born March 22, 1921 in Pike County, KY. The daughter of the late Joseph and Suzanne Ball. She was a homemaker, that loved family very much, a member of the Dix's Fork Old Regular Baptist Church only since May 1994. Our mom left this world to be with Jesus June 30, 1994. She was preceded in death by our father her loving husband, Monroe Smith.

Survivors include sons: Darrell Eugene Smith of Pinsonfork, KY; James David and Michal Smith of Sidney, KY; daughters: Phyllis Ann Kirk Young, Terrie Kay Powers, Rose Ann Taylor all of Sidney, KY; Mary Ann Tackett of Vanzant, VA; Tammy Dianne Edmiston, of Louisa, KY; Patricia Warren of

Jenkins, Ky and Lori Ellen Watkins of Dayton, OH; 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Survivors also include one brother and 4 sisters. Preceding her in death were 2 sisters, 1 step-son, 1 son-in-law, Jesse Kirk.

Written by her daughter, Terrie Kay Powers

REBECCA DAVIS STACY

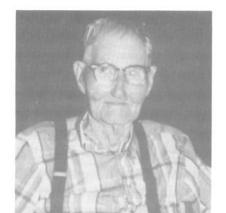
Sister Rebecca Davis Stacy, born June 8, 1910, departed this life Monday, March 21, 1994. She was blessed to live 83 years, 9 months, and 13 days here on earth. She was the daughter of the late Lear Starr Davis and the late Floyd Davis.

She was married November 15, 1926 to the late Robert Stacy. To this union was born 11 children. Four boys: Cecil Stacy, Warfield, KY; Keither Stacy, Pilgrim, KY; Greeman Stacy, Beauty, KY and Lawrence Stacy who preceded her in death. Seven girls: Lillie Jude, Briza Jude, Roxie Fletcher, all of Lovely, KY; Ruth Ellen Adams and Emily Lee Hale of Louisa, KY; Betty Jo Jude of Inez, KY and Lear Stacy who also preceded her in death. She was a member of the Old



Regular Baptist for over 20 years. She will always hold a part of our hearts. Sadly missed by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

All her loving family



WILLIAM ALBERT STANLEY

Born January 31, 1898. The son of George H. and Sela May Stanley. He exchanged this life for a life of peace June 4, 1994, making his stay on earth 96 years, 4 months, and 4 days. In the year of 1920 he met and married Mary Ball. To this union 10 children was born. 5 still living namely, Ann Knight, MI; Sela Cochran, Pt. Pleasant, WV; George Stanley, Williamson WV; Floyd Stanley, Columbus, OH and Jeff Stanley, Sommerset, OH. After the death of Sister Mary he met and married Bessie Fish, to this union three children were born, Anita Williamson, Sidney, KY; Carmen Edwards, Ohio and Daniel Stanley, Sidney, KY. He also had five step children James Fish, C. B. Fish, Lloyd Fish, Helen Brown, Bobby Fish. After the death of Sister Bessie he married Gracie Stanley, and raised three step-grandchildren, Kent,

Noah and Myrtle. He made his home with his daughter, Anita Williamson, and son-in-law, Eddie Williamson, who cared for him with great compassion. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Mose Stanley and Daniel Stanley; four sisters, Polly Brown, Sarah Ann Maynard, Estie Scott and Nellie Hinkle. He also leaves 18 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 8 great great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, brothers, and sisters in the Church. He had been a member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Church for 42 years, and remained a true and faithful member. Brother Albert loved little children and in a sense they became his own, he had so much patience with them, so I would like to say to this great family, which I have been a part of for 48 years, remember what the scripture says, sorrow not as others who have no hope, also remember it's just a sweet beginning for brother Albert. I believe he would say weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and your children. We believe as the writer of old said, A prince, a great man has fallen today in Israel, so to the ones who has not made peace with God, today is the day of salvation, if you hear His voice harden not your hearts.

Written by his Son-in-Law and a brother in Hope, Elder William H. Cochran

BROOKIE N. (PREECE) STAPLETON

Obituary of Sister Brookie N. (Preece) Stapleton, age 73 of Reynoldsburg, OH, departed this life on March 2, 1994. She was a member of the Rebecca Regular Baptist Church of the Sardis Association for over 19 years. She was preceded in death by her parents Francis Marion and Nancy Jane Maynard Preece, daughter Alice Fay, grandsons, Hank Jones and Larry Bethel, sister Emma Hall and brothers Marion Francis (Bud), Hi, John, Jack and Harold Preece, Sr.

She is survived by daughters Nancy (Harlee) Jones, Pinkerington, OH; Bonnie (Roger) Williams, Reynoldsburg, OH and Mary (Boyd) Prichard, Oceana, WV. Grandchildren: Cam (Craig) Barger, Roger Jones, Stephanie Jones, Kimberly Williams, Steve Williams, Michael Prichard and Karen Prichard. Great Grandchildren: Ashley and Ryan Bethel,



Justin Prichard and Cody Barger. Sisters: Mary Sheppard, Esta Evans, Martha (Mattie) Runyon and Dixie (Tootsie) Vance, all of Delbarton, WV.

Written by the Rebecca Church Clerk, Brother Merlon Workman

GEOFFREY JACK YOUNG

It is with a prayerful heart and many good memories I attempt to write the obituary of my Uncle Jack. Uncle Jack was born April 26, 1915 at Varney, Ky. Deceased this life here on God's footstool Sept. 28, 1993. Making his stay here on this earth 78 yrs. 5 months and 2 days.

He was the son of James W. "Buddy" Young and Wilda Davis Young. Both preceded him in death. Two brothers Ezra and Luther preceded him in death. One infant sister preceded him in death. Uncle Jack was baptized in 1950 and placed his membership at Pilgrim Home Church and later came with an arm to help organize the Pilgrim Rest Regular Baptist Church. Uncle Jack leaves 4 nephews: Arnold, James W., John L. and Garry R. Young all of Varney, KY. Three nieces: Nell Ruth Lowe of Florida; Phyllis Stanley of Michigan and Justine Maynard of Varney, KY. Uncle Jack leaves a host of friends and relatives some of whom will miss him very much. He is safely home with Jesus renewing old acquaintance and family member relationships. It will be lonesome for me as days pass by but with God's help, grace and mercy we can meet him in Heaven when our race is run and God calls us home. As the years passed we spent together, and as the days passed by, we gave up loved ones unto death, and we began to cry. And as we talked about them, of memories passed and gone, with Jesus arms around them. We knew they were safe at home. Now you too have flown to heaven, There in that bright and happy land. Someday I know that I too can meet you. Then we will sing a new song and walk, once again hand in hand. I love you.

Written by one who cared and loved him very much, His niece and sister in Christ, Justine Maynard

OBITUARIES of FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

OCTAVIA BLACKBURN

It is with much sadness I will, by the help of the Dear Lord, try to write the obituary of our dearly beloved Mother, Grandmother and Mother-in-Law, Octavia Taylor Blackburn. She was born December 8, 1897 and deceased January 24, 1967 at the age of 69 years. Born in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Wallace Taylor and the late Angeline Lowe Scott Taylor. She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the United Baptist Church many years ago by Elder Eli Ward but had attended church many many years at the Old Regular Baptist at the time of her death.

She was married December 27, 1913 to Floyd Blackburn who preceded her in death May 12, 1950. Survivors are 4 sons: Lester, Elster, Keither and James Wallace; one daughter: Brook Blackburn Taylor. Since



her death, Lester died April 30, 1975 and Elster died August 25, 1993. She was one of 16 children of whom 8 preceded her in death but all are deceased now. At the time of her death she left 26 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and a host of relatives, friends and neighbors to mourn her passing.

Our hope is by the Grace of God we can all meet her where parting is no more. She was sadly missed by all who knew her but to all the children, grandchildren; repent of your sins and turn to Christ while you have life and opportunity.

Written by Her Daughter-in-Law In hope of eternal life, Lucina Blackburn

GEORGE HINKLE, JR.

In loving memory, we will try to write the obituary of our father. George Hinkle, Jr. was born July 29, 1931 at Hardy, KY. He departed this life on April 3, 1993, making his stay here 61 years, 9 months and 5 days. He was the son of the late Elder George and Thursie Jane Smith Hinkle. He was also preceded in death by two sisters; Ressie Bruce and Bertha Hinkle, and five brothers; Fred, Cecil, Estiler, Ransom and Marvin Hinkle. Dad was married to Betty Jean Goodman on January 20, 1953. To this union three children were born: Patty Rae Maynard of Wilmington, NC; Belinda Jean Robinette of Hatfield, KY and George Timothy Hinkle of Hatfield, KY. He had five grandchildren: Ricky Maynard, Jr., Tonya Lynn Maynard, Jennifer Lynn Robinette, Joshua Lee Robinette and Timothy Ryan Hinkle, all

of whom brought him great joy. Also surviving are two brothers: James Hinkle of Gordon, GA and Grayson Hinkle of Hardy, KY; and two sisters: Gracie Stanley of Sidney, KY and Lola Hager of Hatfield, KY.

Dad was employed by Norfolk and Southern Railroad where he was a member of Fireman and Oilers Union. Dad spent most of his life working to take care of us, even when he was in pain he still continued to work until two months before he died.

Dad had cancer, we found out for sure only a few days before his death, but he had battled with it quite a while. More than a lot of us knew. Our hearts were broken when Dad had to leave us. But as time goes on, we look back and remember all his love and the special way he had of making friends. We thank God for his mercy and the precious memories of Dad.

Written by his daughter, Belinda, and daughter-in-law, Eva

JAMES RAY MAYNARD

With the help of my Dear Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my dear brother, James Ray Maynard. James Ray was born November 22, 1944 at Laura, KY to the late Jim and Laura (Stacy) Maynard. James was united in marriage on June 26, 1965 to his loving wife Dollie (Fletcher) Maynard. He also had eleven brothers and sisters who preceded him in death. Left to mourn his loss are the following: one brother, Billy J. Maynard and six sisters: Alice Maynard, Siller Staton, Martha McCoy, Linda Mae Jude all of Pilgrim, KY; Fern Fields of Lowsmanville, KY and Ida Howard of McCombs, KY and a lot of nieces and nephews that loved him very much. We hated to see him leave but God needed him more. God

called James Ray on October 1, 1993 to be with him. He wanted to join the Old Regular Baptist Church according to the family that was with him his last days here on earth. I hope to meet, Dear Ray Boy, as I called him, in the Pearly Gates. He had so much confidence in me. Ray Boy, I do love you so much, just like I love the rest of my brothers and sisters. It took me so long to write this. I hope that Dollie and the rest of my brothers and sisters will turn to the Lord before it is too late. Don't wait till you are on your death bed. Ray Boy told me no one should wait. I done the best way I know how with the sadness of my heart and so many tears I shed. Dollie, I do love you because I love everybody. Ray Boy would want all of us to love you.

Written by his sister in the Lord, Ida Howard

MARY M. MAYNARD

Mary Marinda Maynard, a daughter who was precious to all of us, passed away on June 25, 1993 at the Spartanburg Regional Hospital in Spartanburg, SC. She was born March 25, 1965 at South Williamson, KY. She was formerly from McVeigh, KY. She was survived by her parents, Condor L. and Violet (Ambrun) Maynard of Wellford, SC. She also was survived by three brothers, Condor Jr., David Lee and James Maynard also of Wellford, SC and one sister Eleanor Gibson also of Wellford, SC and a brother-in-law, Bill Gibson, and a nephew B.J. Gibson. She was also survived by her Grandpa Rell Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY. She was also survived by a host of Aunts and Uncles and many relatives and friends. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her Grandparents



James and Virgie Ambrun and her Grandma Mary M. Maynard. She was of Baptist faith, She loved everyone.

Prepared by: Condor and Violet Maynard and family

GEORGE SMITH

George Smith, 85, of Sidney, KY died Monday, February 7, 1994 in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital of a lingering illness. Born March 25, 1908 in Pike County, Kentucky, he was the son of Jim and Buna (Morris) Smith. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel Crigger Smith in March, 1957, and three sisters and five brothers. Sisters were: Mrs. Willie (Sadie) Bevins, Mrs. Warren (Lola) Hunt, and Mrs. Harmon (Grace) Brown. Brothers were: Stirl Smith, Lee Smith, Ken Smith, Lacy Smith, and Hi Smith. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Sylvia Blackburn Smith and two daughters, Mrs. Bobby (Sylvia Joyce) Scott of Orlando, FL and Mrs. Julian (Betty Jewel) Howell of Corning, CA. He leaves 4 grandchildren: Gregory Allen Scott of Orlando, FL, Julian Smith Howell and Jennifer Lynn Howell of Corning CA, and Jeffery Ryan



Howell of Kansas, and great-grandchild, Ryan Green Howell of Kansas. Also surviving are two stepchildren: Mrs Charles (Bonnie Jean) Bentley of Mentor, OH, and Chester Ray May of Wawaka, IN, twelve stepgrandchildren: Wayne May, Paris May, and Ronald May of Indiana, Gary Lee Bentley, Jacky Ray Bentley, Dennis Charles Bentley, William Paris Bentley, Ricky Bentley, Scottie Bentley, Robert Bentley, and Mrs. Douglas (Teresa Marie) Anderson of Mentor, OH. Twenty-one step great-grandchildren: Jamie Marie, Tyson, Chris, Gary, Micheal, and Katie May of Indiana, Gary Lee II, John, Brett, Melissa, Brad, Charles, Vernon, Vivian, Chloe, Heather, Amber, Scottie II, Bonnie, and Brian Bentley, and Amanda and Caitlyn Marie Anderson all of Ohio. He is also survived by one brother, Dona Smith of Hardy, KY., and a sister Mrs. Charlie (Eta) May of Hardy, KY, several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

George attended church faithfully in the last few years of his life until his sickness over took him. He desired to become a member of the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church about one week before his death. Although George never lived to return home from the hospital to be baptized, he told Brother Ernest Cochran at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital that he felt that the Lord had forgiven him of his sins and that he wanted a home with the Old Dix Fork Church. He mentioned several times in the last week of his life that he wanted to go home to be baptized. Although George came into the church at the eleventh hour, we feel that his reward in Heaven will be as much as those who came in at the first hour, and that he will reap life eternal with Jesus Christ. George just missed out on the joy and fellowship within the Church during his days here on Earth.

George was always a good worker and provided well for his family. He will always be remembered by family and friends as a devoted father, grandfather, husband, and a good neighbor. In his early years George worked as a logger, truck driver, and railroader. In his later years, he worked in the coal mines and retired after approximately 34 years at Eastern Coal Corp. at Stone, Ky. He was a member of Local 5737 and the United Mine workers of America.

So, George, sleep on peacefully and rest from your labors until Jesus comes on the clouds of glory to claim his own. Then you can wake in his likeness and be satisfied. For in the Heavenly home there will be no more sorrows, tears, or pain, but all will be peace and joy forever more.

Written by the family

BURL STATON



Our Dad was born on April 3, 1918 at Hardy, KY. He was the son of the late Richard and Mary Elizabeth Staton. He had several brothers and sisters, all of whom preceded him in death. On Dec. 5, 1940 he married Gladis Irene Francis. To their marriage was born nine children, two died at birth, one at three months and six now survive: Eva Gail Reed, Elder Richard Lee Staton, Garrett Lynn Staton, Gomer Darrell Staton, Tammy Jane Maynard, and Jacqueline Hatfield. Burl and Gladis also have nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Dad grew up on Turkey Creek and Dad and Mom lived on Rockhouse for many years. They always enjoyed attending the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Growing up, our home was always a gathering place for our many friends and family. They were shown the best of hospitality, day or night, so they visited often and stayed long. After we grew up we always gathered at our parents home, bringing our own children and we were treated with the same hospitality. We could always come home with the assurance that our Dad and Mom would be waiting with open arms and hearts. Sometimes it seemed like they would always be there. Dad died June 16, 1994. We still have our Mom and our family home but a vital part of it is now missing. Dad will always be loved and missed by his family and friends.

Written by his daughter, Eva Gale Staton Reed and the family

CLYDE D. STEWART

It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of a good friend and neighbor, Clyde Stewart. He was the son of the late Cecil and Nora (Williamson) Stewart, and was raised by the late Jim and Mary Pinson. Clyde was born on November 3, 1910 making his stay here 82 years, 9 months and 28 days. Clyde passed away at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Oct. 1, 1993 after a long illness. He was united in marriage to Lola Mae (Canada) Stewart in 1942. To this union 6 children were born. One daughter: Janice F. Stewart of Varney, KY. Four sons: Clyde Stewart of Yuba City, CA; Ben F. Stewart of Marine City, MI; Danny G. (Bimbo) Stewart of Schenectaday, NY and Lester Stewart of Varney, KY. Also, Clyde had one grandson Joey Stewart that has been with him since birth and raised him as a son. Clyde also has fourteen



grandchildren and one great grandchild. Clyde's wife, Lola, had one infant son, Bobby Ray, who preceded him in death. Clyde worked 53 years driving a log truck for John Chaffins and others working with timber. Clyde confessed a hope in Christ a few months back to Bro. Billy Williamson, Bro. Danny Runyon and Bro. Dale Williamson. He felt that the Lord had forgiven him of his sins. Clyde had several strokes about 7 years ago and 3 years ago he told us he had cancer. This last year he had been seriously ill.

To the children that he lived with here on God's foot stool, Janice, Lester, and grandson, little Joey, I hope and pray to God that the Lord will give my children the mind to take care of me, if need be, like you did for dad. Joey, God will reward you doll, for the many hours you spent taking care of his every need. Your Dad, (your Papa) surely must have raised you right, for the love and care you showed him.

You all have been a blessing and a great light to the neighborhood for many years. Janice you have been a great help to your dad since your Mother passed away. Clyde has just gone home to be with Mom. All of you stay close as you have been. Be good to one another and someday through God's Grace you all can be together again.

Written by, Sharlene W. Cline, Beartrice Robinette & Daughter, Janice Stewart



TANEY CASE WILLIAMSON

With a sad heart but with many precious memories we will attempt to write the obituary of our mother, Taney Case Williamson. Mom was born April 3, 1904 at Honaker, KY, in Floyd County, the daughter of Andrew Case and Mary Elizabeth Branham Case both of whom preceded her in death. She gently entered her eternal home December 9, 1992, making her stay on this earth 88 years, 8 months and 6 days. She was the last surviving member of her family. Her brothers, Andrew Case, Emmet Case, General Case and her sister Bertha Lee Young all preceded her in death.

She was united in marriage to John B. Williamson July 6, 1922 on Hurricane by Elder Willis Blackburn. To this union was born 10 children, two of which preceded her in death, an infant son Donnie

Williamson and an infant daughter Nadine Williamson. Surviving children are Claudia Hale, Wilkesville, OH; Norma Pinson, Charlotte, NC; Isaac Williamson, Varney, KY; Lena Webb, Varney KY; Jettie Jewel, Dexter, OH; Doris Williamson, Chickamauga, GA; Lucille Bostic, Pikeville, KY and Lonnie Williamson, Varney, KY,. She is also survived by 30 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and 3 great great-grandchildren. Her husband John B. Williamson preceded her in death November 19, 1965. Her remaining years were spent with deep commitment to her children and community.

Mom left us an example of life that would be good for everyone to follow, she was compassionate toward any one who needed a place to stay or food to eat. She loved young people and was always ready to offer moral support and guidance to any and all. She received great joy in the fact that so many considered her as their second Mom. We feel this is her greatest legacy to us. Mom never attached herself to any church but she loved the Old Regular Baptist. She professed a strong hope in Christ. She regretted that she never got physically able for water baptism. But by the Grace of God we'll meet her again.

Mom will be sadly missed by the Pilgrim Home Church, her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. We sincerely feel our loss is Heaven's gain. A shadow rest upon our home, We miss your smiling face, Wherever we turn, wherever we look, We see your vacant place. Down the road that's calm and peaceful, Guided by God's loving hand, She has gone upon a journey, To a brighter distant land.

Written by her brokenhearted children

CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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

- **ARTICLE** 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and, upon their producing Letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.
- **ARTICLE** 2. In the Letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by Letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.
- **ARTICLE** 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the Churches nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in the Union.
- **ARTICLE** 4. The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.
- **ARTICLE** 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.
- **ARTICLE** 6. New Churches may be admitted to this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.
- **ARTICLE** 7. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.
- **ARTICLE** 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.
- **ARTICLE** 9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with Minutes of the Association.
- **ARTICLE 10.** We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and to send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.
- **ARTICLE 11.** There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association who shall receive a compensation for his services.

- **ARTICLE 12**. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with.
- **ARTICLE 13**. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the union, if deemed necessary.
- **ARTICLE 14**. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority of the delegates present.
- ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power to provide for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have the power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

- **ARTICLE 1**. We believe in only one true and living God; the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost; and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.
- **ARTICLE 2.** We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.
- ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.
- **ARTICLE 4**. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the saviour is needed for our redemption.
- **ARTICLE** 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none shall fall away and be lost.
- **ARTICLE 6**. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
- **ARTICLE 7**. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's Church on earth and the mode IMMERSION, back foremost, so as to cover all over.
- **ARTICLE 8**. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by use of bread and the fruit of the vine, and feet washing should be kept up until his second coming by his believers.

- **ARTICLE 9**. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.
- **ARTICLE 10**. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as are regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the Church.
- **ARTICLE 11**. We believe it to be the duty of all Church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the Church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.
- **ARTICLE 12.** We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous, and such doctrine shall be rejected by us.
- **ARTICLE 13**. We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and one another, and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.
- **ARTICLE 14**. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and the government thereof is upon His Shoulders.
- **ARTICLE 15**. None of the above Articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men, nor shall any of those Articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

- ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
- **ARTICLE 2**. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.
- **ARTICLE 3**. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
- **ARTICLE 4.** The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.
- **ARTICLE 5**. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

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

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