

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

**In session and assembled at the
SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky
September 12, 13, and 14, 2014**

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

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JERUSALEM MY HAPPY HOME

*Jerusalem, my happy home,
Oh, how I long for thee!
When will my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys, when shall I see.*

*Thy walls are all of precious stone,
Most glorious to behold;
Thy gates are richly set with pearl,
Thy streets are made of gold.*

*If Heaven by thus, O Glorious Lord,
Why should I stray from thence?
What folly 'tis that I should dread,
To die and go from hence?*

*Reach down, reach down, Thine arm of grace
And cause me to ascend,
Where congregations never break up,
And Sabbaths never end.*

*Jesus, my love, to glory gone,
Him will I go and see;
And all my brethren here below,
Will soon come after me.*

*My friends, I bid you all adieu,
I leave you in God's care,
And if I never more see you,
Go on, I'll meet you there.*

*There we shall meet and no more part,
And Heaven shall ring with praise,
While Jesus' love in every heart
Shall tune to song- free grace.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first begun.*

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FRIDAY
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The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled in the Business Room of the Sardis Association Building at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, with our host, the Apple Orchard Church and co-host Churches: Pilgrims Home, Big Branch and Bethany, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2014.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand, welcomed everyone and said, "It is such a blessing. I can't explain it. We had a wonderful meeting last night. This is not a fighting time, this is a worship time. We need to pray. We are not in this thing by our self. I pray that the Lord will help us. It is about Jesus. Without him we wouldn't be here. Let's pray. Welcome to the Sardis Association. We look forward to another meeting. I get a meal from Heaven's table and wonder will I get another blessing. We are just one body. We all will be together. I find out as I get older, I pray more. We want you to pray. We need him more and more. We are close to our brothers and sister, let us pray for all."

Elder Leonard Napier, having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory Sermon, came to the stand to preach the opening of the service. He proceeded as follows: The Lord asked Peter, who do you say that I am? Peter answered, "*Thou are the Christ, the son of the living God.*" Jesus said, "*blessed art thou, Simon Bar jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven.*" We worship God in the spirit and in the truth. The Lord speaks to our heart. We are what we are because God so loved us. We are made alive by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ. He is that light that lights every man in the world. If we walk in the light we have fellowship with one another. Jesus said, "except you eat of my flesh you have no life in you." You can get out of darkness and have life in Jesus. We are a city set on a hill and can't be hid. Wait upon him with patience and he will give you strength. I feel a light is shining to our children today. A man was laying by the road and a priest and a Levite came and passed him by. A Samaritan came by and had compassion on him. Jesus was passing by, the blind man cried out to have mercy on him. Jesus is passing along this way today. Get ready to make Heaven your home.

Elder Arthur Mathis then led in prayer.

Elder Stoney Blackburn came to preach the Introductory Sermon stating; what a family! Brothers, I am not afraid of you. This house is full of love today. It is about Jesus being the way, the truth and the life. It is not up to me to say who is going to Heaven. The Lord knows them that are his. He that believes can be saved, but he that believes not is lost. If you are a light to the world you better live it. When I was in school I could not talk plain. When God called me to preach I said, "I can't do it," but God said, "I will take care of you." God can do for you what no one else can. I tried to bargain. God wouldn't accept it.

If you don't worship him in spirit and truth, then forget about it. God is not mocked. If you want anything ask in faith. I am a new creature in the Lord today. I do what God gives me to do. If the love of God is shed abroad in every man's and woman's heart, then it will show it. I am willing to die on what God has done for me. When God says it is enough, go get my children and bring them home. You have to believe God and move out on faith. Without faith it is impossible to believe God. Trust God and be his child.

A little man was riding in his chariot returning from Jerusalem. An old man of God ran to him and heard him read the prophet Esaias and asked, "understand what thou readest?" And he said, "how can I except some man guide me." He asked the old man of God, "what doth hinder me to be baptized?" We are here because of the grace of God. God knows today why we are here and what we stand in need of. Aren't you glad you are accepted of God today? It takes God to forgive sin. The way we are in is the way of Jesus. Be a light unto the world. Jesus said, "while in the world I am the light of the world, I go away and ye are the light of the world." Everything you stand in need of God has got it today. John said, "I saw an angel fly in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth." There will be no strangers in Heaven. We all will be God's children over there.

The Apostle Paul made it clear to the Sadducees and the Pharisees that they must change their way. This is a good way. Everyone born again is our brother and sister today. God has a way of making us pray. God still answers prayer. You must believe in order to do God's will. If you do not believe, it will be too late. I am glad God knows my life today and he knows yours. I love this way. I love my brothers and sisters today. If you are asking God what to do on account of your sins, God will show you. Ask and ye shall receive; knock and it will be opened, seek and ye shall find. Everyone will have the opportunity but God will not force you to accept him. Thank God for the love of our natural family. Thank God for the love of this family today. What a wonderful life this is. I love you all.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations remained in the Business Room for the Work of this Association and, as is our custom, the many non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends were dismissed to assemble in the Preaching Room to hear the preaching of:

Elder Wayne Sartin	Northern New Salem Association
Elder Randy Combs	Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder James Tackett	New Salem Association
Elder Earl Dean Yates	Union Association
Elder James Branham	New Salem Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in order, Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, called to seats the delegates from our Churches sent to represent them in this Association and the delegates sent by our Corresponding Sister Associations. Brother Tom called upon Elder Danny Justus, of the Old Friendship Association, to open the Service.

Brother Danny said, "it is such a great blessing to be out among God's people. Brother Gary Justus had made plans for the next day and had told his family. We have no promise of tomorrow. We have a hope and that hope is Jesus. We go and visit our associations and find other people praising the name of Jesus. Everybody has an opportunity and chance to repent. Jesus said, "I must go away, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also." We have a short time to be here and a long time to be gone. I want to go to that land where there is peace, joy and love. The timber must be made ready out in the field. Find a place, a closet, and still away and pray. We preach about love. What is on the inside will come to the outside. You must call on Jesus with a broken heart and contrite spirit. It takes this man Jesus to get rid of your sins. You will know where the church is and where to go.

When you come out of the closet and go home you will tell what good thing has been done for you. Before God forgives you, you must clean up the inside of the cup and platter and the outside will come clean. There is no falling away. If you fall, it is from yourself. You will be judged by the deeds and work done in this body. If you have been faithful over a few things enter into the joys of the Lord.

I think about the ones that are not able to go anymore. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify the Father in Heaven. Put your light upon a candlestick so it will give light to all in the house. There is nothing any better than serving this man Jesus. He gives you breath and you live; he takes your breath and you die.

Elder Buddy W. Carty, of the Northern New Salem Association, then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said I believe the Lord is with us and has blessed the brothers to tell us about Jesus. Welcome everybody.

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

Elder Billy Joe Robinson
Elder Randy Lackey
Brother Jim Cochran

(3) The Moderator called for the Letters from the Sardis Association Churches to be handed in to the Clerk and for the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance.

(4) Having reviewed the Letters received from the Churches for regular form and order, the Letter from the Apple Orchard Church was read, and upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates were seated and the Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements. By regular move and second the Okeechobee Church absence was referred to the committee on arrangements since no letter was received and no delegates were present from the Okeechobee Church.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$5,080.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and after turning this amount over to the Treasurer was discharged by regular move and second.

(6) The Moderator appointed a Committee to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association, and the entire delegation from the host church.

(7) The Moderator appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates for Officers to serve the Sardis Association for the coming year and instructed the delegates to vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk:

Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association
Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed it's 2014 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and, by regular move and second, the report of the Committee of Tellers was accepted and the Committee was discharged:

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

(9) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday Night and Saturday reported. The following Brethren were used:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association
Elder Preston Lewis, New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder Carson Wright, Union Association
Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association
Elder Clyde Lewis, New Salem Association
Elder Ralph Cloud, Old Indian Bottom Association

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

Brother Leslie McGuire
Elder Richard Staton
Elder Gary Young

(11) By regular move and second, the reading of the Articles of Faith, the Rules of Decorum and the Constitution was omitted.

(12) The Moderator called for the Letters from our Corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters and attached correspondence were read and, by regular move and second, were received, the delegates were seated with us in Council and given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator:

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Danny Belcher, Gary Varney, John Bill Sanders, Bill Elkins, Carson Wright, Sherd Mullins, Terry Hall, Roy Looney, Billy Owens, James Hale, Roger Coleman, Estill Hamilton, Ted DePriest, Harold Bently, Lee Layne, Jimmy Potter, Jr., Curtis Carroll, Eddie Lane, Earl Dean Yates, Bobby Robinson, Jimmy Stacy, Jerry Overstreet, Paul Huffman, Buster Coleman, A. B. Thacker, Arnold Belcher, Dennis Elkins, Andy Fields, Stacy Hopkins, Mike Johnson, Jerry Damron, Leon Bolden, Goebel Burke, Irvin Case, Fitch Reed, Doug Stacy, Jimmy Amos, Danny Robinette and Herman West. Letter in the hands of Elder Roger Coleman.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Northern Gayle Brown, Philip Hamilton, Clyde P. Lewis, Logan Kiser, Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Homer Isaac, James Tackett, Squire Hamilton, Elisha Branham, Abe Howell, Teddy Honaker, Johnny Thornsberry, Clement Caudill, Tony Roberts, Jimmy Dye, Auttis Cox, John Paul Hamilton, Arnold Adkins, Glenn Frazier, O. C. Holbrook, Preston Lewis, Ted Burke, Ralph Slone, Jr., James Waddles, Joe Hamilton, Ronnie Halbert, James Branham, Dan Samons, Joe Caudill, Thomas Roberts, Chester Johnson, Mike Brown, Kenny Johnson, Floyd Compton, Harrison Runyon, Clois Hamilton, Jeff Stumbo, Freddie Murphy, Thomas Patrick, Clyde Jacobs and Leonard Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Brother Ronnie Halbert.

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

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Gary Adkins, Farrell Howard, Carlis Tharp, Ted Parker, Bob Taylor, Casten Pugh, Roscoe Eldridge, Rip Cales, Jimmy Stewart, Willis Tolliver and Luther Ramey, Jr. Letter in the hands of Brother Carlos Tharp.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: David Lester, George Thomason, Edgar Baker, Jr., Larry Gibson, Arthur Short, Roger Baker, Steve Baker, Danny Hurley, Roger McCoy, Dewey Matney, Will Matney, Monroe Matney, Danny C. Justus, James Stacy, Alfred Matney, Tarzan Justice, Chad Hurley, Curtis Lester, Joe Gibson, Homer Justus and Allan Hunt. Letter in the hands of Elder Larry Gibson.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Randy Combs, Dannie Caudill, Ralph Cloud, Haston Whitaker, Reuben Lycans, Luke Haynes, Hansford Whitaker, Doug Bailey, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Sam Derrickson, Lacy Fletcher, Chester Bowling and Bob Prater. Letter in the hands of Elder Bert Caudill.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our same faith and order desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Archie Prince, Edward L. Smith, Richard Lowe, David Crigger, Randy Lackey, Chester Cochran, Elbert Sesco, Eddie Williamson and Sam Frye.

(14) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association, and for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association and none responded.

(15) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the 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 1:30 p.m. today.

(16) On motion from Brother Walter Bogar, seconded by Brother Alvin Thornbury, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 13, 2014.

SATURDAY

September 13, 2014

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sardis Association Building where, about the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand stating he remembers Elder Milford Lowe punching him in the ribs and saying it's 9:00 o'clock. There are things in the old church we must do. We must believe in Jesus. We must repent, we must be born again. We have a keeper that keeps us. There is a love in God's children. Before, I dressed and did some things like the church, but something was lacking. It is in Jesus Christ. Welcome to this Saturday session of the Sardis Association. It is very humbling. It is bigger than us to get up here in this place. We need to be careful. We don't know what is going to happen. We need to remember all the sick.

He then called upon Elder Leonard Hamilton, of the New Salem Association, to open these services. Brother Leonard came forward stating that he hopes God will take over. He is a merciful God. I pray that his will be done. Not my will, but God's will. I feel like God has led me. I make mistakes. Young people you need the Lord. I lived in sin for years because I loved darkness rather than light. Now I can get down on my knees and pray for my worst enemies when God comes along. God won't put more on you than you can bear, but man will. Man will load you down. I love all of you, I can not keep you but God can. The songs have sermons in them. When you put the spirit in them it will bring tears. You do not baptize children. When you do, you do damage to them. My little wife was baptized when a child. She hung on to that until on her death bed. When it came to the point of death, she repented.

Elder Ralph Slone, Jr., of the New Salem Association, then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees. At this time the Clerk reported that he has received the Letter of Correspondence from the Okeechobee Church and that it is in regular form and order. By regular move and second the letter was received.

(2) Elder Richard Lowe, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the stand and read his letter. By regular move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(3) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by regular move and second, received the report. At this time the Moderator released the Brethren, Sisters and friends to assemble in the Preaching room.

(4) By regular move and second, the report of the Committee on the Historical Library of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, as given by Brother Archie Prince, was received. The Pike County Public Library can be reached on the internet at the address: www.pikelibrary.org. On their home page you should see LINKS. Click on LINKS. Click on Genealogy to access the Sardis Association files or for a short cut use the address, <http://www.pikelibrary.org/linkpages/sardisminutes.htm>.

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

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

(5) Read a request from the Little Tavie Church asking that all churches provide a physical address, where possible, for the church, so the church could be located by a GPS device. It was pointed out that a similar request had been approved in the 2012 session of the Sardis Association. The delegates from the Little Tavie Church agreed to take their request back.

(6) Read the Letters of Condolence from our Sisters, the Northern New Salem Association and the Old Friendship Association, and by regular move and second, ordered them to be printed in our Minutes.

(7) Read a request from the Pilgrims Home Church asking that the name of Paul Bevins be removed from the list of ordained ministers and a request from the Elizabeth Church asking that the name of Hershel Jude be removed from the list of ordained ministers. By regular move and second the requests were granted.

(8) Read a request from the Turkey Creek Church asking to have the brother clerks or appoint a committee to prepare by-laws for each church in the Association by revising the Sardis Association's Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum to conform to the individual church. After an informative discussion the delegates from the Turkey Creek Church, desiring not to cause confusion, agreed to take the request back. The Moderator, because of today's society and the importance of this, advised the churches of the Sardis Association to work on this at their individual churches.

(9) Read a request from the Buck Creek Church asking that the Sardis Association Minute clarify the times listed in the Minute as either the time to start singing or the time to start preaching. After discussion the delegates agreed to take the request back.

(10) Appointed a Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our year 2015 Association and who shall be his alternate:

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

Appointed a second Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 2015 Association:

Elder Northern Gayle Brown, New Salem Association
Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association

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

Elder Edward Lee Smith, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Frankie Scott, Alternate
Elder Frankie Scott, Prepare Circular Letter

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

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Jimmy Stewart, Philadelphia Association
Elder Sam Frye, Sardis Association
Elder Danny Runyon, Sardis Association

SUNDAY

Elder Richard Lowe, Sardis Association
Elder Fitch Reed, Union Association
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

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

SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2014

Balance on hand 9-01-13		\$12,181.56
Add 2013 Income:		
Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 5,010.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 615.00	
Interest Income	\$ 8.60	
Rent Income	\$ 3,101.75	
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00	
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 5,425.52	
Food Fund Contributions	\$ 6,800.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 5,350.38	
Other Income	<u>\$ 37.80</u>	
Total 2013 Income		<u>\$26,849.05</u>
Total Available for 2013		\$39,030.61
Less 2013 Expenses		
Apartment Expense	\$ 300.82	
Bank Charges	\$ 36.90	
Equipment Expense	\$ 1,824.63	
Minute Expense/Mailing	\$ 4,654.13	
Clerk Expense	\$ 55.78	
Building and Land Expense	\$ 8,244.53	
Building Security	\$ 241.89	
Electric Expense	\$ 4,111.55	
Water Expense	\$ 605.88	
Telephone Expense	\$ 810.31	
Insurance Expense	\$ 890.80	
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 5,861.66	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$ 125.00</u>	
Total 2013 Expense		<u>(\$27,763.88)</u>
Balance on Hand 8-31-14		\$ 11,266.73

(13) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2014 and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his expense. By regular move and second it was ordered that the Clerk purchase a safe to be used for safe keeping of the Association records at the Association Building.

(14) Received the report of the Building Committee and, by regular move and second, ordered it be discharged and the Moderator appoint a new Building Committee to be responsible for all use, repair, improvements, maintenance and preservation of the property as follows:

Elder Paul Maynard	Brother Daniel Stanley	Elder Sam Frye
Elder David May	Brother Charles Canada	Brother Ferrell Sesco
Brother Archie Prince	Brother Danny Reed	Elder Harold Sesco
Brother Ervin Thacker	Elder Chester Cochran	Brother Clyde James
Brother Tony Williamson	Brother Ernest Sesco	Elder Richard Staton
Brother Dwight Maynard	Elder Thomas J. Dials	Elder Edward L. Smith
Elder Ron Gannon	Elder Hobart Hamilton	Brother Walter Bogar
Brother David Staten		

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

(16) It is ordered, by regular move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, Old Friendship Association and Old Indian Bottom Association; that our Clerk prepare the Letters of Correspondence and File of Minutes; and that Brethren to attend these Associations as delegates be appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the host Churches at the Union Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 2014: Bobby Scott, Sr., Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Leonard Napier, Marion Duncan, Dwight Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Freddie Maynard, Wayne Blackburn, Randall Lowe, Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Walter Bogar and Daniel Stanley. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 2014: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Leonard Napier, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Edward L. Smith, Dwight Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Stony Blackburn, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Freddie Maynard, Sam Frye, Wayne Blackburn, Richard Staton, Daniel Stanley and Walter Bogar. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Angel Church, 5733 Saltzgaber Road, Groveport, Columbus, OH beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2015: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Marion Duncan, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Sam Frye, Leonard Napier and Frankie Scott. Letter in the hands of Elder Stoney Blackburn.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Little Mary Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2015: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Leonard Napier, Frankie Scott, Arthur Mathis, Richard Staton, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Stoney Blackburn, Dwight Maynard, Marion Duncan and Daniel Stanley. Letter in the hands of Elder Edward L. Smith.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Little Dove Church, 4761 Guesses Fork Road, Hurley, VA 24620 beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2015: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Frankie Scott, Bobby Scott, Sr., Marion Duncan, Richard Staton, Stony Blackburn, Arthur Mathis, Ivan Neil Thornsby, Dwight Maynard, Daniel Stanley and Leonard Napier. Letter in the hands of Brother Archie Prince.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the Doty Creek and Little Home Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2015: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Arthur Mathis, Leslie McGuire, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Dwight Maynard, Bobby Scott, Sr., Marion Duncan and Vadis Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

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

(18) Read a request from the Big Branch Church asking to host the 2015 Association. The Turkey Creek, Apple Orchard, Pilgrims Home and Dix Fork Churches made verbal request to co-host the Association in 2015. By regular move and second the requests were granted. It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2015, to:

Brother Archie Prince
242 Sundance Lane
Prichard, WV 25555

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

(19) The Sardis Association is so thankful for the many Brothers, Sisters and friends, along with our Host Churches and the Building Committee, who have labored so much for this the One Hundred and Twenty Second Session of the Sardis Association. We are so thankful for the attendance of our corresponding Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Velocity Market at Zebulon, KY; to Food City for preparing the chicken; to the Pike County Solid Waste Department for taking our garbage; to Neil McGuire of Pepsi Cola Co. at Pikeville who handled the soft drinks; to Prater Creek Ice for ice and use of the ice machine; to Al's Outdoor Power Equipment for their donations, to the Campers for being excellent guests and for their donation; to Elder Paul Maynard, Brother Daniel Stanley and Brother Johnny Thacker for all the trips to pick up food and supplies; to all the Sisters, Brothers, friends and YOUNG PEOPLE who work so hard in the kitchen preparing delicious food and serving it, and to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of the Pilgrims Home Church who staff the Concession Stand. We thank everyone who had anything to do for this grand old Association.

We thank God so much for his mercy and grace and the great love and peace found at the Sardis Association.

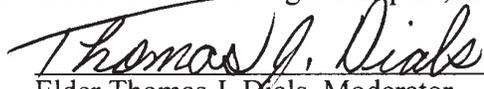
(20) By regular move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises was omitted and it is ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

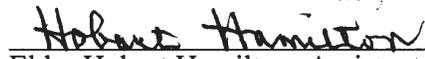
(21) On motion from Brother Walter Bogar, seconded by Brother Jim Cochran, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2015.

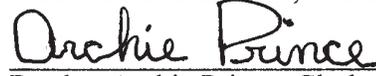
(22) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Jerry Damron, of the Union Association.

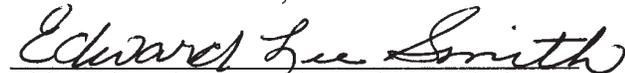
Elder Goebel Burke, of the Union Association then led in prayer.

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


Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator


Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator


Brother Archie Prince, Clerk


Elder Edward Lee Smith, Assistant Clerk

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO OUR SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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

Our hearts were broken at times with the loss of such special brethren and sisters that your association lost during this year. It was only through the goodness of God that we came to solace, knowing that they have inherited a better land where they can rest from their labors. We look forward to that glorious morning when we shall meet again.

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

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

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

We know you miss the ones that are gone. They doing the will of God are resting in the Bosom of Abraham. One of these days we will all be able to march into that great city, New Jerusalem, to be at peace for every more.

We keep you in our prayers.

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

STANDING ITEMS

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

Sardis Association

September 13, 1975

of Old Regular Baptist

Dingess, West Virginia

Brethren:

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

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

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

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

Elder Wayne Herald

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

Brother James M. Ray

Item 2. The Association, by regular move and second, said that if a Sister has cut her hair, she should be asked to let it grow out; if she fails to do so and cuts her hair again, she will be excluded.

Item 3. It is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Churches not to marry anyone having a living husband or wife unless they bring scripture evidence for putting their husband or wife away. (1929 minute)

Item 4. It is ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women. (1919 minute)

Item 5. It is ordered that requests for Union, Communion and Memorial meetings be published in our Minutes.

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

Clerks Note: Please note the above order - it is incumbent upon the churches in the Sardis Association that they be the screen and recommending body of Obituaries of Friends to be printed in our minutes and identify the same (by note or otherwise) to the Clerks when the Obituary is turned in. Each Church Moderator is further required to screen and approve any Obituary of a Friend of the Church and to reject any Obituary that has language that is offensive to the Sardis Association.

Item 7. “We the Sardis Association, advise our Sister Churches that it is not our practice to use sisters or double-married men in any function of the ministry, including leading prayer, in any of our Church services.”

Item 8. By regular move and second, it is ordered that Item (15) of our 1999 Minute be reprinted as follows:

“It is a sin for anyone to put away their wife or husband for any cause except for fornication and marry another. In regards to going behind one’s experience or receiving one in the Church with more than one living companion, we say that each Church shall be the sole judge to the validity of one’s experience. Churches should not be forced to receive members, however, that would destroy the body. (Receive should be interpreted to include all means of receiving members.)”

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came forth and announced the arrangements. He said, down through the year I have wondered what was going to happen. If you have prayed for the Association to be wonderful, your prayers have been answered. To be a child of God you have got to be changed. Remember the sick everywhere. There is one that will always be with you.

Elder Richard Lowe came forth and preached the following. It has been good, I have been paid for my trip from Florida. Thank the Lord we are able to be here today. My Savior, the only begotten son, promised me a better home in Heaven. What a God we have this morning. Jesus promised if I do whatsoever he commanded, I could go to Heaven. He has the Lamb's Book of Life in his hand. I believe in a real resurrection. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection." I want to serve the one that spoke the world into existence. In the book it tells me I am going to change from a natural to a spiritual. People, get ready for the coming of the Lord. He is ready to come. Your body is going to change. We are going to be like him. You will be sown in weakness, but raised in power. I want to be in contact with someone who can raise the dead. He told John's disciples go and tell John what you have seen and heard. The blind see, the lepers are cleansed and the dead are raised. What a God we have got today. I am glad we chose the good part. Children get ready for the coming of the Lord. Jesus Christ is coming again.

He then led in prayer

Elder Fitch Reed, of the Union Association, came next stating: I am glad to be here today. I feel like crying. This is a great honor to stand in this Association. Jobe said, "though I Make My bed in hell, God is there." I thought one time about the old prophet, Elijah. He was told there would be no rain for awhile. He was told he would be sent to a little brook. The brook dried up and God came to Elijah's rescue again. He told Elijah to go to the little widow woman. I will send you bread. He asked the widow woman, have you any bread to eat? The great God of Heaven will cause you to have meal and oil. He told the little widow woman to fix him a little bread. She said, I have just enough for me and my son. He told her to fix his and when she did the barrel never ran out. The widow woman's little son died. She asked the old man of God what caused this to come upon her. Elijah went to the little son that was laid upon a bed and he laid upon him three times and prayed and God raised her son up.

There will be a great shaking one morning. One of these days we are going to get up. We are going to put off all nature and put on a spiritual body. If we had not gotten a drink of living water we could not have enjoyed this morning. God will make you strong as a lion and gentle as a lamb. I just want a little drink of that living water. The living water is shed abroad in our heart. I don't know your hearts. We all have sinned and fell short of the glory of God.

Ezekiel saw a vision one time of holy water flowing from the right side of a fountain. The man there had a measuring line in his hand. He waded out in the water 1000 cubits and the water was up to his ankles. Again, he waded in the water and it came to his knees. He threw the measuring line down again and it came to his loins. He stepped in again and it became a river. We all have sinned and come up short. You need to repent. I remember things the old brothers said when I was growing up. I remember Brother Berlin Thornsby shaking my hand and hugging my neck. Some men's sins go before them and some mens sins follow them.

I had a dream about a sister I never saw. She was buried over fifty years ago. The coffin she was in was made out of wood. They moved her remains to the family cemetery. All that remained was some of a little silk dress and a little black dirt. The day I was saved I felt so good. I have never felt like that again.

Eye have not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him. God told Daniel to close the book, go thy way until the end before thou shalt rest and stand in the lot at the end of the days. Repent. Repentance is something you must do. You must be called out of darkness. Someone must show you a light. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* The dead in Christ shall come forth and join him in a cloud and forever be with the Lord. A man of God can be trusted. There is a better day coming.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, the Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the stand and stated that it is good to be here in the house of the Lord. I ask for your prayers. I can remember the day I was praying for the Lord to sup with me. Something taught me to go and pray again. The Lord will rescue you from the old devil. Next year someone here might be gone. How wonderful it will be when the Lord comes again. Be ready.

I feel his love. When that love comes along it will set you free. The love of God is the best thing that could be in the breast of men and women. The only way to get to Heaven is to repent. If you have no need for the son of God, you won't get to Heaven. A man lay at the pool of Bethesda waiting for an angel to come down at a certain season and trouble the water. The first one to step in would be made whole. Christ came along and saw this man. He asked, "wilt thou be made whole?" Christ said, "rise, take up thy bed, and walk." Do what Christ tells you and you will be alright. Just because you do good, do not expect everybody to compliment you for it. The Pharisees complained that the man was carrying his bed on the Sabbath day. I am thankful that I can forgive someone that does me wrong.

You can't keep me from praying for you. If God gets hold of a person he will not be troubling anybody else. One day I realized I had to surrender all. You have to want to go to Heaven from the bottom of your heart. The preacher can not save you but he can tell you the words. Jesus can save you. The Lord knows what we stand in need of.

Jesus was passing by and a Pharisee invited him into his house. The Lord won't turn anybody down. Jesus went in and began to eat. Mary Magdalene came in weeping and had a lot of devils in her. She began to wash his feet with the tears from her eyes and to dry them with the hairs of her head. Jesus knew everything about that woman. She kissed his feet continually. The Pharisee said this man can not be a prophet else he would know she was a sinner. The Pharisee didn't know what the Lord knew and what he was thinking. He loves us because we love him. He loved us first. Jesus said I have something to say unto thee. He told the Pharisee you didn't offer me any water for my feet, but she has continually kissed my feet and washed them with her tears and dried them with her hair. Jesus said, this woman, whose sins are many, I freely forgive. If you don't have any faith you will never get in the church, you will never get to Christ.

Thank you Lord, I can still feel you. The old devil will give you a lot of trouble. God will tell you to repent while you still have time. Repentance is between you and God no matter what anybody tells you. Repentance is something you must do to go to Heaven. You have to be called out of darkness. I wish everybody would go home with us. If you don't repent, and you come, all you will do is cause trouble. I thought, Lord surely we are doing something right here.

Before I came to this part of the country, I lived in Richmond, VA. The Lord showed me things that would come to pass and they have come to pass. He showed me the Sardis Association. I recommend the Lord to every sinner.

If it is the Lord's will, my wife will get better. You can't serve God on Sunday and the devil the rest of the week. I am very thankful when the Lord picks me up. When you get low enough and ask the Lord to pick you up he will raise you in honor and glory.

I am thankful we have a God that will keep us and give us the blessings we need. Sinners can feel the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord draws men and women. When you make it right with the Lord you will be fit for the Kingdom of Heaven and will help the church.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, the Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to close out this meeting. He said, “the spirit will go with us and help us. There is only one way to get home in the morning. There is nothing wrong with God’s way. There was no sin in Jesus. Without a perfect sacrifice we could not get in the church. There is safety in the house of the Lord.”

*I was standing on the banks of the river,
Looking out over life’s rugged sea,
I saw an old ship that was sailing
Is that the Old ship of Zion I see?*

I doubted at one time.

*I was standing on the banks of the river
Is that the old ship of Zion I see?*

The world is full of traps of death out there. The old ship is out there sailing and nothing can stop it from reaching it’s destination.

*I was standing on the banks of the river
Is that the old ship of Zion I see
It’s hull is all bent and battered
from the storms of life’s troubled sea
The waves were rough but that old ship keeps sailing*

There is a safe place in this old world, but there is danger out there. The safe place is going to deliver us over into the promise land. This old Church has seen hard times, but we are going to reach our destination. We are going home and nothing is going to stop God’s children from getting there. You must become one of God’s children. You must be added to the church. You must become worthy. You must receive that healing water. God sent Jesus down here so we could go home. Aren’t you glad you can get a drink of that living water that comes down from God out of Heaven? You have to be added to the Church by the blood of Jesus Christ. I want to go home. There are things we must do. I am not looking back, I am looking forward to the time when he gets off that seat to come back. Jesus is the captain of that old ship. That old ship will be smooth.

At the stern of the ship is the captain

He has it directed toward Heaven today.

*At the stern of the ship is the captain
I can hear as he calls out my name*

I am glad he calls today. I heard it with my heart. Whatever you do look up. The captain is king of kings and lord of lords. He will deliver you.

Daniel took him down there in the lion’s den with him. They could see something different about him. There is something different about you. Sometimes this outward man hinders the light. When I listen to the inward man I can survive the lions. Jesus put the man’s ear back on that was cut off by the sword. The church is predictable. We didn’t know the Lord would come in but we prayed that he would. The king liked

Daniel because he had helped him. We are in a battle with satan. The United States was established on the freedom of religion. The king passed a decree that everybody who prayed would be cast into the lion's den. God has a kingdom that will destroy all other kingdoms. This kingdom is hewed out of a rock. We must get on the rock and build on God's foundation. This church was established before the foundation of the world. There is no other foundation than what is already laid.

If we are going home we must go by the pattern that God set up. Everything that is needed in the church God has put in it. Men went and built upon the sand. Dig deep and build upon the rock. I know something about this birth. I know what I have experienced. Daniel went and prayed three times a day. He did not hide. He did not close the window. They went to the window and saw him. They went back and told the king that Daniel was doing what he shouldn't do. Do not disobey God, but the natural kingdom. They took Daniel and cast him into the lion's den. Who do you fear this morning? Fear God and keep his commandments. I must stand before God for me not you. They kept the lions hungry. Are you in touch with somebody greater than the lions? Are you in touch with something greater than the devil? If not, you are in trouble. I believe someone with us has been touched this weekend. We have one chance to get to Heaven and that is when we are alive. When death comes it will be too late. God sealed the lion's mouths. The king went the next morning and Daniel was alright. We will be delivered. There is a place we can get in that is safe. Get on board, this old ship is going home. Get Jesus. When death comes you are sealed.

*Get on board, the old ship is sailing
It will never pass this way again*

Get on board and sail home in the morning. I want to go.

*As I step on board, I'll be leaving
All my sorrow and heartaches behind
I'll be safe with Jesus, the captain
Sailing out on the old ship of Zion.*

The way I feel I am going home. I'll be safe over there. This is just a little taste. I'll be safe on the old ship of Zion.

Jesus is coming again. They tell you he is coming and you will have one thousand years to repent. That is what the devil wants you to believe. I don't know what is going to happen but we are going to get up and go on. Can you picture the ship Noah was on. The dead in Christ shall raise first. The evil of this world will be taken care of. I don't believe the church will see that. I believe when we die part of us will leave and it goes back to the Paradise of God. God is going to say, it is time. We know that it is coming. When I see it I will rejoice. Jesus will get up off the throne. I don't know when. I believe he is coming and we are going to get up. I believe that dust will get up and it will have a glorified body. I believe this boy will be changed. I believe in a real resurrection of the just and the unjust.

*I was standing on the banks of the river
At the stern of the ship he calls out my name*

Let's end this Association giving God the praise.

Service was dismissed by Elder Jimmy Amos, of the Union Association.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

To all My Dearly Beloved Brothers, Sisters, Officers, Delegates of the Sardis Association and all the Beloved Delegates of the entire sister associations.

With much prayer and humbleness I will try to write this circular letter, With God's help, inspired by the grace of God and through the Holy Spirit I asked Him to guide and direct my heart and mind on what to write about. What kept coming to my mind was the word "**LOVE**".

Where did love come from? It was in the beginning for God is "**LOVE**" and from the beginning He showed His "**LOVE**" for all mankind. (Genesis- Ch: 2- V:17) "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it. For in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." God through His "**LOVE**" for Adam and Eve was warning them if they ate of this tree their eyes would be opened to sin. Just like the same pure "**LOVE**" that a mother has for her children. She will give them warnings to protect them from harm.

Just like the "**LOVE**" that God showed the children of Israel, when he brought them out of the bondage of Pharaoh. (Exodus- Ch: 20-V: 2) "I am the Lord God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." God showing his "**LOVE**" and mercy and that "**LOVE**" brought them out of bondage. (Exodus- Ch: 20- V: 6) " and showing mercy onto thousands of them that "**LOVE**" me, and keep my Commandments."

To keep the commandments of God is to "**LOVE**" him. (1John- Ch: 5-V: 2) "By this we know that we "**LOVE**" the children of God when we "**LOVE**" God and keep His Commandments." If we say we love God and His children, we will keep His commandments. His commandments are not hard to keep. (1John- Ch: 5-V: 3) " For this is the "**LOVE**" of God that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not grievous."

God teaches us not to just "**LOVE**" Him and His children, but to "**LOVE**" our neighbors as ourselves. (Leviticus-Ch:19- V: 18) " Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt "**LOVE**" thy neighbor as thyself, I am the Lord.

You see beloved brethren; God was teaching us about His "**LOVE**" from the beginning of the world, and telling us to "**LOVE**" Him with all our hearts. (Deuteronomy- CH: 6- V: 5) "And thou shalt "**LOVE**" The Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

For if we would "**LOVE**" in this way, He promised that He would keep us by The Power of God.

(1Peter-Ch: 1-V: 5) “ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

I say, my beloved brothers and sisters, what a God we have. Bless His Holy name forever. God "**LOVES**" us so much he gave His only begotten Son, so that we would have a way back to the tree of life. (John- Ch: 3- V:16) “ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

My beloved Brothers, if God "**LOVED**" us enough to give His Holy Son for us so that we would have a way back to the tree of life, then we should "**LOVE**" one another for this is Jesus' commandment, that we "**LOVE**" one another as He has "**LOVED**" us. (John- Ch:15- V: 12) "This is my commandment, that ye "**LOVE**" one another, as I have "**LOVED**" you."

Brothers and Sisters, if we would "**LOVE**" one another the way that Jesus has commanded us to, the world would see that we are God's children. (John-Ch: 13-V: 35) “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have “**LOVE**” one to another.”

As we look at the "**LOVE**" that God has shown us from the beginning, He gave us His only begotten, Son Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ Loving us so much that He gave Himself to die on the cross for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. (John- Ch:15- V:13 & 14) “Greater "**LOVE**" hath no man than this that a man lay down His life for His friend and ye are my friends if ye do what so ever I command you." Through His Blood, we can all go to Heaven with Him on that Great Resurrection morning for "**LOVE**" is the beginning and the end.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters, let us praise God for His tender "**LOVE**" for it is this Holy "**LOVE**" that keeps us marching towards the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Your humble servant and brother in Christ Jesus

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elder Richard D. Lowe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elder Richard D. Lowe

**UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS
AND
MINISTERS TO ATTEND**

FEBRUARY, 2015

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

APRIL, 2015

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

MAY, 2015

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

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Danny Runyon, Stoney Blackburn, Harold SESCO, Greg Stanley, Leonard Napier, Sam Frye, Gary L. Young and Eric Williamson.

JUNE, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

JULY, 2015

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Frankie Scott, Jerry Overstreet, Arthur May, Richard Staton and David Lester.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Sam Frye, Sammie Moore, Billy Joe Robinson, Hobart Hamilton and Clarence Mathis.

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

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

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

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

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

BRIDE OF CHRIST: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday after regular service. Minister called: Leonard Napier, Gary Blevins, Jimmy Amos, Jimmy Stewart, Ralph Cloud and Reuben Lycans.

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

AUGUST, 2015

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Arthur May, Thomas J. Dials, Todd Dials, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Albert Cable.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion following Sunday Church Service at 10:00 a.m.. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis, Bruce Williamson and Glenn Hall.

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

ANTIOCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following the regular Church service. Ministers called: Reuben Lycans, Paul Maynard, Billy Joe Robinson, Gary Blevins and Barry Lucas.

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

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Greg Stanley, Hobart Hamilton and Elisha Branham.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

JANUARY, 2015

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

MARCH, 2015

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

APRIL, 2015

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Ivan Blankenship, Harold Sesco and Billy Joe Robinson.

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

MAY, 2015

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

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

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families, also those buried on the Hanners Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Richard Staton and Dale Williamson.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May (Fraley) Harrison and son, Charles E. Harrison and family at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Albert Cable, Harold Sesco, Lacy Walters and Kenneth B. Jude.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Jimmy Amos, Leonard Hamilton and Stoney Blackburn.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters, Gary Young, Larry Thacker, Elbert Sesco and Bobby Scott, Sr.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and Trixie Blackburn, his wife, and all the deceased on that cemetery at the old home place on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on Sunday following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters and Sam Frye.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Sam Frye, Billy Joe Robinson and Albert Cable with Moderator attending. Everyone is welcome.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley and Hinkle Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek on the fourth Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Duane Smith, Richard Staton, Stoney Blackburn and Gary Young.

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

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

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (May 31) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Ralph Cloud, Jimmy Amos, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone bring covered dishes.

JUNE, 2015

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

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

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Muncy Cemetery, also Elder Homer Muncy, Sr. and all others buried on the Ruby Muncy Cemetery as well as Sister Garnet (Lowe) Maynard who is buried on the cemetery near the mouth of Lackey Branch as well as others buried on other area cemeteries. This will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Ben Scott, Albert Cable, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude.

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

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Glen Lowe and his wife, Mary E. Lowe, at the home on Big Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco, John Paul Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on Sunday following the third Saturday in June at 11:00 a.m. and of all those buried on the John Gilford Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork. Ministers called: Duane Smith, Andrew Walters, Danny Runyon and Sam Frye.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the Howell and Jude Cemeteries in the head of Peter Cave at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edward L. Smith, Todd Dials, Richard Staton and Randall Lowe.

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

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

JULY, 2015

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Dewey Jude's Family will be held on the Jude Cemetery in the head of Big Peter Cave on the Sunday after the first Saturday in July. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Lonnie Jude, Todd Dials, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the church house of the deceased members of the Reed and Lockard families on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Gary Young, Stoney Blackburn, Richard Staton, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Albert Cable.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson and Scott Cemetery near the Leannah Church at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Albert Cable, Kenneth B. Jude and Clifford Williams.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek in West Virginia. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis, Jimmy Amos and Sam Frye with moderator and assistant moderator attending. Everyone is welcome.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dials Cemetery on the Jack Cassidy Branch of Coldwater Road. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Albert Cable, Ben Scott and Wayne Herald, Jr.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Narrows Branch Church on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. of all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY and Brother Clyde Brown and Sister Fern Brown who are buried on the Hill Crest Cemetery at Kenova, WV. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton and Frankie Scott with moderator attending.

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

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

AUGUST, 2015

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

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

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Apple Orchard Cemetery, the Pine Grove Cemetery in Lennox, GA, the Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL, the Joe Taylor Cemetery and Joe Taylor family buried at Maher, WV, the McCealy Cemetery at Maher, WV, Bent Ridge Cemetery, Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland, KY, Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, Ft. McCoy Cemetery in Ft. McCoy, Florida and Hennon Scalf Cemetery on Curry Branch and Sister Hester Maynard and all that are buried on the Williamson Cemetery on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Kenneth B. Jude, Kelly Slone, Richard Staton and Hobart Hamilton.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Gary Adkins and Stoney Blackburn.

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

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

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosie Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Bobby Scott, Sr., Harold Sesco, Jeff Dillon, Stoney Blackburn and Lloyd Brown.

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

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

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

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dave Jude and Fletcher Cemetery on Peter Cave. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Albert Cable, Danny Hurley and Thomas J. Dials.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all the deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Arthur May, Gayle Brown, David May, James Tackett and Billy Joe Robinson.

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

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

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sidney Church and of Elder W. W. Fields and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Wayne Sartin, Hobart Hamilton and Kenneth B. Jude.

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

MT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the John L. Blackburn Family at the home of Elder Dewey Blackburn, 4450 West Tunnel Road, Sharpsburg, KY on the odd Sunday (August 30) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hillard Newsome, Frankie Scott, Jerry Overstreet and Don Blake Little.

SEPTEMBER, 2015

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday before Labor Day in 2015. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis, Albert Cable and Edward L. Smith.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meathouse, about a mile above the Leannah Church, on the first Sunday in memory of Shirlen McCoy, his wife, Lucy McCoy, Van Ivory McCoy, and others buried on this Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife Ora Blackburn, and daughter Mae Blackburn and all others buried near the mouth of Wolf Creek are included. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Wayne Herald, Jr., Albert Cable, Billy Joe Robinson, Kenneth B. Jude and Ben Scott.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ervin Morrison and all others buried on the Maynard Fork Cemetery on Wolf Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Minister called: Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr.

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

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, William (Tom) Fraley and his wife Inis Fraley Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: David Crigger, Frankie Scott, Northern Gayle Brown, Paul Maynard, Arthur Mathis and Lacy Walters.

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

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Wayne Herald, Jr., Edward L. Smith and Frankie Scott.

OCTOBER, 2015

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

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

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Kelly Slone, Ralph Slone, Jr., Abe Howell and Scott Hamilton.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Johnny Thornsberry, Paul Boggs, Mike Justice and Murl F. Caudill.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church of all the deceased who are buried on the Scott Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials and Albert Cable.

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

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Richard Staton, Zeb Justice, Arthur Mathis and Phillip Estep with moderator attending.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the fourth Saturday of John Jude and Belle Jude, his wife; Annie (Howell) Jude, wife of Warren G. Jude; J. T. Jude, son of Warren G. Jude and Annie Jude; two daughters, Mary Ann and Betty Jane, children of Henry and Connie Jude. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Lacy Walters, Wayne Sartin, Kenneth B. Jude and Clifford Williams.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Jerry Overstreet and Sam Frye.

NOVEMBER, 2015

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

SPECIAL MEETINGS

CHURCH	DAY AND TIME
Bent Branch Church	Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Bent Branch/Pilgrims Home at Pilgrims Home	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Bride of Christ Church	Easter Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Clarence Mathis, Hobart Hamilton, Lester Cochran and Arthur Mathis
Leannah Church	Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. New Years Eve 7:00 p. m.
Little Tavie Church	Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. New Years Eve at 8:00 p.m.
Mary Elizabeth Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Pilgrims Home Church	Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.
Pilgrims Rest Church	Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Fourth Saturday Night meeting in April, 2015 will recognize the ones who came to Brushy and established the Pilgrims Rest Church as an arm from the Pilgrims Home Church in January, 1969 and the community that came together to make this possible. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Harold Sesco, Elbert Sesco, Thomas J. Dials with moderator attending.
Salem Church	Easter Morning 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Minister called: Jeff Dillon and Jimmy Amos. Special 100 year Anniversary on Sunday following the first Saturday in September, 2015.
Samaria Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
SARDIS ASSOCIATION AT BUILDING	Every odd Saturday at 6:00 p.m.(None May 30, 2015)
Rosa Church	Every first Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.
Turkey Creek Church	New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m. Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m except May 31, 2015. June second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Edward L. Smith, Dale Williamson, Ray Hamilton, James Barney, Wayne Herald, Jr., Jimmy Amos, Freddie Murphy, Andrew Walters and Lloyd Brown.

OBITUARIES
of
BRETHREN AND SISTERS

MARY CHRISTINE BLEVINS

With much sadness and help from our dear Lord and Savior we write the obituary of our loving Sister. Mary Christine Blevins was born January 25, 1934 to the late Avery and Unona Hensley. She was one of thirteen children. She went to be with the Lord on June 20, 2014.

She married the love of her life Okey Blevins and they had eight wonderful children. They had three sons: Darrell (Diane) Blevins, James Blevins and Jerry (Rhonda) Blevins. They had five daughters: Joyce Blevins, Margret (Jerry Wayne) Adkins, Terri (Larry) Workman, Nancy (Randall) Bowman and Rose (Darris) Fyffe.

Sister Mary Christine was a faithful member of the Tabitha Old Regular Baptist Church located at Mud Fork, WV. She was baptized on September 13, 1986 by Elder S.D. Hensley and Brother Pete Hensley.

She was preceded in death by; her loving parents, Avery and Unona Hensley; her husband, Okey Blevins; four sisters: Nancy, Lindie, Vadie, and Rose Marie and eight brothers: Alec, Pete, S.D., Robert, Columbus Oliver, Greenway, Rush, and Tommy.

She leaves behind in this world eight children, one brother, twenty-five grandchildren, thirty nine great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family.

Sister Mary Christine will be greatly missed and never forgotten in our hearts, but we know she has moved on to a better place to be with our Dear Lord and Savior.



Written by: Elder James Hensley, Sr.

EMELIE HANNERS SMITH CLEVINGER

Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. Proverbs 31:31.

Loving, wonderful memories of my mother flood my heart as I write this obituary. My mother, Emelie, was born on July 18, 1931, in Pike County, KY and she passed from this life on April 23, 2014, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She was laid to rest at the Hanners Cemetery, Sycamore Road, Pikeville, KY.

Emelie was the daughter of the late Ernest and Lassie (Lowe) Hanners. She married the late Elder Ralph Smith on June 17, 1949 and to this union was born three children: Linda Kay (Roger) Justice of Harold, Philip (Margaret) Smith of Sycamore Road, and Rachel Michelle (Rodney) Sparkman of Pikeville, KY. She is survived by five grandchildren: Shona Belcher, Shannon Justice, Samantha Smith, Andrew Smith, and Shellbie Sparkman. She had five great-grandchildren: Chandler Belcher, Benjamin Belcher, Lucas Justice, Ava Justice, and Liam Smith.

Mother also married Leon Clevinger, nine years after the passing of my dad, Elder Ralph Smith. Mother was preceded in death by many of her loved ones.



Those include her mom and dad, Ernest and Lassie (Lowe) Hanners; her brother, Philip Hanners; her sister, Hazel Taylor; her first husband, Elder Ralph Smith; and her second husband, Leon Clevinger.

Emelie was a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved for people to visit her. Mother cherished spending time with her family and friends. She was a kind, loving, and caring person. Mom loved everyone that she ever met and everyone that knew her loved her. She loved to travel, even in her later years, whenever she really couldn't see anymore. Mother had a smile that would light up her face and make everyone around her feel as happy as she was.

She was surrounded by all of her family when the Lord sent his angels to take her home. Her family told her it was alright for her to go, even though our hearts were breaking. We know she isn't suffering anymore and we know that we were blessed to have had her in our lives. We will think of her everyday for the rest of our lives, and remember how special she was to each of us.

ALEX EDMISTON

Alex Edmiston, eighty five years old, of Hatfield, KY went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Daddy was born on June 17, 1928 at Stone, KY. He was the son of the late Wayne Edmiston and Annie Marcum Edmiston.

Daddy was preceded in death by his loving wife, Betty Lou Lowe Edmiston, who passed on Tuesday, July 22, 2003; nine brothers: Pearly, Dewey, Lawrence, Junior, Charlie, Harmond, Raymond, Cal, and Ronnie and three sisters: Mary, Mae, and Bobbie Jean. One son, Benny Edmiston passed on Friday May 9, 2014, two days after he did.

Alex (Daddy) and Betty (Mommy) lived a good strong Christian life, both belonging to the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church. They lived a life of love, hope, faith, caring, and prayers. They believed that every day was a blessing to be thankful for. They leave a legacy for their love for Jesus, each other, their children, their family, friends and neighbors.

On February 16, 1964, Daddy gave his life to the Lord and was baptized on February 26, 1964 by Elders Ernest Cochran, Emmett Case and Claude Brown and took membership with the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church. Daddy was a member of this Church for fifty years. Daddy loved his church, his church family, he loved going to church and giving God praise and getting blessings. So many people would ask Daddy to pray for them and he would. He would always tell them if it is the Lord's will, it will be done. It has to be His will. Daddy would tell us goodnight, Lord's will I will see you in the morning. It has to be the Lord's will.

Daddy and Mommy were married on August 16, 1954 and to this union was born four children: George (Judy) Edmiston, Sandra Dingess, Pennie (David) Copley and Benny Edmiston. Alex was survived by his children, six grandchildren: Jennifer (Chris) Hatfield, Lacy (Ashley) Edmiston, Alex (Tammy) Edmiston, Jeremy (Manisha) Edmiston, Michael (Crystal) Dingess and Daniel (Elizabeth) Dingess. He is also survived by six great-grandchildren: Grayson, Reece, Colton Edmiston, Sean, Mikaela and Isabella Dingess; three sisters-in-law: Janie (Denny Ray) Marcum, Bonnie (Jim) Teeters and Edith (Gary) Wellman and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Daddy and Mommy will always be remembered and for ever loved.



Written by daughter,
Pennie Copley

GOLDIE FIELDS

Goldie Fields was born September 30, 1928 and died July 28, 2014. It is a sad duty for us to write this obituary for our mother, Goldie Fields. She was born in Pike County, KY to the late Millard Adams and Maudie Howell Adams.

She was one of eleven children of which two are surviving: Ida Price of Waynesville, NC and George Adams of SC. Also preceding her in death was her stepfather, Sam Burgett.

She married Virgil Fields on April 26, 1945. To this union were born seven children; five sons and two daughters. Preceding her in death was her husband of sixty years, Elder Virgil Fields and children: Ruby May Fields, Kathie Calhoun and Martin Fields.

Surviving children are: Carl (Joyce) Fields, James (Kathie) Fields, Andy (Debbie) Fields, John (Teresa) Fields; one son-in-law, Roger Calhoun, sixteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Goldie accepted Jesus Christ as her savior and joined the Mount Olive Old Regular Baptist Church in Stockbridge, MI in 1965. On November 13, 1999 Sister Goldie and Brother Virgil brought their letters to the Spurlock Church of Old Regular Baptists and remained faithful members there until their deaths. The Spurlock Church has lost another beloved member and she will be greatly missed by all of her brothers and sisters that remain.

She was loved by all that knew her. Sister Goldie left this world for a better place on July 28, 2014, after a brief illness at King's Daughter hospital in Ashland, KY. Mom was not afraid of death; she knew it was the gateway to eternal life with her savior Jesus Christ. Shortly after her first two grandchildren were born, she named herself Granny. Before long, she was lovingly called Granny by all of us. Her life circled around church and family and the many meals she prepared for both. All of her children and grandchildren looked forward to her biscuits and gravy, fried apples, soup beans and cornbread. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye for now. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her loving children.



MARCELLA STANLEY GREEN

Marcella Stanley Green, age seventy two, of Pikeville, KY passed away Friday, August 22, 2014 at the Pikeville Medical Center. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church.

Marcella was born October 12, 1941 at Piso, KY, the daughter of the late Robert and Della Maynard Ray. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by husbands, Burnis Stanley and Roy Green and one sister, Silvia Spears.

She is survived by two sons, Greg Stanley of Varney, KY and Robert Stanley and his wife, Laura of Versailles, KY and one daughter, Alichia Stanley of Lexington, KY and her beloved dog, "Buster". She is also survived by two brothers, Garland Ray of Meta, KY and Gwin Ray of Justiceville and one sister, Priscilla Trent of Arlington, VA. Marcella will be sadly missed and forever loved and remembered by her family, loved ones and many friends.



NANCY JANE JUDE WHITE HENSLEY

The Lord saw fit to call Sister Nancy Jude White Hensley home from this world of troubles and trials to her new home in Glory on March 13, 2014.

The Lord giveth and The Lord taketh away blessed be the name of The Lord.

Sister Nancy was born November 27, 1924 at Wolf Creek, KY. She was the daughter of the late James “Jim” and Betty Stacy Jude. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by: her first husband, Frankie White; one daughter, Bessie Louise White; two grandchildren, McKenna White and Deborah Robinson; one great-grandchild, Caleb Michael Robinson; three brothers and three sisters.



Sister Nancy was a homemaker and a member of the Little Rosie Old Regular Baptist Church at Chattaroy, WV and was loved by all who knew her, she bore the mark of a child of God and her light shined both far and near.

Survivors include her husband, John Henry Hensley of Dan's Branch, Williamson, WV; her children: Betty Jean (Bill) Armstrong of Shreveport, LA, James Harvey (the late Pauline) White of Dan's Branch, Alonzo (Nancy) White of Chattaroy, WV, Oscar (HuaQing) White of Soperton, GA, Rebecca (Larry) Hackney of McAndrews, KY, Edna Mae (Butch) Scott of Chattaroy, WV, Paul (Lynn) White of Willis, TX, Darrell (Melissa) White of Dan's Branch and Richard (Mary) White of Chattaroy, WV. Also surviving are twenty nine grandchildren, fifty two great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Sister Nancy was loved by everyone who knew her, she always trusted in the Lord and loved this old time way and always prayed for her children to get to know the Lord.

I remember one of the songs she loved; “I Overtook A Pilgrim Upon The Kings Highway.” I wish my children would come walk with me. (Children please read these words in this old song).

Sister Nancy is resting from her labour; I believe her soul is under the altar waiting for the Lord to say its harvest time and dispatch angels to go to get his children, and go right down in the grave and reunite the soul and body and bring them out as one; to board the Cloud of Glory and go home to live together with Jesus around the throne of God for ever and ever and forever.

Sister Nancy was special to me and my wife. She always called for prayer trusting in the Lord when she was having pain and heartaches and troubles in this world.

Proverbs 31:26-31 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

So sleep on, Sister Nancy you will never shed a tear again. The former things are passed away and behold; all things are made new. I believe we will meet again on the cloud of glory and go home forever.

Elder Wayne Herald, Jr

IDA HOWARD

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth no the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Proverbs 31:10, 25-31



With the help of my Sweet Jesus I will try to write the obituary of my Sweet and loving Big Mommy, Ida (Maynard) Howard.

My Big Mommy was born August 20, 1947 to the late Jim and Laura (Stacy) Maynard. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and infant baby sisters.

She is survived by five sisters: Alice Fitch, Fern Fields, Sillar Staten, Martha McCoy and Linda Mae Meade.

My Big Mommy was one of the finest ladies I have ever known and her love for God and family runs deep. My Big Mommy married Calvin C. Howard on May 21, 1966 and to this union was born: Linda (Mack) McCoy of Martin County, KY, Cinderella Kay (Michael) Maynard of Pike County, KY and Calvin O'Brien (Denise) Howard of Pike County, KY. She loved her children. She also had six grandchildren: Mack C (Buster) McCoy, Calvin E. McCoy, Tasha (Toddy) McCoy, Buddy Ray (Buddy Boy) McCoy, all of Martin County, KY and Michael Austin (Mikey) Maynard and C. C. O'Brien Howard of Pike County, KY.

My Big Mommy loved her grandchildren more than anything on earth and she always smiled and made us feel so welcome in her home. She would call each one of us every night and tell us goodnight and she loved us.

Big Mommy gave her life to the Lord in the 1980's and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was always a faithful member. I could write a book on the love I had for my Big Mommy. She was my best friend and I loved to see her and talk to her on the phone.

She loved her children. She loved to get out in the hills and garden and she loved her animals. She was one of the best cooks and bakers around. I will always remember her sweet smile and each time I see a garden or a piece of ginseng I will think of her.

The day she took bad off was on June 2, my birthday, and with all her pain and suffering she was still able to look at me and say, "Happy Birthday, my Baby and I love you." Those words will always be with me and I am so thankful to God that he gave her the strength to say that to me. It was one of the best birthday gifts I would or could receive. I do know my Big Mommy's suffering is now over and she will sleep until the judgment Morning and then she will receive her home from Sweet Jesus in glory where there will not be any suffering or pain and no tears.

I promised my Big Mommy I would try to live a good life so I can one day see her again and walk the street of gold with her. I will not say goodbye to my sweet Big Mommy, but I will say, "Goodnight, my sweet heart" until the day I can see your face again. I love you with everything in my heart. You will always be alive in my heart until God takes the last breathe from my body.

Love you always Big Mommy,
Your Buster (Mack C. McCoy)

ELMER LEE HOWELL

With much sadness and with tears flowing, I attempt, with the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of my dear husband, Elmer Lee (El) Howell. Elmer was born May 21, 1943 in Martin County, Ky to William Boyd Howell and Vistie (Vires) Howell, who preceded him in death.

The Bible states, that to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord. Elmer was carried by angels to be with the Lord on July 19, 2014. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Jonah, Toney, James Robert, Millard, Ester, Boyd, Jr., Clinton and Hayse and his sisters: Sadie Maynard, Madie Howell and Vadie Maynard.

He has one surviving sister, Karen. Elmer and I (Gayle Pauley) were married on January 23, 1965, and to this union was born two children, Sheri Lee (Howell) Arms and Randall Gordon Howell. Left to mourn his loss, are his wife of forty nine and one half years, Gayle; his children, Sheri Arms and Randall Howell and a daughter-in-law that he thought very highly of, Heather (DeLong) Howell. Also an x-son-in-law, Steve Arms. He had four grandchildren: Taylor Howell, Jacob Howell, Amber Arms, and Diane Harmon and three great-grandchildren: Wesley Walpole, Alexis Harmon, and Aiden Gonzalez and a host of family and friends. Also, a special sister-in-law, Zola Howell, whom he loved dearly.

Elmer had a special friend that he loved like a brother, Robert (Cat) Fletcher and I know that Cat felt the same way about him. They would talk on the phone for hours sometimes. James (Clarence) McCoy was another one of his good friends. He would come and visit Elmer often and Elmer enjoyed his visits.

God blessed us with a grandson, Taylor, whom we have raised since he was a baby; he is so special to us. We think of him as our very own child. He was the apple of his papaw's eye, his side-kick and best friend. They did everything together. His papaw always took him to the horse shows, trail rides and stock markets and everywhere he went; they were inseparable. They enjoyed taking care of and riding their horses. His papaw taught him how to shoe a horse and he does a pretty good job at it, now. Taylor misses him so much, as the rest of the children and I do.

Our granddaughter, Amber, also stayed with us a few years and went to school at Sheldon Clark. He would take care of our grandson, Jacob, while his mommy was at work; they became very close. Elmer loved and spoiled all of his children and grandchildren and even me a little.

Elmer was a hard working man all of his life. He worked in timber jobs and around sawmills and a few years in the coal mines. Then, after that, he ran a feed store for about fourteen years. He worked around the place from the time he got up until he went to bed at night. He was a good provider for his family. He loved his family very much and always thought he had to take care of everyone.

He put his family before his own needs, always. When I would get worried about something, he would say, "we will live till we die." He told me once that he wasn't afraid to die. I believe that was because he knew he had a better home on the other side. Elmer made a lot of friends through life and always wore a smile on his face. He never met a stranger, he was always laughing and joking around with everyone.

He was a member of Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church and enjoyed going to church on Sundays. Life will never be the same without him. We will always love and miss him, but I know I will see him again some sweet day.



Written by his wife, Gayle

MARY ELIZABETH HOWELL

After the passing of a loved one, it's only normal to mourn as it leaves an emptiness inside of us that seems impossible to fill. But then we reminisce, and I believe it is not until then that we truly cherish the memories that are left with us. This emptiness is filled with joyous memories and deepening pride in how they lived their life. With this in mind, we know that although we can no longer physically be in contact, their spirit has an everlasting link to our soul.

Mary Elizabeth Howell, known only to me as "mowma", lived a prosperous and fulfilled life of eighty four years. She was born in Martin County, KY on August 8, 1929 to the late Jeff and Estie Jude Fletcher.

On September 3, 1949, she married her lifelong partner Arnold Howell, who passed away on November 1, 1997.

In addition to her parents and husband, two sisters, Gracie and Margaret Fletcher and six brothers: Henry, Arthur, Johnny, Joe, Matt, and Oscar Fletcher preceded her in death.

Elizabeth was survived by eight children: Irene (Ronnie) Gamble, Shelba (James) Hensley, Phyllis (Milton) Marcum, Shirley (Darrell) Bowen, Betsy (James) Maynard, Sue (Eugene) Moore, Linda Kaye (Roy) Maynard and Tammy (Gary) Maynard, along with eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was also survived by five sisters: Mae and Marie Staten, Lynn Stacy, Dollie Maynard and Janet Jude; in addition to three brothers: Arnold, Glen, and Melvin Fletcher.

Mowma was a very passionate and strong willed person. She devoted herself to her family, but above all, she dedicated her life to serve the Lord. She was baptized in June of 1980 at the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

It was such a common occurrence to see her cooking for church and listening to the house seemingly sing along with her soulful church hymns. She taught us all a better way to live our lives, the value of hard work and the willingness to surrender to the Lord. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, great-grandmother, friend and overall person to be with.

It fills me with pride to know that after eighty four years of being on Earth, she finally can reside in her heavenly mansion.

Written by her loving grandson, Coty



VINA JUDE

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies...She is like the merchant's ships; she bringeth her food from afar... she stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy... She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness...She looketh well to the ways of her household. and eateth not the bread of idleness...Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

With these words from Proverbs Chapter 31, I will begin to write the obituary of our beloved sweet mommy, Vina (Jude) Jude, the daughter of Will and Charity (Jude) Jude.

Mommy was born January 29, 1929 on Big Peter Cave in Martin County, KY. The Lord called her home on February 8, 2014, making her stay on earth eighty five years and ten days.



On August 5, 1944, at the age of fifteen she married her schoolmate, friend and soul mate, Calvin Jude, the son of Ambose and Maggie (Stanley) Jude who was eighteen years old. The marriage ceremony was performed by Elder Harrison Jude.

Mommy and Daddy set up housekeepers in the Head of Peter Cave. Mommy cooked, cleaned, farmed her garden, milked her cow and churned her butter while Daddy worked in the log woods. Eleven children were born to this couple. She was preceded in death by her soul mate, Calvin; three infant children; a daughter, Juanita (Jude) Pinson; two grandchildren, Daniel Jude and Susie Maynard; two sisters Azzie (Jude) Howard and Virgie (Jude) Stacy and five brothers: Sherman, Jim, Willie, Elmer and Clinton preceded her in death.

Left to mourn her passing are four sons: Sherman and his wife, Judy Jude; Lonnie and his wife, Faye Jude; Johnny Jude and Bobby and his wife, Kim Jude and three daughters: Barbara and husband, Lon Pauley; Judy and her husband, John Adams; and Brenda and her husband, Bobby Maynard. Also, left behind are twenty three grandchildren, twenty nine great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and one brother, Andy Jude and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Mommy was baptized by Elders Tom Dials and Milford Lowe in March, 1977 and took her membership with the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until her death. One of her greater joys in her life was preparing the big Sunday dinners and to see her family all come eat and be together.

Our Mommy was a very special person. She taught us children, to work, to be honest, to respect others, kindness and to always put God first in our lives. Her prayer request each Sunday in church was to remember her children. Although we loved her dearly, we had to let her go, but the advice and her precious love she gave will always remain with us. I can hear her say, "children be good to one another and continue your Sunday dinners and get together and remember that when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right there, in your heart."

Written with much love for my sweet precious Mommy,
Barbara Pauley

EARNEST M. LOCKARD

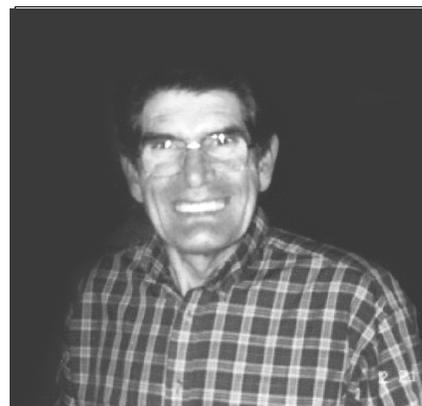
With a sad heart but loving memories, I will write the obituary of my loving dad, Earnest M. Lockard. Dad was born October 17, 1939 and went to be with the Lord on December 19, 2013.

Ernest married Martha N. Nelson of Turkey Creek, KY and to this union was born three children: Maria Lockard of Turkey Creek, KY, Robert L (Missy) Lockard of Turkey Creek, KY and Earnest Steven Lockard, who preceded dad in death.

After nineteen years of marriage, Martha went to be with her Lord. A few years later he met and married Carolyn Canterbury of Chattaroy, WV. He had four step children: Rhonda MacClanhan, Tonda Canterbury, Josie Olsen and Harley V Canterbury. Dad loved all his children very much.

Ernest was the oldest of eight brothers and sisters: Rose Coleman, Lacey Lockard, Daisey Ray, Sue Davis and Sharon Estridge. Dad was preceded in death by a sister, Jeannie Rivard and a brother, Condor (Tadpole) Lockard. His father Condor Lockard also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his mother, Francis Reed Lockard; his wife, Carolyn Lockard; daughters: Thresa Lockard, Tonda Canterbury, Rhonda MacClanahan and Josie Olson; and sons: Robert L. Lockard and Harley V. Canterbury. His also survived by grandchildren: Amber Lockard, Cody L. Lockard, Cara Warrix and Kelcy May and great-grandchildren: Lander Lockard, Billy Bentley and Steve A. Lockard. Dad never met a stranger. He loved people and people loved him. His laughter was infectious.



He truly let his light shine. Dad loved to fish, hunt, watch westerns and he loved the reds; but most of all he loved God, his family and his church. He always told me after being born again that he was ready to go home. I believe with all my heart that our daddy is rejoicing in heaven.

WILLIS LOWE

With Blessing from the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of my Daddy, Willis Lowe. Willis Lowe, ninety two, passed away at the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital at 10:45 p.m., May 29, 2014. He was born March 23, 1922 in Martin County, KY to the late Everett Lowe and Ora (Blackburn) Lowe.

He was preceded in death by two sisters; Mida James and Emmy Lowe; three brothers: Granville Lowe, Grat Lowe and Emzy Lowe and one great-grandson, Andrew Bennet Case.

He is survived by his wife, Lyda Mae (Maynard) Lowe; one son, Kermit R. Lowe of Mio, MI; one daughter, Beatrice Loretta (Ernest) Sesco of Turkey Creek, KY; four brothers: Everett Lowe, Jr., Refice Lowe, Ervin Lowe, Lewis Lowe and one sister, Maggie. Also, he is survived by three granddaughters: Tonda (Kirby) Case, Pricella Lowe and Belinda (Danny) Smith and two grandsons, Tracy Lowe and Brian (Kristie) Phillips. He also leaves four great-granddaughters, Liesie Case, Sydney Smith, Samantha Smith and Alexandria Phillips.

Daddy was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized by the hands of Elder Robert Robinson and Elder David Crigger on October 17, 1976.

When daddy was a young man he left home and joined the CCC, better known as Civilian Conservation Corps in 1940. That was a program set up for young men to work and send money back home to their families because times were hard. After leaving the CCC he enlisted in the Army. After leaving the Army he returned home to find the love of his life. He found my Mom, Lydia Mae (Maynard) Lowe and was married on December 13, 1943 making seventy years of marriage at his death.

“Amazing Grace”

After Daddy married my Mom, his journey began. He began to work and make a living for his family. Daddy worked for a gas company for awhile, then later at a steel mill in Lorain, OH. From there he got a job in the mines and worked there until he retired.

He was a member of the United Mine-Worker (Local union 1440). Daddy was sick for several years, but his sickness began to take a toll on him in the last three years. Daddy wanted to sleep most of the time. Daddy was an humble and quite man. He was in and out of the hospital several times. Soon the Lord saw he was getting tired and said it was time. Daddy would look at the ceiling in the hospital and smile, shaking his head like someone was asking him questions. Then in a few days he began to slowly fade away. A nurse entered the room and asks us if she could sing him a song, we said sure. Little did we know that would be Daddy's favorite song. After she began to sing “Amazing Grace,” it wasn't long until he was gone.

Daddy was laid to rest at the Maynard-Runyon Cemetery at Piso, KY. We will all miss him and my mother is so lonely. We can meet Daddy again if we repent and be born again. I hope to meet you by the River.

St. John Chapter 14: Verses 1,2 and 3: *Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*



Written by: His Daughter and Son-in-Law
Beatrice and Ernest Sesco

FINLEY DALLAS MAYNARD

Finley Dallas Maynard of Right Fork of Brushy, Varney Kentucky. Dallas passed away November 13, 2013. He was the son of Finley Albert Maynard and Vada Ray Maynard. Dallas was born January, 24 1948. He was 65 years old.

Dallas is survived by sisters: Alba Young of Varney, KY, Jo Ann Blackburn of Nicholasville, KY, Minnie Pricy Bevins of Lakeview, Arkansas and Pollie Ilic of Riverside, IL and a host of nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are Sisters: Gladys Charles, Sadie Wiggington, Mable Maynard, Louretta Maynard and Nettie Blackburn and a brother, Linzie Maynard.

Dallas was in the Old Regular Baptist family some forty two years. He was a member at the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church at his death. Dallas loved to sing some of the old songs from Old Regular Baptist Hymnal when he was able. We can take solace in believing when death comes God said there is a Heaven to gain. Our loss is heaven's gain.



Submitted by the Family

MARY (REED) MCGUIRE

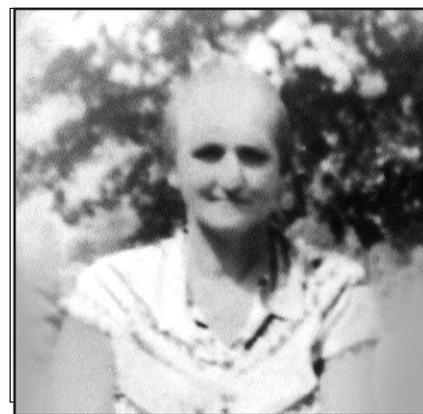
Mary McGuire, sixty eight, of Hatfield, KY went home to be with the Lord at 7:20 p.m., Saturday, November 30, 1974 following a lingering illness. Her funeral was held at the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church at Hatfield, KY with Elders Grover Adkins and Willis Muncy officiating She was buried at the Smith Cemetery on Rockhouse, KY, Tuesday, December 3, 1974 where she lays in peace with the Lord.

She was born January 14, 1906 in Martin County, KY to the late Robert and Uslie (Fields) Reed and was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church at Hatfield, KY since October 21, 1962.

Her husband, Rell McGuire, had just preceded her in death only five months before on June 29, 1974. I sometimes think she grieved herself to death over him. They were a very close couple. All they had was each other and the good Lord. Where you saw one, you saw the other. One of the things I remember so well about Mamaw was that she loved to sing for the Lord. She would even sing to the doctors and nurses at the hospital up until the Lord called her home. It was such a blessing to see how strong she was in the Lord and how she shared his love with everyone around her. Whether they accepted it or not, she still did it with all her heart. She had a old time pump organ she played by ear.

I know God blessed her with the gift of music because every Sunday Morning she would play those old songs for us and it was great!! Her and Papaw couldn't go to church so we just always had church at home with them. Every night before we went to bed she would read the Psalms to me. That is where my love for the Bible began. My Mamaw was the first person to introduce me to Jesus and what his love meant to me. I stayed with her the biggest part of my childhood nights and she became my best friend. So, yes, she is my childhood hero and someday I look forward to seeing her again.

Mamaw had a very large family. She was the first one of her siblings to pass away. Their names were as follows: five brothers: Rufus Reed of Lovely, KY, Carl Reed of Ravenswood, WV, Lester Reed of St. Albans, WV, William (Bill) Reed of Hatfield, KY and George Reed of Long Beach, CA.



She had four sisters: Nannie Stepp of Williamson, WV, Ava McCoy of Huntington, WV, Emma Wright of Lynco, WV and Thelma (Bevins) Collins of Stanville, KY.

Papaw and Mamaw raised nine children. Her four sons were: Ruel B., Melvin Bruce, Paul David and Rell McGuire, Jr., all of Hatfield, KY. She had five daughters: Emma Jean Smith of Bidwell, OH, Juanita Reed of Turkey Creek, KY, Grace Potter of Owlsey, KY and Nannie Lou Brunty of Clearfork, WV. She had one daughter who was deceased, Brooke Bevins, who passed away on June 1, 1966.

Losing her daughter, Brooke, was very hard on her. Mamaw seem to take everything in stife and it made her a very tough person, but I know she had her reasons. Life seem to make her that way.

She loved to garden and work with her flowers ad she loved to walk. We would walk every evening and pick mulberries from the trees in the yard around the house in the summertime.

She and Papaw were married on December 24, 1923 at Goody, KY by Elder Ester Hopkins. They were blessed to be married fifty years before either one of them passed away. We celebrated it the day before Christmas, December 24, 1974 with the trimming. And I will never forget it.

At the time of her death she was blessed with thirty six grandchildren and twenty five great-grandchildren. May God bless her family by her sweet memories until we see her again.

Written by her granddaughter, Usilie Alberta (McGuire) Dotson

LOZENNA (SMITH) MOUNTS

Lozenna Mounts passed away at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY, Wednesday, June 18, 2014. She was born October 5, 1940 at Sidney, KY making her stay here on earth seventy three years and eight months.

She was the daughter of the late Dona and Jeanette (Crigger) Smith. Lozenna was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Roger Clay Smith, who died at birth.

She married Wendell Mounts and to this union two children were born, Leigh Ann Smith and James Todd Mounts.

Lozenna is survived by her husband, Wendell Mounts; her daughter, Leigh Ann Smith and son James Todd Mounts; four stepchildren: Mitchell Thomas Mounts, Carol Sue Westondorf, Gregory Lee (Judy) Mounts and Donna Jean (Lanney) Madden. She is also survived by three grandchildren: Dakota Mounts, Hannah Smith and Dakarah Smith. She is survived by one brother, Edward Lee (Joy) Smith of Flatwoods, KY and one sister Patricia Ann (Mike) Casey of Knoxville, TN; two nieces, Peggy Joyce Smith of Flatwoods, KY and Tina Jeanette Bright of Knoxville, TN; one great-nephew, Alex Bright and two great-nieces, Claire and Callie Bright. She is also survived by our special, Aunt Ruth (Crigger) Smith.

Lozenna lived her entire life on Dix Fork except when she was going to college and a short time after she was married. She was happy there; growing up near all our relatives and living her life in the home place. She and our sister, Patricia Ann, were very close; they went through school together always being in the same grade.

Lozenna retired from the Pike County Board of Education teaching home economics, middle school classes and home bound students. She had many young boys and girls as her students and she would tell about seeing some of them after they had become adults.

Lozenna had a very kind heart, she never wanted to hurt anyone's feelings. She told me that she felt that the Lord had forgiven her of her sins and that she was prepared to go. She gave her hand to Elder Lacy Walters to join the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church on Sunday, June 15, 2014 at the hospital. She was baptized the same day at the hospital by Elders Lacy Walters and Edward Smith. I stopped in to see her on the following Monday. She said, "last night was so peaceful; I had wanted to do this for a year."



Our life on this earth is but for a very short period of time; it is like a vapor that appears and then fades away. But death is not the end. In that great and noble resurrection day when Jesus comes back to get his children, the ones that have been born of that Spiritual birth and have "washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" will be resurrected and taken to Heaven where we will all be together as Brother and Sisters in Christ.

Written by her natural brother and Spiritual brother in Christ,
Elder Edward Lee Smith

SHIRLEY CLINE MOUNTS

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my sister, Shirley Cline Mounts. Shirley was born on July 7, 1935 and departed this life on January 10, 2014. She was the daughter of Walter and Nancy White Cline.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Arvid Mounts and a son, Victor Mounts.

She leaves two sons to mourn her passing: Arvid Mounts, Jr. and Samuel Mounts of Baisden, WV; two granddaughters; Morgan and Jordan Mounts of Dandridge, TN. She also leaves four brothers and two sisters: Freddy Cline (Freda), Roger Cline (Judy), Stanley Cline (Renea) and Timothy Cline (Joyce); sisters: Dorothy Brown (Paul) and Lou Anna McCoy (Spencer). She leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends.

She was a true and faithful member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church where she was a member for over forty years. She always was in church when her health permitted.

Written by her brother in life, as well as the Lord,
Freddy Cline

NOAH OOTEN

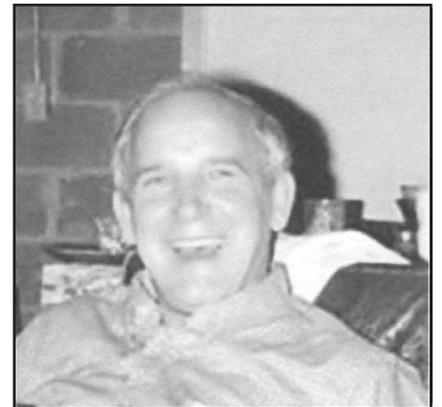
Noah Ooten, seventy nine, of Delbarton, WV passed away October 16, 2013 at the Williamson Memorial Hospital. He was born October 29, 1933 at Bias, WV, the son of the late Rhodes, Sr. and Pearl Farley Ooten.

He was also preceded in death by; a daughter, Connie Irene Ooten Adams; brothers: Tennis, Willis and Rhodes Ooten, Jr, and a sister, Matilda Ferrell.

Noah was a member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. He was retired as a Federal Mine Inspector and a retired coal miner. He served our country in the Korean Conflict in the Army.

Those left behind to cherish his memories include his wife of fifty eight years, Wanda Runyon Ooten; sons, Willis "Eddie" (Joann) Ooten and Noah Dale Ooten; daughter, Bernadine (Dennis) Maynard; sister, Nancy Salmons and grandchildren: Adam Ooten, Candace Maynard Hanson, Shnoah Ooten, Amy Ooten Koutsunis, Shane Ooten, Harold Preece and Ethan Ooten; step grandchildren, Niclolle Deskins, Bryan Vernatter and Brandon Adkins; and great-grandchildren: Ashton, Addison, Avery, Aaron and Jacob.

His funeral services were held at the Chafin Funeral Home Saturday, October 19, 2013 with Elders Albert Cable, Arthur May and David May officiating. He was buried in the Ooten Cemetery at Bias, WV.



SUSIE JANE (HOPKINS) RUNYON

Susie Jane Runyon, eighty six, of Goody, KY and Vero Beach, FL passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2014 of a sudden illness in Cincinnati, OH.

Mom was born June 25, 1927 at Goody, KY into the family of the late Elder George Ester Hopkins and Minnie Bell Harris Hopkins. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband of sixty four years, Saylor Runyon, Jr.; grandson, Wesley Michial Slater; brothers: George Ester Hopkins, Jr., Edward Hopkins, Kenneth Hopkins and Thomas Hopkins; and one sister, Etta Ruth Hopkins.

On October 7, 1950 Mom accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church as Goody, KY. She was baptized in Pond Creek by her father, Elder Ester Hopkins and by Elder B. H. Bevins and was a member for over sixty three years. Mom loved the Lord and was faithful to him, the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church and the Sardis Association.

Mom's father, Elder Ester Hopkins, was a charter member of the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church having established it in August, 1915 and he was Moderator of the Sardis Association for over twenty six years. The Hopkins Family has served as members for more than ninety years. Mom was so looking forward to the one hundredth anniversary in August, 2015. She was so proud of her church and Mom loved everyone in the church.

Mom was a retired Kindergarten teacher for the Pike County Board of Education, having taught children at Forest Hills, Turkey Creek, Varney and South Williamson Elementary Schools. She was a graduate of Belfry High School and Pikeville College, where she received her Masters Degree and was a thirty year member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority. Mom was a great cook, she could sew, knit, crochet, embroidery, was an artist that used acrylic paint or chalk and also was a great care giver for family members. Mom could do anything.

Survivors include one daughter, Pamela (Mickey) Slater of Forest Hills, KY; one son, Randy (Jackie) Runyon of Danville, KY; five grandchildren: Buffy Slater of Lexington, KY, Dr. Matthew (Amber) Slater of Cincinnati, OH, Tiffany (Brian) Wells of Georgetown, KY, Kristin (Dave) Hufana of Georgetown, KY and Caleb Tyler Runyon of Lexington, KY; five great-grandchildren: Henry Saylor Matthew Slater, Emma Belle Slater, Katelyn Wells, Jacob Wells and Sophia Hufana; two nieces, Rosemary Wilhite of Meta, KY and Medra Copley of Huntington, WV; three special friends: Ether Collier of Sidney, KY, Inky Bevins of Pikeville, KY and Janet Nies of Vero Beach, FL.

My brother, Randy, myself and our families have been truly blessed to have such a precious Christian mother, father and grandparents. We were taught by their actions and faith to love one another and have trust in God.

If Mom could speak today she would say, "if you don't know Jesus, please let him into your heart today. Come and join me in heaven. It will be the most important decision you will ever make in your life. Love one another and have peace in your life."

Mom was the best buddy and I miss her so much, but I know she lived a full, wonderful and loving life. She is with Jesus, my daddy and rest of her family and I could not ask for anything more for her. I love and miss my buddy.



Written by her loving daughter and sister in Christ,
Pamela Sue Runyon Slater

VADIE SCOTT

It is with great love, respect and broken hearts that we write this obituary of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

Vadie Scott, age sixty one of Pilgrim, KY went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 26, 2014. She was born April 21, 1953. She was the daughter of the late Jim Jude and Madie Howell.

In addition to her parents, Vadie was preceded in death by one sister, Linda Gail Preece and one grandchild, Benjamin Grady Scott.

She is survived by her husband of forty three years, James Luther Scott; two sons, Curtis and his wife, Kara Scott and Dennis Scott; two brothers, Phillip Jude and Roger Jude; two grandchildren, Alison Taylor Scott and Hannah Nicole Scott.

Vadie was a special lady that never saw a stranger and loved her family deeply. She was a very devoted wife and loving mother. However, nothing compared to the love she had for her grandchildren, they were her pride and joy. She will be greatly missed by all.



The Scott Family

MARGIE LEAN CISCO SIMPKINS

Blessed are the dead that do die in the Lord, henceforth they do rest from their labour and their works do follow them yea, saith the Spirit.

Sister Margie Simpkins, wife of Brother William "Bill" Simpkins of Chattaroy, WV left her troubles and trials here on this earth and went on to Glory (her new home) on March 29, 2014. She was born March 1, 1929 at Beech Creek, WV, the daughter of the late Leonard and Ida Jean Cisco.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Simpkins, Jr. who passed away September 13, 2011; her only daughter, Brenda Wolford; her brothers: Clyde, Curby, Carlton, Clellis and Clinton Cisco and her sisters, Victoria Cisco and Ada Kinder.

Margie was a homemaker and a member of the Little Rosie Old Regular Baptist Church. She is survived by her grandchildren; Lori Carter of Glasgow, KY and Gary Steven Wolford of Dry Ridge, KY and two sisters, Inas Evans and Orphia Curry, both of Williamson, WV. Also, she is survived by two brothers, Charles Cisco of Williamson, WV and Cedric Cisco of Sax, VA and nine great-grandchildren.

We want to thank the ARH Hospital, Trinity Nursing Home, her doctors and a special thanks to Beth Scott, Lillian Brumfield, Sherry Griffith and Davina Baisden and host of loving family and friends for their faithful care they gave her during her days she was so sick.

Sister Margie always wanted the Brothers to come and pray with her. She had a lot of faith and put her trust in the Lord. She led a lonely life after Brother Bill passed and could never get him off her mind. They got along so well when they were together. Brother Bill was so good to her and a good provider. I miss both of them, but I believe we will meet again on the cloud of Glory and go home with Jesus and live forever around the throne of God. "God is so good to his children." Rest in peace, Sister Margie, we will meet again.



Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

CAROL JEAN LEDFORD VARNEY

She worked all of her life for this day. She had the hope and she kept her eyes on that great light at the end of the road. Our Momma finished her journey on May 21, 2014.

Carol Jean Ledford Varney was born at Grants Branch, Stone, KY on June 17, 1932 one of thirteen children to the late Donald T. and Louise Ledford. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of over sixty one years, Ralph Waldo Emerson Varney, Jr. who passed away, just seven months before, in October, 2013.

They never could stand to be apart for any length of time. He lived in her vivid dreams until God called her home. Carol was many things to many people. Her career included but was not limited to, being the love, light and creative wife of her husband's life, the "director" of her four children, the prankster older sister, the singer of unusual songs and the ultimate Granny to her grandchildren, the all knowing storyteller and creator of odd rhythms to her great-grandchildren as well as to her many, many, many nieces and nephews.



Momma was baptized on a beautiful sunny December 11, 1966 day with all four of her children there to witness Brother Wayne Herald, Sr. and Brother Jonah Ester Williamson bury her in baptism. What an impression this made on us children as the two oldest held the two youngest standing as close as we could get at the water's edge until each of us could follow.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Carol was preceded in death by four brothers: Ronald, Roger, Donald and Pat Ledford; four sisters: Florence Marie Ledford, Francis Hatfield, Joyce Suiter and Molly Hulquist.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Chapman and her husband, Larry and Susan "Robin" Kerr and her husband, Jimmy both of Pikeville, KY; her sons, David Emerson of Portland, ME, and Daniel Madison and his wife, Michelle of Somerset, KY. Also, she is survived by her grandchildren: Craig and Laura Chapman, Joshua Chapman, Ben Scott, Seth Scott, Kelli Kerr, Cody Varney and Kyle Varney and her step grandchildren; Justin Kerr and Jerred Chapman, her great-grandchildren: Aaliyah and Noah Chapman, Asa Scott and her step great-grandchild, Mason Kerr. Carol is also survived by her sister, Emma Spivey (Doug), her brothers: Paul, Dennis (Donna), and Alan (Sue) Ledford and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family can never express or be thankful enough for the brothers and sisters of the Sardis Association and the Salem Church for all the love and care and prayers and food and songs during Momma and Daddy's life and death. What a blessing you all were.

Daddy and Momma gave us a strong foundation built on: God, Faith, Hope and a strong Christian church family. Praise be the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

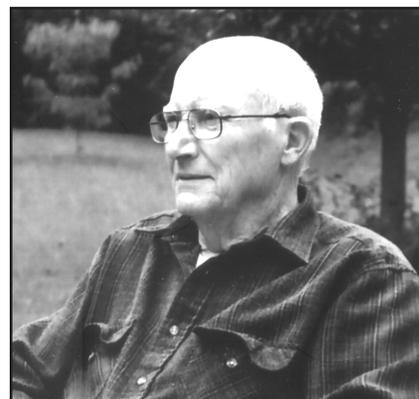
Written by her children

RALPH WALDO EMERSON VARNEY, JR.

It is with both sadness and happiness that I will try to write the obituary of my brother. Sadness for the ones who are left behind but happiness for the one who has gone on to his reward.

Some called him Ralph while others called him Emerson. Either one was fine with him. The music to his ears was when his children called him Daddy and later when his grandchildren and great-grandchildren called him Papaw.

Ralph was born July 23, 1930, the first born of the late Ralph Waldo Emerson Varney, Sr. and Susie Malinda Sandefur Varney in the community of Road Fork (currently Forest Hills), Pike County, KY. He spent his early childhood years in the Pond Creek area, graduating from Belfry High School, at the age of sixteen, in 1947.



After graduating from high school, Ralph went into the United States Army, where he spent the next four years. While stationed at Fort Knox Kentucky Army base, he convinced the love of his life, Carol Jean Ledford, to marry him and on December 31, 1951, they were united in marriage by Elder Ester Hopkins. They enjoyed almost sixty two years of happiness together on this earth. Ralph went back to school, after being honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and graduated from the University of Kentucky in May of 1958 with his degree in Accounting.

Ralph wore many hats during his working life, including working for the N&W Railroad, Kentucky Department of Revenue, Internal Revenue Service, Comptroller at Caney Branch Coal Company and Owner/operator of Creek Consulting, but the one he treasured most was being Assistant Clerk and Clerk of the Sardis Association of the Old Regular Baptist Church for some thirty eight years.

Ralph went into the Church and was baptized on October 6, 1953 by Elders Wayne Herald, Sr. and Harrison Bevins. He remained a faithful member of the Salem Church as long as he was able to attend. His last attendance at the Salem Church was his funeral on October 6, 2013, the anniversary of his sixtieth year in the church.

Ralph passed away on Friday, October 4, 2013 at the Hospice Care Center in Hazard, KY with family by his side.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his step-mother, Onie Ledford Varney and two brothers, Jack R. Varney and Paul L. (Sonny) Varney as well as one step-sister, Peggy Cornett.

Survivors include his lovely wife, Carol Ledford Varney; two sons, David Emerson Varney of Portland, ME and Daniel Madison Varney (Michelle) of Somerset, KY and two daughters, Kathy Ann Chapman (Larry) of Winns Branch, KY and Susan Louise (Robin) Kerr (Jimmy) of Pikeville, KY; one brother, Larry G. Varney (Dimple) of Shelby County, KY; one step-brother, Michael Mullins (Darlene) of Vermilion, OH and two step-sisters, Lena Mullins and Judy Martin both of Florida. His grandchildren, Craig (Laura) Chapman, Joshua Chapman, Ben and Seth Scott, Kelli Kerr, and Cody and Kyle Varney; step-grandchildren, Jerred Chapman and Justin Kerr; great-grandchildren, Aaliyah and Noah Chapman and Asa Scott; step-great-grandchild, Mason Kerr.

Ralph loved life, his church, his family and his friends. He will be missed by all who knew him or whose lives he touched.

Written by his brother,
Larry G. Varney

JOHN DEWY WALTERS, JR.

With much sadness in my heart, I will try to write the obituary of my natural father, John Dewy Walters, Jr. He was the son of the late John Dewy and Odessa (Francis) Walters of Hatfield, KY. He was born January 21, 1931 at Hatfield, KY and departed this life April 11, 2014 at the Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville, KY, making his stay on God's earth eighty three years, two months, and twenty-one days.

Dad was married to my mother, Lassie Jean (Stepp) Walters on November 28, 1953. She preceded him in death on May 31, 2007. To this union, I, Eddie Dean Walters, the only son was born.

He was preceded in death by one stillborn baby sister (Larna Mae Walters), born June 11, 1938.

His surviving family members are his son, Eddie D. (Helen Jean Walters); one grandson, Eddie Dwayne (Sandy) Walters; one granddaughter, Robin Suzanne (Chris) West and one great-granddaughter, Presley Jayde West, (born May 29, 2014) and special dog companion, Reese all of Sidney, KY. He had three sisters: Charlotte Walters and Marie Walters of Hatfield, KY and Dianne (Bryant) Holland of Franklin, NC and four brothers: Gene (Charlotte) Walters of Hatfield, KY, Phillip (Mary) Walters of Sidney, KY, Isaac Paul (Ortha) Walters of Gulnare, KY and A.B. (Lucill) Walters of Turkey Creek, KY.

Dad was a retired UMWA Coal Miner and started in the mines when they hand loaded coal with a shovel. I would often tell him, "Dad you done more work in twenty-five years than most do in a lifetime."

He joined the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized, October 22, 1972 with Elder Grover Adkins presiding. He later became a deacon in the church. He loved to be with his brothers and sisters in church and sing the old time hymns. Dad had the patience of Job and charity to no end. He would pray every night in bed and the morning of April 10, 2014, I found him in bed unable to get up. He was praying and the last words he said to me were, "I pray the Lord watch over you all." And I said, "he will dad" and he said, "he always has." And he never spoke another word.

Now, I pray to my Lord and Savior that my family and I will get to be with him in Heaven's Land some day. He was the best friend I ever had. He is sadly missed by friends and family.

Written by his son, Eddie Dean Walters



BILLIE JOYCE WILLIAMSON

With a broken heart, we will attempt to write the obituary of our mother, Billie Joyce Williamson. Mom passed away at home on June 7, 2014. She was born at Virgie, KY on June 3, 1930 to the late Noah Holbrook and Healtha Hudson.

She was an educator for over thirty years. Her first teaching job was at a one room school at Varney, KY. There, she met a man that would later become her husband, Isaac Williamson. They were married October 7, 1950. Their time together would be sixty two years when Dad died on February 23, 2013. She grieved for and missed him so badly.

Mom joined the Enterprise Old Regular Baptist Church over sixty years ago. She later moved her letter to the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Varney, KY. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her middle daughter, Deborah L. Martin; one granddaughter, Mary Victoria Scalf; two brothers, Clifford Holbrook and George Holbrook and one sister, Jennifer Stackhouse.



Mom leaves behind two daughters, Peggy (Patrick) Walker and Mary Jane (Freddie) Scalf; five grandsons; David Stepp, Robert Thornbury, Isaac Paul Stepp, Fredrick Andrew Scalf and John Roger Martin. Also, she leaves three great-grandchildren: Cody Thornbury, Nicholas Thornbury and Danica Martin and one brother, Sidney Holbrooks.

Mom enjoyed her life. She received such fulfillment from her career. She loved her friends and her church family. Her greatest pleasure was her family. We loved being together whether it was on vacation or painting a room, we did it all together. She was tireless when it came to holidays and get togethers. She loved her grandchildren so much and she wanted everyone to be included and happy. She will be missed so deeply by so many, all who loved her dearly.

Written by her loving daughters,
Peggy Walker and Mary Scalf

RALPH WILLIAMSON

Ralph Williamson, age eighty three, passed away Monday, August 11, 2014 at Cedar Creek Assisted Living.

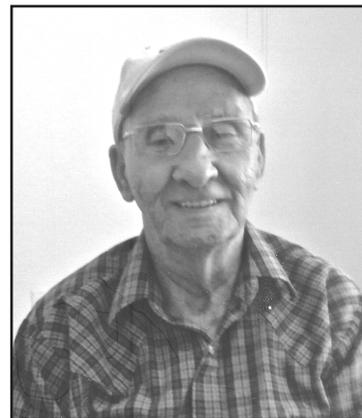
Ralph was born on June 27, 1931 to his parents the late J. L. "Landon" Williamson and Belle Francis Williamson.

He was the husband of the late JoAnna Ray Williamson, a retired car repairman for N & W Railroad and a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Brushy, KY.

Along with his wife and parents, Ralph was preceded in death by one infant son, Palmer Williamson; one brother, J. L. Williamson, Jr. and two sisters, Betty Ruth Lowe and Joyce Young.

Ralph is survived by one son, Tommy (Kimberlee) Williamson of Beaver Island, MI; one brother, Kenneth Williamson of Rockhouse, KY; four grandchildren: Blake Williamson, Hollie Williamson, Dylan Burrows and Riley Williamson.

Ralph was very blessed with the care and support of the staff at Cedar Creek Assisted. Ralph was hard working man who would do anything for just about anyone and never asked for anything in return. He was a humble person who loved God and his family, he will truly be missed by all, especially his son, Tommy.



EMILY (JUDE) WILSON

Emily Wilson of Pilgrim, KY passed away on September 9, 2013. Emily was born to the late Elmer and Rebecca (Jones) Jude on October 13, 1939.

On November 17, 1962, she married Lowell Wilson. Emily was preceded in death by one son, Wayne Allen Wilson.

She was the mother of three daughters: Hermie (Charlie) Evans of Inez, KY, Becky (William) Hyatt of Pilgrim, KY and Angela (Robbie) Mace of Pilgrim, KY. Emily was the grandmother of four grandsons and two granddaughters: Ryan (Andrea) Wilson of Inez, KY, Jerry Blanton of Pilgrim, KY, Zack Blanton of Inez, KY, Brent Maynard of Pilgrim, KY, Sarah (Jason) Mills of Inez, KY and Hope Maynard of Pilgrim, KY. She also had two great-grandsons: Drew and David Wilson of Inez, KY.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister: James (Margie) Jude, Albert Jude, Odais (Virgie) Jude, I. G. (Laura Francis, "Pat") Jude, Floyd Jude and Ida Smith.



Emily also leaves behind one sister, Ruth (Ronnie) Lowe. She also leaves behind one sister-in-law, Christine Jude and one brother-in-law, Russell Smith.

Emily gave her life to the Lord on September 21, 2001. She was a member of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ.

Written in loving memory by Emily's sister,
Ruth Mae (Jude) Lowe along with family and friends

PAUL "GRIGGS" YOUNG

In loving memory of our uncle and brother, Paul "Griggs" Young, Jr. who will be truly missed every day. He was born September 11, 1941 and departed on August 22, 2014 at Pikeville Medical Center after a short illness. He was seventy two years old when he departed us.

He was the son of the late Coodler and Elkie (Sesco) Young. He leaves behind one sister, Joyce (Young) Roberts and one grandson, Benny Cantrell.

He is preceded in death by his mother; Elkie (Sesco) Young, and his father, Coodler Young; one daughter, Lois Jean (Young) Cantrell; one sister, Lois Tackett and one brother, James Le Young; one infant son; a niece, Breanna Maynard and a nephew, Harold Roberts.

He was the most humble person that you would ever meet. He loved that he belonged to the Pilgrims Home Church. All he talked about was going to the church and seeing the people he saw there.

He surely will be missed by his nieces, Dianne (John) Hamm, Kristi Hall, Teresa King, Misty Fannin, Kathy Morrison and Latisha Roberts and his nephews: Bobby (Sue) Gillman, Darrell (Alisha) Roberts, Jimmy Roberts and Doug Yates and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Our uncle Griggs, as we all remember him, will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Written by his niece,
Dianna Hamm



OBITUARIES

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FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

ALEX BENJAMIN EDMISTON

Alex Benny Edmiston, fifty six, of Hatfield, KY as born August 6, 1957 and passed away Friday, May 9, 2014 at his home. He was the son of the late Alex and Betty Lou Edmiston.

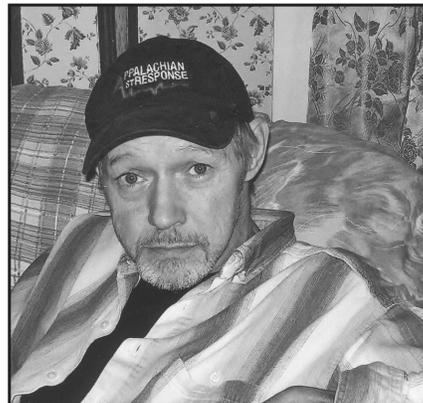
Benny was a loving person that would help anyone that ask of him. Benny was baptized at Nolan Freewill Baptist Church by Brother Ray Taylor and Brother Earl White. He was a disabled coal miner while working at Marrowbone Development Co.

Benny moved in with his Dad, leaving his own home, to help with dad. They were a time helping each other. Benny would read the Bible to dad while keeping house warm. Dad always liked his coal and wood heat.

Benny leaves behind to cherish his memory two sons; Alex B. Edmiston, Jr. (Tammy) and Jeremy (Manish) Edmiston; a grandson, who was the sunshine of his life, Colton Ashane Edmiston; brother, George W. (Judy) Edmiston and two sisters; Sandra Dingess and Pennie (David) Copley. He, also leaves behind four aunts: Janie (Denny) Marcum, whom he thought of and loved as a second mom, Edith (Gary) Wellman, Bonny (Jim)Teeters and Connie Lowe; and the mother of his children, Vicki (Williams) Kilgore and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Benny enjoyed song writing and poems singing his songs. Somebody somewhere said a little poem for him; don't grieve for me for now I am free. I am following the path God has laid for me perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me. God wanted me now. He set me free.

Forever loved, written by sister in law,
Judy Edmiston.



HAROLD THOMAS (HARD TIMES) FARLEY

With our good Lord's help we will try to write the obituary of our brother, Harold Thomas Farley, who we all loved so much.

God had a need for him at an early age. Brother Harold was called home on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He was seventy four years and eight months old. He was a retired engineer for the Norfolk Southern Railway, where he was known as "Hard Times".

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Forest Hills, KY, where made his home. Harold had a great host of friends that loved him very much; in church and people he worked with, N&S railroaders. Everyone he came in contact with always trusted him. He also treated them fair and honest, the way the Lord wanted him to do. He loved his Lord so much.

He was born at Hardy, KY on July 16,1939, the son of the late Lawrence and Nolie Hunt Farley. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by one sister, Ebba Helen Farley and one brother, Randolph Darrell Farley.

Harold is survived by his wife of fifty four years, Ruth Owens Farley. They were married on April 17,1959.



He is also survived by one son, Brian Thomas Farley; his wife, Mary Ann (Dyer) Farley of Warfield, KY, his step granddaughter, Alyssa Dyer of Warfield, KY; eight sisters: Ollie (Johnny) Scott, of Fairfield, OH, Barbara (Roscoe) Williamson and Judy (Clayton) Stanley of Sidney, KY, Daisy (Vernal) Sesco and Amanda Cleo Farley of Hatfield, KY, Connie (William) Huddle of McCarr, KY, Patsy (Gary) Dotson of McCarr, KY and Patty (Lewis) Luster, of Sabina, OH; brothers: Charles (Marianna) Farley of Batavia, OH, James Farley of Cincinnati, OH, Jerry (Carol) Farley and Donnie (Betty) Farley of Hardy, KY, also a host of nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews who loved their Uncle Harold very much.

Funeral service for Brother Harold were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Gary May and Mark Helton officiating. The N & S Railroaders did a special song, Life's Railway to Heaven. His burial was at the Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy, KY. His family wants to thank the railroaders who came and sang their beautiful song. We all loved the singing very much and Harold would have loved it more.

Harold was the first to go from our large family, other than our little sister and brother. He was a great light to all of us. He loved to talk and read the Holy Book. He always had one with him at all times. We miss him so much but will see him in our new home on high. God bless us all.

Written by: A broken hearted family

BARBARA SUE GLANDON

With much sadness I am writing this obituary. Barbara Sue Glandon, age seventy one, of Gilbert, WV went to be with the Lord Sunday, February 23, 2014 at CAMC Memorial Hospital Charleston, WV. She was born January 5, 1943 at Hampden, WV. She was the daughter of the late Cecil and Pauline (Abbot) Browning.

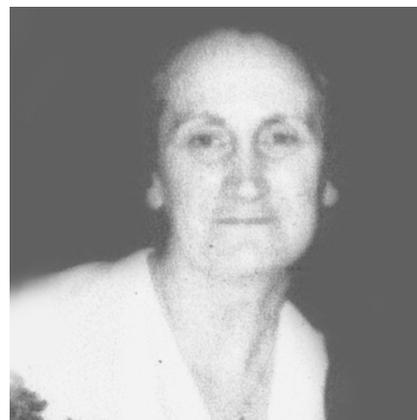
In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband, Elder Hubert Glandon; sister, Pat Burke and brother, Clayton Browning.

She gave her hand to become a member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church but died before she was baptized. She was a house wife that loved to read and spend time with her family.

Those left to love and cherish her memories are sons: Keith Glandon of Elanor, WV, Lynnel Glandon of Logan, WV and Steven Glandon of Hampden, WV; her grandchildren: Kaleb and Emily Glandon of Elanor, WV, Hannah Glandon of Logan, WV, Lindsey Glandon of Hampden, WV and her sister, Wanda Shepard of Wilkinson, WV She leaves behind a host of family and friends that she loved.

I miss the times I would see Mom setting on the porch in her chair with her smile as I pulled up in the yard. I would set with her on the porch and we would talk for hours. I miss talks on the phone as we talked about the Lord.

Dad told me a long time ago, "don't give up on Mom," and I didn't. I was there that evening when Mom gave her life to the Lord and she told me, "I am free." Take the time to love, take the time to talk to the Lord.



Written by her son, Lenny Glandon.
Love you Mom

SYLVIA ANNE MAYNARD LYNCH

Sylvia Anne Maynard Lynch was born on December 8, 1940 and went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 10:08 a.m.

She was preceded in death by; her mother, Cynthia Anne Bevins Maynard; her father, John Robinson Maynard; four brothers: James Maynard of Ironton, OH, Gene Maynard of Dayton, OH, Bill Maynard of Miamisburg, OH and Paul Maynard of Pikeville, KY and one sister, Alene Maynard Malone of Pikeville, KY.

She is survived by two sisters, Alice Rivard of South Gate, MI and Rebecca Hess of Pikeville, KY and her five children: Anthony Wayne Lynch and his wife, Darlene of Salyersville, KY, Deborah Lynn Lynch Scaggs of Pikeville, KY, Warren Alan Lynch and his wife, Karen of Pikeville, KY, Brian Wilson Lynch and his wife, Connie of Pikeville, KY and Shelly Louise Lynch Morrison and her husband, Joel of Pikeville, KY. Sylvia had eleven grandchildren: Jennifer Michelle Sternberger of Louisville, KY, Justin Scott Lynch of Morehead, KY, Jessie Michael Lynch of Clinton, TN, Kelley Anne Scaggs Smith of Pikeville, KY, Charles Jacob Scaggs of Georgetown, KY, Jared Lynch of Pikeville, KY, Jason Lynch of Murfreesboro, TN, Jena Hinkle Burkett of Tyrone, PA, Brian Doc Lynch of Pikeville, KY, Darla Breanne Lynch of Pikeville, KY, Lucy Rebecca Morrison of Pikeville, KY and eight great-grandchildren: Austin Sternberger, Bailey Smith, Kole Smith, Kane Smith, Katie Lynch, Kimmie Lynch and Riley Victoria Faith Lynch. Sylvia is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who are rejoicing in her passage into Heaven in the arms of Jesus and her reunion with her loved ones, but will miss her greatly.



Written by her loving daughter

MARY RUTH MAYNARD MCCORD

I will try to write the obituary of our dear friend, Mary Ruth Maynard McCord. She passed away February 1, 2014 at the age of seventy three. Mary Ruth was born in Pike County, KY on October 27, 1940, to William Burley and Gladys Robinson, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Paul McCord; two brothers, Willie Robinson of Varney, KY and Samuel Robinson of Stopover, KY and a infant sister.

Mary Ruth is survived by four sons: Keith (Debbie) Maynard of Gulf Hammock, FL, Craig Maynard of Old Town, FL, B J (Kat) Maynard of Sarasota, FL, Tim (Maranda) Maynard of Chiefland, FL; one sister, Alice Marie Maynard of Rush, KY; fifteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, twelve nephews and nieces. She had two special friends, George and Helen Kub and her wonderful Church family and friends.

She was a retired Seafood Manager from Kash-n-Karry located at Ocala, FL. In 2004 she moved to Chiefland, FL to be near her children. She was planning on moving back to Kentucky this summer; God had better plans for her. She was always around our family and feels like a sister to us. She will be missed but will always be near to our hearts. She always wanted to help people and take care of the sick. I feel she is resting from her labor.



Mary Ruth was a member of The Faith Baptist Tabernacle Church in Williston, FL. She will be missed by her family and all who knew and loved her. May God bless and keep all of her children. Mother is gone but not forgotten.

Written by her friend,
Freddie Maynard

CLAUDE CONLEY MUNCY

It is with a heavy heart that we write the obituary of this beloved man. Claude has joined his parents, along with seven brothers and sisters at Heaven's Pearly Gates.

Claude was born on June 16, 1944, at Varney, KY to Bascum and Vada Muncy. On December 6, 2012, he left this life to begin a new one. Claude was laid to rest beside his parents at the Williamson Family Cemetery located at Brushy, KY.

He was a beloved member of the Brushy Creek community for most of his life. He was a veteran of the United States Army stationed in Korea. He retired from East Kentucky Beverage after twenty six years of loyal service.

Claude was preceded in death by his parents, Bascum and Vada Muncy; two brothers, James Ray and Ray Muncy and four sisters: Maudie Thompson, Ruth Stepp, Luola Young, and JoAnna Williamson. A fifth sister, Mildred Woodson passed away on July 14, 2014.

Claude is survived by his wife, Judy Muncy, of Varney, KY; one son, Darren Muncy of Varney, KY; two daughters, Kimberly (Jeremy) Smith of Regina, KY and Amy (Kory) Freeman of Mooresville, NC; one sister, Mary (Hursell) Stevens of Sidney, KY; three brothers, Jay (Evelyn) Muncy of Amesville, OH, Eddie (Janice) Muncy of Columbia, TN, and Freddie (Geraldine) Muncy of Varney, KY; one granddaughter, Devon Freeman of Mooresville, NC, and four grandsons; Ben Myers of Harold, KY, Brandon Hylton of Morehead, KY, Austin Muncy of Huntington, WV, and Brock Freeman of Mooresville, NC; as well as a host of family and friends.

Claude was of the Baptist faith and was baptized September 7, 2012, by his nephew, Buddy Muncy, and brother-in-law, Johnny Thompson. His baptism took place on Ray Branch of Brushy, his beloved home.

He loved his morning rituals of drinking coffee with his brother-in-law, Ralph and visiting the local IGA. His routine visits included at least one of his grandchildren, or as he referred to them, his side-kicks, tagging along on his outings.

His favorite activity was working in his garden! He loved being outside and into something, a trait he definitely inherited from his parents. He loved going up to the strip job, or just taking walks. When you think of Claude, you see that smile, that hug, that kiss, the Reds playing on the radio, with the window down. You also think of Claude working outside or UK basketball on the TV and his young nephew, Jeremy, calling him during half-time to discuss what is happening or what UK was doing wrong. Sometimes, he had the Reds on the radio, UK on the TV, and a conversation going on at the same time.

When the name Claude Muncy is mentioned, you only hear positive comments and smiles. The words, what a good man, what a friendly man, what a caring man, what a loving man, don't begin to label this wonderful and unique human being who loved life and family more than anything. Everyone who knew him loved him and no one ever had a bad word to say about him. His charm, personality, and friendly smile brought him into your world and his genuine concern for you and his relentless efforts of helping others kept him there. From going to watch Darren play sports, and of course, giving him advice, or listening to Kim's funny sense of humor, or Amy pursuing her career as a pharmacist.



Claude was always there for his children. He was proud of them and how they raised their children to be loving, caring, and wonderful individuals. Claude's greatest blessings were his grandchildren. He loved his little sidekicks, Ben, Brandon, Austin, Devon, and Brock with every ounce of his being; and they will always have those precious memories of his love and the many lessons of life that he taught them, as they continue to grow into fine young adults. His endless love for them goes without saying and may this tribute of him be an afterglow to all of them.

His most precious soul mate, Judy, has been there every step of the way! She, along with Claude, spent many years working and when the time came to retire, Judy and Claude had more time to do their walking up and down Ray Branch and have their little talks. Retirement also allowed them to visit with Amy and her family more and more. Judy was Claude's angel here on earth. No matter how tired or weary she was, she always had that smile for her beloved husband. She continued to support him and love him each and every day during their forty five years of marriage. This gracious lady never left his side and was with him during his last breath on this earth. As we celebrate Claude's life, his many blessings, let's not forget all those he loved and those who loved him! He was one very special man.

Don't weep for him, for rejoice in his memory and be happy that now there is no more suffering because he is with our Good Savior and his mom and dad!!

In closing... we would like to leave you with this: Afterglow. I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is gone. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times, and laughing times, and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun, Of happy memories that I leave when life is done

Written by: His Baby Bears

GLORICE ROBINETTE

It is with a sad and a broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my loving sister, Glorice Robinette, seventy six, of Lexington, KY. She passed away Wednesday, July 30, 2014, on her birthday. She was born in Pikeville, KY.

She was the daughter of the late Curtis and Bertha Robinette. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Bobbie Charles Robinette and one niece, Linda Gillman.

She is survived by one brother, John L. Robinette and one sister, Joyce Gillman and a host of nieces and nephews. She was retired from IBM.

She was a wonderful sister. She would call me at night around eight or nine o'clock and say are you ready for bed. I would say, I'm thinking about it. She'd say good night, sis, I'll talk to you in the morning.

Her last night in the hospital she held onto my hand all night. She had been so sick since Christmas and New Years. She just kept getting worse, but she refused to give up. She would go outside and if a leaf or twig had fallen in her yard she would pick it up no matter how much it would hurt her to pick it up. Everything had to be just so. I would tell her, Sis, leave it alone and the wind will blow it away.

She has a little dog she was crazy about and it was crazy about her and but if it thought you were going to hurt Glorice, it would act like she would eat you up. She would sleep with her every night. Glorice would hold up the covers and she'd go down to the foot of the bed.

Glorice gave her hand to become a member of the Pilgrims Home Church on July 14, 2014, when Brother Richard Staton and his wife came by to see her, it was such a happy day.



When we heard her tell Brother Richard she felt like the Lord had forgiven her and she clapped her hands and rejoiced.

Sleep on Sis, we'll see you soon. She is with Mommie and Daddy. She said she felt they were waiting for her. Now she is at rest, no more pain or struggling to breathe, just peace and joy.

Glorice passed away before she could be baptized. She is sadly missed by her family: Joyce Gillman, John and Sharon Robinette, John, Jr., Kathy, Todd, Scott, Brian and several great-nieces and nephews.

Written by her sister, Joyce Gillman

FANNIE SMITH

Fannie Maynard Clark Smith, ninety four, of Wayne, WV passed away on September 10, 2014 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, WV.

She was born October 4, 1919 at Kiahsville, WV. She was the daughter of Wayne Maynard and Bertha Fry Maynard.

Fannie was a member of the Salem United Baptist Church for sixty three years. Although she was not a member of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church she attended and supported the church.

She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Clark and her second husband, Alex Smith. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Maudie Mathis, four brothers: Lindsey Maynard, Earl Maynard, Charles Maynard and Orva Lee Maynard and a step son, Ronald Smith.

Survivors include her sister, Lena M. K. Kingery of Venice, FL and two brothers, Dallas Maynard of Etna, OH and Norman Maynard of Jackson, OH. Two step daughters, Fredi Volberding of California and Judy Kinnard of Detroit, MI, and a step son, Patrick Smith of Florida.

She will be greatly miss by all who knew her, especially her nieces and nephews. She had been in the Wayne Nursing Home for three and one half years where she received good care. Prior to the nursing home she resided with her nephew, Arthur and Mary Ann Mathis on Craig Road at Wayne, WV.

She leaves behind numerous family and friends who are saddened by their loss, but our loss is heaven's gain. Possessing a true servant's heart, she was a woman of faith and we feel she is resting in the arms of our Heavenly Father until we meet again.

Funeral services were conducted at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, WV on September 15, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. with Elders Ivory Williamson, Roger Maynard and Brother Bruce Finley; with Elder Ivory Williamson officiating.

Pall bearers were her great-nephews: Jay Mathis, Billy Mathis, Eddie Mathis, John Miller, Gary L. Murray and Jody Mathis. Aunt Fannie was interred at the Community Memorial Gardens at Wayne, WV.

We are confident, I say, and will rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. II Corinthians Chapter 5 Verse 8.

Written by family members



BILLY WEBB

Billy Webb, died Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at his home. He was eighty three years old. He was born in Pike County, KY on February 7, 1930, the son of the late Condor Webb and Sadie Reed Webb.

He was a foreman for Equitable Gas Company, a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean War, a member of the Masonic lodge and the Church of Christ, Heeron.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Wandalene Webb; two brothers, Clifton Webb and Hastel Webb and three sisters: Ethel Young, Gracie Morrison and Lucille Lowe.

He is survived by his wife, Lena Williamson Webb; two sons, Dr. Bill Webb and Kendall Webb; one daughter, Barbara Miller; three brothers: John D. Webb, Doris Webb and Ronnie Webb; two sisters, Marcella Stanley and Mary Ruth Maynard; six grand children and four great-grand children.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he was loved by all who knew him and is missed by many.



ALBERT RAY WILLIAMSON

With much sadness in my heart and the hearts of his family and friends I will try to write the obituary of a wonderful son, Albert Ray Williamson.

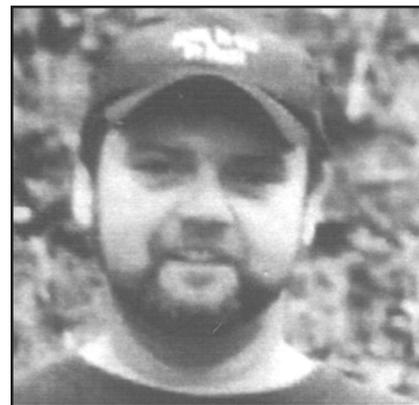
Albert Ray was born November 27, 1966. He passed away September 20, 2013. He was the son of Donald Ray and Beulah Williamson.

His brothers are Bruce and his wife, Becky Williamson, Ronald and Missie Williamson and and Brian Williamson and his wife, Tessa who he loved dearly.

He loved his nieces: Kelsey, Skyler, Katie, Emily, Briley and Natalee Williamson and his nephews: Ronald Lee (Katelyn) Williamson and Thomas Williamson; great-nephew, Konner Lee Williamson.

Albert Ray was the type of person with a big heart; he would help anyone that he felt that needed any help and he didn't expect anything back in return. He was a person with lots of fiends who loved him dearly. He is and will be missed.

His brother, Bruce, had a wonderful dream about Albert Ray. He dreamed that he looked up and the sky was all blue. He saw Albert Ray looking down with one of the prettiest smiles he ever seen on his face. He told Bruce to come and see all that I have. Bruce told him he had to go back but he would be up later. I thank God for letting us have him for forty seven years and nine months.



Written by his Mom, Beulah and Family.

LONNIE WILLIAMSON

Lonnie Williamson passed away Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at Signature Healthcare Center in Pikeville, KY. He was sixty eight years old.

He was a heavy equipment operator in the coal industry. He was a member of the Stone Lodge F&AM and a member of the Piso Freewill Baptist Church.

Lonnie was born in Pike County, KY on January 2, 1945, the son of the late John B. and Taney Case Williamson.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Isaac Williamson on February 23, 2013 and by four sisters: Claudia Hale on January 1, 2013, Norma Pinson on January 5, 2008, Jettie Jewel in June, 2003 and Doris Williamson on October 3, 2000.

He is survived by two daughters, Lonetta Moses and her husband, Jeremy and Melanie Rife and her husband, Jimmy all of Pikeville, KY.

Two sisters, Lena Webb of Varney, KY and Lucille Bostice of Charleston, SC. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Jayla Brook Moses and Reagan Rife.



MILDRED VICIE MUNCY WOODSON

It is with great sadness that I write the obituary of my aunt, Mildred Woodson. She was my second mommy and she was loved by so many.

Mildred Vicie Muncy Woodson was born November 25, 1937 and passed away on July 14, 2014. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bascum and Vada Muncy; four sisters: Maudie Thompson, Luola Young, Ruth Stepp and Joanna Williamson and three brothers: James Ray, Ray Muncy and Claude Muncy.

Mildred is survived by her husband Floyd Woodson of Berea, KY; a sister, Mary Lois (Hursell) Stevens of Sidney, KY and three brothers: Jay (Evelyn) Muncy of Amesville, OH, Eddie (Janice) Muncy of Columbia, TN and Freddie (Geraldine) Muncy of Varney, KY.

Mildred developed polio at the age of three. Being from a large family, giving up wasn't an option. At the age of seven, she was able to have surgery to assist her with the polio. Having this handicap didn't slow her down. Mildred graduated from Johns Creek High School and went on to Mayo Technical School where she majored in Business. While at Mayo she met the love of her life, Floyd Woodson. Floyd had told her upon their first meeting that one day he would marry her. Sure enough he did. Floyd and Mildred had fifty three blessed years of marriage.

Mildred began her working career in 1963 as the billing clerk for Dressers in Berea, KY. She worked there for thirty five years, retiring in 1998. Polio wasn't the only obstacle Mildred had to face. She broke her hip at one point, but continued to work. She developed breast cancer in both breasts shortly after retirement, but she never gave up. Yes, life threw her some curves; however, being a "Muncy," meant being a fighter and that was Mildred, a fighter.

Mildred will always be remembered as a mother figure to all her nieces and nephews. She was talented, smart and beautiful. She leaves behind her loving husband, sister, brothers, nieces, nephews, many cousins and host of friends. Mildred may not be here with us in body, but her love and memories will always be treasured in our hearts and through the stories that we share.

Written by her niece: Tammy (Stevens) Casey



GRACIE IRENE (RAY) YOUNG

With precious memories and an abundance of love I will try to write the obituary of my loving mother, Gracie Irene Ray Young, who went to rest with the Lord on July 8, 2012. She was born on July 3, 1942, at Pikeville, KY, a daughter of Ben L. Ray and Izola Young Ray.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by two sisters, Lucy Mae Ray Kinney and Nettie Ray and one brother, Lacy Sammie Ray.

She was a homemaker and of the Baptist Faith. Gracie is survived by her husband, Harold Clifford Young of Varney, KY; three daughters, Lela Carol Young Johnson of Pikeville, KY, Elizabeth Jane Young of Varney, KY and Pamela Jean Young Hamilton of Virgie, KY. She had a sister, Shelby Jean Ray Baker of Wheelersburg, OH; two brothers, Lannie Ray and Mark Michael Ray of Varney, KY; her dear grandchildren: Dustin Jeremiah Huttenstine, Heather Rene' Maynard, Benjamin Jordan Maynard and Christian Hamilton; and a host of loving friends.

Mom, we will miss you every single day until we meet in Heaven. I know you are singing with the angels and praising the lord just like you did here on earth.

Written by her daughter,
Elizabeth Jane Young



HAROLD CLIFFORD YOUNG

With help from the Lord I will attempt to write the obituary for my Dad. He was called home to be at Peace with the Lord late at night on July 21, 2014 at his home of Varney, KY.

He was born February 21, 1938 in Pike County, KY, the son of the late John B. Young and Martha McGuire Young.

He was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Gracie Irene Ray Young; an infant brother and a half brother, Charles Wayne Ray.

Clifford was a retired coal miner and logger, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and of the Baptist Faith.

Survivors include three daughters: Lela Carol Young Johnson of Pikeville, KY, Elizabeth Jane Young of Varney, KY and Pamela Jean Young Hamilton of Virgie, KY; one sister, Lillian Struhs of Arlington, VA; four precious grandchildren: Dustin Jeremiah Huttenstine, Heather Rene' Maynard, Benjamin Jordan Maynard and Christian Hamilton and a host of other family and friends.

Dad, we will miss you every single day until we meet in Heaven. I know you are now with Mom and awaiting your children and grandchildren.

Thank you for the wonderful example you gave us here on earth.

Written by his daughter,
Elizabeth Jane Young



JAMES W. YOUNG, JR.

It is with very sad and broken hearts and with the Lord's help, we will try to write the obituary of James W. Young, Jr., a loving husband and precious daddy.

He was born on November 26, 1938 to the late Wallace and Blanche (Ray) Young and departed this life on February 13, 2014; making his stay on earth seventy five years and two months.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Young and a sister, Aster Bond. He is loved and missed by all who knew him.

Dad married our mother, Patricia (Kennedy) Young on June 13, 1964 and were married forty nine years and eight months. Two daughters were born to this union, Patty Young and Donna Carpenter.

Also surviving are four grandchildren: Preston Young, Amanda Chafin, James Chapman and Jessica Ball; and four great-grandchildren: Carson Young, Adalynn Chafin, Braxton Chapman and Bryson Chapman.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was our True American Hero who proudly served his country in the USMC. He retired on April 29, 1977 after almost twenty two years of service.

Daddy was saved and baptized and was a humble Christian man. We all greatly miss daddy, but we know he is resting in the arms of Jesus. Our family circle is broken, but we are waiting on the day when we will see him again. Very sadly missed by his wife and children and all that knew and loved him.



CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 6. New Churches may be admitted to this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

ARTICLE 7. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

ARTICLE 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power to provide for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have the power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God; the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost; and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

ARTICLE 2. We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.

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

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

ARTICLE 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none shall fall away and be lost.

ARTICLE 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE 7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's Church on earth and the mode IMMERSION, back foremost, so as to cover all over.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by use of bread and the fruit of the vine, and feet washing should be kept up until his second coming by his believers.

ARTICLE 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as are regularly baptized by immersion of a legal administrator of the Gospel and ordained coming under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the Church.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 15. We believe that a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and a woman only. Also, we believe in receiving members into our fellowship that follow the natural dating relationship that leads to holy matrimony between a man and a woman only: thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother and children. Ephesians 5:22,23 and 28, St. Mark 10:6,7,8 and Romans 1:26 and 27.

ARTICLE 16. None of the above Articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men, nor shall any of those Articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CHURCH DELEGATES
TO THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2014**

MT. PLEASANT: Lacy Walters, Dewey Blackburn, Frankie Scott
APPLE ORCHARD: Charles Lowe, Freddie Maynard, John Young
BENT BRANCH: Dean Lowe, Ray Blackburn, Michael Lowe
BIG BRANCH: Randall Scott, Chuck Lowe, Terry Blackburn
MARY ELIZABETH: David Staten, Thurman Stacey, George Edmiston
BETHANY: Arthur May, Albert Cable, John Canterbury
PILGRIMS HOME: Stoney Blackburn, Clyde James, Bill Church
SALEM : George Hensley, Ferrell Sesco, Alonzo White
SIDNEY: Virgil Fletcher, Eugene Moore, Ronnie Lowe
DIX FORK: Charles Edwards, Walter Bogar, Ron Gannon
NARROWS BRANCH: Donnie Farley, Bobby Scott, Sr., Bobby Scott, Jr.
LEANNAH: Larry Robinson, Hayes Robinson, Billy Joe Robinson
BUCK CREEK: Vadis Blackburn, Todd Dials, Marion Duncan
TABITHA: Rex Napier, Alex Hensley, John Henry Hensley
LITTLE ROSIE: Timmy Robinson, Vernal Sesco, Danny Allen
TURKEY CREEK: Ron Hamilton, Ferrell Thomas, Dwight Maynard
SAMARIA: Bernard Aldridge, Larry May, Randy Lackey
ROSA: Johathan Collins, Freddie Cline, Emerson Thompson
LITTLE VIRGIE: Alvin Thornbury, Bobby Fields, Daniel Stanley
PILGRIMS REST: Ervin Thacker, Jerry Robbins, Gary Ray Young
OKEECHOBEE: No Delegates
ELIZABETH: Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe, Gabe D. Lowe
LITTLE TAVIE: Leonard Napier, Jim Cochran, Claude Hale
ANTIOCH: Arthur Mathis, Clarence Mathis, George Saunders
BRIDE OF CHRIST: Sam Frye, Darrell Maynard, Gary Napier

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CHURCH	STARTING TIME	MODERATOR	ASSISTANT MODERATOR	MINUTES REQUESTED	CONTRIBUTIONS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEETING TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
Mt. Pleasant	11:00/11:00	Frankie Scott	Lacy Walters	75	200								8	2	July
Apple Orchard	11:00/11:00	Gary Young	Duane Smith	75	200	1							23	1	June
Bent Branch	10:00/10:00	Dale Williamson	Duane Smith	150	300	1					2		22	3	August
Big Branch	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Danny Runyon	75	175								21	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	11:00/11:00	David Crigger	Lacy Walters	100	200	1					3		25	3	July
Bethany	11:00/11:00	Arthur May	Albert Cable	100	250						2		36	4	August
Pilgrims Home	10:00/10:00	Elbert SESCO	Danny Runyon	250	500						3	4	88	4	August
Salem	11:00/11:00	Elbert SESCO	Danny Runyon	115	250						3		48	1	May
Sidney	2:00/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Wayne Herald, Jr.	75	225						5		31	4	June
Dix Fork	11:00/11:00	David Crigger	Lacy Walters	150	300	1					1		29	1	July
Narrows Branch	11:00/11:00	Bobby Scott, Sr.	Lacy Walters	100	200								14	4	July
Leannah	10:30/10:30	Billy J. Robinson	Paul Maynard	75	150	2	1						29	2	July
Buck Creek	10:30/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Wayne Herald, Jr.	125	275				1		2		16	3	June
Tabitha	2:30/11:00	Rex Napier	Albert Cable	50	100	1					1		19	1	August
Little Rosie	11:00/11:00	Elbert SESCO	Tim Robinson	25	75						2		5	2	April
Turkey Creek	11:00/11:00	Hobart Hamilton	Richard Staton	150	300	2	1		2			1	50	2	May
Samaria	11:00/11:00	Randall Lackey	Tim Robinson	40	125						1		33	1	July
Rosa	10:30/10:30	Hobart Hamilton	Gary Young	70	300	3				1	1		23	3	August
Little Virgie	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Paul Maynard	75	150								10	4	June
Pilgrims Rest	10:30/10:30	Gary Young	Duane Smith	75	275	1							15	2	June
Okeechobee	4:00/10:00	Randy Gilman	Richard Lowe	35	80					1			5	4	February
Elizabeth	10:30/10:30	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	Clyde Perry	50	100						1		11	1	June
Little Tavie	10:30/10:30	Chester Cochran	Lester Cochran	75	200								15	2	July
Antioch	7:00/10:30	Leonard Napier	Clarence Mathis	75	150								12	4	August
Bride of Christ	6:30/11:00	Sam Frye	Sammie Moore	40	80								7	3	July
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