

**2020 MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**In session and assembled at the
SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING
180 Brushy School Road
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky
September 11, 12, and 13, 2020**

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

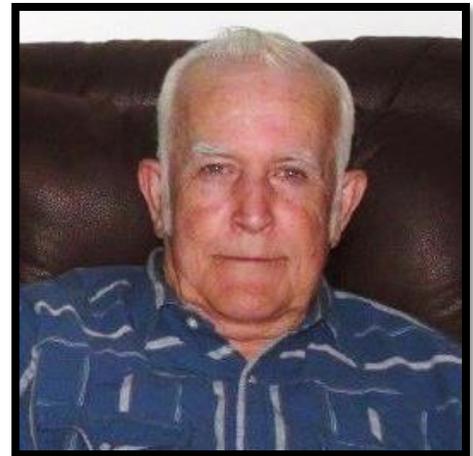
DEDICATION TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE ELDERS OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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

We hereby dedicate this our 128th session of the Sardis Association to the memory of these bold soldier of the Cross; Elder James Hensley, Elder Willie Howard, Elder Clarence Mathis and Elder Leon Robinson. The preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by our brothers will long be remembered among the Old Regular Baptist family. They would not want us to mourn our loss but to rejoice in their gain.



Elder James Hensley



Elder Willie Howard



Elder Clarence Mathis



Elder Leon Robinson

JESUS LEFT HIS HOME IN GLORY

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

Chorus

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

I will sing of my Redeemer,
Till the day he calls for me,
To be with Him up in Glory,
In that bright eternity.

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

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

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

*Dedicated to the memory of our beloved Clerk, Brother Archie Prince,
who faithfully served the Sardis Association from 1995-2017.*

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FRIDAY
September 11, 2020

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 Bent Branch Church and co-host Churches; Apple Orchard, Big Branch, Pilgrims Home and Turkey Creek, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2020.

This session of the Sardis Association faced many challenges associated with the COVID-19 global pandemic that required Brothers, Sisters and Friends to adhere to rigorous social distancing guidelines and resulting in limited services. The Association with a sad heart had to change many of our meetings and cancelled all evening meetings for this year. With faith and God's love we will overcome.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand to a lightly moderate congregation and welcomed everyone, including the Brothers, Sisters, Friends and all in attendance. Brother Tommy spoke, saying seeing all the Brothers and Sisters means a lot. We are not natural but spiritual Brothers and Sisters. We are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. I am glad you all are here, I wish this house was full. We all have to attend to our own mind. God has brought us here one more year, in the midst of all the trouble in the world, my word this morning is peace. There is no peace in the world, and there never will be any in the world. In our hearts, the inward part, there is peace with God's children. We got that peace through the blood of Jesus Christ. The government today is in Jesus Christ, sitting on the right hand of God on the throne. We are going to render the best we can to the laws of the land. I hope and trust that we can meet out in peace today. We are happy today to be amongst God's family.

Elder Lester Cochran, having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory Sermon, came to the stand saying I hope and pray that you look above my head, this is a fearful place. This does not get any easier. I just thirst in the Lord. I don't want to talk about this old virus. All I want to talk about is God, about the great I AM this morning. Love comes to my mind and how much God loves his people. There is a great falling away. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. I serve a great God. We are in a world that is lost and dying. I love this old church. The Bible says we know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. I hope people will get in touch with the great I AM. I had to go past daddy and mommy, where I

could get down low. The Lord puts that spark in there. I got so low, that God lifted me up. One day this world is going to come to an end. There is a lot worse time coming.

When Moses brought the children out of the land of Egypt, they cried out at the water's edge. Moses said stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. If we will be up and about the Father's business, he will be with us. I have been real nervous about this, but God takes care of me. He said open your mouth and I will fill it. We are to press on to the mark of the high calling. If you don't know God as your savior, look for a place you can talk to him. I found an old holler to go up. I got to it, as I was in a travel. I had to surrender my whole life into the hands of the Lord. Finally, I said it from the heart and not the mouth. God heard my heart, and I came off my knees a changed man. I want everybody to get that. Today is the day of salvation, harden not your heart. I got a great God; he will lift you up. I love every one of you. I have that love right inside here. I just want people to come to church. We must be up and about the Father's business and press on to the mark of the high calling. I hope people have time and space to repent. Jezebel had time and repented not. What happens to a man when he dies?

Elder Leonard Hamilton, of the New Salem Association, then led in prayer.

Elder Bruce Williamson, having been chosen last year, came to preach the Introductory Sermon. Brother Bruce began by saying that worry, fear and dread come with this. Coming down here today, I was thinking I want to be blessed when I come to the stand. I was praying coming down, I said Lord forgive me of my trespasses, sins and worries. I felt some relief and some joy. We worry over things we can't help. The Bible says there is no new thing under the sun. On my mind all week has been that being called to do this is a load. I had an old mule one time and he would always pull no matter what I hooked him too. We are the same, hooked to Jesus Christ, and we got to keep pulling. The Lord must be our food all the days of our lives. I want to be just like Stephen, saying I see Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father. Then I will see my reward. We got a hope that is real. I can say it will someday be my home.

I can feel that assurance in Jesus Christ. There is only one way back to the tree of life and that is Jesus Christ. The only thing we can do is look up. Then we will be able to shout again and walk down those streets John saw. I want to walk on those streets one day. One morning we will not have to pray anymore. Jesus Christ hung on that cross, suffered and died for every man and woman on the face of the earth. Peter had a dream one time of that sheet coming down out of Heaven. God told him to slay and eat. This morning people all over the world, God has cleaned up and we are able to go to Heaven with them a shouting. I look forward to seeing Heaven for myself and not another. I worry, Lord am I what I'm supposed to be. All must repent and we can only do it through Jesus Christ. God doesn't make any mistakes. One of these mornings, it will be the last morning. We will be able to get up soon and be called up to meet him in that cloud.

There is a resurrection coming and if we do right, we can get on that cloud. Jesus Christ has not wasted one drop of blood. If that blood has been applied to your soul, you are Heaven bought and Heaven bound. We will have worries as long as we are here. I pray God will forgive me of my worries. The Lord don't want us worrying too much. Isaiah 45:22, "*Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*" The best worry to take out is when you pray, and the load leaves you. That's the sweet feeling this morning I am telling you about. I never thought I would stand in this place like this to offer up a little offering twenty years later. I dreamed one time about a man whose name was Job. He called me brother and I was

way down in a valley. He was stirring a pot and told me it was medicine for your soul. I asked him for some, and he told me he couldn't give it to me, I had to get it from God. I asked him for the recipe, and he said I had to get it from God. Salvation of your soul comes from God. He can make all things well. In a moment and twinkle of an eye we can be gone. We sing a song about joy, joy, joy. In that morning it will be well. In that dream a door opened, and I could see a light. The door had no handle to open it, and men were coming in and out with work clothes on. I just wanted to get in, and when I stepped in, I saw walls that I really can't explain. At the end of this hallway was a bright light, and I started making my way to the light. I said, Lord how do I explain to them what I have seen. He said tell them the light is brighter than the noon day sun. You can see the effects of it in yourself. If you have been down to the banquet house and had your robe washed white in the blood of the lamb, you know the effects of that light. There is a better day coming. There are times I think it can't get any better than this, but it does. Find you a little spot and start praying. I have made my share of mistakes, but God has never failed me. I fall short to him all the time, and I sometimes forget about his mercy, but he doesn't forget about me. The Bible says God's mercy will endure forever.

The Sardis Association delegates and a moderate 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 Ivan Blankenship, Old Friendship Association
Elder Estill Hamilton, Union Association
Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association
Elder Chester Johnson, 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 Tommy called upon Elder Danny Carty of the Northern New Salem Association to open the service.

Brother Danny said, I hope that all will pray, and to pray that God would be in the arrangements. I'm thankful to be here today. I just want to say that my Dad is still with us because of the prayers. Prayers of the righteous availeth much. When sickness comes to your family, I have experienced it in a new way. If it is in your own home, you know something about it. Try him and see if he will be there in your time of need. If you feel that you are at the end of the road, call upon Jesus. You will go farther than you ever thought you could. Through and by Jesus Christ, we have what we have. We have got to put him first. One thing my Dad has taught me, son put God first, then in all things you will need, he will make a way. In times I thought there was no way, God said stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. When God says when, it is finished. It's done. God is in control. Put him first in everything you do. We live in a troubled time, but I tell you a better day is coming. I do not think it is far off. That day will be eternal. Jesus is the only one that can promise you eternal life. I just want to pour my heart out to God.

Elder Danny 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 called this One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Session of the Sardis Association to order. He said, seek ye first the kingdom of Heaven and his righteousness and all things will be added to you. We need the Lord.

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

Brother Bobby Scott, Jr.
Elder Randy Lackey
Brother Ernest Sesco

(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 Bent Branch Church was read, and upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates were seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$4,035.00 received from the Churches and after turning this amount over to the Treasurer was discharged by regular move and second.

(6) The Moderator appointed a Committee to arrange the preaching for 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:

Brother Edgar Baker, Jr., Old Friendship Association
Elder Scott Little, Northern New Salem Association
Brother Dannie Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 2020 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 Richard Staton, Assistant Moderator
Elder Michael D. Lowe, Clerk
Brother Alvin Thornbury, Assistant Clerk

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

(9) The Moderator asked the Association what they wanted to do about appointing a second Assistant Clerk to help with the clerk's duties. By regular move and second, Elder Todd Dials was appointed to serve as an Assistant Clerk for the year 2020.

(10) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Saturday reported. The following Brethren were used:

SATURDAY

Elder Matthew Ison, New Salem Association
Elder Randy Combs, New Salem Association
Elder Northern Gayle Brown, New Salem Association
Elder Ralph Cloud, Old Indian Bottom Association

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

Elder Dale Williamson

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

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

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jeffrey Little, A. B. Thacker, Estill Hamilton, Lance Looney, Jimmy Stacey, James Wright, Paul Huffman, Doug Stacey, Sherd Mullins, John B. Sanders, Tommy Blackburn and Harold Smallwood. Letter in the hands of Elder A. B. Thacker.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Northern Gayle Brown, Logan Kiser, Chester Johnson, Ronnie Halbert, Leonard Hamilton, Randy Combs, Matthew Ison and Brian Adams. Letter in the hands of Brother Ronnie Halbert.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Wayne Sartin, Ray Hamilton, Scott Little, Danny Carty and Jack Dials. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Sartin.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Dallas Bledsoe Jr., Zach Stewart, Seth Stewart, Rondell Bledsoe, Martin McClanahan, Clyde P. Lewis, Willis Tolliver and Gary Napier. Letter in the hands of Brother Gary Napier.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Edgar Baker, Jr., Steve Baker, Ivan Blankenship and Roger Baker. Letter in the hands of Brother Edgar Baker, Jr.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Ralph Cloud, Dannie Caudill, Sam Derrickson, Raymond Cloud, Kevin Blevins and Steven Tate. Letter in the hands of Brother Dannie Caudill.

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

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

(16) By regular move and second, the clerks were allowed to prepare arrangements for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association.

(17) On motion from Brother Butler Fletcher, seconded by Brother Ernest Sesco the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 12, 2020.

SATURDAY

September 12, 2020

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 to welcome all, stating that one more time and one more day we have been given and we should thank the Lord for this morning. We should thank him for our very life. If you got up this morning it is a blessing that you should be thankful for. Sometimes we get in the valley, but he will pick us up. I will let you down, but God will not. He desires you to want him more than anything else. Through God we have our glory. We were made to give him glory and through him we can continue to experience the love we had yesterday. That same love is here again today. We look around and there is no peace anywhere. The peace is found on the inside. It won't leave you, it's not weak, it's strong. I'm thankful that one more time we get to see each other.

He then called upon Elder Clyde P. Lewis, of the Philadelphia Association, to open these services. Brother Clyde said, I woke up this morning, and went through the hallway, pulled back the curtains and looked out. I thanked the Lord for another day. I feel the children of God are born of a love. That love surpasses all things. You can feel the love of the brethren. Our Lord extends to those on the outside, to all those upon the earth.

I feel this old church that God established on earth has been on the way that leads to Heaven for a long time. Jesus Christ said he is the way, the truth and the life. God will keep you, he has kept me for almost fifty-seven years. If you come to God in the right way, he will hear you. We live in times that men hate you. Men and women are going to have to change their ways and seek God and this world can have peace. This old-world waxes worse and worse every day according to the scriptures. If you are on the outside desiring to go to Heaven, circumcise your heart. There will have to be a change in your desire. God knows your desire; he knows what is in your heart. I once desired the things of the world, but a few years ago, I turned my eyes to that new land. We have to come together, both the inside and outside man. The outside man must come obedient to the inside man. I trusted God to get me here today and he will get me back home. My eyes are on a Heavenly home. My eyes look across Jordan to Heaven. I'm on a run for Heaven. God is my God, and he can be your God. You got to want him bad enough and Christ will put you on. He is the one, give him credit for all things. Every breath he gives you. Rejoice in him. He is my peace and my joy.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, of the Sardis Association, then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

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

(3) Elder Eric Williamson, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the stand and read his letter. By regular move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes. At this time the Moderator released the Brethren, Sisters and friends to assemble in the Preaching room.

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

SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2020

Balance on hand 9-01-19 \$ 9,942.83

Add 2019 Income:

Church Contributions for Minutes	\$3,920.00
Obituary Pictures	\$310.00
Rent Income	\$3,667.27
Building Fund Contributions	\$3,825.00
Food Fund Contributions	\$6,110.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$4,452.00

Total 2019 Income \$ 22,284.27

Total Available for 2019 \$ 32,227.10

Less 2019 Expenses:

Equipment Expense	\$5,299.00
Minute Expense/Mailing	\$3,929.83
Clerk Expense/Checks	\$108.40
Building and Land Expense	\$1,547.72
Building Security	\$241.89
Electric Expense	\$2,547.02
Water Expense	\$746.28
Telephone Expense	\$1,056.94
Insurance Expense	\$890.80
Food and Supply Expense	\$6,732.86
Miscellaneous Expense	\$31.98
Wayne Florist-Bro Archie Prince	\$70.00

Total 2019 Expense (\$ 23,202.72)

Balance on Hand 8-31-20 \$ 9,024.38

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

Brother Daniel Stanley	Brother Ferrell Sesco	Brother Butler Fletcher
Elder David May	Elder Andrew Walters	Elder Sam Frye
Elder Michael Lowe	Brother Danny Reed	Elder Harold Sesco
Brother Ervin Thacker	Elder Chester Cochran	Brother Clyde James
Brother Tony Williamson	Brother Ernest Sesco	Elder Ron Gannon
Brother Dwight Maynard	Elder Richard Staton	Elder Thomas J. Dials
Elder Hobart Hamilton	Elder Edward L. Smith	Brother Bobby Scott, Jr
Brother David Staten	Elder Todd Dials	Brother Alvin Thornbury
Brother Shane Reed		

(6) By regular move and second, the report of the Committee on the Historical Library of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, as given by Brother Jimmy Cochran, was received. The Pike County Public Library can be reached at the address: www.informationplace.org. On their home page you should see LINKS. Click on LINKS. Click on Genealogy to access the Sardis Association files.

Clerks Note: We need minutes for the years 1893, 1896 - 1907, 1911, 1913 and 1914. Also, any pictures and histories of the Sardis Association Churches are requested. If available, contact:

Elder Edward L. Smith	(606) 834-9958
Brother Jimmy Cochran	(304) 674-5177
Elder Mike Lowe	(606) 253-1992

(7) Appointed a Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our 2021 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Estill Hamilton, Union Association
Elder Kevin Blevins, Old Indian Bottom 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 2021 Association:

Elder Clyde Lewis, Philadelphia Association
Brother Edgar Baker, Jr., Old Friendship Association
Brother Jack Dials, Northern New Salem Association

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

Elder Andrew Walters, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Ivan N. Thornsbury, Alternate
Elder Ron Gannon, Prepare Circular Letter

(8) The Moderator appointed Elder Michael Lowe, as a Sardis Association Trustee to replace Brother Archie Prince, who passed away this last year.

(9) 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 was chosen to preach Sunday:

SUNDAY

Elder Stony Blackburn, Sardis Association
Elder Jimmy Stewart, Philadelphia Association
Elder Dale Williamson, Sardis Association
Elder Richard Staton, Sardis Association
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

(10) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2020 and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his expense.

(11) No requests were received to host the 2021 Sardis Association. After discussion, the Big Branch Church made a verbal request to host the 2021 Sardis Association. By regular move and second, the request was granted. Bent Branch, Pilgrims Home, Turkey Creek and Apple Orchard Churches verbally requested to co-host the 2021 Association.

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June 2021, to:

Elder Michael Lowe
169 Scott Fork
Pikeville, KY 41501

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(12) 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.

(13) 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, 2020: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Richard Staton, Clyde Perry, Bobby Scott Jr., Alvin Thornbury, Ron Gannon and Randall Lowe. 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, 2020: NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, the New Salem Association cancelled for 2020 and the clerk mailed a letter of correspondence to the New Salem Association.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Rose of Sharon Church, South Rockwood, MI, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2021: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Alvin Thornbury and Lester Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Stony Blackburn.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the host Churches at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2021: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Arthur Mathis, Richard Staton, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Stony Blackburn, Dwight Maynard, Marion Duncan, Bobby Scott Jr., Albert Cable, Alvin Thornbury, Ron Gannon, Todd Dials and Monty Messer. Letter in the hands of Elder Edward L. Smith.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the host Churches at the Panther Creek Church located at 716 Panther Creek Road, Panther, WV 24872, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2021: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Marion Duncan, Richard Staton, Stony Blackburn, Arthur Mathis, Ivan Neil Thornsbury, Dwight Maynard, Bobby Scott Jr., Sam Frye, Alvin Thornbury, Ron Gannon, Lester Cochran, Albert Cable and Monty Messer. Letter in the hands of Brother Alvin Thornbury.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the host Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2021: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Arthur Mathis, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Hobart Hamilton, Marion Duncan, Bobby Scott Jr., Richard Staton,, Ron Gannon and Alvin Thornbury. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

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

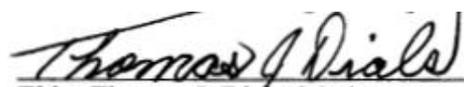
(15) The Sardis Association is so thankful for the many Brothers, Sisters and Friends, along with our Host Churches and the Building Committee, who have labored so much for this the One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Session of the Sardis Association. We are so thankful for the attendance of our corresponding Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Velocity Market at Zebulon, Kentucky; to Brother Russell Roberts and Community Funeral Home for providing tents for outdoor seating; to Jason Jude and his family for weed eating the many hours; to Brother Stoney Brown and Frito-Lay for the chips; Williamson Wholesale for the dessert cakes; to Cardinal Glass for providing the sneeze shields; to the Pike County Solid Waste Department for taking our garbage; to Brother Jimmy Newsome of Pepsi Cola Co. at Pikeville who handled the soft drinks; to the Campers for being excellent guests and for their donation; to Brother Danny Reed, Brother Harold Collins and Brother Dean Lowe for picking up food and supplies; to all the Sisters, Brothers and Friends who worked together in the kitchen, despite the circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of the Pilgrims Home Church who staffed the Concession Stand. We thank everyone who had anything to do for this grand old Association. We thank God so much for his mercy and grace and the great love and peace found at the Sardis Association.

(16) 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.

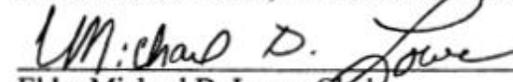
(17) On motion from Brother Jimmy Cochran, seconded by Brother Mickie Thacker, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2021.

(18) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Kevin Blevins, of the Old Indian Bottom Association, and then he led in prayer. Elder Edward L. Smith, of the Sardis Association dismissed.

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


Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator


Elder Richard Staton, Assistant Moderator


Elder Michael D. Lowe, Clerk


Brother Alvin Thornbury, Assistant Clerk


Elder Todd J. Dials, 2nd Assistant Clerk

STANDING ITEMS

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

Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

September 13, 1975
Dingess, West Virginia

Brethren:

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

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

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

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

Elder Wayne Herald

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

Brother James M. Ray

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

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

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

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

published in our Minutes.

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

Clerks Notes on Item 6:

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

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

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

Item 8. By regular move and second, it is ordered that Item (15) of our 1999 Minute be reprinted as follows: “It is a sin for anyone to put away their wife or husband for any cause except for fornication and marry another. In regards to going behind one’s experience or receiving one in the Church with more than one living companion, we say that each Church shall be the sole judge to the validity of one’s experience. Churches should not be forced to receive members, however, that would destroy the body. (Receive should be interpreted to include all means of receiving members.)”

SUNDAY

September 13, 2020

The great God in Heaven created a beautiful sunny morning, and the Brothers, Sisters and Friends were blessed to meet at the Sardis Association building once again and mingle our voices together to sing some old-time songs of Zion. About the hour of 10:00 a.m., our beloved moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and welcomed everyone, saying what a wonderful weekend it has been on Brushy Fork. We started out with the word peace, we had a wonderful circular letter written about peace and we've already experienced a peaceful feeling here today. You can only get that peace through Jesus Christ. We need Jesus, we always need him, when we get in trouble, we need him. Jesus paid the price for us all. We want you to be comfortable. Pray for these Brothers that the Lord will set them up on the mountain and let them get free in the spirit. I want you to think about life after this natural life ends. How will it be with you? I think God for this Association. Brother Tommy then read the prayer list and called upon Elder Stony Blackburn to come and introduce the service.

Elder Stony Blackburn, of the Sardis Association, came saying, I am glad everyone is out today. It is good to see one and all and see that we are still on the living side. Today, above everything in this world, you need Jesus. He is the best friend you can ever have. I will let you down, but he never will. Brother Stony sang the song, "I Can Almost See Heaven from Here." These eyes can't see Heaven in the state they're in. This body has to be changed from a natural body to a spiritual body. Fifty years ago tonight, the Lord saved my soul. That light never gets dim, it gets brighter the closer I get to Heaven. The Lord reached down from Heaven and added my name to that book the Lord writes your name in. I am not afraid to die. If you're afraid to die, you need that blessed assurance. I trusted God then just like I do today. The Apostle Paul said, in Timothy 4:7-9 "I fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." If you don't love the Lord, something is wrong, and you need to make it right. The main thing is to be ready. Paul was on his way to Damascus and that light knocked him to his knees. He said, Lord what would you have me to do? When God calls you, don't lay in an excuse. Sound the alarm. Paul was on his way down to bind up God's people and cast them into prison. When the Lord speaks to you, you will know it. There is nothing like Jesus Christ. He is my leader, and the one we represent today.

Jesus Christ lived thirty-three and one-half years and they hung him on the cross. The Roman soldier came to break his legs, but he was already gone. He looked down and said, Father forgive them for they know not what they do. Darkness came upon the earth, and the soldier broke the legs of the other two, but did not break the legs of Jesus. Those around said, surely this must have been the Son of God. God rolled the stone away from my heart and came and filled me up. Jesus is my leader today; he will do it for you if you want him to. You have got a choice to make. If you are wrong, you will end up where the rich man is, there is no peace there today. There are

many in this world today following after the devil, believing evil is good and good is evil.

He called for a song, and we sang, "I'm Going to Die on the Battlefield."

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

Elder Dale Williamson, of the Sardis Association, came to the stand saying, today is a special day. One year ago I lost a special Brother, who left this world. I am thankful for the memories of Brother Danny. I know he is looking down upon us this morning. Please continue to pray for his wife and daughter. It's a great honor to be here among my brothers today. Once in a while a brother comes along and has a special place in your life. I thank the Lord for every little journey, every joke he played on me. We love one another, it's all about love today, for God is love. That love is always there, I love his word, love his children and I want to go to Heaven with you.

Brother Dale sang an old-time song with much rejoicing, shouting and praise of God throughout the whole congregation. Brother Dale continued by saying, that is what it is all about, praise his name for ever more. No more trouble, just thanking him for the blessings in the land. I want to hear him say well done. There is joy in serving the Lord today. I have enjoyed my life; it's been a blessing to me. You can go to Heaven if you want to go. There is nothing but trouble and heart ache in this land, but he said I'll make a way for you. You need to get on that glory bond ship. He will come right down in your heart if you really want it. Let's unite together in peace and love. The natural man desires knowledge but call upon the name of the Lord and he will add your life to the pages. There is a place over in Heaven for you if you really want to go. Do you want to go today? Take up the cross and follow Jesus.

I read where they were shipwrecked one time. God had a member there, he told them if they were going to swim, then go on, if you can't swim there is a board for you in the back. The waves had torn the ship to pieces, but God will make a way. God will give you a little board if you can't swim. God is real today; he has got all the power. I got a God that loves me and walks with me. He is a forgiving God. He will lead me and guide me. As our children are going out in life, I am not going to stop praying. If you got someone in sin out there, keep right on praying. My grandmother gave me a little Bible. When I'd get in trouble, I'd run my hand back under that old seat to make sure it was still there. God says I am the way. God will make a way somehow even when you don't think there is a way. Be patient and trust in the Lord. If you want to go to Heaven you have a way, and that way is Jesus Christ."

Elder Jimmy Stewart, of the Philadelphia Association came to the stand saying, I'm just an old pilgrim, I didn't come to stand in this place. I am glad God gave this Association enough faith to step out and go ahead and continue in the old-time way. I feel my days are short upon this earth. We are just like a vapor, just here for a little while and soon to fade away. Going to our long-sought home. The dead know nothing, but the living know they must die. There is life in Jesus Christ, no other way from this earth to the holy country.

The Apostle Paul was in the nose of that old ship, it stayed steadfast and irremovable in the sand. We are that way when we boost by works, as faith without works is dead, just as the body without the spirit is dead. We hear all the time in funerals that they met their appointment. Bible

says it's appointed to man once to die and after that the judgement. Romans 7:9, Paul said "for I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died." That was the appointment in the house of God. The devil already told me this morning; the rain is pouring down hard, just stay home. He was giving me an excuse, but I put Jesus in the front seat, and I prayed and the rain began to slowly go away, I drove a few minutes and everything got clear. That is the way it is with preaching, it starts out cloudy, and in a little bit it gets clear. Paul was in a land one time and it was cold, so he gathered some sticks to make a fire. A viper came out and latched onto his hand. They thought this man must be a murderer, and now this viper is going to take him. He just shook it off, like nothing happened, his hand didn't swell and he didn't die. Increase your faith children. There was a man with a high fever and was very sick. Paul got down and laid hands on him and he was healed.

I am thankful you have kept the faith. The Bible says to not forsake the assembly of yourselves. I got a spirit of faith, not fear. I am going to take a little rest someday. Be of good cheer children, in the resurrection morning, the spirit is coming, and we are going to get out of the grave. Jesus said, Father forgive them for they know not what they do. Had they known he was Jesus, they would not have done it. Their eyes were blinded, but their eyes were opened afterwards, saying surely this was the Son of God. When this life is over, many people will say I wish I had known that. You must work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Let your peace calling and election be sure. How are you going to do that? Invite him in, I called Heaven for my soul. My witness is on high. Luke 10:20-22 says, "notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven." I have found no place to turn back. He who takes ahold of the plow and looks back is not fit for the kingdom of Heaven. No flesh or blood will inherit the kingdom of Heaven. Paul said, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Without him I am scared of everything, but with him I am bold. Fear he that can destroy both soul and body.

All throughout time I read of Brothers going out and being scared, but looking for a witness. The devil told me there isn't going to be anybody down there. Make sure before you come that you got that hope, Jesus Christ, the anchor of the soul. Both sure and steadfast, irremovable. If you do these things you will be in the old-time way. Fearing God is the beginning of wisdom. You better have fear, but God will protect you. We say we got to do this or that. The church is one thing, the government is another. Find you a secret place and pour your heart out to God. He gives me faith when I can't feel him. Then the fiery coals won't go out, the wind blows and heats you up. Since this virus came, I get scared and I get down in the valley but then I just pray and go on. Patience is the beginning of wisdom. As the walls are around and about Jerusalem, so is God around and about his people. The Bible says that if you have been born again that it is better the day of your death than the day of your birth when you get things right between you and God.

Elder Richard Staton, our Assistant Moderator, came to the stand and stated, it is like bread cast out on the water, gathered up many days hence. I am thankful today the door of mercy is still open. Jesus came to save the sinners. He said the well man needs not a physician, but he that is sick. I was sick one time, the disease that I had was sin sickness. I went to that great physician that came to heal us. I hear many saying, "Lord heal our land", but Jesus came to save men's and

women's soul. The Father and him come in on the inside and we become new creatures. The old things have passed away, and all things become new. I worried there would not be anyone come out, but God has answered our prayers. David said in Psalms 23:5-6, "You anoint my head with oil, my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

It has been good. That eternal gospel comes from above and we can't do anything without Jesus. When you die, that gospel will be a witness for you or against you. The preaching of the gospel to the world is foolish. If you want to go to Heaven, you are going to have to believe. Jesus said if you die in your sins, where I am you cannot come. There is a cure for it all and his name is Jesus. He is knocking at your heart's door today, let him in to sup with you. Thirty-eight years ago, I was down in the lowest valley. I was lost, but God showed me who I was and I began to cry out to him. With Jesus, you will find rest unto your soul. I don't fear man but I fear God who can destroy both soul and body. If you don't repent, you are going to that place called Hell.

Jesus left his Father's house and came down. If all the things Jesus done were recorded, the books of the world could not contain them. Jesus said that it is expedient that I go away and prepare a place for you. I'm glad for what he lets me feel down in my soul. Heaven is my home. He told John on the Isle of Patmos, I am he that was dead, but I am alive and alive forever more. It won't be long before the Father will say go down and get my children. I know somebody that knows all about you, he knows exactly where you are. No one will be left behind; he will get every one of them that belong to him. The door is still open and you can get in. The best thing that I ever done in my life is repent of my sins. When God saves your soul, you know something about it.

That woman that had an issue of blood, for twelve long years and she was sick. She had gone to every doctor in the land to get well, but nothing helped. She then heard about somebody, as she grew worse. She had heard that Jesus was coming by. She put that little faith into action. She thought if I can but touch the hem of his garment, I will be made whole. There was a big crowd all around him. I can see her today through an eye of faith, I believe she had got way down on her knees and began to crawl, every now and then looking up to see if she was going in the right direction. Are you still going in the right direction today? She made her way and reached up and touched him. She didn't have to wait a few weeks, she was instantly made well. She was dead in the trespasses of sin. The only way to heal her was Christ Jesus. I don't have to wait until I die to get eternal life. I believe Jesus gave it to me down on the inside thirty-eight years ago. This little woman was immediately made whole. She was resurrected from a dead state of sin to that lively hope in Christ Jesus. She was put on a straight and narrow path that leads to Heaven. Jesus said I perceive someone has touched me because I felt virtue go out of me. That healing power went out of him. She couldn't keep it hid, the next man or women won't be able to keep it hid either. Go home and tell your friends what great things he has done for you. You are now a different person than you used to be. She went back to Jesus. I feel I am free today. I wish the world could feel what we feel today. Give God the glory, honor and praise today. Jesus told her thy faith has made thee whole. You can't please God without faith. What is faith? Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. I have never seen Heaven, but I'm glad he lets me feel a little bit of it.

The old devil is going to have to stand back, and I am going to see Jesus. You may think you need a lot of things, but all you really need is Jesus. We sing that song, working on a building,

I believe it is a Holy Ghost building. I love you, God loves you, he wants you to go to Heaven. Don't believe that old devil, he is a lair and the father of it. He will take you down to a place far worse than Hell, a lake of fire. Where the smoke of your torment will ascend up forever and ever.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, came to the stand to close out the service saying, I am very thankful for the way things have been this weekend. The Brothers have mentioned several times that prayer is very important, that we pray from the heart. How wonderful it is to feel God's spirit. There has been a lot of prayers here this weekend and God has answered our prayers. At one time I prayed because I wanted things in my natural life but there came a time when I started praying for things in my spiritual life. Brother Tommy then read the words to the song "Prayer" and then continued by saying, Abraham believed in God and it was counted unto him as righteousness. Who do you trust in today? The three Hebrew boys went into that fire trusting in God. Ruth said I want your God to be my God, I want to live with you and I want to die with you. There's a man on the inside and a man on the outside. Jesus said, unless you drink of my blood and eat of my flesh you have no life in you. The troubles that come in this world can hurt the outward man but the inward man has his eyes set on Heaven. We'll see God who loved us so much that he gave his only begotten son to redeem us. Man must repent for the deeds done in the flesh. Jesus' blood purified us. That Roman soldier pierced him in the side, and it opened a fountain of living water. I want to be with you in the morning when those graves open up and we'll go home to Heaven. Heaven is real today and so is Hell. If you're not ready you'll be cast into that lake of fire. You know what you've experienced. There's going to be a trumpet sound and the voice of the arch angel. They try to tell people that you'll have a thousand years to get right with the Lord but that millennial reign has already happened. Many times Israel got in trouble because they forgot about what blessings the Lord had given them. No other foundation can you build than that which has already been laid. Israel wanted a King. They wanted to be like the world and be ruled by a King. Aren't you glad you got chosen out of the world? Bless these old Baptist people, bless these old hills. Sometimes I wish we could bring the old Brothers back. The people tried to warn them if you have a King, they will take your daughters as beggars, they will take your sons to war. Saul did exactly what they said he would do. God went to Jesse who had twelve sons but none of those sons were the one. The old man of God asked, do you have anyone else? Jesse said I have a little boy out tending the flock. He brought little David and he was the chosen one. God was going to use David for his purpose. Saul was anointed as king out of a vessel which is something man made, but when David was anointed as king, they used a Horn which is something natural. He will not forgive us in our sins, but he forgives us from our sins. God said I have a remedy for your sins and that remedy is Jesus Christ. He said, to this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world. Even though Jesus didn't know any sin, he came into this world to make a cure for sin. He's still that cure today. The devil pursued Job even though he knew that he couldn't take his life. The world sent out a great man, Goliath, the giant. David went out to battle the giant and they tried to put the armor on him but the armor wouldn't fit. He got those five smooth stones out of the brook. We need God, a sure foundation. God directed the stone that flew out of David's sling and caused it to go right to the spot that would cut Goliath down. That stone represents the gospel that God will direct right into where a man or woman needs to be cut down. David took Goliath's sword and cut his head off with it. It was more than what David could handle on his own, but God helped him with it. When you're doing

God's work, He'll make you able to do what you think you may not be capable of. Don't let the things of the world take your head off. The gospel took Goliath down the same way that it took me down almost fifty years ago. I love this old Association and I'm so thankful that God has blessed us so much this weekend.

The congregation sang the song, "Awake My Soul in Joyful Song."

Elder Ron Gannon, of the Sardis Association, dismissed the service.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2020

Dear Brothers, Sisters and any that may read this letter. It is with a humble heart and much prayer, that I'll attempt to write this letter. After hearing my name announced that I was to prepare the Circular Letter, my heart sank. But as always God lifted me up and I believe he gave me the topic of "His Peace." Webster defines Peace as a state of quiet or tranquility. That being true, it is still not enough to describe "the Peace of God, which passeth all understanding (Philippians 4:7) or the Peace that comes over someone, who after a long travail into a new birth.

Who among us can forget when The God of all glory spoke Peace to our hearts? In the midst of trouble and tribulation, as when the disciples were in a great storm at sea, they went to the Lord as he slept. "He awoke and rebuked the wind and said unto the sea, "Peace be still" and the wind ceased and there was a great calm. (Mark 4:39)

It does not matter if we are in a great storm or a small shower, He wants us to cast our cares upon Him, for he cares for us.

I would also like to tell you about the same Peace that lives in all of God's children. How when we meet out on a Saturday morning and the Moderator calls for Peace and how loud we answer in silence.

What was the cost of this Peace that we all enjoy? Isaiah writes "He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our Peace was upon him; and by his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

Christ Jesus the Lord was the sin-bearing servant that paid for our Peace. The Peace we have through Salvation. Salvation which was bought by his blood on Mount Calvary.

As we look at the World, we can see that there is no Peace. War, Plague or Civil Unrest, it seems that every day gets worse. We know that "All these are the beginning of sorrows." (Matthew 24:8)

Brethren, as we come to do the work of this Association, let us remember the Peace that dwelleth inside us. Even though, we may not always agree, remember that we may disagree in love and Peace. "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Jesus left us this Peace and it is up to us to take care of it. One day, maybe one of our children or our children's children will see us work this way and desire to have this same Peace in their lives

and start down the path that leads them to Christ Jesus.

It is always on my heart to let men and women know that there is a better life and that life is in Christ Jesus.

Brethren, let us always be pointing to the cross and what He suffered for them, whether, they confess him or not, he died so that they can have Peace.

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30). These words were given to us by the Prince of Peace, to help us through this new life he has given us.

He has promised He will always be there. I have found Him to be true to His promise. With this promise, He gives us Peace that is intertwined with the Hope that at the end of this natural life, we will lay down in Peace with Him and all mankind as much as possible.

Waiting for that resurrection morning, when we will meet Him in the air. On our way to that City that lies forth square. Where there will be Peace, Love and Rejoicing for Evermore.

Your Brother in Christ
Elder Eric Williamson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Williamson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL 2021

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

MAY 2021

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

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

JUNE 2021

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

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

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

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

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

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday, immediately following 2:00 p.m. business meeting. Ministers called: Mike Lowe, Matthew Ison and Billy Joe Robinson.

JULY 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bruce Williamson, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Billy Joe Robinson, Thomas J. Dials and Arthur May.

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

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

AUGUST 2021

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

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

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

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

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

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton and Kelly Slone.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

MARCH 2021

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

APRIL 2021

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

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

MAY 2021

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

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

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

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May (Fraley) Harrison and son Charles E. Harrison and family at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, Gayle Brown, Lacy Walters, Albert Cable and Hobart Hamilton.

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

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Gary Young, Harrison Runyon and James Young.

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

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

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

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday in May (May 30, 2021), at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Bruce Williamson, Charles Edwards and Edward L. Smith.

JUNE 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting, at the church house, for Elder Sammie Moore and all the deceased on the Webb Cemetery on the third Sunday in June at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Leonard Napier, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Gary Blevins.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Robinette Cemetery for the Robinette and Young Memorial on Sunday following the third Saturday in June at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Stony Blackburn, Harold Sesco, and Andrew Walters.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edward L. Smith, Greg Stanley, Mike Lowe, with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY on the fourth Saturday in June, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., in memory of James Ballard and Mazie Smith Blackburn, William Cashier and Opal Crigger Blackburn, William Cody and Leona Blackburn Stanley, Geraldine Blackburn, Linda K. Deskins, Delores Johnson Blackburn, Elder Rush Stanley, George and Sylvia Blackburn Smith, Ermal and Dolly Blackburn Deskins, and Vernon and Darlene Blackburn Crigger (who are buried on the Crigger Cemetery). We welcome all Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

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

JULY 2021

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

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson and Scott Cemetery near the Leannah Church at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Andrew Walters, Arthur Mathis and Bruce Williamson.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek in West Virginia. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis and Sam Frye with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Narrows Branch Church for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY, and for Brother Clyde and Sister Fern Brown who are buried on the Hill Crest Cemetery at Kenova, WV. It will be held on Sunday following the third Saturday in July 2021, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis, Leonard Napier, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton and Edward L. Smith.

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

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

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held on the Sunday following the odd Saturday in July (August 1) at the Sardis Association Building. Ministers called: Matthew Ison, Sam Frye with Moderator and Assistant Moderation attending. Everyone please bring a covered dish.

AUGUST 2021

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

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

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Apple Orchard Cemetery, the Pine Grove Cemetery in Lennox, GA, the McCealy Cemetery at Maher, WV, the Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL, the Joe Taylor Cemetery and Joe Taylor family buried at Maher, WV, the Bent Ridge Cemetery, the Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland, KY, the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL, Ft. McCoy Cemetery in Ft. McCoy, FL and Hennon Scalf Cemetery on Curry Branch and Sister Hester Maynard and all that are buried on the Williamson Cemetery, and the Bobby Fields Family Cemetery on Billy Lowe Branch, on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Harold SESCO, Greg Stanley, Mike Lowe and Hobart Hamilton.

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

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

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

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosie Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco, Larry Thacker and Stony Blackburn.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday of the deceased members of the Church and the friends of the community and veterans killed in action. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Andrew Walters, Harold Sesco and Dale Williamson, with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

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

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

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

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all the deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Arthur May, David May, Curt Carroll and Bruce Williamson.

BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the church on Sunday following the third Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Chester Cochran, 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: Lacy Fletcher, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Kenneth B. Jude, Billy Joe Robinson and Dewey Jude. Church will be held at the cemetery.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sidney Church and of Elder W. W. Fields and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave, on Sunday following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Sartin, Hobart Hamilton, Curt Carroll, Kenneth B. Jude, Todd Dials and Sam Frye.

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

SEPTEMBER 2021

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Dewey Jude's Family will be held on the Jude Cemetery in the head of Big Peter Cave on the Sunday after the first Saturday in September, 2020. Ministers called: Todd Dials, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., and Lacy Fletcher. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday before Labor Day in 2021. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Monty Messer, Jr.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meathouse, about a mile above the Leannah Church, on the first Sunday. This memorial is in memory of Shirlen McCoy, his wife, Lucy McCoy, Van 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: Albert Cable, Billy Joe Robinson, Thomas J. Dials and Kenneth B. Jude.

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

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

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

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

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

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Danny Hurley, Harrison Runyon, Edward L. Smith, Clyde Perry and Gary Blevins.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Earnest and Florence Hale, Bernice and Sherman, Connie Sue and Ruvil Hale, along with Joe and Effie Fields and all those buried on the Caney Cemetery up Pigeon Roost, , on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 10:30 am. Ministers called: Ralph Cloud, Thomas J. Dials, Jeff Lewis and Todd Dials.

OCTOBER 2021

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

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

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

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

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

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Randall Lowe, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Sam Frye, Clyde Perry and Charles Edwards.

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

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

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Freddie Murphy, Mike Lowe and Roger Hicks.

NOVEMBER 2021

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

SPECIAL MEETINGS

CHURCH	DAY AND TIME
Bent Branch Church	Every Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Bent Branch/Pilgrims Home at Pilgrims Home	New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m.
Leannah Church	New Year's Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Little Tavie Church	Every Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Leannah Church	Every Odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Mary Elizabeth Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Pilgrims Home Church	Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.
Pilgrims Rest Church	Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. (No meetings in the months of December, January, February, and March)
Salem Church	Easter Sunday, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone welcome.
Samaria Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Sardis Association at Building	Every odd Saturday Evening at 6:00 p.m. <i>(this meeting delayed until the COVID-19 pandemic expires)</i>
Rosa Church	Every first Saturday Evening at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.
Turkey Creek	New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m. Every Odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Lloyd Brown, Edward Lee Smith, Kelly Slone, Freddie Murphy, Ronnie Hensley, Mark Justice, and Matthew Ison.

Obituaries-MEMBERS OF THE SARDIS CHURCHES

ELDER JAMES PETE HENSLEY

With much sadness, a grieving heart, and missing my husband more than words could ever express, but realizing he is in a better home, I will try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary honoring the memory of my precious, beloved husband. Elder James Pete Hensley, Sr., age 56 of Marrowbone, West Virginia was born June 9, 1963 and departed this life into everlasting peace and joy in the arms of Jesus, on March 27, 2020.

Elder James was the youngest of eight children born to the late Elder Samuel (SD) and Geraldine (Fouch) Hensley. In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters. Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of thirty-five years, Kathy Hensley, six children and sixteen grandkids, two brothers, and one sister.

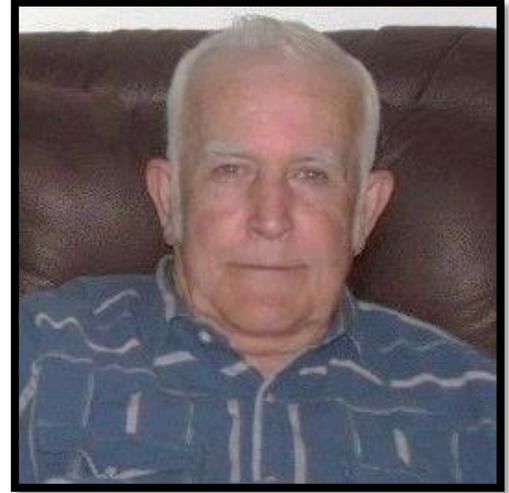
Elder James gave his life to the Lord on September 26, 1990, and he was a faithful member of the Tabitha Old Regular Baptist Church. Then on April 6, 2002, he became an ordained minister of the Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ. He loved serving the Lord. To him this was the most important thing. He loved the church and his family with all his heart, even when he wasn't with them. Though our hearts are broken, life without him will never be the same. He was the strongest example for not only faith, but spiritually. He loved us with all his heart, and he will be in our hearts forever. Though James is gone to a better home and our loss is Heaven's gain. Until we meet again. Greatly and sadly missed by his wife and family.



Written by his loving wife

ELDER WILLIE HOWARD

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of Elder Willie Howard, who went to be with the Lord on April 5, 2020 at the Cornerstone Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Brother Willie had lived 81 years with a lot of his time serving the Lord. He was born August 15, 1938, to Bertha (Howell) and John L. Howard. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of forty-three years, Ethel Stacy Howard, his daughter, Minnie Allman, a daughter-in-law, Betty (Maynard) Howard, and three grandchildren; Justin Howard, Kyle Evans, and Elaina Dotson. He is survived by his wife Matilda (Stepp) Howard of Canada, Kentucky, six children; Rodean (James) Dye of Martin County, Randy Howard of Martin County, George Howard of Pike County, Bertha (Joey) Robinson of Pike County, Ada Howard of Martin County, and Jobie (Melanie) Howard of Pike County, and one step daughter; Mary (Roger) Wallen of Floyd County. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.



Brother Willie liked to be in the hills and would tell you of stories. Also, he liked to get herbs from those hills and make medicine for different ailments that occur.

Brother Willie was a member and Elder of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church at Pilgrim, Kentucky. He was also a borrowed member of the Little Stone Old Regular Baptist Church at Stone, Kentucky. He will be missed by family and friends. In his last day he was extremely ill and suffered much before God called him home to Heaven. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Brother Willie would tell us to seek the Lord while he can be found.

Written by Elder Tommy Dials

ELDER CLARENCE B. MATHIS

Elder Clarence B. Mathis, age 86 of Wayne, West Virginia, left this world on Monday, October 28, 2019 at the Emogene Dolin Hospice House in Huntington, West Virginia, to go to his heavenly home where he will rest in the paradise of God until the resurrection day. He was born November 12, 1932 in Huntington, West Virginia to Brad Mathis and Maudie (Maynard) Mathis, who preceded him in death. Clarence was the husband of Pearl Jean (Holland) Mathis, they were married March 29, 1952 and were married sixty-five years. Pearl preceded him in death on October 11, 2017. Also preceding him in death were two brothers; Bill and Carroll Mathis; and one sister Delores Saunders.

Clarence is survived by seven children; Teresa Mathis



of Clayton, North Carolina, Brad Mathis of Summerville, South Carolina, Laura (Dale) Stollings of Wayne, Mark (Diane) Mathis of South Point, Ohio, Mike Mathis of Kenova, West Virginia, Jennifer Riley of Wayne, Arletta (Jim) Markovitz of Bridgeville, Pennsylvania; eleven grandchildren; and fourteen great grandchildren. Clarence was the oldest of eight children of Brad and Maudie Mathis, surviving are two sisters; Fannie (Gary) Murray and Betty Miller both of Huntington, and two brothers; James (Claire) Mathis of Florence, South Carolina, and Arthur (Mary Ann) Mathis of Wayne.

He joined the Antioch Church January 1957, where he remained a member until his passing. He was licensed to preach the gospel April 1962. Then in 1967 he was ordained as an Elder at the Antioch Church. He served as moderator and assistant moderator in Kentucky, Arizona, and West Virginia. At the time of his passing he was assistant moderator at the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church, Wayne, West Virginia. He traveled many miles to different churches to serve them. His life and his preaching had a lot of influence on many people. A humble servant of God will be missed by many people.

Visitation was held Thursday, October 31, 2019 at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at his home church, Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church on November 1, 2019, officiated by Elders Albert Cable, Leonard Napier, and Ralph Cloud. Burial was at the Mathis Cemetery on Buffalo Creek Road, Huntington, West Virginia.

Written by his loving family

ELDER LEON ROBINSON

With a broken heart, we try to write the obituary of our beloved husband, daddy, and grandfather, Elder Leon Robinson. Leon was born on November 11, 1948, to the late Cleston and Gredis Nichols Robinson. The stories that we've been told about how feisty and independent he was as a child certainly carried over into his adult years. Leon was baptized in December of 1979 and was called to preach and ordained in May of 1981. That shyness he had about talking in front of people left him when he was in the stand preaching God's word. He would become so happy that he would jump up and down and go all throughout the church. His voice was a loud and booming one that echoed throughout the church whenever he would sing. If you ever heard him, you would never forget him or his passion for sharing the Lord's word.



Elder Leon Robinson passed away on December 7, 2019, leaving behind his beloved wife, Edith Ann Robinson, his two daughters; Melissa Ann Parsons, married to Terry Lee Parsons and Jennifer Lee Robinson, three grandchildren; Jessica Lynn Parsons, Nathaniel Lee Parsons, Stanley Isaac Thacker, and his great grandson, Camden Blaine Parsons. He is survived by two sisters; Virgie Robinette and Tilda Hinkle, and was preceded in death by three brothers; J.C. Robinson, Dover Robinson and Curtis Robinson, and three sisters; Mae Clark, Faye Robinette and Roberta McCoy.

On December 7, 2019, we the family of Leon lost but will forever be grateful for the time and memories that the Lord blessed us with. The memories of seeing him shout to the top of his lungs preaching God's name or being the man that would always fix everything. Although we miss him dearly, we know he is in a better place up in Heaven, catching up with all his brothers and sisters, and looking down over all of us making sure we are all safe and okay.

Written by Wife, Edith Robinson, his sister and the Family

DESSIE MAE CLINE

Mom went home to be with her Lord and Savior on December 3, 2019, at the age of 87, after a long courageous battle with dementia. Her passing broke our hearts but we know that she is whole again and rejoicing in Heaven with The Lord and Dad, (Judd Cline), the love of her life for sixty-three years, her parents; Estel and Alcie Ritchie, three brothers, four sisters, and many other friends and family.

Before Mom got sick, she loved to cook and quilt and was very good at both, but her greatest blessings were her children, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. Mom was a tiny little thing but don't let that fool you, she was full of sass and fire and she loved with her whole heart. Mom loved to go to church at Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church where she was a member for many years. She loved to sing and fellowship with her brothers and sisters in Christ and visit other churches in their association.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children; Chris (Pam) Cline, Bengie (Tammy) Cline and Keith (Marsha) Cline. Her grandchildren; Kristie Cline, Kandice (Wesley) Sparks, Brian Cline, Emily Cline, and Matthew Cline. Her great great grandchildren; Grace and Gannon Sparks and Annabelle and Fredderick Cline. One Sister, Elva Thompson and many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Although Mom is gone from this earth, her memory will live on forever in our hearts.

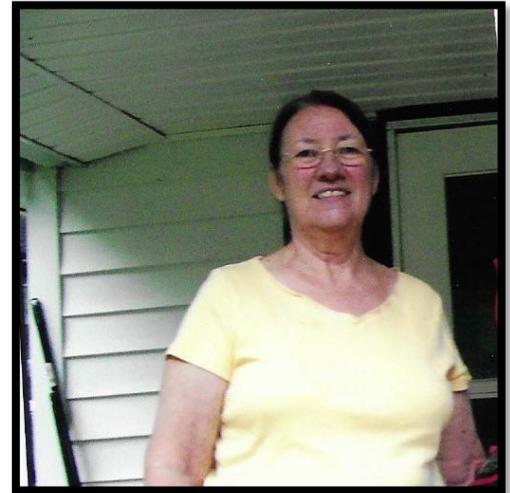
Written by the Cline family



MAE CLINE

With much sadness and sorrow, we will attempt to write the obituary of our dear mother and loving wife. Mae Cline, age 72, from Baisden, West Virginia, left this world at her home on June 18, 2020, with her family by her side.

In 2013, Mae was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. She had a lumpectomy in March of 2017, then a mastectomy in 2019. The cancer had made its way to her liver and throughout her body. Mom was a loving, caring, and Godly woman, who wanted nothing but to spend time with friends and family. She loved and adored her husband of fifty years, Franklin Cline, from the first time they met in year of 1966. Dad was only fifteen years old and Mom was eighteen years old. They knew from day one that they were meant to be lifelong partners.



During their fifty years of marriage they had three daughters; Patricia Mae Cline (Allen), Alicia Mowdy (Brian), and Frankie Lynn Harrison (Lee). They had seven grandchildren; Allen James Cline, Jr. (Brittany), Caitlin Kennedy (Matthew), Frank Sammons, Alyssa Sammons, Justin Harrison, Maci Justice, and Graci Justice. They had three great granddaughters; Adalyn and Ryleigh Cline and Jerzee Kennedy. Mae was preceded in death by her father, Benjamin Salmons, mother, Virgie Marcum, and a host of brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

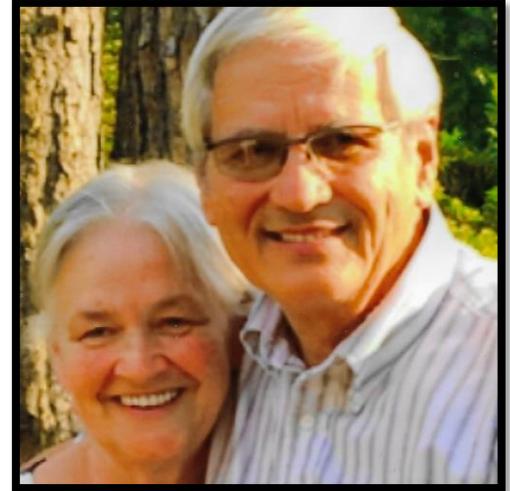
Mom's hobbies and interests include family gatherings, cooking, going to church, and most of all hear her husband sing, "Ride Out Your Storm." Mom was a member of the Rosa Church of the Old Regular Baptist. Our precious mother rode out her storm and is now free of pain and suffering. Mommy would pray so hard for God to have mercy upon her body, and in the end he did just that. She will always be loved and her memory we will carry in our hearts.

Written with love and precious memories, her daughters
Alicia Mowdy and Frankie Lynn Harrison.

SHEILA ARBUTUS COCHRAN

It is with a very sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my darling wife, Sheila Arbutus Cochran. Sheila was born April 16, 1956, in Point Pleasant, West Virginia and departed this life January 11, 2020. She was the daughter of Guy Hensford Sayre who preceded her in death and Clara Sayre. She was also preceded in death by three brothers; Guy Sayre, Larry Sayre and Jerry Sayre.

She leaves behind her loving husband of forty-one years, Lester Cochran and their two sons, Tony Cochran of Point Pleasant and Dustin and Kristen Cochran of Florida, along with our three wonderful grandchildren; Natalie, Skylar and Jase Cochran. Sheila has two surviving brothers, John and Brenda Sayre, Terry and



Jeannie Sayre all of Point Pleasant. Along with four sisters; Barbara and Lloyd Hayes, Debora and Carl Gillespie, Donna Sayre, Linda and Jimmy Davis, all of Point Pleasant.

Sheila and I were married on March 10, 1979, at the Little Tavie Church. The Bible says for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife. The love we shared only grew stronger over the years. She surrendered her life to God on November 5, 2017, after a travel that I watched and heard her go through. Even though she was diagnosed with cancer she wanted God to save her soul more than anything and with much crying and begging He heard her cry and I saw a change take place that only God could have done.

I'll never forget that Sunday at the Tabitha Church when she came forward and God added her to his family. She was baptized by Brother Sam Frye and myself. The trip home will always be one of the most precious and fondest memories of our marriage. She wanted to call everyone and tell them the wonderful news about what her savior did for her. After her surgery to remove the cancer, returning home from Cleveland, she began to cry and said, if I hadn't given my life to God, I would not have survived the operation. Over the next two years of her life she was so excited every Sunday to be with her church family. She woke up with excitement every Sunday morning like a child going out to play. As Jesus said, Ye are the light of the world, a city set on a hill cannot be hid, and when we went to church so many people commented how they could see her light shine so bright.

As the next two years passed the cancer that was gone returned, but her faith grew stronger as her body grew weaker. There was no way I could ever prepare myself for the loss I was about to have. Part of me wanted to go with her but that wasn't in God's plan. She remained so strong in her faith and she knew God was going to take care of her in the end. She always had a smile that I will never forget as long as I live. A few days before God called her home, she raised her little hand and said I love my church family and I want to go home. She truly did and was.

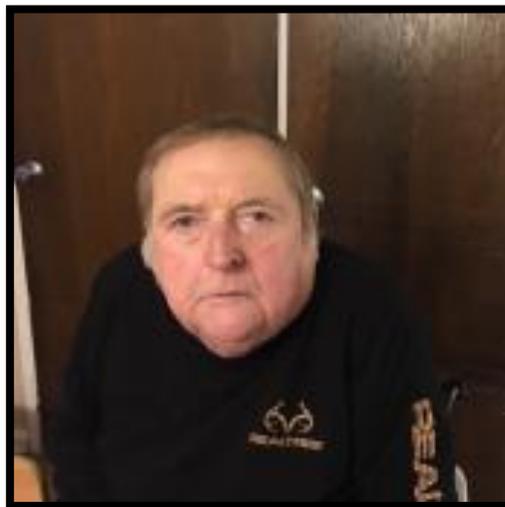
I don't have words to describe how wonderful of a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend that she was. But I'll say this, she fought a good fight she finished her course, she kept the faith and I believe she has a crown of righteousness laid up for her. So all I can say now is sleep on my darling precious wife. For we will meet again around God's throne in the morning of all mornings. You are and always will be my special angel. I realize she can't

come back to me, but by the Grace of God I can go to her. I miss you so much and always will.

Written by Your loving Husband, Elder Lester Cochran

AVERY LOWE

Avery Lowe, age 75 of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at Highlands ARH Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. He was born December 11, 1944 in Pikeville, Kentucky to the late Columbus & Mary Lou Stacy Lowe. He was the husband of the late Virginia Gail Morrison Lowe. He is survived by his sons; Stevie (Garnett) Lowe of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Avery Lowe Jr of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, John Randy Lowe of Prestonsburg, Kentucky and Michael Lowe of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Daughter; Linda Lou Conley of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Stepdaughter: Shirley (Mike) Morrison of Ivel, Kentucky; Sisters: Ida Burchell of Prestonsburg, Kentucky and Grethel Fletcher of Waverly, Ohio; eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Along with his parents and wife he was preceded in death by his Son; James Lowe; Brothers and Sisters: Henry Lowe, Raymond Lowe, Harvey Lowe, Ethel Blankenship and Ethel Lowe. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him.



Submitted by his Brothers and Sisters at the Big Branch Church

ALICE MARIE ROBINSON MAYNARD

Alice Marie Robinson Maynard, age 82, of Rush, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at her residence. She was born June 13, 1937, in Pike County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Burl and Gladys Canada Robinson.

She was united in marriage to Elwood Maynard on July 1, 1954. In addition to her parents, Elwood also preceded her in death, and a son Gordon Christopher Maynard; a sister, Mary McCord; two brothers; Samuel and Willie Robinson, and an infant sister.

Sister Alice was baptized on March 24, 2013 at the hands of Elders Richard Staton, Dale Williamson and Danny Runyon. This highly regarded lady was a member of and attended the Bride of Christ Old Regular Baptist Church in Lavalette, West Virginia. She was a mother, homemaker, and a beloved family woman, and is remembered for the many generous contributions she made



to her family, friends and community. Alice Maynard will be deeply missed by all whose lives were touched by her presence.

She is survived by three sons; Dennis Maynard of Pikeville, Kentucky, Jerome (Becky) Maynard of Pikeville, Kentucky and Mark (Sandy) Maynard of Rush, Kentucky; four daughters, Suzanne Maynard of Rush, Kentucky, Berlene Maynard of Rush, Kentucky, Priscilla (Tom) Salyer of Grayson, Kentucky, and Joan (Jesse) Smith of Pikeville, Kentucky; thirteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 24, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the Apple Orchard Church in Pike County, Kentucky, with Elder Sam Frye and Elder Arthur Mathis officiating. Burial followed in the Apple Orchard Cemetery, Varney, Kentucky.

Written by her loving family

EDITH MCCOY

It's with God's help and a heart full of memories that I write about the life of our mother, grandmother, and sister in Christ, Edith Hinkle McCoy. She was born on September 21, 1928, the youngest daughter of the late George Hinkle and Chloe Fields Hinkle. She departed this life on May 22, 2020, making her blessed with 91 years of life on this earth. She was preceded in death by three husbands; Leslie Fields, Roland Thacker and Dewey McCoy; and three sisters; Alice Ray, Gladys Ray and Bessie Foster. She is survived by three sons; Benny Hinkle (Nancy), David Fields (Christine), Joseph Monroe McCoy (Tonya) and one daughter; Reva Eplin (Andy). She had ten grandchildren; twenty-one great grandchildren; and a great great grandchild on the way.



She lived the simple life and loved to go to church at Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church, where she was a member for thirty-six years. When she was not at church, she was gardening, picking berries, quilting, or doing some type of work around the house. She liked to stay busy, until she became too weak to move around much. Her last few years were spent drawing pictures and quilting. She was the matriarch of our family, she was the best mother, grandmother, and friend that anyone could have. Her sweet smile, wise words, and lifetime stories will be greatly missed and forever cherished. She loved to tell stories of times passed and the difficulties of growing up during the Great Depression. She was a frugal woman who never wanted for anything. She was always thinking about what she could do for others or how she could bring someone closer to the Lord. She often carried around drawings with heartfelt words or poems about the Lord and gave them out to anyone and everyone. She was so proud of her drawings.

Our beloved mother and grandmother will be missed by all that knew her. We have hope in Jesus and know that we have the opportunity to reunite with our Mamaw Edith again one day. That is all that she ever asked for, for her family to live for Christ, so that we could reunite with her. Her heart of gold has now poured over into our hearts and it is because of her and her

example that we will strive to live our lives and teach our children to live like Christ, just like our sweet Mamaw did. We have comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering, since her last days on Earth were painful. She prayed and prayed for God to take her and he answered her prayer. She is right where she wants to be, with Jesus for eternity!

We also want to extend our gratefulness for everyone that prayed for us and the kind words that were extended to us during this difficult time. Also, the memories and funny stories have helped brighten our spirits during a gloomy time. My favorite story that I heard about Mamaw Edith was her saying "present" when they called roll at church. Everyone else said "here", but she always said "present", in her sweet little voice. I know with all of my heart that our Mamaw Edith said "present" when her spirit went to be with the Lord.

Written by her loving family

NINA GAIL PREECE

Nina Gail Preece, age 76, of Lovely, Kentucky was called home to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on June 6, 2020, at Highlands Regional Medical Center after a long battle with lung cancer. For many years she lived beside the Old Regular Baptist Church called Leannah on the Meathouse Fork of Wolf Creek. She and Bill joined the church in the 1990s and Bill later became a Deacon. She was born January 10, 1944, to the late Elmo V. Adams and Alma D. Hitchcock Adams in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband; Willis Preece, one son; James Vernon Preece, one brother; Allen Adams, and one sister; Verna Ramondelli. She is survived by two sons; Ricky (Mary) Preece of Inez, Kentucky and Willis Daniel (Melania) Preece of Lovely, Kentucky, and two sisters; Ann Garcias of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Nancy Masente of San Jose, California. She is also survived by five grandchildren; Melissa Preece, Christopher Preece, Kyle Preece, Luke Preece and Jamilyn Preece, and two great grandchildren; Barry Lee Paxton, Jr. and Tyler Harris. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., in the chapel of Crum Funeral Home with Richard Staton and Billy Joe Robinson officiating. Burial followed at the Muncy Cemetery.



Written by her loving family

ARCHIE PRINCE

It is with a broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Archie Prince. Archie passed away May 11, 2020 from Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Archie was born on December 4, 1946, at Dingess, West Virginia. He was the son of the late Ersel and Martha Jane Prince. His sister, Mary Marcum also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his loving wife of over fifty years, his children and grandchildren. He had two sisters, Beuleah Keck of Prichard, West Virginia, Causby Marshall of Huntington, West Virginia, one brother Ersel Prince Jr. of Lybum, West Virginia as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends. He had a special brother-in-law, Ted Floyd of Delbarton, West Virginia.

Archie and I were married August 17, 1969. From this union we had three daughters; Cynthia Ann (Lee) Oxley, Tracie Lea (Todd) Mitchell, Leah Ann (Adam) McCagg. We have eight grandchildren; Ryan (Becca) Oxley, Katie (Adam) Page, Nick (Megan) Mitchell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Andy Walker, Jared McCagg, Ian McCagg and Alex McCagg.

Saved by the Grace of God, Archie and I were baptized in August 1973 at Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. Archie later served as an Ordained Deacon, Clerk and Trustee. He also served as a clerk at the Bride of Christ Old Regular Baptist Church. He served as an Assistant Clerk, Clerk and Trustee of the Sardis Association for over twenty years.

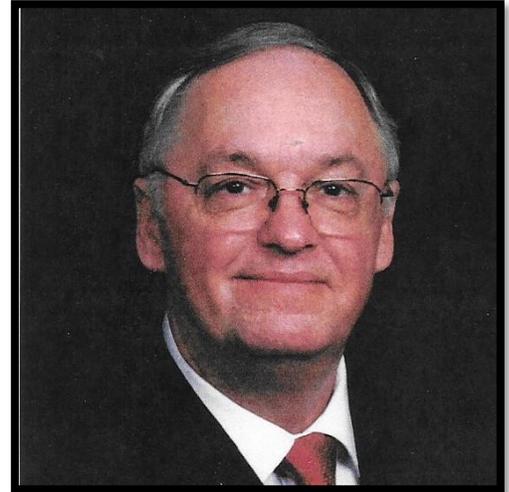
Archie worked for CSX Transportation and retired in 2007, with more than forty years of service. While working as a Shop Clerk, he took great pride in the work that he did.

Archie always let his light shine no matter what he was doing, whether it be at his job, or with his friends and family. It took no effort on his part for all of us to see the Lord through him. If anyone ever needed comfort, he always knew the right things to say. He would quietly help someone in need, lend a hand or provide support.

Archie was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis in 2017. We went to Cleveland Clinic in January 2020 for testing for a lung transplant and again in March. He had to go through numerous tests. His last test showed he had cancer and that took him off the transplant list. We came home in the middle of March when Covid-19 cases began to rise. It was hard on Archie because he couldn't have visitors. He would have loved for his brothers and sisters in the church to be able to come and visit him. He would have liked for Brother Tommy Dials to come to our home and have church for him.

Our children and grandchildren visited as much as possible and that helped cheer him up. Our granddaughter Katie, who was very special to him, is expecting our first great grandchild in October 2020. That bond was so special, that Katie arranged for Archie to be the first to know the gender of the baby, and then reveal it to them. It was a treat for him to reveal that the baby they were having was a boy! Katie and Adam told him they were going to name the baby Thomas Archie. That made Archie so proud to know that his great-grandson would share his name.

Shortly before his passing, he had a dream. The Lord came to Archie and showed him



that he was going home to Jerusalem. That gave Archie peace and comfort, by his faith in Jesus Christ he believed he was going to his heavenly Home.

Graveside service were held on May 14, 2020, at Dock' s Creek Cemetery. Elders Arthur Mathis and Sam Frye officiated.

We love and miss you so very much, he was a faithful husband, loving father, and very proud of his children and grandchildren.

Written by his loving wife and daughter

One of Brother Archie's request was that I take part in writing his obituary. Brother Archie was a wonderful Christian Brother and a very special friend to me. He was very strong in his beliefs and loved the old-time way. He loved the Sardis Association, and he worked many hard and long hours to maintain the association building. His last big project was to get a new roof on the building and his other one was to get the Bethany Church remodeled. With the help of God and some good Brothers he was able to do both. He was a tireless worker for God. We worked together for fourteen years preparing the Minutes of the Association's work. We never had a cross word between us, and we received many blessings doing the work. I would go to his home and sometimes we would work all day on the minutes and getting the preaching just the way he wanted it. He would set back and say "that sure sounds good." He always wanted the current minutes to be better than the previous ones.

Brother Archie was well respected by the other Associations of our correspondence. We would sometimes travel to other associations together. During Friday's work at the Philadelphia Association we always sat together. This year I was blessed to go and I got the space where we always sat but Brother Archie's spot was empty and no one sat in it during the Friday service.

I could write so many things about our Christian and personal friendship but it is not needed. Brother Archie lived every day the way he felt a Christian should live. Sleep on Brother Archie. My Hope is in Christ Jesus to meet you around the Throne of God after that great noble and resurrection day.

Written by your Brother in Christ and natural friend,
Elder Edward Lee Smith

BOBBY JOE ROBINETTE

Bobby Joe Robinette of Richmond, Kentucky was born on December 9, 1942, at Hatfield, Kentucky and passed away in his sleep at the home of his daughter on August 25, 2020. He was the son of Millard and Lakie (Burris) Robinette. He was a retired coal miner.

Bob was married to his devoted wife of fifty-five years, Nita Jean (Runyon) Robinette on July 31, 1965. They had one daughter, Laura Beth (Robert) Furnish and two grandsons who were his pride and joy; Joseph Anderson (Joey) and Jacob Alexander (Jake) Martin all of Lexington, Kentucky.

Additional survivors are one brother, James Woodrow (Woody) Robinette of Canada, Kentucky and one sister, Mildred Rutherford of Belfry, Kentucky. Also, one sister-in-law, Yvonne (Ralph) Bogar of Sevierville, Tennessee, who loved him like a brother along with nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death, in addition to his parents, two sisters; Helen Robinette of Belfry, Kentucky and Peggy Alberts of Hatfield, Kentucky.

Bob made a profession of faith and was baptized on January 10, 1995, by Brother Dale Williamson and Brother Billy Williamson. He placed his membership with the Pilgrims Home Church, Varney, Kentucky. After moving to Richmond, Kentucky he attended the Lighthouse Baptist Church, Berea, Kentucky, where his wife is a member, however his membership remained at Pilgrims Home. Bob was loved by his family, relatives, friends and neighbors and will surely be missed by all. Rest in Peace.

Written by the one who loved him, Wife, Nita Jean Robinette



JAMES KENNETH ROBINETTE

James Kenneth Robinette, 77, of Ypsilanti, Michigan went home to be with the Lord peacefully, surrounded by his family on Monday, September 7, 2020.

He was born in Varney, Kentucky on November 9, 1942. He was the son of the late Leonard Robinette and Bronice Young Robinette. He is survived by his wife of fifty-six wonderful years, Mary Robinette. His son, Greg Robinette and his wife Paula, his daughter Tammy Robinette Hamilton and her husband Ron. The joys of his life were his six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Grandsons; Gregory, Noah, and Zachary. Granddaughters; Shelby, Kyleigh and Audra. Great grandchildren; Evelyn, Charlotte and Jacob. He is also survived by his sister Barbara Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers; Sidney, Paul, Charles



and Howard.

A lifelong tinkerer and creative inventor, there was never a problem that Papa James was not willing to tackle and solve. Hours spent in his barn putting back together and fixing things that most people would long ago have given up on, was always one of his favorite things to do. Any project he worked on with any of his grandchildren was almost always guaranteed to end up with an amusing story for all parties involved. A loving personality that anyone who ever met, would never be able to forget. Time spent with him was some of the most precious time you could have. Whether it was a tractor ride, sipping tea on the porch swing, bee-keeping, making a real suit of armor, building a Civil War encampment, or even if you were stuck on a boat several miles out on Lake Erie, completely out of gas, it was always going to be some of the best moments of your life. Papa James's legacy is how he raised his children and how they raised their own children. His work ethic, love of family, and sense of humor helped us all to navigate life's ups and downs.

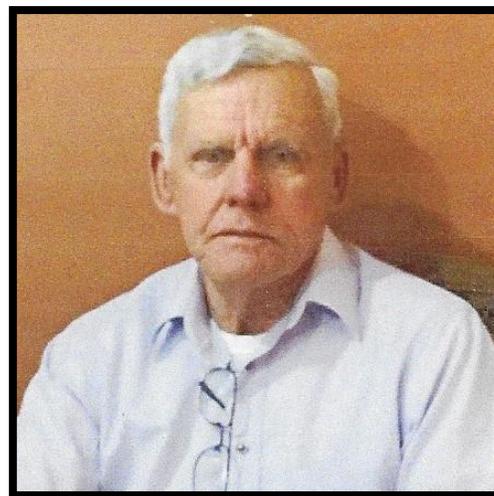
Papa James was quiet about his faith, yet he lived it out every single day. He never met a stranger and would offer help to anyone at the drop of a hat. He loved to listen to old hymns and bluegrass. His laughter was infectious and anyone around him couldn't help laughing when he did. He was an example to all of us in how to live life to the fullest. He will be greatly missed but we are comforted in the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Written by his loving family

VERNAL "VERN" SESCO

It is with much sadness and a grieving heart, we try, with the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of our dear sweet loving husband, Daddy, and Papaw. Daddy was called to be with the Lord while at his home in Hatfield, Kentucky, on April 15, 2020, making his stay here on this earth almost 74 years. Daddy was born April 23, 1946, to the late Leonard and Elzie Sesco. In addition to his parents, Daddy was preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby and Tom, one grandbaby, Jessica, five brother-in-laws and three sister-in-laws.

Daddy was married to his loving wife, our Mommy, Daisy Catherine Farley, on January 22, 1966. They were married for fifty-four years. To this union were born six children: Eva (Greg) Stewart of Virgie, Kentucky; Darlene Zornes of Hatfield, Kentucky; Michelle (Brian) Lowe of Hatfield, Kentucky; Brenda (Kelly) Williamson of Canada, Kentucky; Jeffrey (Heather) Sesco of Hatfield, Kentucky; and Christopher (Jodi) Sesco of Hatfield, Kentucky. He was "Papaw" to twelve grandchildren; Ryan Hinkle, Lauren Williams, Kelsey Williams, John Hagen, Barry (Kayla) Lowe, Brad Lowe, Kayla Dillon, Tiffany Sesco, Mikey Sesco, Scott Sesco, Madison Sesco, and Blake Sesco and one great grandchild, Cason Lowe. Daddy also dearly loved his special sister-in-law, Cleo Farley, who has been a part of Daddy and Mommy's home for nineteen years. In addition to his wife and children, Daddy is survived by his brothers; Elbert, Ernest, Harold, Kenneth, Leonard Jr, Ferrell and Wayne, and two sisters; Doris "Dorsie" Fletcher and Debbie Spears.



Daddy was a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church and a Deacon for twenty-eight years. He was also a borrowed member of the Little Rosie Old Regular Baptist Church. Daddy cared so much about others and wanted to do things the way God wanted him to. He enjoyed helping at the church, visiting the sick and elderly at the hospitals and nursing homes, and just lending a hand to anyone who needed it. Daddy touched the lives of his church family and he always showed God's love to everyone who knew him.

Daddy worked hard all his life to provide for his family. He was a member of the UMWA and retired after working forty-one years as a coal miner. After his retirement, Daddy didn't slow down. He was always outside working on something. He enjoyed working at his sawmill and running his dozer and backhoe. Daddy taught us to work hard and respect everyone. He showed his love for the Lord every day and set the example for all his family to follow. He told us he wanted us all to stay close and to always love one another. He would always tell us "Look to the Lord where all your help comes from."

Daddy made sure our home was always a happy place, full of love, joy, laughter, and togetherness. He loved having his family gathered around him, especially during the holidays. On Christmas Eve, while the little ones waited patiently to open gifts, Daddy would take a few minutes to talk about the Lord and His blessings, sing a song, and say a special prayer for us. This is just one of the many precious memories our Lord has blessed us with that we will carry with us all our lives.

We still feel the pain, the sadness, and the shock of Daddy leaving us so soon. His cancer was first seen on an MRI in March, 2020. When Daddy got sick, he said it felt like the rug was pulled out from under him because he couldn't do the things he wanted to do anymore. Daddy didn't want to leave us. He prayed that he wouldn't have to suffer. He was diagnosed with stage four cancer on April 9, 2020, and six days later, he passed away. He was at home and surrounded by his loving family when he went to be with our Lord. We thank God for answering his prayers.

Although our hearts are filled with sadness by our loss, we are comforted by the promise of the Holy Spirit that Daddy is at peace and will suffer no more because he is at home with our Father in Heaven. We praise the Lord every day for giving us our Daddy. We look forward to the day when we can be with him again at Jesus' side. Rest on sweet Daddy. Your strongest trials are past. Your race is run. Your victory is at hand! Always in our hearts.

Your loving wife, Daisy, and children

DELPHIA JEAN SHADD

Sister Delphia Jean Shadd, loving mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully at the age of 82 years old, on Saturday, April 11, 2020, at the Wayne Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Wayne, West Virginia. Delphia was born into this world on January 14, 1938, in Huntington, West Virginia, to the late William (Bill) and Sarah (Thompson) Walker. She was the youngest of ten children and was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and one son, Sammy Shadd.

Delphia was a homemaker who lovingly cared for her mother until her last breath. She raised four children; Sarah (Shadd) Stafford, Samuel (Sammy) Shadd-deceased, Danny Shadd, and Jerry Shadd. Delphia was saved by His grace in May 1992 at the Antioch United Baptist Church

(now called Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church) where she joined and was a member until her passing. Delphia was special to all who knew her, sharing her love of Christ by her demonstration of His Spirit. She enjoyed cooking special meals for her grandchildren, reading, and shopping.

She is survived by three of her children; Sarah Stafford of Wayne, West Virginia, Danny Shadd (Rebecca) of Melbourne, Florida and, Jerry Shadd of Dunlow, West Virginia. Delphia also left behind ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Delphia is sadly missed by a host of family and friends.

A graveside service was conducted on April 15, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., with Elder Arthur Mathis as Officiant. Her internment was held at the Walker Family Cemetery in Genoa, West Virginia. Due to the nature of the global Covid-19 pandemic, only immediate family were in attendance, which made the occasion even more somber. Though we are saddened to lose our loving mother, we rejoice in the knowledge that we will meet her again on that Heavenly shore.



Written by her loving family

EVA STACY

Mommy was born the eldest child of Clinton and Azzie Howard on January 7, 1941, and departed this life April 7, 2020, after a very short and aggressive fight with cancer.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her brothers; Garland, Langley, Calvin, Clinton B., and Andy, and her only sister Edna Spaulding. Mommy was also preceded in death by the love of her life, our daddy, Clarence Stacy. They wed on September 7, 1960, and he departed this life on November 23, 2009.

Mommy leaves behind seven children; Judy (Bobby) Mullins, Julia (Steve) Parks, J.C. (Ramona) Stacy, Jean (Denny) Moore, Jennifer (Don) Maynard, Mary Ann (Bryan) Greene, and Marie (Scott) Fitchpatrick. She had twelve grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and two brothers; Bill (Marcella) Howard and Milford Howard.

Mommy joined Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church on May 10, 1975, and was a faithful member as long as she was able. I feel with all my heart mommy is resting from her labors for she told us Jesus was bringing her wings so she could ride the clouds and the morning she passed there was two clouds one looked like Jesus with outstretched arms and on the other an angel reaching toward Jesus and when they met together I believe that was mommy letting us know she got her wings. So rest sweetly mommy until we can all be together again.

Written by your loving children



NANCY IRENE STANLEY

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that we write the obituary for our dear mother. Nancy Irene Stanley, age 69, of Varney, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, September 30, 2019, at her home surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was born, May 13, 1950, in Pike County, Kentucky to the late Willie and Mary (Maynard) Stanley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Betty Maynard, five brothers; Goble Stanley, Lee Roy Stanley, John Stanley, Oliver Stanley and Ezra Lee Stanley, Nephew Vergil Edward Maynard. Survivors are her daughters; Nancy Janey (James) Branham of Varney, Kentucky and Kristie Preece of Lexington, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Dalton Lowe and Sydney Ford; two sisters, Margaret Young and Mary (James) Burke, both of Varney, Kentucky; one brother, Larry (Anita) Stanley, of Mouthcard, Kentucky. Left behind to mourn her passing is a host of loving friends.



Mom was a faithful member of the Pilgrim's Rest Old Regular Baptist Church. Mom loved working and being outdoors any chance that she got. She always said that fall was her favorite season. She loved the beautiful leaves that changed colors every year. During her illness, she was unable to get outside and she would say that she was so bored because she had nothing to do, which meant she couldn't get outside. Mom loved her grandkids with all her heart. Dalton would always try to trick her into saying he was her favorite grandchild, hoping she would slip up and say he was her favorite. She would always tell him, "You're my favorite grandson!" Even when mom could no longer get out of bed, she would always start yelling for Sydney to get out of bed to go to school. She said she could always tell when Sydney was ready to go because of her perfume. She always worried that my sister and I would lose our jobs because we were staying with her. She loved her family very much and didn't want to leave them, but God had other plans for her. Everybody who loved her will sadly miss her. So go rest high on that mountain Mom, until we meet again in Heaven!

Written by her children and grandchildren, Janey, Kristie, Dalton and Sydney

ZELMA "FAYE" SAMMONS TESTERMAN

With a loving and empty heart, we her daughters, will try to write a tribute to our loving mother, Faye Testerman. Faye was born January 27, 1938, at Baisden West Virginia, to the late Pearly and Maggie (Gilman) Sammons. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by one son, Charles Matthew Testerman, brothers; Leonard, Howard (Opal), Buddy, Charles, Benny, Roy Sammons and Sonny Steele, sisters; Lucille Steele, Elizabeth Thompson and Geneva Cline Shands. One great granddaughter, Autumn Faith Sheppard.



Those left to cherish her memories are her husband of sixty-four years, Charles Testerman, daughters; Myra (Bobbie) Sheppard, Renee (Dwayne) Runyon, and Cynda (Paul) Nelson, grandchildren; Tara (Mike) Beckett, Angel (Jeff) Runyon, Philip (Jennifer) May, Chris May, Malina Hubbard, Corinne (Brad) Saylor, Robert Sheppard, and Aimee Runyon, great grandchildren; Brittani(Nick) Christian, Natalie Cantrell, Dillion May, Dawson Runyon, Isaiah May, Daniel Runyon, Kobi May, Braden Saylor, Palin Hubbard, Zoe Sheppard, Winter Rose Sheppard and Braxton Runyon. great great grandchildren; Brady Christian and Lincoln Christian, sisters; Verna McKean and Carol (Macky) May. Special extended family members are Tim Damron and Chris Thornton. Mom had many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephew and others extended family that she loved with all her heart.

Mom was a member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church for fifty-eight years. She joined church on April 22, 1962, and was baptized by Elder Johnny Cline and Elder Ross Cline on April 16, 1963. Mom loved her church and church family, she loved to visit her

church friends and other churches. She enjoyed traveling to places she had never been. She was honored to travel to all different places across the country. She went whitewater rafting in Colorado, to Hollywood, California to see the Price is Right, to New York to see Kobi Bryant play basketball, and went on several cruises with family and friends. She loved to crochet and make throws for others. Many people still stay warm on winter nights from a throw or afghan mom made for them.

Family and friends said their last goodbye at the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at Baisden, West Virginia. She was laid to rest beside her son, Matthew, at Hatfield Cemetery at Hampden, West Virginia. Mom will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Heaven's gain is our loss and may we meet again at Heaven's gates. Mom we love and miss you dearly and you will be in our hearts forever.

In Loving Memory of our Mother,
Written by Daughters; Myra Sheppard, Renee Runyon and Cynda Nelson

ZITA TOOLEY

Zita Miller Tooley was born to the family of Ruben and Ada Perry Miller on August 11, 1945, and left this world March 24, 2020. Left to mourn Sister Zita is her daughter, Kim Tooley Coleman and her husband Christian, two grandchildren; Logan Coleman and Molly Coleman. She also leaves three sisters; her twin sister Rita Rhodes, Joyce Justice and Mary Lou Lyons.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Ruben and Ada Miller, two brothers; J.E. Miller and Eugene Miller, three sisters; Ima Miller Worrix, Emma Sue Miller (Mary Lou's twin) and Ella Joe McGuire. She will be sadly missed by all who loved her.

The Bible says I would not have you to be without understanding brethren, concerning them which sleep. They yet sorrow not even as others which have no hope. Our Sister Zita professed a hope in Christ. For if you believe that Christ died and rose again, even so them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. The Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout and with the voice of the archangel and the with trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Our hearts are heavy as we pay our respects to a beautiful lady taken away from us at such a time when it seemed we needed her the most. The Bible teaches us who can know the mind of the Lord and who can be his counselor. We search for words of comfort, but they seem to flee from us. Our comfort is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Yes our hearts are broken, but we can imagine the rejoicing in Heaven the other night when the angels carried Sister Zita's sweet soul back to Heavens land. The Bible teaches us there is rejoicing in Heaven. We will miss her smile, and love she had for each and every one of us.



I will never forget the day she gave her life to the Lord. It was as if she shined like the noon day sun. Just as if I was looking at an angel and I was. I thank the Lord for that day and every day I was allowed the privilege of visiting with my sister in Christ. I know our sister would have us to love one another. Cherish every moment we have because tomorrow it maybe our turn to leave this world of heartache and pain and to go and be with Jesus. For we know not the day or the hour the Lord will come back and take us all home. In Ecclesiastes 3:1, to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which was planted. A time to mourn and a time to laugh. I know Rita and Zita shared a special bond. They seemed to know each other's thoughts on most things, and at times would burst out laughing at one another. That is such a special thing to be so close. God joined them together and made them a part of each other's life. Such a great bond they had a gift of God to be cherished.

Sometimes we are separated in this life. The Bible teaches us who can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Shall tribulation or distress, or peril or sword. For I am persuaded that neither life nor death, nor principalities or power, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor death, nor any other creature can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We will miss our dear sister, but we will not forget her love and laughter. The joy she brought to each and every one of us. The Bible teaches us, a new commandment I give unto you that is that we love one another as I have loved you. We don't want to say goodbye to our Sister Zita, but it won't be long we will all be together in Heaven's land. I am looking forward to the day God will take us all home to be with him forever. Thank you Lord, for this family and God bless each and every one.

Your Brother in Christ, Elder Dale Williamson

ELDON WHITE

With the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of our Brother Eldon White, who passed November 25, 2019. Eldon was 79 years old of Inez, Kentucky. He was born on August 31, 1940, to George and Mary (Davis) White. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife Nancy Jane (Carter) White; siblings: Nizzie, Pearl, Angeline, Betty, Jim, and Edd. Eldon and Nancy also lost an infant child named George Franklin White.

Eldon is survived by two sons; Will (Karen) White of Lafayette, Indiana, and Eldon David (Brenda) White of Inez; one daughter Mary White (Eddie) of Inez, Kentucky; seven grandchildren: Kevin White, Donna Setliff, Jessa White, Sarah White, Adora Williams, Annette Mackto and Matthew Smith. He also was blessed with eleven great grandchildren.

Eldon was well known in Martin County and surrounding area because he repaired appliances. He was a member of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church. He will be missed by friends and family.

Written by Elder Tommy Dials

BARBARA ELLEN FARLEY WILLIAMSON

It is with a heavy but proud heart that we write this obituary of our dear, sweet mother. Barbara Ellen Farley Williamson gained her heavenly wings on March 22, 2020. Mom died at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center in Frankfort, Kentucky after a hard fought fourteen months battle against Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Mom was born on August 27, 1933, to the late Lawrence and Nolie Mae Hunt Farley at Hardy, Kentucky. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe; son, Ronnie Eugene; brothers Darryl Farley, Harold Farley, Donnie Farley and James Farley; and one sister Ebie Helen.



Survivors include her children; Loura Yvonne (Frank) Abernathy of Kettering, Ohio; Patricia Ann (Michael) Hatfield of Fredericksburg, Virginia and Allen Matthew (Ruby) Williamson of Frankfort, Kentucky; her grandchildren Loura Lawrence of Kettering, Ohio, Virginia (Jeff) Adams of Seneca, South Carolina; Jacob Hatfield of King George, Virginia and Ryan (Sarah) Hatfield of Montpelier, Virginia; five great-grandchildren Katherine, Michael and Amy Lawrence; Scarlett Hatfield and Zachary Adams.

Mom is also survived by two brothers Charles (Marianne) Farley of Cincinnati, Ohio and Jerry (Carol) Farley of Hardy, Kentucky; seven sisters Ollie (Johnny) Scott of Cincinnati Ohio; Daisy (the late Vernal) Sesco of Hatfield, Kentucky, Connie (William) Huddle of McCarr, Kentucky, Cleo Farley of Hatfield, Kentucky; Patty (Lewis) Luster of Sebina, Ohio, Patsy (Gary) Dotson of Ransom, Kentucky and Judy (Clayton) Stanley of Sidney, Kentucky; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mom was the oldest of fifteen children. She grew up on Narrows Branch where she worked the fields to help keep her family fed. In high school, Mom worked as a bookkeeper for Hobb's Department Store in downtown Williamson, West Virginia. Shortly after graduating Belfry High School with the class of 1952, Mom married the love of her life, Roscoe Williamson. They met when Dad drove her school bus and on December 24, 1952, they were married in a quite courthouse ceremony in Williamson, West Virginia.

On October 6, 1953, Mom and Dad were blessed with the birth of their first child, Ronnie Eugene; but tragedy struck a few weeks later when Ronnie succumbed to a bad bout of pneumonia. During the next few years, Mom and Dad went on to have three more children. Mom worked tirelessly making a home and raising us. She grew a huge garden that helped to feed us, used her skills of sewing to keep us clothed and always had a hot dinner on the table every day when Dad came home from work. In 1961, Mom was baptized and became a member of the Narrows Branch Church of the Old Regular Baptist. During her physically good years, she spent lots of time in fellowship and working for the Lord. For several years she served as a deacon's wife and helped to prepare the sacrament for their annual foot washing service.

When her youngest child was in high school, Mom went back to work as a part time cook for Bevins Elementary School at Sidney. A few years later she was promoted to cafeteria manager. Mom worked a full-time job and would help her sisters care for their

ill mother in the evenings. In 1998, she retired from her job to take care of Dad who had suffered a kidney ailment. Mom never left Dad's side during his illness. She found her strength through the strong love she had for Dad.

Mom was a very talented quilter. One Christmas, she presented each of her children, their spouses and her grandchildren with a quilt. Just days before her death, she completed her last quilt, a gift to her newest great-grandchild that was due in early April.

On March 25, 2018, after sixty-five years of marriage, Mom lost the love of her life. Little did we know that two years to the date we would be burying our mother. During those two years our little family suffered losses and health issues. Five weeks after Dad's death, Mom's brother lost his short battle with cancer and six months later she lost another brother. In December 2018, Mom was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. The year of 2019 was filled with chemotherapy treatments and blood transfusions. The staff of the Highland's Cancer Center in Prestonsburg was wonderful. How grateful we are for their expert and loving care. Mom had a special bond with her doctor and all the staff at the center.

Late January 2020, Mom moved from her much loved home at Sidney to the Morning Pointe Personal Care facility in Frankfort, Kentucky. Although she only there for two months, the staff and residences came to know and love her.

On Sunday afternoon, March 22, 2020, after a brief phone call with her children, Mom peacefully went home to God. Although, we incredibly miss her each day, we are thankful that her suffering is over and that we were able to tell her one last time that we loved her. Her last words to us were "I love you". She is now back with her love and singing her favorite hymn "Amazing Grace".

Mom died shortly after the COVID 19 pandemic greatly altered everyone's way of life, so we were unable to have a proper funeral with her family and friends. After a brief viewing at Rogers Funeral Home the family gathered at Mountain View Memory Gardens where a few of her Brothers and Sisters in Christ held prayer and sang as we laid her next to Dad.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Revelations 14:13

Written by her children:

Laura Yvonne Abernathy, Patricia Ann Hatfield and Allen Matthew Williamson

GARY RAY YOUNG

Gary Ray Young, age 64, of Varney, Kentucky went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 2, 2020. He was born on August 23, 1955, in Pikeville, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Luther and Dora Young.

Survivors include his wife Kathy Young, his daughter, Heather Dawn Cool and her husband Brad Cool of Danville, Kentucky. His grandchildren; Teddi Young, Jacob Young, Logan Cool, Josh Cool and Alison Cool, his sister Phyllis Stanley of Michigan, and his brother John Young and his wife Joyce Young of Varney, Kentucky. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews that will miss him dearly.



He is preceded in death by his first wife, Sharon Kay Young, a son Gary Michael Young, a sister Justine Maynard Phillips and one brother J.W. Young.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Pilgrims Rest at Varney, Kentucky. Gary was a retired coal miner. His faith in the Lord was strong and his love for his family was deep. Gary never met a stranger. He could talk to anyone about anything and the end of the conversation you could sum him up by saying three things: He loved the Lord, he loved his grandchildren and he loved cowboy boots.

Pappy had five grandchildren and loved each and every one of them more than anything. He enjoyed setting up all night playing UNO and paper football. He also loved watching them play sports, from cheerleading, basketball, baseball and archery. Even though Pappy is no longer here with us one thing will always be true. He was and always will be their biggest fan.

Written by his daughter

Obituaries-FRIENDS OF THE SARDIS CHURCHES

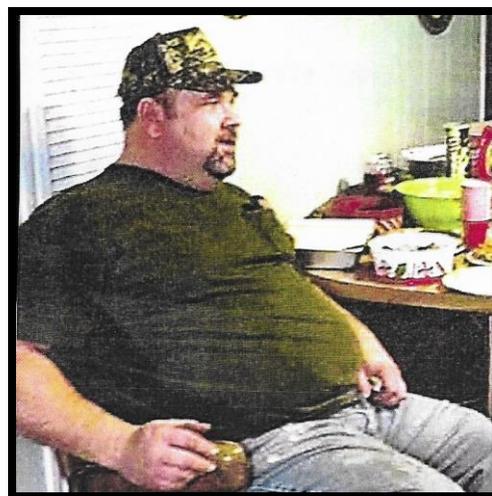
MICHAEL EUGENE MAYNARD

With a broken heart I will try to write the obituary of our dear son, Michael Eugene Maynard. Michael passed away at the Pikeville Medical Center on September 17, 2019. Michael was born on November 20, 1966 to his parents Harold and Betty (Robinson) Maynard.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Cinderella Kay Maynard and son Michael Austin (Mikey) of Big Branch, Pike County, Kentucky. He is also survived by one sister, Deneita Sue Lowe (Randall) and one brother Timothy Arthur (Tim) Maynard and wife Melissa, his parents Harold and Betty Maynard all of Pikeville, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Christy Maynard. He leaves behind a host of friends, cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Michael's funeral was held at the Apple Orchard Church on lower Brushy, September 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., with Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial was at Mont Lowe Cemetery on lower Brushy Creek.

Written by his loving parents, Harold and Betty Maynard



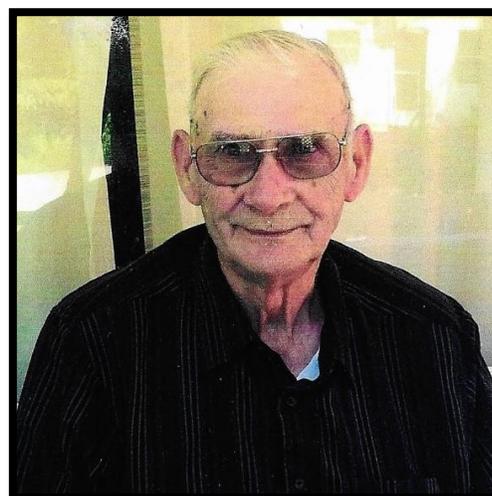
BURGESS EUGENE "GENE" YOUNG

With much sadness and with the help of the Lord, I will write the obituary of my sweet, beloved husband. Gene was born August 31, 1939 at Brushy, the son of Willard and Gusta Young. He was 80 years old when he went peacefully in his sleep to the arms of Jesus on Saturday morning, October 19, 2019.

In early life, he married Joyce Hope Williamson on October 20, 1956. To this union was born one son, Billy Gene Young. After Joyce died, he met and married Oma Mae Newsome Frasure, on March 20, 2015. Gene was preceded in death by his Mom, Dad, and one brother James Elmer and his loving wife, Joyce.

Survivors are his loving wife Oma Mae, sons Billy Gene (Becky) Young, Delmer and Elmer Frasure, nine grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Gary (Lorene) Young, Virgil (Adith) Young, Larry (Mary) Young, Danny (Debbie) Young, and a host of relatives and friends that loved him dearly.

Gene made it right with the Lord but wasn't able to be baptized. He said he wanted his membership at Pilgrims Home Church at Varney when baptized.



He was a heavy equipment operator and a very hard-working man. He was such a sweet and humble man.

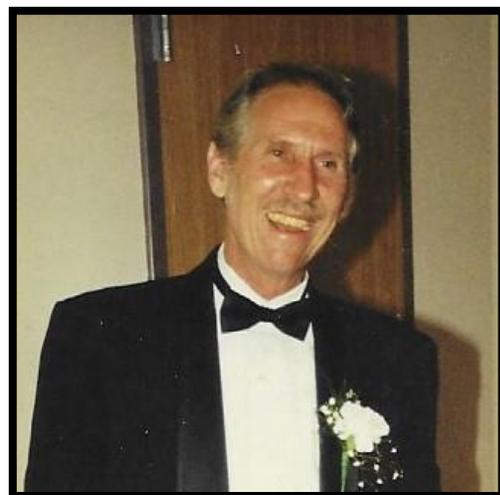
If you ever want to see Gene again, you must repent and be born again. It gives us so much comfort to feel and believe we will meet again in Gloryland, where there will be no more suffering just joy, peace, and happiness with our Savior forevermore.

Written by His loving wife Oma Mae Young

JAMES W. YOUNG

With great sadness and an empty heart, I write the obituary with the Lord's help, for my Daddy, J.W. Young. He is greatly missed by many but, not half as much than by his grandchildren, wife and children.

J.W. Young was born July 26, 1946. He was called home to be with his master on February 23, 2020. He was the son of the late Luther and Dora Young of Varney, Kentucky. He is survived by his wife, Sandra L. Young; son James Luther Young; daughters Tonja Arnold and Selenna Hylton, grandchildren; Austin Stevens, Gentry Arnold, Sydney Arnold, Sarnnna Arnold, Quinn Arnold, Riley Arnold, Kaegan Hylton and Jami Lauren Young. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister; Gary Ray Young, John Luther Young, and Phyllis Stanley.



J.W. Young loved his family and friends. He belonged to the Piso Freewill Baptist with Pastor Bobby Mullins. J.W. was a brother of the late, Justine Maynard Phillips. His grandmother was Pricy Ray. J.W. Young was a veteran of the Army.

He is resting in heaven waiting on all of his brothers and sisters to see him again someday. What a reunion that will be. I love you Daddy. Sissy not half as much as I love you. We love and miss you.

Written by Selenna Hylton

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 Savior is needed for our redemption.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CHURCH DELEGATES
TO THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2020**

MT. PLEASANT: Daniel Stanley, Ron Gannon, Bruce Williamson

APPLE ORCHARD: Tim Maynard, Freddie Maynard, Johnny Thacker

BENT BRANCH: Billy Meade, Harold Collins, Rick Newsome

BIG BRANCH: Chuck Lowe, Randall Scott, Brad Tibbs

MARY ELIZABETH: David Staten, Eddie Walters, David Marcum

BETHANY: Arthur May, Albert Cable, Monty Messer Sr.

PILGRIMS HOME: Clyde James, Eric Williamson, John Elkins

SALEM: Alonzo White, Ferrell Sesco, Ernest Sesco

SIDNEY: Butler Fletcher, Eugene Moore, Richie Hale

DIX FORK: Edward L. Smith, Danny Stanley, Charles Edwards

NARROWS BRANCH: Mickie Thacker, Ivan Thornsbury, Bobby Scott, Jr.

LEANNAH: Billy Joe Robinson, Cletis Robinson, Kyle Hilton

BUCK CREEK: Vadis Blackburn, Todd Dials, Marion Duncan

TABITHA: Rex Napier, Alex Hensley, Avery Hensley

LITTLE ROSIE: Harvey White, Richard White, Danny Allen

TURKEY CREEK: Mike Coleman, Talbert McCoy Jr., Burb Mullins

SAMARIA: Randall Lackey, Chester Lackey, Bernard Aldridge

ROSA: Macky May, Freddie Cline, Charles Paynter

LITTLE VIRGIE: Alvin Thornbury, Paul Maynard, Dwight Maynard

PILGRIMS REST: Ervin Thacker, Duane Smith, James Branham

ELIZABETH: Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe, Gabe Lowe

LITTLE TAVIE: Jim Cochran, Lester Cochran, Chester Cochran

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Messer, Monty Jr. (304)752-7986	Bethany	222 Earl Vance Dr., Dingess, WV 25671
Muncy, Homer Jr. (606)395-5686	Leannah	HC 67, Box 620, Pilgrim, KY 41250

Napier, Leonard (304)486-5119	Little Tavie	431 Rocklick Branch Rd., Prichard, WV 25555
Napier, Rex (304)595-5438	Tabitha	1417 1st Avenue, Box 462, East Bank, WV 25067
Perry, Clyde (606)298-4481	Elizabeth	P. O. Box 1767, Inez, KY 41224
Robinson, Billy J. (859)321-6919	Leannah	705 Oil Springs Rd, Winchester, KY 40391
Robinson, Timothy (304)235-3425	Little Rosie	92 View Avenue, Williamson, WV 25661
Runyon, Jerry (740)992-2687	Little Tavie	38143 State Rt. 143, Pomeroy, OH 45769
Sesco, Elbert (606)353-7794	Pilgrims Home	20 Fonso Stanley Road, Canada, KY 41519
Sesco, Harold (606)353-0161	Pilgrims Home	Box 130, Sidney, KY 41564
Smith, Duane (606)631-3423	Pilgrims Home	80 John Young Branch, Varney, KY 41571
Smith, Edward L. (606)834-9958	Dix Fork	2911 Camellia Drive, Flatwoods, KY 41139
Stanley, Greg (606)437-7978	Bent Branch	4233 Millers Creek, Pikeville, KY 41501
Staton, Richard (606)237-1217	Pilgrims Home	3668 Long Branch Road, Belfry, KY 41514
Thornsby, Ivan Neal (304)475-3908	Dix Fork	399 Academy Drive, Delbarton, WV 25670
Walters, Andrew (606)637-1620	Pilgrims Home	4981 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
Walters, Lacy (606)353-7468	Mt. Pleasant	3600 Dix Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564
Williamson, Bruce (606)637-9184	Dix Fork	37 Marie Street, Kimper, KY 41539
Williamson, Dale (606)631-9738	Pilgrims Home	5213 Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501
Williamson, Eric (606)631-9926	Pilgrims Home	1079 Callahan Branch, Kimper, KY 41239
Young, Gary (606)631-3959	Pilgrims Home	1344 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571

LIBERATED BRETHREN

None

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Elder Michael D. Lowe (606)253-1992	Clerk	169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501
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Elder Todd J. Dials (606)298-0360	Assistant Clerk	168 Creekwood Estates, Inez, KY 41224

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Elder Arthur May
 Brother John Henry Elkins
 Elder Michael Lowe
 Elder Paul Maynard
 Elder Ivan Neil Thornsbury

CHURCH	ADDRESS	PHONE	CLERK and ADDRESS
MT. PLEASANT	17321 East Big Creek Road, Sidney, KY 41564	(606)353-9507	Daniel Stanley, 78 Brown Branch Road, Sidney, KY 41564
APPLE ORCHARD	10770 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501	(606)631-9314	Johnny L. Thacker, 356 Billy Lowe Branch, Pikeville, KY 41501
BENT BRANCH	87 East Helena Ave., Pikeville, KY 40501	(606)253-1992	Michael Lowe, 169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501
BIG BRANCH	16784 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501	(606)205-1505	Chuck Lowe, 13987 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
MARY ELIZABETH	Hatfield, KY 41514	(606)353-9320	Eddie D. Walters, 56 Davidson Hill, Belfry, KY 41514
BETHANY	654 Laurel Creek, Lenore, WV 25676	(304)752-7986	Monty Messer Jr., 222 Earl Vance Dr., Dingess, WV 26571
PILGRIMS HOME	3331 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571	(606)631-9391	Mike Johnson, 565 John Young Br, Varney, KY 41571
SALEM	30 Goody Road, Goody, KY 41514	(606)237-4723	Ernest SESCO, 289 Sukey Fork Road, Belfry, KY 41514
SIDNEY	288 North Wolf Creek Rd, Pilgrim, KY 41250	(606)298-0960	Todd J. Dials, 168 Creekwood Estate, Inez, KY 41224
DIX FORK	2484 Dix Fork Road, Sidney, KY 41564	(606)353-9507	Daniel Stanley, 78 Brown Br. Rd., Sidney, KY 41564
NARROWS BRANCH	1699 Narrows Branch Road, Hardy, KY 41531	(606)353-9747	Bobby Scott, Jr., 148 Josh Hollow Rd, Hardy, KY 41531
LEANNAH	9016 Meathouse Road, Pilgrim, KY 41250	(606)631-4893	Hayes Robinson, 15835 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
BUCK CREEK	68 Gordon Hollow, Beauty, KY 41203	(606)298-0960	Todd J. Dials, 168 Creekwood Estate, Inez, KY 41224
TABITHA	218 Wonderland Road, Verdunville, WV 25689	(937)764-0429	Avery Hensley, 1720 Zion Lane, Hillsboro, OH 45133
LITTLE ROSIE	2791 Buffalo Creek Rd., Williamson, WV 25661	(304)235-0041	Harvey White, 1275 Dan's Branch Road, Williamson, WV 25661
TURKEY CREEK	1348 Turkey Creek Rd, Turkey Creek, KY 41514	(734)482-3148	Ron Hamilton, 7332 McKean Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
SAMARIA	3646 Dingess Road, Dingess, WV 25671	(606)534-7487	Larry May, 481 Little Laurel Creek, Louisa, KY 41230
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LITTLE VIRGIE	50 Long Fork Road, Kimper, KY 41539	(276)469-1370	Alvin Thornbury, 26335 Pewter Lane, Abingdon, VA 24211
PILGRIMS REST	5051 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571	(606)631-9085	Clifton Robinette, 553 John Young Br, Varney, KY 41571
ELIZABETH	8068 South Highway 3, Louisa, KY 41230	(606)631-3734	Randall L. Lowe, 13739 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
LITTLE TAVIE	151 Chapel Drive, Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550	(740)710-9080	Urias Hall, Jr., 216 Florence Avenue, Jackson, OH 45640
ANTIOCH	1869 Craig Road, Wayne, WV 25570	(304)272-5972	Arthur Mathis, 1915 Craig Road, Wayne, WV 25570
BRIDE OF CHRIST	5064 Rt Fork Camp Creek, Lavalette, WV 25701	(304)272-5972	Arthur Mathis, 1915 Craig Road, Wayne, WV 25570

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	STARTING TIME	MODERATOR	ASSISTANT MODERATOR	MINUTES REQUESTED	CONTRIBUTIONS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEETING TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
Mt. Pleasant	11:00/11:00	Lacy Walters	Ron Gannon	75	150								6	2	July
Apple Orchard	11:00/11:00	Gary Young	Duane Smith	75	150							1	15	1	June
Bent Branch	10:00/10:00	Dale Williamson	Duane Smith	100	200	4	1				2		30	3	August
Big Branch	11:00/11:00	Richard Staton	Andy Walters	100	225	1					1		25	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	11:00/11:00	Ron Gannon	Lacy Walters	75	200	1					1		20	3	July
Bethany	11:00/11:00	Arthur May	David May	60	110		2				1		30	4	August
Pilgrims Home	10:00/10:00	Duane Smith	Andrew Walters	150	300	1					3		75	4	August
Salem	11:00/11:00	Elbert Sesco	Eric Williamson	75	100							2	45	1	May
Sidney	2:00/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Todd Dials	70	200						2		17	4	June
Dix Fork	11:00/11:00	Edward L. Smith	Charles Edwards	100	200	1							25	1	July
Narrows Branch	11:00/11:00	Ivan N. Thornsbury	Larry Thacker	50	100						1		9	4	July
Leannah	10:30/10:30	Billy J. Robinson	Paul Maynard	75	150						2		24	2	July
Buck Creek	10:30/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Albert Cable	75	160								11	3	June
Tabitha	2:30/10:30	Rex Napier	Albert Cable	50	100						1		13	1	August
Little Rosie	11:00/11:00	Elbert Sesco	Tim Robinson	30	60						1		8	2	April
Turkey Creek	11:00/11:00	Hobart Hamilton	Richard Staton	120	250	2					1	2	40	2	May
Samaria	11:00/11:00	Randall Lackey	Vacant	30	100					2			19	1	July
Rosa	10:30/10:30	Hobart Hamilton	Gary Young	75	300						3		13	3	August
Little Virgie	11:00/11:00	Richard Staton	Paul Maynard	75	175						1		7	4	June
Pilgrims Rest	10:30/10:30	Gary Young	Duane Smith	40	150						2		12	2	June
Elizabeth	10:30/10:30	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	Clyde Perry	40	100								7	1	June
Little Tavie	10:30/10:30	Chester Cochran	Lester Cochran	50	275					3	1		10	2	July
Antioch	7:00/10:30	Leonard Napier	Vacant	75	150			1			2		8	4	August
Bride of Christ	7:00/11:00	Sam Frye	Leonard Napier	40	80		3				1		4	3	July
		TOTALS		1,705	\$4,035	10	6	1	0	5	26	5	473		

October 2020 – September 2021

October 2020							November 2020							December 2020							January 2021						
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February 2021							March 2021							April 2021							May 2021						
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27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

○ Indicates Odd Sunday

■ Indicates 2020 Association Meeting

