

**2021 MINUTES  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINETH  
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 10, 11, and 12, 2021**

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



# DEDICATION OF THE 2021 SARDIS ASSOCIATION TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE ELDERS

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 129<sup>th</sup> session of the Sardis Association to the memory of these bold soldier of the Cross. *How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*



*Elder David Crigger  
Dix Fork*



*Elder John Henry Hensley  
Tabitha*



*Elder Homer Muncy  
Leannah*



*Elder Elbert Sesco  
Pilgrims Home*

## **HOW HAPPY ARE THEY**

**How happy are they who their Savior, obey,  
And whose treasures are laid up above,  
Tongues cannot express the sweet comfort and peace,  
Of a soul in its earliest love.**

**That comfort was mine when the favor divine,  
I first found in the blood of the Lamb,  
When my heart first believed, O' what joy I received,  
What a Heaven in Jesus' name.**

**'Twas a Heaven below, my Redeemer to know,  
And the Angels could do nothing more,  
Than to fall at His feet and the story, repeat,  
And the Savior of sinners, adore.**

**Jesus, all the day long, was my joy and my song,  
O', that all His salvation might see,  
He hath loved me, "I cried", He hath suffered and died,  
To redeem such a rebel as me.**

**On the wings of His love, I was carried above,  
All sin and temptation and pain,  
I could not believe that I ever should grieve,  
That I ever should suffer again.**

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**FRIDAY**  
**September 10, 2021**

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 Big Branch Church and co-host Churches; Apple Orchard, Bent Branch, Pilgrims Home and Turkey Creek, on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2021.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand to a sparsely moderate congregation and welcomed everyone, including the Brothers, Sisters, Friends and all in attendance. Brother Tommy spoke, saying in times of trouble God always comes through for those who serve and strive for him. There is some stirring to be done, but we can only do that through Jesus Christ. The key to all is love, as it is all hung upon love. For the Bible says that *God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever would believe upon him, shall have everlasting life.* So we have got to believe from the heart. We must give everything else up and believe. We have to put our faith in Jesus Christ, who is the mediator between us and Heaven today. It's through the spirit that we can serve God. We can't serve him through the flesh. All come and let love flow from breast to breast. Let's be humble and know the good Lord is watching all we do. We need the spirit of God to direct us today.

Elder Ivan Neil Thornsbury, having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory Sermon, came to the stand saying I come with great fear and a lot of love in my heart for all of you. I love this old church, this association and this family. It is my hope that we can work together in love today. If you go with the love of Jesus Christ in your heart, it is a marvelous thing. Before I came into the church, I had worldly love. When I came to Jesus Christ, I now have a new love. We can't have peace without the love of God. If you have love, you have peace. I have got it on my mind to preach about that peace today. Jesus Christ came down to establish a grace covenant. By the deeds of the law, no flesh shall be saved. We have got to keep the Ten Commandments and we must keep them wherever we go. Jesus said if you love me you will keep my commandments.

God sent his only begotten son into this old world, to die for the sins of the world. Those out in the world love darkness rather than light. I also loved darkness when I was out there in the world. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, *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.* In 1998 I had a heavy burden. I started to cast those burdens off me, but I was trying to clean them up all on my own. I was like those down in Egypt's land, at first they had the very best. I also had the very best until I stepped out into sin. God heard my cries and put me on a rock. I am no longer my own keeper. God used Moses to lead his people out of Egypt. For forty years Moses was raised up and given wisdom. God was going to use him to lead his people out of Egypt. Moses saw the burning bush and the angel spoke to him, saying pull off your sandals, for you stand on holy ground. Tell them that the "I Am" sent you. Moses had an experience, as I also had an experience. You must experience it for yourself. Nothing can now separate me from the love of Christ. Christ comes in your life and takes up his abode, never to go out. In order to get your name entered into the Lambs Book of Life, you must have the blood of Jesus applied. Moses delivered them out, and before that they had to have the blood applied to the door post. You better get that blood applied to you. God let Moses see the promise land, and when you leave this world, you will get to see that good land as well.

God will hear your prayers, he won't turn away a beggar. I was trying to clean myself up, but I kept coming up short. If you want to go to Heaven you have to fear God and make a change. You have got to fear where you are going. I want to spend eternity in Heaven. Just look around at the world today, we are living in the days of Noah. All around us they are calling evil good and good evil. Bless them that curse you, pray for them that spitefully use you, so that you can be a child of God. The sun sets on the just and the unjust. I got down serious and began to seek that old path, and I walked therein. The Holy Spirit will guide your ways.

Elder Steve Baker, of the Old Friendship Association, then led in prayer.

Elder Andrew Walters, having been chosen last year, came to preach the Introductory Sermon. Brother Andy began by saying it is with a great fear that I come before you today. I am thankful the Lord has blessed us to meet out one more time. He blesses us in ways we don't even know about. I hope that you will pray for a few moments and he will reach down.

Brother Andy sang, "Precious Lord Take My Hand." It came to my mind this morning that in 1976 at the age of six years old, I walked through those doors out there to join my classmates to go to school. This morning I walked in here to join my family, God's family. I am glad that he made me a part of this family. We are all striving for the same place. I am glad this morning that he had mercy on me. He has got love in one hand and mercy in the other. He is willing to give it to anyone that will call upon him.

Sometimes I go back to that spot that love came to me in the bathroom floor of an old trailer. I am thankful that the Lord has blessed me and how good he is today. We are here for a little while, as life is like a vapor that appears on the water and vanishes away. We don't know what is in store for us. I love the Lord, why because he first loved me. When I first came into this building as a little boy, God knew I would be standing here today. I was changed to a new creature and it is better felt than told. I am glad the Lord had mercy on me and I am glad his arms are stretched out. If you need rest today, his name is Jesus. I heard about Jesus all my life, but I didn't truly know him. I truly met him one day a few years ago. This is not the end of it. When they put us in that grave, it may seem like the end but it's really just the beginning. At the lowest point in my life, my friends did all they could do for me. I met Jesus Christ. I've done a lot in life but I've never experienced anything like the love of God. Get a hold of him and hold on tight.

This place is not the end of it. There is a better place waiting, a land where there is no virus to fear.

I can feel the spirit of the Lord all over me today. He is right here amongst us today. I have never felt anything like the Lord. He can take you upon the mountain. He loved me when I was not fit to be loved. As a boy I knew my mom and dad loved me. My dad would have laid his very life down for me. Every day that God gives you is a blessing. There is a place where we will not have to die no more. I had a fear coming into church as a young man. God did not say no to me, and I will not say no when he calls me to do something. God is real today, he is not a fairy tale. I can feel him all over me this morning. He saved me, but there are more out there in the world that need saved too. I am going to try to warn them. The devil has gone wild in the world today. I know one that when he speaks, the devil has to get out of the way. I have tried to raise my daughter and grandchildren right. The Bible says to raise them in the way they should go and they shall not depart. That is what I am trying to do. I will be able to see Jesus one day. If you don't know him, you need to steal away somewhere and pray. Get your heart in the right spot and he will be right there. I am here today because God put me here. In my travel I was in a bad way, going from church to church. God led me home to the Old Regular Baptist. I am right where I want to be, he gave me a home. God knows all about you and Jesus loves you. I am glad he came into my life and gave me a home in Heaven.

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 Clyde Lewis, Philadelphia Association

Elder Barry Lucas, Union Association

Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association

Elder Teddy Honaker, 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 A.B. Thacker of the Union Association to open the service.

Brother A.B. said, I am the least one of you today. I sure am glad God gave me mercy. The world doesn't have any mercy. In him we find our peace. The only peace I can find is in the old church. I see so many faces missing this morning, but I wouldn't want to call them back. Blessed is he who dies in the Lord. God is our hope and when he appears, we shall also appear with him in Glory. We have a strong hope. There is no peace in the world. Jesus said I leave my peace with you. Jesus is the way and I got in that way. He said go home and show and tell your friends what great things the Lord has done for you. I believe that is talking about going to the church. The brother said inquire to the old path, we are a branch off that old path. He is going to gather his children from the north, south, east and west. I believe with all my heart we are at the end of time. There are not many people praying, and with no prayers, God will quit saving. We need not wait, for but in a few more days, God will call us home. In the world there is trouble, but I have found peace in the Lord. I love my family and I love for them to come to the house. My



wife will fix a big meal and we'll all sit around and eat together. One of these days were going to be called home to a supper table. I'm looking forward to that new home. God has the strength, let's walk and speak in that peace. Let's show the world we are different. I walk a different walk, I talk a different talk than before. I am waiting on Jesus to call and say come on home.

Elder Chuck Hall, of the 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-Ninth Session of the Sardis Association to order. He said, the spirit is strong today. What we can feel is that spirit. We are willing to die on that experience with Jesus Christ.

(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 Big 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 \$4,295.00 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 Friday Night and Saturday, consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association, and the entire delegation from the host church.

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

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 2021 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 2021.

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

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT**

Elder Todd Dials, Sardis Association  
Elder Richard Staton, Sardis Association  
Elder Thomas Dials, Sardis Association

#### **SATURDAY**

Elder Dennis Elkins, Union Association  
Elder Gary Adkins, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Danny Carty, Northern 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 Gary Young

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

(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, Lance Looney, Paul Huffman, Sherd Mullins, John B. Sanders, Barry Lucas, Toy Looney, Jerry Overstreet, Dennis Elkins, Gary Sanders, Charles Eddie Huffman and Harold Smallwood. Letter in the hands of Elder A. B. Thacker.

**NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: Northern Gayle Brown, Logan Kiser, Teddy Honaker, Chester Johnson, Ronnie Halbert, Randy Combs, Chuck Hall, James C. Tackett, Paul Boggs, Mike Justice, Nathan Little, Mike Branham, Kerry Ratliff and Brian Adams. Letter in the hands of Brother Ronnie Halbert.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: Danny Carty, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Scotty Hamilton, Glenn Slone, Andy Fields and Ray Hamilton, Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Sartin.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following delegates: Rondell Bledsoe, Gary Adkins, Clyde Lewis, Scott Adkins, John Lewis and Mark McClannahan. Letter in the hands of Brother Gary Napier.

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

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** Represented by the following delegates: Ralph Cloud, Dannie Caudill, Sam Derrickson, Jeff Lewis, Travis Lewis and Boyd Hatton. 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 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. The Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church responded requesting to reinstate correspondence.

(16) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our Corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second, the committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. today.

(17) On motion from Elder Randy Lackey, seconded by Brother Bobby Scott Jr., the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 11, 2021.

# SATURDAY

September 11, 2021

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 it is wonderful to be loved by God, realizing he died for us. It is wonderful to be in a loving family. Natural love can be bought, but that love sent by God through his only begotten son is wonderful. That spiritual love is on the inside, but it can come to the outside. Soldiers at your post doing what God wants you to do. Never a better time to find Jesus. When Jesus gets off his throne, mercy is ceased. How important it is to get Jesus while you have life and opportunity. One day we are going to get up and answer that call. We have to realize the importance of serving him. We got to please God and do what he tells us to do. We have got to subdue the natural man, who gets unruly, but I got a man on the inside that is stronger. It's good to be here and feel your love.

He then called upon Elder Jeff Lewis, of the Old Indian Bottom Association, to open these services. Brother Jeff said, there is coming a day that if you are not ready you will not be going with the Church. If you don't have the Father, Son and Holy Ghost you will not go back. I'm an empty vessel today, I came up under some good brothers and sisters that held up the blood stained banner before me when I was just a lost boy sitting in the back of the back of the house. Men and women have got a window of opportunity, a space of time to work in. People have stopped following the word of God. There are dead men walking among us today. They have turned him away, turned their backs on God. Things are going to get worse. Men and women need to work while there is day. Get God down in your life. As men and women get older their hearts get harder. I'm thankful that I came into the Church as a young man. Today is the day of salvation, harden not your heart. May God's will be done today. I hope that the delegates will work together as one today. I've never figured out this preaching it has to come down from God out of Heaven. Make yourself fit out in the field. I'm thankful to be among the children of God today. Men and women I want you to go to Heaven, where that call comes from. It won't be the church's fault, it will be the individual's fault, and you won't have an excuse. Every act of obedience that is done before God is rewarded. I found obedience out in the field.

Elder John Lewis, of the Philadelphia 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 Ron Gannon, 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 2021**

Balance on hand 9-01-20 \$ 9,024.38

Add 2020 Income:

Church Contributions for Minutes	\$3,985.00
Obituary Pictures	\$300.00
Rent Income	\$3,609.74
Building Fund Contributions	\$4,000.00
Food Fund Contributions	\$6,965.00
Lawn Mower Fund	\$200.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,646.00
Coal Royalty Income	\$11,432.82

Total 2020 Income \$ 33,138.56  
 Total Available for 2020 **\$ 42,162.94**

Less 2020 Expenses:

Minute Expense/Mailing	\$3,780.66
Clerk Expense/Stamps	\$61.74
Building and Land Expense	\$2,859.91
Building Security	\$241.89
Electric Expense	\$4,067.03
Water Expense	\$659.91
Telephone Expense	\$1,292.07
Insurance Expense	\$890.80
Food and Supply Expense	\$2,101.40
Apartment Expense	\$191.25
Transfer to Fire Insurance Fund	\$17,432.82

Total 2020 Expense (\$ 33,579.48)

Balance on Hand 8-31-21 **\$ 8,383.46**

(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	Brother Jimmy Newsome	Brother David Marcum

(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](http://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, 1897 - 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 year 2022 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Ray Hamilton, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Kerry Ratliff, New Salem Association  
Brother Edgar Baker, Jr., Old Friendship 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 2022 Association:

Elder John Lewis, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Steve Baker, Old Friendship Association

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

Elder Charles Edwards, Preach the Introductory Sermon  
Elder Clyde Perry, Alternate  
Elder Andrew Walters, Prepare Circular Letter



It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June 2022, to:

Elder Michael Lowe  
169 Scott Fork  
Pikeville, KY 41501

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**(13)** 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.

**(14)** 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, 2021: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Marion Duncan, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Richard Staton, Clyde Perry, Bobby Scott Jr., Alvin Thornbury, Ron Gannon, John Butler Fletcher, Leonard Napier 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, 2021: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Marion Duncan, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Richard Staton, Bobby Scott Jr., Alvin Thornbury, Ron Gannon, John Butler Fletcher and Leonard Napier. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, South Plymouth, Michigan, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2022: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, Alvin Thornbury, Leonard Napier, Sam Frye and John Butler Fletcher. 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, 2022: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Stony Blackburn, Marion Duncan, Bobby Scott Jr., Albert Cable, Alvin Thornbury, Ron Gannon, Edward L. Smith, Leonard Napier 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, 2022: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Marion Duncan, Richard Staton, Stony Blackburn, Ivan Neil Thornsbury, Bobby Scott Jr., Sam Frye, Alvin Thornbury, Ron Gannon, Albert Cable, Leonard Napier 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, 2022: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Hobart Hamilton, Marion Duncan, Bobby Scott Jr., Richard Staton,, Ron Gannon, Clyde Perry, Leonard Napier, John Butler Fletcher, Monty Messer, Albert Cable, Lester Cochran and Alvin Thornbury. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

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

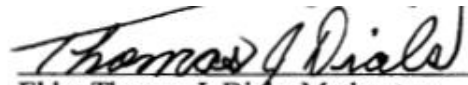
(16) The Sardis Association is so thankful for the many Brothers, Sisters and Friends, along with our Host Churches and the Building Committee, who have labored so much for this the One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Session of the Sardis Association. We are so thankful for the attendance of our corresponding Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Velocity Market at Zebulon, Kentucky; to Zip Zone for donating water; to Jason Jude and his family for weed eating the many hours; 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 Food City at South Williamson for delivering the chicken; to the Campers for being excellent guests; to Brother Danny Reed, Brother Daniel Stanley and Brother Richard Station for picking up food and supplies; to all the Sisters, Brothers and Friends who worked together in the kitchen, all the special young ladies that helped in the kitchen, 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.

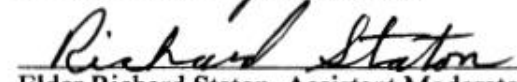
(17) By regular move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises was omitted and it is ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

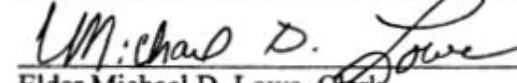
(18) On motion from Brother Monty Messer, seconded by Brother Don Preece, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September 2022.

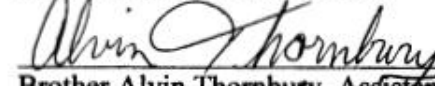
(19) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Steve Baker, of the Old Friendship Association. Elder Kerry Ratliff, of the New Salem Association led the closing prayer and called dismissed.

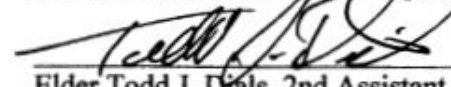
(20) This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.

  
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](mailto: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 12, 2021

Feeling the wonderful spirit of our great God in Heaven, 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 the time has come for us to gather ourselves together under the umbrella of Jesus Christ. He has to be number one, he is a jealous God. I'm thankful for this weekend that great God has given us. Unity in spirit will hold us together. Then we will get up and go home together in the morning. He is going to come back on a cloud of glory, there will be some not going that will have to stay here. Today is the day of salvation, seek ye. I have to desire that, as there is a light shining down and calling you to come to the seat of the master. I am glad today we have been able to unify under that umbrella of Jesus Christ. God has blessed us another hour, another day. Brother Tommy then read the prayer list and called upon Elder Edwin Hay to come and introduce the service.

Elder Edwin Hay, of the Sardis Association, came saying, I have few words to say, but the main one is thank you from the bottom of my heart. You just opened the door for me. Listen to her voice with your heart. I am nothing, but I believe in the gospel he sent down to us. They have come to me this weekend saying, I remember you, but I remember when God helped me, I can't preach without him. Believe the scriptures, they are true. At night on your bed, they will come to you. Jesus Christ is all I got to preach. I love every one of you. I hope when you die, you got Jesus down in your heart. God will cause you in the spirit to preach the word. I've traveled all these years, I have never left. We ask you give an experience, what experience do we want to hear, I've been praying on account of my sins. We want to hear of an experience of grace. They will have something to say. *From the heart man believeth unto righteousness, with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* If you confess to something that hasn't happened to you, you're in great trouble. Seek the Lord with your whole heart. Listen to him, he will give you something to say. When God blesses me to preach, I love you with all my heart. If I live a few more years, I want God to be in my life every day. The Lord will listen with his ear to your heart.

He called for a song, and we sang, "To See A Pilgrim As He Dies."

A heart felt prayer was led by Elder John Wayne White, of the Sardis Association.

Elder Nathan Little, of the New Salem Association, came to the stand saying, I am honored to be among this great host this morning. God loves his people and provides for them. Brother Nathan sung, "Letters From My Father."

I love you all with a heart full of love. I can do nothing without him. God has been so good to me. Seeing all these young people today makes me happy. God saved my soul at the age of seventeen, and it's been the best time of my life. I had trouble in life, but a staff to lean upon. I

thought about how many times the world has tried to stomp out the Church. We got something greater on the inside than what is in the world. Jesus Christ loves you today. They cast three little Hebrew boys in the fire but those boys trusted in God. I'm glad today that if you have God on your side you will be a winner either way. They thought they were going to get rid of those Hebrew boys. They turned the furnace up seven times hotter than ever before. It was so hot it burned up those that cast them into the fire. They thought they had finally gotten rid of them and stomped out their light. The old king got worried and went back to look into the furnace. He said did we not cast three into the fire, but I now see four, and one likened unto the son of man. He is in the fire for his people today. God will walk with you and talk with you. Repentance is required at the hands of all men. You need to have an experience of grace. Jesus can take you back to that spot. I felt Heaven come all over me. I was baptized with the fire and the Holy Ghost that day. Listen, you need him more than you need life, more than your next breath. They are trying to stomp us out, saying we are not doing any good. Jesus is for us, if he is for us, who can be against us. They stripped him and were horrible to him. Seek the Lord and work while it is day, for when night comes no man can work. In simple terms, work when the spirit is with you. God's people love one another, they will give you a hug around your neck. I'm thankful for the Sardis Association and the love that I feel. Work together in peace, love and joy.

Elder Clyde Lewis, of the Philadelphia Association came to the stand saying, I thank God he has blessed me with the health and strength to be here today. We realize our days are getting shorter, our steps are getting shorter. If the spirit of God is not in the preaching, it has no power, and if it has no power it has no effect. We can't preach the gospel in nature. Open your mouth and say the words. When man is in the spirit, he won't preach nothing wrong. There is only one way from here to there. The only way to get there is through and by Jesus Christ. There are many ways upon this earth, but he told us to stand in the way, and inquire into that old path. This path is marked by his blood and easy to follow. He was the high priest, the one that came from Heaven here, ordained by the almighty God. If God has not called and ordained you, it will do you no good. He was born of a virgin woman sent from Heaven. He came for a purpose. He came to fulfill something and establish one. This high priest was not well thought of. As long as he obeyed the law, everybody liked him. He was born of the law, and he kept the law. His name is Jesus, but he had a forerunner. God sent this man, born under the law, but born and filled with the Holy Ghost. He was guided by the Holy Ghost. It will lead you if you are born again. He was sent for a purpose. This man, John, on the banks of the Jordan came. In 1971, I had a new birth, I got a new name. On earth I was born a Lewis, but God heard my cry and I was given a new name. I'm now a Baptist. John was standing on the banks preaching something. Lift up his voice. What did they hear, they heard that sound from Heaven, the sound that woke up a dead man.

There was another man sent from Heaven, who had a mother, but no natural father. He was the son of God. John standing on the banks baptizing, looked across the river and saw him. I see him, he is the one you shall see when the Holy Ghost gets upon him. Up to that day, Jesus kept the law because he was the high priest. But he was made after the order of God. From that day forward he stopped keeping the law, because he was fulfilling the law. Grace came by Jesus

Christ, life came by him. Jesus began to go around preaching, forgiving them of their sins. He was God in the flesh. He came back for something, a wife. I found a little girl one time, about eighteen years old, we got married, and have been married fifty two years. I love her and don't want to go into the house of a strange woman. Why would I want to go into a strange house? I am satisfied with mine, I don't hunt for another one. This is all the plan of God. If you are seeking God, keep on seeking. Seek him with all your heart. I couldn't repent without God. When it was offered to me, I turned. God knew my heart. By his mighty hand he laid hold of mine and led me through the travel. This man Jesus came freely from Heaven. Why? So that you may have life and not die. When death overtakes me, I will sleep until my husband awakens me. This man Jesus is the most important person in your life today. Let me a beggar have Jesus in my heart. Jesus walked the shores down this way, he loved them all.

Jesus' own people turned on him. His own people and his own household. We was arrested. He was the high priest. He was the only one that could do something. The earth was searched and no one found worthy to take the book. An angel appeared and said weep not John, one has been found and he is worthy. He put my name with his engraving into the palm of his hand. Jesus loves you so much. They brought him before a man who thought he had all power. Satan rules the kingdom of the world. But when Jesus speaks Satan has to bow down to him. They brought him to Pilate, who said I have power to kill you or let you go. Jesus answered saying, thou has no power lest my Father give it to you, and he asked him are you the Christ. I can see Him now. When they hung him they beat him, he could feel all that was done to him. Another man was compelled to help him carry the cross. Jesus was not carrying the wood cross, but the cross of sins for the whole world. Jesus hung on the tree for you, for my children and for you. When they got him upon the hill, only the high priest could offer the sacrifice for sins. Jesus offered a sacrifice for all that sin and came short of the glory of God. I got a home awaiting for me. As he was hanging on that tree and looked out among the people. Who are my brothers and my sisters? Those that do the will of my father. He looked over the scattered people, not a bone of him was broken.

Be careful how you handle your brothers. You better be good to him. Lovest thou me? If you love him, you love the brotherhood. He broke down the middle wall, a partition and gave you and me the rights to enter into the Holiest of Holys. He done away with the law and fulfilled it. The Roman soldier pierced him in the side and forth came blood and water. It takes that blood to cleanse you and water to give you life. We have grace now in full effect. There was silence in Heaven for a space of a half hour, to pay homage to the King. The angels and the heavenly hosts were silent. One of these days, I expect to be in that land where everything will be alright. Love one another as he has loved you. Enter not into the house of a strange woman. I love God and I love his ways. If you will get in the way, the way will get in you, and you will be blessed.

Elder Northern Gayle Brown of the New Salem Association, came saying I love God's people and I love being around them. I desire God's riches, but right now I desire your prayers. This world keeps getting worse, and it's not going to get any better. The Bible says we are in the world, but not of the world. There is just the Church and the world. The world is going to hell, the Church is going up. The only way to get to it is through repentance. Repentance is a godly sorrow. You have got to go through and by Jesus Christ.

Once you get into the sheepfold, you don't want to go out. We are happy. People of the world look and say we are a poor people, but they don't know what riches are all about. It takes God to set that sorrow up. You can only work when the spirit is working with you. When Jesus came at the age of thirty, he went out and was seeking the work of his father. He called them and told them to follow him and they would be fishers of men. If people pay attention, they will be caught. He picked twelve, but he picked one that was of the Devil. He went preaching his own everlasting gospel. They have been trying to kill him ever since his birth. He was laid in a manger, a place no child was ever laid. A message went out and the Sheppard's were keeping the flock. That message went out and spoke to them about a child in Bethlehem. They began to follow that light, I followed that light that led to Jesus Christ. They brought him gifts, but the greatest gift was laying there. He preached his everlasting gospel for three and a half years. When the time came and they laid him in a tomb. Nichodemus was there and begged for the body of Jesus. They placed soldiers all around. All those soldiers couldn't do anything about it. The sisters came to anoint his body. Gold was right there with them in the tomb. He said you tear this temple down and in three days I will raise it up again. They thought he was talking about the building that took forty years to build, but he was talking about his body. They thought they were rid of him. I am glad he offered his life for me. In 1989, I offered my life for him. A child of God wants to hold as close as they can to Jesus Christ. On the third and appointed morning, Jesus came out of that grave. The grave clothes and napkin were folded up a certain way. What did that mean? It meant that the one that left is coming back. He walked among them, and they saw him go away on that cloud, and he is coming back on that same cloud. I believe in the resurrection of this man on that great day, he is going to put life in this man right here. When I was born my mom and dad rejoiced, when I was born in 1989, the saints rejoiced in Heaven. When I was born again I can tell you I sure was rejoicing.

I want men and women to go to Heaven and meet this man Jesus. They have to deny themselves. I believe he gave me life, and more abundantly. That day my name was wrote in the Lambs Book of Life. I went to the water with a desire to answer that good conscience toward God. Jesus was not baptized to make him the Christ, he was baptized because he was the Christ. He is our example in all things. The Devil is a liar and the father of it. Satan was cast down out of Heaven, out of the old church. We got a stranger thing now. He can't get in God's church today. We are hedged in, we are on our way to Heaven. We are singing a pretty song. What is the title? It is Jesus. When he tunes us up, we are tuned up. I don't have to get up here to get tuned up. I advise everybody to come to this man Jesus. That man on the inside is alive and alive forever more. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. There is nothing like this man Jesus Christ. On this earth, there is nothing like Jesus' church. She is all dressed up and ready to go. Got a robe on. When Jesus comes back in his cloud of glory, we are going to follow the lamb and rejoice. God's children all over this world are married to the same man.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, came saying they have told you about Jesus and told you about his birth. We got to be careful, we have to be of the one family and the one blood. We must be born again, by the word of God that liveth and abidith forever. There was this man that his family was mad at him because God gave him a dream. They are after God's people, the church, they will kill you. Paul went through a lot, normal people went through it because of serving Jesus Christ. We are looking to one source, looking to him. Joseph was sold down there



for thirty pieces of silver. God was watching over him and God is watching over us today. I've got a good King. As long as we serve him he will take care of us. We got two choices to serve God or serve the Devil. If you serve the Devil you're going down to hell. Death and hell will be cast into the lake of fire. Jesus had no room in the inn. Have you got a place for him? When we get rid of this old man, Jesus will come in and take up his abode and make you new again. He will come to stay. Israel committed spiritual fornication. When you get that Holy Ghost baptism, he is on the inside and will guide you. He will guide you to a door, that door is Jesus Christ. If you don't come to that door, you will die and be in that lake of fire.

Joseph was down there and they cast him into prison. They told a lie on him, they used God's doctrine against him. No matter what trouble you have today, you have a friend. He was always there, but I didn't want him. I wanted things of the flesh. If you got him in your life you got eternal life. This outward man is waiting on a change. Joseph in prison still looked to God. He is the answer to all our problems today. My Daddy was a young man but he was dying of cancer. He looked up from his bed and said I see angels coming down. A child of God will see the angels coming at death. You will see your home when you die. Does your life match up with the word of God? Listen church, you will get talked about, ran over, but we are going to serve him no matter what they do. Joseph was in prison with two others and had a dream. He was going to be delivered but didn't know nothing about it. I've been delivered by the blood of Jesus Christ. He delivered us all on that third and appointed day. I've never been in a natural prison but I was in a prison of sins and it had me. I was bound down, when Jesus came into me and made me clean. Go home and tells your friends, your friends in the church. Your brothers and sisters are bound together by one blood, one family, going to one place, Heaven. When you receive that fire and Holy Ghost, you are a child of God. You will not be satisfied until you get to a hole of water. Joseph told the dream of the baker and the butler, the baker was going to die. The king had a dream and needed someone to interpret it. The butler remembered Joseph. There is law we got to abide by. The Ten Commandments came over into the grace. Joseph sent word that there would be seven years of good and seven years of famine. Store up in the seven years of good. During the seven years of good, you need to look to Jesus. The king stored up all he could for seven years. I see Jesus that came to give us life. They prepared seven years, then they lost a king that was good to them. We got a king that is good to us. He died on the cross for you and he arose on that third day. They prepared a while and things changed. It is up to you what king your serve. I don't want to be like the old king, I want to be like Jesus. He knows exactly how to treat you. We see Moses bring the children of Israel out. Moses was a mediator between God and the children. We got a mediator that is all powerful and knows all about you. Offer yourself a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God.

Elder Richard Staton, our Assistant Moderator, came to the stand to close out the service by singing, "Some Fine Morning." He began by saying, the Bible says to prove all things to hold to that with is right. God knows your heart today. He proved his love on that cross. The Bible says no greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. He has commanded all men to repent. In the land there is a lot of sickness, but the worst one is sin. It will kill both the body and soul. I am thankful there is a cure for it. *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever would believe upon him shall have everlasting life.* God is the only way from this world to the glory land. In my father's house are many mansions, if it were

not so I would have told you. I go away to prepare a place for you and I will come again. He said I am coming back and will receive you unto myself. I'll get to sing that new song. I'd rather have it than all the silver and gold in this world. If God be for us, who can be against us. There is but one way to Heaven and his name is Jesus Christ. They came to kill, steal and destroy, but I came to give you life and that you may have it more abundantly. He will be with you all the way to the end of the world. He died and was buried and on the third day got up. Thirty-nine years ago God breathed life down in my soul. He told John on the Isle of Patmos *I am he that liveth, and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. I am the bread that came down out of Heaven that you may eat thereof and never die.* He gave me eternal life and now I am awaiting on my change. He will come close enough to have every eye see him, and every knee will bow.

The congregation sang the song, "Jesus Left His Home in Glory"

Elder Jeff Lewis, of the Old Indian Bottom Association, dismissed the service.

Your Clerks

## CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2021

Brethren, as I was chosen during our last session to the great task of writing the circular letter, a great fear fell upon me knowing of my inability to accomplish such a task and having to reach for the great helping hand of our LORD. But almost immediately the WORD of GOD came to my mind.

The WORD is the guide for us during our stay here on earth, that through this WORD we have our being, our breath of life, the WORD, gives us understanding, *There is a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.* (Job 32:8) *The Spirit of GOD hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.* (Job 33:4)

*For the Grace of GOD that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts. We should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great GOD and our Saviour JESUS CHRIST.* (Titus 2:11-13) *In the beginning was the WORD and the WORD was with GOD and the WORD was GOD and the same was in the beginning with GOD.* (John 1:1) To gain this great salvation and escape the wrath to come we had to believe the WORD of GOD, become obedient and repent. Leave the world with the world, as the world is an enemy to GOD. For all that do unrighteous, are an abomination to GOD. The WORD that by his great blessing comes to us that we might be able to preach to a dying and sinful world, the way, the life, a common salvation to all men that would believe and repent. Through the WORD we find that repentance is required at the hands of all men. Jesus told Nicodemus, *Ye must be born again.* (John 3:7) Except a man be born of water and the spirit he cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven. This new birth comes by faith believing in JESUS CHRIST. Without faith it is impossible to please GOD, for he that comes to GOD must believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

I believe the measure of faith that GOD dealt to every man comes to all when you reach the age of accountability. I believe that's when a man becomes a man in the sight of GOD. When I speak of man I'm speaking of both men and women alike. He is now responsible for his actions in the eyes of GOD. But as a child, were there's no LAW there's no transgression. *Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.* (James 4:17) To get back to the garden that man left being enticed by Satan, a man has to go through the door, JESUS CHRIST which is the Cherubim, the flaming swords that is guarding the way back into the garden that we so freely left.

*For GOD so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.* (John 3:16) What a great promise to have an eternal home of peace and love. I can feel it so close sometimes as I talk to my LORD my GOD that

I can almost reach and touch him as I go through my day that he has given me. Jesus says believe that I am he and be you saved. As Paul wrote, believe with thine heart unto righteousness and confess with thy mouth unto salvation. If you are ashamed to confess me before men I'll be ashamed to confess you before my Father and the angels in Heaven.

*For by grace are you saved through faith; that not of yourselves this mighty grace is a gift of GOD.* (Ephesians 2:8) A few crumbs fell from the children's table and I believe a few fell my way and I kept moving closer. I could see the soft smile on the faces of the Brothers and Sisters, the peace that they all seemed to have and I wanted that so much. As each of them would make their way to me just to speak, shake my hand or maybe a hug. Each one showing that love and kindness. My friends that's the drawing power that Jesus spoke about, by my love and kindness have I drawn thee. We need to continue to show that same love. As it is written, *JESUS CHRIST is the same yesterday, today, and forever.* (Hebrews 13:8)

As the Brothers preached I started hearing about salvation, repentance and travel from nature to grace and being born again. The very WORD of GOD. I had heard about this all my life from a child up. But when you're hearing the gospel of your own salvation by ears given to hear with for the first time, it's all new because now it's touching your very soul. I'm so thankful for the crumbs that fell my way. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the WORD of GOD. I'm so thankful for the Brothers that they preached the WORD given to them. Friends, this faith is dead unless you put it to work. As the scripture says show me your faith without works and I'll show you my faith by my works. I realize that I'm writing of my experience of grace but that's what I have to base my life on. It was the most fearful time and later the most peaceful time I've ever experienced. Because of the fear of going down to that world of the lost. Then peaceful joy when I felt the presence of my LORD and Savior, and he spoke peace to my soul. This King James Version of the Bible that we read, from Genesis to Revelation, leads us to JESUS CHRIST and his great salvation, because it reads salvation is of the LORD.

Each of our Brethren have their own way of explaining the WORD of GOD when so blessed to preach to the congregation. The LORD puts his WORD in the open mouth that is obedient to his will. A humble heart, a willing servant, to speak what the LORD gives you is what I believe the LORD wants from his ministers. Do what the old brothers spoke to me in a dream "always stand on the truth and what's right". If we do that my friends, I believe with all my heart that we will do as Jesus told Peter, feed my lambs and feed my sheep.

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.* (1 Peter 2:9) Seek ye the old path and walk there in, because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. I'm living with that great hope of hearing, well done good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, enter thou into the joy of the LORD.

So we can't bring anything out of the world or hold on to anything when you come into the church for it is pure. We were purchased with a price most costly, the precious pure blood of JESUS CHRIST. The old path, we need to hold fast and never lose the ring of that old time sound and old way that our forefathers have stood for, for all these generations. From the time that John the Baptist said, behold the Lamb of GOD that takes away the sin of the world, from then until now, even to the end of the world. John was sent to prepare a people and to make his paths straight. For it is written, behold I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. I believe that I'm a part of that people and JESUS CHRIST is the path. For Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life, I change not. Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. That's when you can feel that love flowing from breast to breast. There's nothing better than one mind and one accord when we come together, and work together in peace and love.

My hope is that I can pile up a few stones along my way so all that come after us, even my children and yours alike would know the way we have gone. *But the day of the LORD will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works therein shall be burned up. (2 Peter 3:10)* So we need to keep warning men and women by the word of God to seek that eternal home. *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God and keep his commandments, is the whole duty of man. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)*

For his name is called the word of God, King of Kings and LORD of LORDs. Written with the help of the LORD.

Your unworthy servant.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Gannon". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Elder Ronald Gannon

# UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

## APRIL 2022

**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 2022

**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 with Moderator attending.

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

## JUNE 2022

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Arthur Mathis, Freddie Murphy, Billy Joe Robinson and Andrew Walters.

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

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following regular church service. Ministers called: Daniel Newsome, Mike Lowe, Hobart Hamilton 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, Charles Edwards with Moderator attending.

## JULY 2022

**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, 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, 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, Fitch Reed and Hobart Hamilton.

## AUGUST 2022

**TABITHA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:30 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 11:30 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 Andrew Walters.

**ROSA:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion on Sunday. Ministers called: Stony Blackburn, Ivan Blankenship, Harold Sesco, Eric Williamson, 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, Ron Gannon 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: Nathan Little, Billy Joe Robinson and Bruce Williamson.

## **OCTOBER 2022**

**REBECCA:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday following normal business meeting. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Arthur May, Clyde Perry and Ralph Cloud.



# MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

## APRIL 2022

**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.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held on the odd Sunday in April (May 1) at the Sardis Association Building. Ministers called: A. B. Thacker, Clyde Lewis, Dennis Elkins, with Moderator and Assistant Moderation attending. Everyone please bring a covered dish.

## MAY 2022

**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, Sam Frye, Mike Lowe, with the moderator attending.

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

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

**MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May (Fraley) Harrison and son Charles E. Harrison and family at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, Lacy Walters, Albert Cable, Sam Frye, Richard Staton and Stony Blackburn.

**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, Hobart Hamilton and Rick Mullins.

**NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Narrows Branch Church, the Julius Scott Cemetery and Brother Clyde and Sister Fern Brown who are buried on the Hill Crest Cemetery at Kenova on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Gary Young, Charles Edwards 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: Mike Lowe, Dale Williamson, Ron Gannon, with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday in May (May 29, 2022), at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Bruce Williamson, Charles Edwards, Stony Blackburn and Edward L. Smith.

## **JUNE 2022**

**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 Mike Lowe.

**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, Thomas J. Dials 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, Harold SESCO, John Paul Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

**REBECCA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery beginning at 11:00 a.m. on the second Sunday. Ministers called: David May, Sam Frye and Arthur Mathis.

**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: Richard Staton, Tim Robinson and Duane Smith.

**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, Hobart Hamilton and Richard Staton.

**REBECCA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Muncy Cemetery beginning at 11:00 a.m., on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Leonard Napier, Lester Cochran, David May and Clyde Perry.

**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, Zack Stewart, Sam Frye, and Edward L. Smith. Everyone welcome. Dinner is to be served.

## JULY 2022

**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: Gary Young, Harold Sesco, Andrew Walters 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, Sam Frye 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.

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

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

## AUGUST 2022

**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, Greg Stanley, Mike Lowe, Nathan Little 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: Harold Sesco, Larry Thacker, Jerry Overstreet 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, Dale Williamson, Richard Staton and Greg Stanley, with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

**REBECCA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at 11:00 a.m. of all deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Danny McCoy, Danny Hurley, Leonard Napier and Todd Dials.

**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, Lacy Fletcher, Clyde Perry and Monty Messer Jr.

**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, Arthur May 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, Kenneth B. Jude, Dewey 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.

## **SEPTEMBER 2022**

**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, 2022. Ministers called: Todd Dials, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude, Clyde Perry, 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 2022. 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 Avory McCoy, and others buried on this Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife, Ora Blackburn and daughter, Mae Blackburn, and all others buried near the mouth of Wolf Creek are included. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Billy Joe Robinson, Thomas J. Dials, Todd 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.

**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 Thornsbury, 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: 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 2022

**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: Richard Staton, Greg Stanley, Kelly Slone, Leonard Napier and Abe Howell.

**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, Richard Staton, Arthur May 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 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Richard Staton, Zeb Justice, Arthur Mathis and Gary Estep.

**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 Richard Staton.

## **NOVEMBER 2022**

**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. (No meeting on Odd Sunday of Sardis Association memorial meeting, May 1)
Bent Branch/Pilgrims Home at Bent Branch	New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m.
Buck Creek	New Year's Eve at 7:30 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.
Salem Church	Easter Sunday, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.
Samaria Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Sardis Association at Building	Every odd Saturday Evening at 6:00 p.m. <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, Daniel Jacobs and Andy Fields.

# Obituaries-MEMBERS OF THE SARDIS CHURCHES

## ELDER LLOYD DAVID CRIGGER

Elder David Crigger of Anthony, FL went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. He was eighty years old. David was born March 18, 1941 at Sidney, KY. He had been undergoing treatments for multiply myeloma and leukemia. He was preceded in death by his parents Grayson and Minnie (Robinson) Crigger and his first wife, the mother of his children, Sister Geraldine (Scott) Crigger; they were married almost fifty years prior to her passing from ovarian cancer in 2009. He is survived by his wife Ruth (Lowe) Crigger of Anthony, FL, a daughter Cynthia Crigger of Huntington, WV and Paul David Crigger of St. Albans, WV. His grandchildren who he loved; Grayson, Broly, Esme and Rosie Marie Crigger. He is also survived by his stepchildren John Lowe of Georgia, Pam Maynard of Kentucky and Michelle Dean of Florida and several step-grandchildren.



Brother David graduated from Belfry High School. As a young man he worked for Piggly Wiggly in South Williamson, KY. Later he went to work for Valley Dale as an independent sales contractor. Prior to his relocating to Florida, he retired as the owner and operator of Crigger's Taxidermy located at Canada, KY. David was an Old Regular Baptist minister being baptized by H. C. Maynard and Steve Robinson in 1967. He placed his membership at the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist church where he served as Moderator for several years. He also was Moderator of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist church and Assistant Moderator at the Myrtle Old Regular Baptist Church in Melbourne, FL.

Throughout his life he held an unwavering faith in God which he shared with those around him. He believed in quoting the bible scriptures which he could do so fluently up until God called him home. His favorite scripture was Exodus 23-20: "*Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.*" Serving the Lord and sharing the message of Jesus was his number one priority. He loved spending time with his family and his extended church family.

Written by his loving daughter, Cindy Crigger, and his wife Sister Ruth Crigger

## ELDER JOHN HENRY HENSLEY

I will try, with the help and guidance of the Lord to write the obituary for my uncle and brother in Christ, Elder John Henry Hensley. Brother John Henry left this world on December 19, 2020. Making his time here on earth eighty-four year, three months and twenty days. He was born on August 29, 1936 in Logan, WV, to the late Brother Avery and Sister Nona Hensley. Brother John Henry was preceded in death by all of his natural brothers and sisters, two wives; Sister Virginia Gilman Hensley and Sister Nancy White Hensley; three children; Jessie Cox, Unona Jessie and John Henry Hensley, Jr. Brother John Henry joined the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church in Delbarton, WV sometime in the mid 1990s. He brought his letter to the Tabitha Church on August 2, 2003 and was a faithful member until his death. Brother John Henry loved serving God and being out and about doing the Lord's will. He enjoyed visiting all the sister churches that he could. I don't think he ever met anyone he couldn't talk to and show love to. Brother John Henry loved to laugh and joke with everyone but when it came to his belief in God he was always serious. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.



Written by his nephew and brother in Christ,  
Brother Avery Hensley

## ELDER HOMER MUNCY JR.

It is with a very sad heart that I submit the obituary of Homer Muncy, Jr. This was Homer's last work. He wrote this himself, leaving blanks for dates to make it easier for me and the girls. He was always considerate.

Homer Muncy, Jr. was born April 10, 1941 at the mouth of Peter Cave, Pilgrim, KY. He departed this life on June 4, 2021, making his stay upon God's footstool eighty years. He was a son of the late Grace (Maynard) Muncy and Homer Muncy, Sr. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his twin infant sons, Dwayne and Wayne Muncy, two sisters, Irene Muncy Lowe and Lorene Muncy Jude, and two brothers, Raymond Muncy and Phillip Muncy. He is survived by his loving wife of fifty four and one half years,



Betty (McCoy) Muncy, four daughters, Melinda (Aaron) Jordan of Jeffersonville, KY, Karena (Randy) Copley of Pikeville, KY, Natalie Dawn (Scott) Wheeler of Round Rock, TX, and Alison Lynn (James) Shortridge of Pikeville, KY, eight grandchildren, Kyle Jordan, Wesley Jordan, Joseph

Jordan, Abigail Jordan, Wade Copley, Tiffany Copley, Holly Akers and Everlee Wheeler, one brother, Lowell Muncy of Inez, KY and one sister, Rebecca (Walker) Fields of Debord, KY.

After attending several grade schools, Homer attended Warfield High School and graduated in May of 1957, having turned sixteen a month before. Upon graduation, he was granted a "workship" at Pikeville College. He did physical work for five and a half days a week all summer and twenty hours a week during the school year for two years, often hitch-hiking home after work on Saturday evenings. After two years, he applied for a Provisional Teaching Certificate which was granted and first finished out at a school in the head of Peter Cave and then taught two years in the head of Meathouse often walking the three and a half miles each way. In 1961, he was placed at Pigeon Roost where he taught for fifteen enjoyable years. Saturday and summer classes followed at Pikeville College, where he graduated in August of 1966. He and Betty McCoy had dated for over two years and were married by the late Elder Wallace Muncy on the evening of September 2, 1966. It has been a marriage made in Heaven and has been blessed for fifty four and a half years. Homer also taught night school for adults for a while. In addition to teaching, he drove a bus for three years. Beginning in April of 1976, he was offered a job at Martin County Coal where he worked for almost fourteen years making a total of thirty two years worked before becoming disabled.

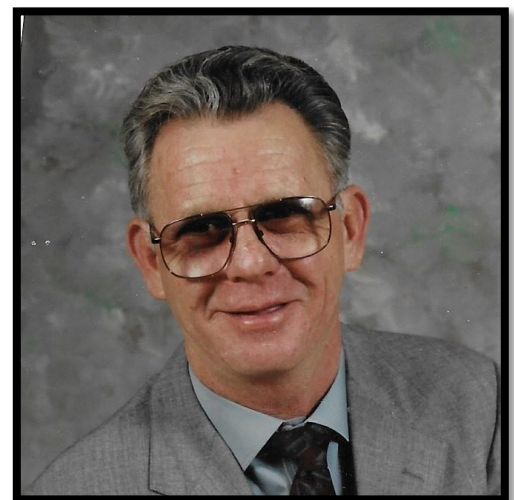
He and his wife, Betty, were baptized on the second Sunday in July near the Leannah Church on Meathouse after experiencing a New Birth in Christ. He was a firm believer in the Old Regular Baptist principals and doctrine. He was ordained an Elder on June 11, 1994 and preached the Gospel until he was no longer able to do so. He served as clerk and treasurer for seven years and kept the lists for the Memorial Meetings for over twenty years. He also worked to enlarge the Church early on. "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 11 a.m., in the chapel of Crum Funeral Home with Billy Joe Robinson, Albert Cable, and Paul Maynard officiating. Burial followed in the Homer Muncy Cemetery on Meathouse.

Submitted by his loving wife

## **ELDER ELBERT RODOLPH SESCO**

It is with a broken heart that we will try to write our daddy's obituary. Daddy left this world on April 4, 2021, Easter Sunday morning. Daddy was born on June 22, 1944. He was seventy-five years old when God called him home. He was the son of the late Leonard and Eliza Robinette Sesco. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by brothers; Tom, Bobby and Vernal Sesco. He is survived his daughters, Lora (Steve) Johnson, Geraldine "Geri" (Paul) Phillips and son, Paul (Betty) Sesco. Also surviving are grandchildren; Keith Coleman, Nicole Sesco, Joseph McGinnis and Mark Comer, great grandchildren; Ava Comer and Piper Comer, brothers; Ernest (Bea) Sesco, Harold (Mary) Sesco, Ferrell (Ann) Sesco, Leonard Jr., (Janell) Sesco, Ken (Peggy) Sesco and John Wayne (Theresa)



Sesco, sisters; Debbie (Ray) Spears and Doris (Matt) Fletcher, along with so many beautiful nieces and nephews that he loved so much.

Daddy left the world knowing his wife was waiting on him in the arms of Jesus. When I told him Mommy was gone, he said, sissy I can't stay here without her, I will be gone. In just a little while, three weeks and two days, he went to be with Mommy and Jesus. Daddy married my beautiful mother, Martha Farley Sesco on June 5, 1965. From their union they had three children; Lora, Geraldine and Paul. Daddy was a member of the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church, where he was a member for years. Then he was ordained as a minister on April 28, 1984. Daddy loved the Lord and his brothers and sisters. When Daddy got up to preach he always said don't talk about me, when I'm gone tell my children about Jesus. Daddy said always trust in the Lord and everything will be alright. His faith was very strong.

Daddy worked for twenty eight years in the coal mines to take care of his little family. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America. Daddy enjoyed going to church, singing and being with his church family. Our daddy was a hard working man for his family and his church. When Daddy was a young man, he would get up and go wherever they needed him. I remember when they was going to build the new church, Daddy was there every day working as he enjoyed the Lord's work. One evening Daddy came home and told my mommy he was going to sell his truck so they could finish the church house. That's our daddy, a sweet loving brother and daddy. Daddy, we miss you and hope to be with our soon.

Written by your heart broken children,  
Paul, Geri and Lora

## ELDER BUDDY WAYNE CARTY

Dad was a long-time resident of Shiloh, Plymouth and Shelby, Ohio, and peacefully left us on October 30, 2020 at his home in Shelby, at the age of eighty-four.

Dad came to Ohio in the early 50's at the tender age of sixteen leaving his Mother and Dad to live with his Brother Richard in Shiloh. He went to school for a while but soon started working at the factories in the area that were so desperately needing people. He worked over thirty-eight years at Ideal Electric in Mansfield, Ohio retiring in 1998.

The early days in Shiloh lead him to meet my uncle JB Spencer who kept telling him of his family and those he'd like Dad to meet. Dad told me at first, he was just too shy to go, because he felt they were likely "pretty well off." But uncle JB persisted and so one night they headed to Winchester, Ohio to meet uncle JB's family. Dad was good with a guitar and was known for his singing, so my Grandpa Spencer encouraged a song. Dad started singing a Hank Williams song, Wedding Bells are Ringing in the Chapel. At the same time Carlene JB's sister heard Dad singing outside and came out on the porch. Dad saw her. He told many times of laying eyes on mom for the first time and knowing right then that she was the one for him. He was right. Soon they were married and enjoyed one another for over sixty four years. Mom has been by his side throughout their marriage. She is as much a part of who he was as Dad himself. So many times Dad was tired or discouraged and Mom was always there to say "honey we've got to go."



Dad was born on May 1, 1936, in Magoffin County, KY. He was the son of Wilbur and Eliza (Montgomery) Carty. Son Michael Ray, and great grandson Finley Ray Little preceded him in death. Also preceding him, brothers, Lester, Chester, Jim, Silas, and Richard, and sisters, Mary Frances, America Russell, Tressie Barndollar, Jane Dunn, and Beulah Faye Price.

He is survived by his wife Carlene (Spencer) Carty and one sister, Ressie Winters of Mansfield OH. In addition, Dad is survived by his four children, Danny (Shawn), Rhonda York (Brad), Marty (Patty) and David (Sarah). Surviving grandchildren include Megan Little (Scott), Andrea Albright (Blair), Tiffany Triplett, Brittany Frasier, Shawn Michael Berry (Jenna), Amanda Hogg (Troy), Elizabeth, Christin, Spencer and Wesley. Surviving greatgrandchildren Isaac, Sawyer, Adlee, Ava, Kade, Ashton, Allie, Alivia, Jade, Blake, Caleb, Tobias, Travis, Tyler and Alex.

As Dad and Mom were blessed to begin having children Dad began to close in with the offering mercies of the Lord. He often told of his experience driving to work very early one morning in 1960 and how after giving his very life to the Lord, that the burden of sin was lifted from his soul. He said, as I arrived at the shop, "I wanted to tell everyone what had happened". But he saved that for his first time ever being in the Little Rebecca Church. Old Brothers Willie Collins and Wriple Tuttle preached that day. Dad told of Brother Wriple preaching exactly what he had experienced and how God compelled him to come forth and tell what God had done for him. That was the beginning of a long, wonderful 60 years of life in the church. Which leads me to the scriptures.

John 15:13 - 15:16

*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

These words so describe Dad as he often asked of God, not for himself but for how he might serve others. Especially those in need, those in despair during times of trouble and sorrow. He often offered of himself and God provided him the gift of comforting others.

He was also part of many joyful occasions performing weddings, baptizing new members, attending churches in many states and especially visiting the many corresponding associations within The Old Regular Baptist family. He served as the Moderator of The Northern New Salem Association starting in August of 2003 until now. He was the Moderator of The Little Rebecca Church for forty years, in conjunction with The Family of Love Church near Marion, Ohio for thirty four years.

He dearly loved his family and friends. He most enjoyed visits, providing big meals and a place to stay when needed. He and Mom are such a great light to us from our childhood through times of having our own families and children. Never was there a time short on advice and good council, with a bit of firmness when needed. But it was always in the name of love, always in a way of encouraging us to put God first in our lives.

So much more could be written but, as the writer of old in the book of John described the writings of Christ, if they should be written everyone, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

So, we will close this with words from a poem written by Granddaughter Tiffany Triplett.

*Your body has grown weary, and you've fought your last fight  
The pain you have endured kept your light shining and bright  
The life you've lived is of a soldier with great cause  
So many you have comforted, and now we must stay strong  
We knew it had to come, that's the way this life goes  
A life that has been lived to its fullest, now has been won  
But you haven't made this journey all on your own  
Because I can hear Jesus saying, my dear and faithful servant its time to come home*

Written by his son Elder Danny Carty



## LAURA CULLOP

Sister Laura Cullop was born April 20, 1928, the daughter of the late Floyd and Minnie Stanley. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of fifty years, Jack L. Cullop, one grandson, Nathan Cullop and eight siblings; Zettie Meade, Gaythel Stanley, Betty Maynard, Delmon Stanley, Orison Stanley, Tom Stanley and her twin brother, Ira Stanley.

As I try to write the obituary of Laura Stanley Cullop I feel so unworthy but yet so very blessed to be a part of this family. A family that drew me to them because of their love for each other, as well as everyone they came in contact with in this life. They truly showed me the meaning of love as the Bible teaches us. A new commandment I say unto you, love one another.



Laura or Mamaw Laura, as I lovingly called her because that's what all the grandchildren called her, worked hard all her life. Often she would tell me about going to the field early in the morning and working till late evening, only stopping for lunch. That was the way life was in the community she grew up in on the Right Fork of Brushy. Everyone worked to raise what they had to eat. They would can their food so they could have vegetables to eat all winter. She didn't want anything to go to waste.

Mamaw was a servant of the Lord most of all but she was also a caregiver to her Mom and Dad until the time of their deaths, while raising her own children. It must have been quite a job back then not having the modern conveniences we now have. She came through hardships that we can only imagine or read about in our lifetime. Mamaw enjoyed life and appreciated everything that came into her life.

She loved her husband Jack Cullop and held him to the highest standard. She loved her children, Steve, Pat and Mike, they were the center of her world. Second only to the love for the Lord. But God gave her something else she loved so very much and cherished each and every one of them, her grandchildren, and they certainly were grand to her. Stephanie, Jamie, Joseph, Stevi "Lene", Jason and last but not least Josh. Then came Courtney, Nathan, who left us only a few days ago, Justin, Michael and Travis. All of which touched our lives in so many ways. They brought such joy to us all. Each having their own special gifts and stories we remember from time to time. Such joy they brought into Mamaw's life just as she brought joy into ours. Such precious memories we will always hold dear.

Mamaw's great grandchildren we certainly would not leave out. Isaac, James, Jack, Cayden, Etta Louise, Clair, Bailey Grace, Issac Matthew, Ramsi, Laura, Wren Lee, Amy and one to be born July 15, 2021, Nash Grayson.

At Mamaw's house you were made to feel special. Every holiday, every birthday dinner no matter if she saw you every day, every week, every month or once a year. When you came in you were the number one person in her world. More than that she would go on and on about your visit with her. She had such a gift of making everyone feel special. No matter who you were how often you came, how long or short your visit or how often you came you were important to her.

Let us not fail to mention her church family she loved so dear. She was a member of the Cedar Bottom Old Regular Baptist Church but she loved her brothers and sisters at the Pilgrims



Home, Bent Branch, Salem and Turkey Creek churches. Often I would hear people say I don't think Sister Laura ever had a bad meeting. She rejoiced in all the meetings with friends and her church family. Often I would hear her say he's my bread when I'm hungry, he's my drink when I'm thirsty, he's my shelter in my time of storm, he's my all and all. She lived that life everyday she was here on this earth, even to her death. She was a light to everyone she came in contact with.

Our family certainly wanted to thank all the nurses and staff at the Pikeville Medical Center for all the care and kindness they showed Mamaw. Such love is hard to find as they would stop by to check on her even after working long hours and they would pray for her and for us. We could never repay them for their love and care. The Bible teaches us to let our light shine before the world. Sister Sasha told Pat you have no idea what a great light your mom has been to the nurses on this floor. Mamaw was a light to all who knew her. Often I have heard people talk about leaving this world a better place than they found it. Most of the time they are talking about a great leader, either political or religious or someone that had achieved great success in this life or had fame or fortune, making their mark in life. Not too often have you heard of a little lady, meek and mild, like and old song they sung in days gone by. Sister thou was mild and lovely, gentle as a summer breeze, pleasant as the air of evening as it flows among the trees. Would it not be wonderful to make such an impact on so many lives as did our mom, our mamaw, our sister in Christ, our friend. Someone who always lifts us up, someone always willing to listen, in spite of our short comings and failures. She loved us with that special love that God born down in her soul. If you don't believe in angels, you definitely did not know Mamaw Laura. Because you definitely have been touched by an angel each time she wrapped her arms around you.

I can not write this without telling you about Christmas at Mamaw Laura's house. She would always be so excited, not because she was getting something she had ask for or even expected to get. If it was a diamond ring or a handmade gift from one of the children you would have thought it was worth millions of dollars to her. Oh how she loved it. Never wanting to send it back or exchange it for something of greater value because it came from you. It was very special to her. How could we have ever known a little over ninety-three years God sent us a wonderful gift, in the form of a twin baby girl, that would be a light to everyone and a joy to all who knew her and loved her. Don't you wish you could have made such an impact on so many people as she did, and to love with all your heart as she did, never expecting anything in return.

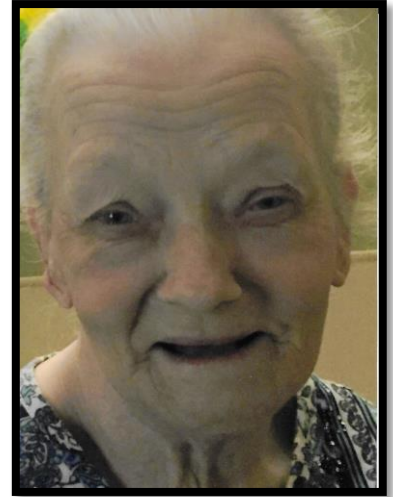
From the time I knew Mamaw Laura she would tell me dreams she would have about Heaven. Long before I gave my life to the Lord. I treasure those moments we spent together and the stories of the dreams she would have. But on Monday, June 21, 2021, her dreams became reality. When we had to step back and say good-bye for our last time. All the sorrow of having to leave us left her sweet face. When all the pains of the world left her precious body, there was the sweetest smile upon her face and it seemed to glow, as she looked into her new home. That look will never leave our minds or be taken away from our hearts.

Our hearts are broken but we know our loss is Heaven's gain. Our lives will never be the same. Steve and Susan, Mike and Rose Cullop, who have always treated me like a brother, my wonderful wife, Patricia, all who worked so hard to make Mamaw's life so very special, I thank you for sharing mom with me so many years. My prayer is that all our family would give Mamaw Laura a special gift this year. A promise to meet her again in Heaven, where we will never part again.

We love you Mamaw Laura,  
Brother Dale Williamson

## ANNA LOIS STATON FRANCIS

Anna Lois Staton Francis, age eighty-one, of Williamson, WV, passed away Saturday December 5, 2020 at Hubbard Hospice House in South Charleston, WV. Anna was born August 24, 1939, at Wolf Creek, KY, to the late Jeff Staton and Sadie Lowe Staton. Anna is preceded in death by her husband, Rufus R.B. Francis and her sister, Betty Jo Goble. Anna worked as a custodian at Turkey Creek Grade School for many years and was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. Anna loved reading her bible and talking about the Lord to everyone she met.



Anna is survived by her children; Deborah (Glen) Blevins of Inez, KY, Delores Goff of Hardy, KY, and Richard (Tina) Francis of Hurricane, WV; her sister, Nella Joyce Thompson of Wyoming; her seven grandchildren and her seven great-grandchildren. Anna also leaves behind a host of other loving family members and friends. Funeral services were held on Thursday December 10, 2020, beginning at 1 p.m. at the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home chapel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed at the Family Cemetery, Turkey Creek, Kentucky, where Anna's family and friends served as pallbearers.

## LEONARD RAY HAMILTON

With the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of my youngest brother, Leonard Ray Hamilton. He was my natural brother and my brother in Christ. The last months of his life were his best with the Love of God in his heart. He was always a loving person, but the change was obvious to everyone around him. He had started to sing at church, but he left this world before I had the pleasure of hearing him sing. I have no doubt that he is in paradise and someday we can join him. His time on earth was troubled and now his troubles are ended.



Leonard lived in Myrtle, WV. He went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. He was born on December 2, 1979, in Pikeville, KY to Hobart and Nancy Carol Hamilton. Making his stay on Earth a short forty-one years. He was named after Elder Leonard Hamilton and Elder Ray Hamilton.

Leonard was the husband of Judy Podunavac Hamilton. They were married on May 19, 2002. He previously worked for Logan Water Care, and was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. He graduated from Tug Valley High School in 1998. He enjoyed playing basketball, family, friends, church, and his cats. He also loved to eat, especially mom's home-made lasagna. He couldn't resist eating several helpings. No one makes it like mom!

His pride and joy was his children, Nathaniel Chase Hamilton and Kiara Rae Hamilton, and his granddaughter, Rhylee Hamilton. Leonard was full of life and had a big heart.

Leonard was preceded in death by one son, Scott Lee Hamilton, and his paternal grandparents, Stella and Lee Hamilton. Along with his wife, his parents, children and grandchild, Leonard is survived by his maternal grandmother: Madeline Sarver, two brothers, Ronald Lee (Tammy) Hamilton and Robert Scott (Sabrina) Hamilton, and a host of very special nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends. Although he's gone his memory will live with us forever.

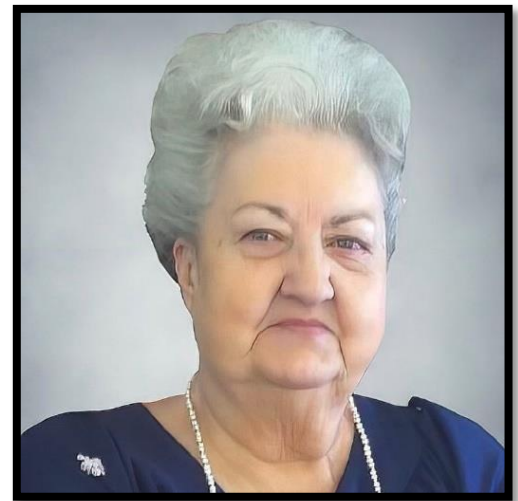
Written by your brother in Christ and in nature, Ron Hamilton

## REBECCA RUTH MAYNARD TAYLOR HESS

It is with a heavy heart that we write this obituary of our sweet mother. Memories are flooding our minds as we reflect on the life our mother endured.

Rebecca Ruth Maynard Taylor Hess, affectionately known as "Becky" (or "Granny" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren) was born on August 24, 1938 and left this earthly world to be with Jesus on June 4, 2021, living a life of eighty-two years, nine months and eleven days.

Mom was married to James Pierce Taylor of Gulnare, KY in 1957 who passed away in January 1964. From this union were born three children: Brenda Sue Collins (husband Donald), Randall Keith Taylor (wife Kimberly) and Mary Ann Thacker (husband Jerry). Mom married her second husband Joe Hess in 1969 who passed away in June 2001.



Becky was the daughter of the late John Maynard and Anna Bevins Maynard of Meta, KY; the sister to four brothers, James Maynard, Gene Maynard, Paul Maynard, and Billy Maynard, and three sisters, Alene Malone, Alice Rivard, and Sylvia Lynch. All of Mom's immediate family have passed except for our Aunt Alice.

Becky's survivors include her three children; seven grandchildren; Ashley Ford, Amy Chaney, Joshua Taylor, Lucas Taylor, Adam Taylor, Jarrod Thacker, and Jordan Thacker; nine great grandchildren; Ava Ford, Chloe Chaney, Holly Chaney, Ella Chaney, Jacob Taylor, Olivia Taylor, Leigh Ellen Taylor, Ellington Pierce Taylor, and Eleanor Thacker; her sister Alice; and a special niece, Jona Simpson.

Becky was employed at G.C. Murphy's store in Pikeville working as the stock manager. Becky loved her G.C. Murphy family sharing many stories of her friends and their time together. In 2001 as a result of the passing of her second husband Joe, Becky gave her heart to the Lord Jesus, confessing Him as her Savior and Lord. She followed this confession with believer's baptism and joined the fellowship of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church at Meta, KY. Mom loved her church family and served faithfully until her passing.

Mom's life had many hardships - losing both of her parents before she turned thirty-two years old, the sudden loss of her first husband at twenty-five years old, and battles with cancer. But we choose to remember the good times - sitting on her front porch with her brothers and sisters

seeing them laughing and sharing memories of their family; watching her love on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and seeing her glow as we would argue who was her favorite child.

Mom, we greatly miss you, but we are confident that you are in the presence of the Lord Jesus, being comforted until the Day of the Lord's return. So family, friends and all who read this, if you want to see our Mother again, you must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God raised from the dead and confess your sins, you too will be saved to life eternal (Romans 10: 9-10).

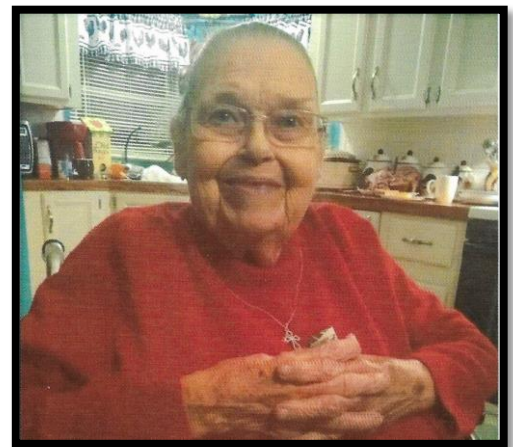
Written in hope of Eternal Life in the Lord Jesus,  
Her Children – Brenda, Mary Ann, and Randall

## **SHELBY JEAN HUBBARD**

Shelby Jean Hubbard (Romans) eighty-four, went home to be with the Lord Friday, March 26th 2021 at her home in Hatfield, KY. She was surrounded by her family.

She was born February 22, 1937 to Leonard and Gertie Romans (Dempsey) of Hatfield, KY, and was preceded in death by her sisters Doris (Romans) Vanbuskirk and Margaret Helen (Romans) Kirby.

She is survived by her brother, David (Nancy) Romans and her daughter, Rachel (Michael) Miller. Two grandchildren, Jordan and Jonah Hodges, all of Hatfield, KY.



Her love, life, and legacy will also be carried on by some very special nieces and nephews. Carrie (Alan) Austin, of Leicester, NC and their children, Seth, Kylie and Keira. Also, Sandy Huxtable of Louisa, KY.

Shelby was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church located in Hatfield, KY, where she loved to serve God by feeding his flock. Nothing made her happier than cooking big church dinners and knowing the people she loved were fed and full. Although a woman of many talents, love, and food, were her specialty. The greatest of these being love. She was laid to rest on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at the Romans Cemetery also located in Hatfield, KY.



## STEPHEN "STEVE" JOHNSON

With my broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Stephen Johnson. He was born at the Williamson Memorial Hospital to George Alvin and June Johnson on September 17, 1962. He went to school at Williamson High School. Steve met his wife, Lora Ann Sesco Johnson through mutual friends in March of 1984, at Lora's parent's home. They married on November 24, 1984 and was married for thirty six years, and went on to have one child, Joseph McGinnes. Steve gave his life to the Lord and was baptized on January 4, 1998. On July 3, 1999 he was ordained and approved by the Salem Church for a deacon. Steve joins grandfathers Edger Johnson and Warnie "Poppie" Diamond, grandmothers Virginia Johnson and Jessie Dingess, brothers, Alvin Johnson and sister Laura Johnson in Heaven. Steve is survived by his spouse Lora Johnson, son Joseph, brother Michael (Catlin) Johnson of Louisa, Kentucky, Mitchell (Abby) Johnson of Louisa, Kentucky, Cindy(Mark) Newman of Prichard, West Virginia, parents George Johnson of Louisa, Kentucky and June Johnson of Prichard, West Virginia, and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to being a dedicated and loving husband, father, uncle, brother and friend, Steve also held an unwavering faith in the Lord. Steve loved his little church, , and my family that loved him so much, Geri and Paul, Paul and Betty, Nicole Sesco, Keith and Amanda, Gayden, Mark and Lena, Ava and Piper.



Written by your loving wife that is so broken.

## JOYCE JUSTICE

With the help of the Lord, I'll try to write the obituary of our loving sister, Sister Joyce Justice. Sister Joyce was born on January 23, 1940 and left this world of pain and sorrow on December 2, 2020, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Sister Joyce was the daughter of Ruben and Ada Perry Miller. Sister Joyce met and married Phillip Justice and into this union she had three children. Two sons, Mike Justice and Larry Justice, both preceding her in death, as well as Brother Phillip Justice, her husband. Sister Joyce had one daughter, Pam Justice of Millers Creek, Pikeville, KY, left to mourn her passing as well as Pam's children and grandchildren. Sister Joyce has two brothers J.E. Miller and Eugene Miller as well as four sisters; Sister Ima Miller Worrix, Emma Sue Miller, Ella Joe McGuire and Zetta Miller Tooley, all who preceded her in death. Left to mourn her passing are sisters; Mary Lou Lyons, Rita and Warren Rhodes, and her loving daughter Pam Justice, her children and grandchildren and her church family.



As I write this obituary, my mind goes to happier times in Sister Joyce's life as well as the love she had for the Lord. I can hear her shouting now thank you Jesus when Sister Zetta gave her life to the Lord. When we started telling Sister Joyce about it, she said when will she be baptized, Sister Joyce didn't want Sister Zetta to put it off any longer and she said, seeing here is water what hinders her from being baptized right here.

Sister Joyce was quiet an amazing woman, one of love and wisdom as all the Miller girls are. Full of love and compassion for everyone. Sister Joyce would counsel our sisters in Christ as she would her very own family, because of the love she had for the Lord Jesus Christ. Not leaving anyone out, she would counsel the brothers in the Lord and the wisdom that she shared with me was far beyond the wisdom that comes from the natural man but only from God.

I believe when she left this world and entered Heaven's land there was a wonderful reunion. Can you imagine the joy she had seeing her mom and dad, Brother Phillip and their two sons, her natural brothers and sisters, as well as friends and neighbors she had met along her journey. I can't even begin to imagine the suffering and pain Sister Joyce went through in the life with all she lost but her faith never wavered, only grew stronger in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I believe Jesus is telling her now, you have fought a good fight and kept the faith, enter into your reward. No longer will she be struggling to breathe, but she will have a new body fashioned like Jesus most glorious body. Her suffering is over and she is resting in the arms of the Lord. So let us run the race with patience, the Bible teaches us in patience possess you your soul. Let us not forget the joy she brought into our lives and the wonderful laughter we enjoyed while she was with us on this earth. If we live a long life, it will be just a short time and we will be gone to our eternal resting place.

Sister Joyce would have each and every one of us to have a wonderful life. Enjoy every moment and bring joy to everyone you meet. God granted Sister Joyce and Brother Phillip such great love, they would sit in the sun room and hold hands and sing together. They are singing together today where no pain or heartache can come. I know they will be watching from the windows of Heaven for us to come and join them and we will be together again.

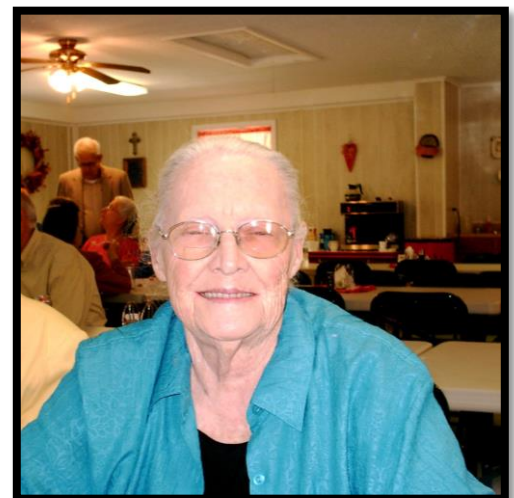
We love you Dear Sister Joyce,  
Brother Dale Williamson

## ERNESTINE MAYNARD

It is with much sadness I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear sweet friend and sister in Christ. She was eighty-nine years old when she passed away on December 22, 2020 at her home.

She was born February 14, 1931 in Williamson, WV, the daughter of the late Leonard and Elkie Smith Maynard. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Dwight Maynard Sr., brothers; Quincy, Paul and Raymond Maynard, and sisters, Lou Lowe and Patricia Phillips.

Ernestine married Dwight Maynard, Sr. on June 16, 1947. They had three children, Dwight Maynard Jr., Charles Maynard and Patty Maynard all of Goody, KY. Ernestine had two grandchildren, Kevin Maynard of



Belton, KY and Justin (Melanie) Maynard of Pikeville, KY. Four great grandchildren, Kaylee and Jenna Maynard of Morehead, KY; Lacie and Rylie Maynard of Pikeville, KY. She loved them very much, loved playing with them, and looked forward to their visits.

Ernestine was a retired nurse aid, she worked at the hospitals and for many doctors at the ARH Clinic. She was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for forty years. She was baptized on December 13, 1981, by Elders Willis Lowe and Louie Muncy.

She also leaves a lot of family and friends and Brothers and Sisters in Christ, who loved her and miss her very much. We believe she is resting around the throne with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we will meet again. John 3:16, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Written by her Sister in Christ, Sister Bertha Jean Reed

## JONAH MAYNARD

Jonah Maynard, age ninety-eight, was called home to Heaven and completed his earthly life on Thursday, September 24, 2020. Jonah was born on April 15, 1922 to the late Millard and Angeline Lowe Maynard of Brushy Creek in Pike County.

As a young boy Jonah grew up with four brothers and three sisters; Benny, Pry, Cap, Orison, Esther, Elmay and Laura. As with all sibilings, the stories he often shared of their childhood antics and mischief would give quite the laugh. He would often tell the story of losing his dad at age eleven and his mother becoming a widow with eight children. She was very a petite lady, and four of those kids were over six foot teenage boys, and then there was Cap. She would walk them to school, and while meeting with their teacher at the front door, they would be inside sneaking out the windows and the back door and would be back to their house before she even realized they were gone.



In his twenties while attending a church event at the Apple Orchard, which he has took a date too might I add, a pretty young lady who was not his original date caught his eye. Being the gentleman he was, offered her a ride home, and by her, I mean Mable, not the original date. Needless to say his original date didn't end so well at first thought, however in October 1946 at Ford's Shoe Store where Mable McCoy said I do becoming Mable Maynard he realized just what a perfect decision he had made. In order to support his family, Jonah held several jobs from working for a gas company, holding an elected position as a constable, to working for Campbell Oil and Tool until finding his long term career as a business owner and water well driller, all of this might I add with only a second grade education.

Jonah and Mable were blessed with one daughter, Carolyn, who they raised to be strong willed and independent. Jonah taught her to change a tire, drive and travel, and she learned math by going to work with him on Saturdays to write out invoices for his customers. The one thing he never stopped doing even once she was grown herself was driving her to work during the winter when the snow would fall, neither of them a fan of winter. Later in life Carolyn gave them the son they never had when she married Gary. He has always played an important and active

role in their lives. Mable would often cook breakfast almost every weekend to which Gary rarely missed but as they got older he returned the favor, stepping in as a daily delivery driver to take Jonah pepsi, gravy and biscuits, or a big mac daily.

In 1984, Jonah received his greatest treasure here on earth, a granddaughter, Gina. The first time he held her he looked at Carolyn and told her that she had messed up because she would never be the baby anymore. The bond and love between Jonah and Gina was one that could be observed even at a distance, and was never ending. He was her biggest fan and she was his.

Jonah was blessed with a loving family, many treasured friends and a wonderful church family, many who visited him regularly during his stay at Signature Healthcare. While there he made a new friend, Elster who quickly became his partner in crime. One night Carolyn and Gary received a call saying they were taking Jonah to the er, immediately panicked, they rushed to him and when confronted by his daughter and the doctors as to what happened he replied, "well you see me and Elster may have snuck out, we just wanted to go for a ride in or wheelchairs, but then I got stuck on some tree roots. Elster went for help but he moves real slow and was taking too long, so I tried to loose myself and ended up flipping over." Even though he looked like he had been in a fist fight they couldn't help but laugh, especially when he told them they were off roading. Meanwhile back at the nursing home poor Elster was standing trial and getting the full lecture from the staff about sneaking out and their ongoing antics, taking the fall for all of it when anyone who knew the pair knows is was all Jonah's idea.

Jonah's passion for life was found in his love for Christ, his family and his water well business. He loved what he did and anyone who hired him as a stranger or from a referral by someone else, ended with a well drilled and a new friend, often for life. Jonah was a quiet man, he never really talked a lot but if you asked him something you were going to get the truth, whether it was what you wanted to hear or not. He told it like it was. He led his family with advice, discipline when needed or even told no for that matter, always with love, care and the most incredible hugs that just seemed to be exactly what was needed in good times or bad.

After losing Mable, he became even more homesick for his Heavenly home, and the family has no doubt that when he arrived at those Heavenly gates on Thursday, Mable was there waiting on him, granted it was with a hand on her hip, some sass in her voice, asking him what exactly took him so long and quickly followed by, at least Carolyn ironed your clothes. If you knew him you loved him, and to say that he will be missed would be an understatement, but if you knew him you also know, he is singing with the angels, finally home and Heaven sure got a whole lot brighter when he arrived.



## BETTY JEAN MILLER

Betty Jean Miller age eighty-three, of Huntington, WV went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 8, 2021. She was born September 18, 1937, a daughter of the late Brad and Mauda Mathis. Her husband Richard K. Miller, Sr. also preceded her in death along with one son, Richard K. Miller, Jr., and one infant granddaughter, Peyton Miller. Betty was a member of Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church in Wayne.



Survivors include two children, John (Kristi) Miller, with whom she made her home, and Linda Miller, of Huntington; one daughter-in-law, Kimberly Scott Miller; 10 grandchildren, Sara Catron, Jessie Courts, Joshua Wyrick, Andie Miller, Cristana Miller, Aimee Jackson, Randi Miller, Scottie Miller, Danielle McQuaid, and Evan Miller; and numerous beloved great grandchildren.

Also surviving are two brothers, Art (Maryann) Mathis of Wayne, and James Mathis; one sister, Fannie (Gary) Murray, all of Huntington; several nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends too numerous to mention.

A special thank you is given to Sara Catron and her son Brayden, as well as Hospice of Huntington for their support and care.

Funeral service were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home with Elder Art Mathis officiating. Burial followed in the Mathis Cemetery.

## LEDNA JANE MAYNARD PARSONS

Ledna Jane Maynard Parsons "Ledny" seventy-nine of Varney, KY passed peacefully from this earthly life on Saturday September 27, 2020 at Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville, KY surrounded by many loved ones. She was born in Varney, KY to the late Lizzy and Condor Maynard. She is preceded in death by five brothers (James, Oscar, Raymond, Virgil, and Vernon), and survived by her sister Ruth Maynard, and Sister-in law's Phyllis Maynard, Janice Maynard, Mary Young, and Brenda Muncy.



Ledna gave her hand in Marriage for fifty-six beautiful years to her loving companion, Joseph Parsons. Together this union blessed them with two children; Terry Lee Parsons (his wife Melissa), and Sherry Lynn Parsons Lewis (her husband Tobi), four grandchildren; Elizabeth, Ashley, Jessica, and Nathaniel, and four great grandchildren; Joseph, William, Weston, and Camden. She loved her grandbabies more than anything.

Ledna was a member of Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church in Varney, KY since May 10, 1981. She was a homemaker, and she wore that title well. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, reading, working in her garden, watching her favorite tv shows and spending time with her family. You could call on Mamaw Ledny for anything and she was always there to listen, help any way

she could, and she always gave the best advice. She was humble, yet firm and strong; all ninety-three pounds of her.

In addition to her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, she leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that she loved so dearly. Life here will be lonely without her.

Until we see this sweet smile again, at the foot of God's throne.

## JOHN ROBINETTE AND MEXIE ROBINETTE

On September 27, 2020, one day before his ninety-first birthday, John Robinette left his earthly home for his Heavenly one. Three months and five days later on January 1, 2021, Mom (Mexie) joined him.

Oliver Lee Robinette was born on September 28, 1929, the ninth son of Jeff and Mary Stanley Robinette at Varney, KY. When he was a small boy, he made it known to the family he wanted to be called "John" instead of Oliver, and so it was. Most of his life most people did not know his birth name was Oliver Lee.

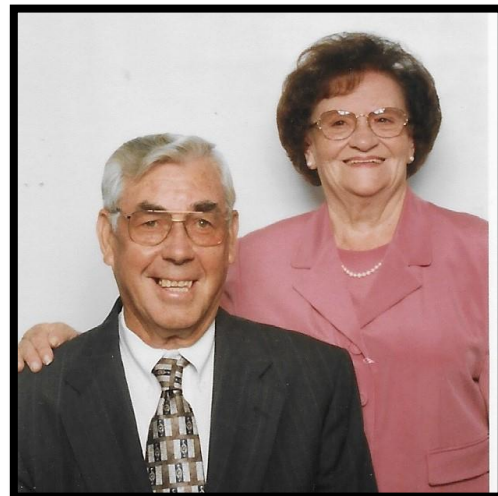
There were eleven children in his family and he was the last surviving child. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by eight brothers; Homer, Willard, Leonard, Ferrell, Toney, Virgil, Earl "Jack" and George Calvin, two sisters; Marie Stratton and Ruby Walters.

Dad's working life included logging, mining, TV cable owner and railroad worker, but his greatest joy was raising cattle and farming.

John married Mexie Marie Francis on July 30, 1949. She was the love of his life the and always through their seventy-one years of marriage. Mexie was the daughter of Asbury and Estie Walters Francis of Hatfield, Kentucky. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by three sisters; Odessa Walters, Marty Betty Elkins and Gladis Staton, and two brothers; Jess and Gomer Francis.

Mom and Dad are survived by six children; Billie Kay Stanley, Bettie Branham, Ronald Lee Robinette, Lisa Skeens, Linda Dobbs and Johnda Hazelwood. Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Mom was a loving mother and homemaker and enjoyed her home and flower gardens. Dad was an exceptional provider for his family, but the first to praise mom the way she managed the household and their finances. Mom and Dad travelled a lot in their many years together. There were homes in Florida where they spent a lot of vacations and winter months. They loved their Pike County home and wonderful neighbors, friends and family. However, their house and farmland in Mount Sterling, Kentucky was their pride and joy. They had plenty of room for all to visit and spend the night. There were dinners and picnics for special occasions, birthdays and anniversaries.

Dad was a member of the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church since the early 1960s. Mom was baptized on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020 and placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church also. They are buried at the Machpelah Cemetery in Mount Sterling, KY. It is hard



to put into words how my heart aches for my sweet Mom and Dad every day. Loving memories constantly flood my mind. They were the absolute best parents anyone could ask for and they loved us all to no end. "Love each other and thank the Lord for your many blessings", was expressed in every prayer Dad gave. Oh, how we miss them!

Respectfully submitted  
Billie K. Stanley

## MARTHA FARLEY SESCO

It is with a broken heart that we will try to write our Mommy's obituary, Martha Farley Sesco. Mommy left this world on March 12, 2021 at her home. Mommy was born on February 27, 1948, at Narrows Branch, KY. The daughter of the late Robert and Nancy Lockard Farley. She was also preceded in death by two sisters; Ruth Farley Cochran and Bonnie Farley Miracle. She was a loving wife and mother who enjoyed spending her time with family and friends. Mommy was a member of the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church, which gave her much purpose and happiness through her years of working with her church family, whom she loved.

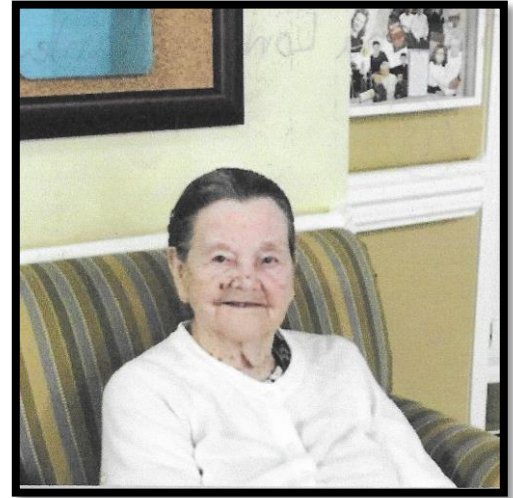


She is survived by her husband, Elder Elbert Sesco, daughters, Lora (Steve) Johnson, Geraldine "Geri" (Paul) Phillips and son, Paul (Betty) Sesco. Also surviving are grandchildren; Keith Coleman, Nicole Sesco, Joseph McGinnis and Mark Comer, great grandchildren; Ava Comer and Piper Comer, sisters; Betty (Gene) Taylor and Faye (Lloyd) Slater. Along with many nieces and nephews that she loved. Anyone that knew my mommy loved her as she was a special lady. She was so kind and loving and had a golden heart full of love for everyone. She got the point that she wasn't able to work at the church and help with anything. I have known her to get upset and cry because she wasn't able to help. My mommy's life was her Lord. She was always praying, and that is how she made it through the day. She was always happy when her babies came home to eat supper or breakfast, that made her day. Mommy we could keep writing and never stop talking about you. Your loving heart and arms are so missed. Mommy we love you and miss you so much. There is nothing like a mother's love. Our hearts are broken without you. Rest on Mommy. We will see you again.

Written by her loving children

## THELMA LOWE STANELY

It is with a broken heart that I write this obituary for our precious mom Thelma Lowe Stanley ninety-four, of Turkey Creek, KY, but spent her last three years in Sevierville, TN. Mom joined Jesus and our dad on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020. Mom was born April 24, 1926 to the late Tolby S. Woods and the late Arizona Lyalls Woods in Clintwood, VA. She married the late Elder Willis L. Lowe July 25, 1942 and to this union were born their four children: Larry R. Lowe (deceased), Daniel L. Lowe (deceased), Hugh Michael Lowe (Loretta) of Turkey Creek, KY and Dottie Lowe (Neal) Rollins of Sevierville, TN. After dad's passing in 1990, mom remarried on January 8, 1993 to the late John Quincy Stanley who passed away April of 1999. Left to mourn her passing besides her two children are her



sisters Flornia Nelson of Turkey Creek, KY and Pandora Kiser of Abington, VA; her brothers, Tommy Woods of Lima, OH, Emmett Woods, Lonnie Woods and Lenard Woods residence unknown; her thirteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren, with one due in 2021. She was also preceded in death by one grandchild, two great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Mom had several sisters and brothers to pass before her as well.

Mom was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Turkey Creek, KY for over sixty-eight years. She dearly loved her church family and taking part in the singing, foot washing, communions, the association meetings, or anything that involved her church. She loved making fried apple pies and chicken and dumplings. As a child growing up, we watched her serve many delicious meals around her table to anyone who wanted to "come up and eat with us" after church meetings. Mom was also known throughout the community as a great from making matching dresses for me and herself, to Halloween costumes of every sort and hemming many pairs of pants and even making her granddaughter's wedding dress in 1993 prior to making herself one when she married Quincy. My mind is full of happy memories. She was truly loved and will be sorely missed. She got to be a part of a grand homecoming Sunday evening at 5:15 p.m., when she closed her eyes in TN and opened them in Heaven! Be looking for me mom! I want to take part in the rest of the family reunion on Heaven's bright shore! We love you!

Written by Dottie Lowe Rollins

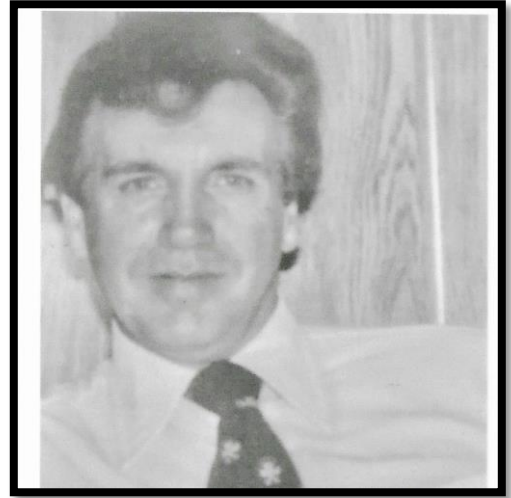


## LONNIE JAMES TAYLOR

Lonnie James Taylor, age seventy-eight, of Sidney, KY, passed away Saturday, January 17, 2021 at his home. Lonnie was the son of the late Kelsey T. and Alice Helen Taylor of Sidney. He was preceded in death by brother William J. "Boshy" Taylor, Sister-in-law, Anita Carol "Ann" Taylor, brother Theodore "Tedo" Taylor, Nephew, John Christopher "Chris" Taylor, and nephew, Terry Michael Taylor.

He is survived by brother John (Kathy) Taylor of Sidney, nephew Todd (Tiffany) Taylor of Sidney, niece, Judith (Saul) Noble of Wise, Va., niece Michelle (Terry) Spencer of Virginia, and niece Angela McKinney of North Carolina. He also leaves behind a host of family friends, including his very best friend, his little dog, "Cricket".

Lonnie was baptized and became a member of the Pilgrims Home Regular Baptist Church on October 18, 2020. The salvation and peace he received from his church and his church family made it possible for him to battle his cancer diagnosis with tremendous grace and humility. Lonnie James Taylor was a truly beloved son, brother, uncle and friend.



Written by Brother John and Kathy Taylor

## NELL MAY TAYLOR

Nell May Taylor, age ninety-four, passed away Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at her home in Hatfield, KY. She was born at Kimper, KY on June 2, 1925, the daughter of the late Dover May and Ella Bevins May.

She was a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. She was self-employed most of her life. She was the former owner of a grocery store and gas station. In her younger years, she and her sister Beatrice went to Dayton, OH during World War II, near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where they worked for Inland Manufacturing Company. Beatrice wound coils for Army ships and Nell assembled rifles and riveted wings for airplanes.



In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, R.L. "Junior" Taylor; two sons, Randall Scott "Scotty" Taylor, Michael "Mikie" Taylor, her granddaughter and caregiver, Scotti Michelle Smith, four brothers, Ed, Jack, Walter, Fred, and five sisters, Gladys, Dorothy, Beatrice, Ruth, and Jean.

Nell is survived by her only daughter, Nancy C. Taylor-Evans and her husband James Earl Evans, one special great granddaughter, Taylor Smith-Walters, one special great grandson, Anthony Evans, three special nieces: Fay Curry Blackburn, Gay Curry Edmonds, Anna Sue Hayes, three grandchildren, six great grandchildren, seven great great grandchildren, and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends who will miss her dearly.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2020, at the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church, conducted by saints Michael Lowe, Jonah Duane Smith and Dale Williamson. The beloved church family, Bent Branch Old Regular Baptists' sisters and brothers provided a wonderful meal for those who came following the cemetery closing.

Nell loved everyone, especially the little children. Many of us who knew her well often heard her say to not spend your money on flowers but to "feed the people." Too, how oft she could be heard saying, "Just one Rose Will Do." She encouraged to always be thankful, and humbly seek the Lord's will.

With a particular heart for the poor and downtrodden, Neil looked at the character of one's heart and not the color of one's skin. She would oft remind that you may be entertaining angels unaware. "Oh, How I Love Jesus" was sung by mom just a day or so before her passing.

A strong lover of America and realizing that many brave patriots had fought and died for our way of freedom, she made it a point to always vote. We miss her terribly and hope her quiet and respectful attitude set a good example for all. If it be the dear Lord's will, our prayer are that mother and all of us will be together serving the great God of Israel, Jesus the Messiah, in the eternity.

Thank you for all the love and many, many kindnesses shown our family. If it be His will, may God continue to richly bless thee and thine, and our beloved land.

Written by her daughter,  
Nancy C. Taylor-Evans

## **ELDER GARFIELD THACKER**

Garfield was born May 1, 1950, to the late Elder Frank and Jossie Thacker. He was called Home to our Lord Jesus Christ on December 17, 2020, after a lifetime of sickness. He leaves behind his wife, Diana Thacker, three children, James and Jerri Thacker, Sherry and Kevin Miracle, Christine and Steve Damron, five grandkids, Eric Thacker, (Adopted grandson), Jacob and Jalyn Thacker, Briana and Linsey Miracle. Also, two sisters, Alice Thacker, and Berna Blackburn, four brothers, Elder Frank Thacker Jr., Elder A.B. Thacker, Donnie Thacker, and Joe Thacker. He was preceded in death by two infant brothers, Hazard and Jewett Thacker, and he often mentioned them in his preaching. Two older sisters, Alene Conway and Geneva Conway.

Garfield joined the Philadelphia Old Regular Baptist Church on May 19, 1991. He was baptized by Jim Green May and Frank Thacker Jr. He was ordained as a deacon on October 19, 1991, and as an Elder



on May 21, 1994. Garfield served Little Hattie Old Regular Baptist Church as a borrowed deacon for years. He served as assistant moderator and deacon of the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church in the New Salem Association for several years. He moved his letter to Greasy Creek Old Regular Baptist Church on October 4, 2000. He served as assistant moderator there for nineteen years and as moderator for one year.

All his silly smiles, goofy jokes and dumb antics will forever fill our hearts and memories with laughter.

Written by his Loving Family

## THURAJENE (SMITH) THORNSBURY

It is with a broken heart of those mom left behind, yet so happy that her race is won and she's resting in the arms of Jesus that we write the obituary of our precious mother. Proverbs 31:10 *"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."* This verse is so true of our dear mommy.

Thurajene (Smith) Thornsbery, age 86, of Canada, Ky was born on July 14, 1934, and departed this life peaceably at home on September 12, 2020 surrounded by her loving children and grandson (Ben). The day Mom passed away; things were so quiet, it seem time stood still. Then, she left this earthly home so softly and gently as the angels carried her away. Rev. 14:13 *"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*



Mom was the cherished wife of the late Elder Berlin Thornsbery whom she was married for over 50 years until his death and the oldest daughter of the late William Goble and Verna (Bogar) Smith. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by someone she thought of as a son and he knew her as a mother, Walter Dean Bogar. Also preceded in death was her beautiful daughter-in-law, Veronica (Justice) Thornsbery and precious granddaughters Haley Thornsbery and Jeannie Lynn Thornsbery. Three dear brothers preceded her in death: William Chester, Glen, and Thomas Clinton Smith as well as many in-laws.

She was a faithful member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church for almost fifty years and attended regularly up until her sickness. Mom was a hard worker for the church. She always cooked big Sunday dinners for churchgoers to come to our house and eat. She would start cooking on Friday and continue Saturday up until Sunday. When the church lunchroom was built, she didn't slow down and even stayed to help serve everyone. Before our association got the building at Brushy, many brethren and their wives spent the night at our house during that time. I know it had to be hard with so many little children still at home but I never heard her complain. She faithfully fulfilled the scripture in 1 Timothy 5:10 to the letter *"Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work."*

Mom was known for keeping an immaculate house, pristine "washings" and raising her children in a Christian home. She made sure her children got a good education and was prepared for

school and life. She always made breakfast before we got on the bus and had the best suppers on the table for us that afternoon. However, I don't ever remember her sitting down to eat with us. That was the kind of mother she was. And she definitely was the best pie maker around especially her apple and raspberry pies.

Those left behind to treasure our memories of Mom are her children whom she loved dearly and the love was returned: Ivan Neil (Mary), James Gerald (Susie), Barbara Newsome (Jerome), Debbie Bogar, Lesa Justice (Mark), Reesia Thornsby (whom she made her home), Tammy Dotson (Adam), and Troy Thornsby. Proverbs 31:28, "*Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.*" She was blessed with twelve grandchildren (whom many she help raised), eleven great-grandchildren, and many step-grandchildren who survive her. Additionally, she is survived by her beloved sister and brother, Jacqueline Laborda and Clifford Douglas Smith (Phyllis) and a host of loving nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Our home will never be the same without our dear mother but we know she earned her rest from her labors here on earth and we are confident that she is at peace in the paradise of Heaven. So sleep on our precious mommy until we meet again in that joyous reunion with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Written and deeply missed by her loving daughters

## IDA MAE BELL COPLEY VARNEY

Ida Mae Bell Copley Varney, ninety-five, of Delbarton, WV went to rejoice with her Lord and sing with the angels in heaven, January 7, 2021 after succumbing to illness at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY.

At the time of her passing, daughter Sheila Martin and daughter-in-law, Roberta Varney were by her bedside. "She knew we were with her," Sheila stated. Ida was born June 3, 1925 to Quint and Mintie Bowens Copley and was raised at Goodman Hollow in Williamson, WV.

She attended school in Chattaroy until the age of fourteen when economic circumstances following her father's death pushed Ida into the workforce at an early age. However, not finishing school did not prevent Ida from becoming an avid reader and crossword puzzle expert later in her adult life.

At age eighteen, Ida and her sister Jane moved to Aurora, IL, entering the workforce during World War II when women were working toward the war effort. Ida obtained employment at Montgomery Metals and worked as a riveter on B-25 airplane wings. During that time, she kept in correspondence with two soldiers-her brother Bill and the late John Lark (John L.) Varney whom she would later marry on February 23, 1946.

John L. worked as a coal miner and Ida was a homemaker and mother to their five children. Later in Life, she became a grandmother to six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson and was a true matriarch of her family.





A devout Christian, Ida belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized October 6, 1952 by Tommy Adair. Ida loved church and her church family. However, Ida always expressed a belief that church affiliation did not dictate a person's character and often stated, "It doesn't matter what church you belong to- it is what you have in your heart that counts." Ida loved being surrounded by family and friends and knew how to bring people together. Sunday dinners were mandatory, and no one stepped foot in her house without being offered a cup of coffee and a bite to eat.

On early summer mornings, Ida could be found working outside in her garden under the shade of a large straw hat. Gardening brought her true joy and was a process she enjoyed from start to finish. When asked about gardening Ida would state, "I love everything about it; I love planting the garden, watching the plants and vegetables grow and canning it after it has grown." Her love of people and true zest for life shined in all that she did- be it organizing family yard sales, throwing a ringer during lively games of horse shoes at a cookout, playing Uno and other board games or baking homemade apple pies to sell at football games and the town's homecoming events.

Ida is preceded in death by her parents, Quint and Mintie Bowens Copley, her late husband, John L. Varney, late sisters, Sula, Jane, Myrtle, Juanita and Hazel, late brothers, Chap, Walter and Bill, late son, David Varney and late son in law Glen Martin. Her survivors include her children, Sheila Martin of Elk Creek, Polly and Ance Curry of Elk Creek, WV, Donnie and Roberta Varney of Delbarton, WV, Debbie and Chuck Harrison of Delbarton, grandchildren, Shannon and Jeff Stumbo of Dallas, TX, Janaya and Michael Williams of Logan, WV, Angelina and David Morals of Vermillion, OH, Christopher Shaun and Rachele Martin of Temple, TX, Alicia Varney of Williamson and Courtney Harrison of Williamson. Ida also has a surviving nephew, Clayburn Varney.

She loved the song "I Am Blessed", and every morning she would say I am blessed that God gave me another day.

Funeral services were held at the Chafin Funeral Home Chapel in Delbarton on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. with Elders Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staten and Joey Evans officiating. Burial followed in the Mountain View Memory Gardens at Huddy, KY. Pallbearers were, Shaun Martin, Elijah Pigman, Talan Mayes, Maddox Canterbury, Michael Williams, Clayburn Varney and Chuck Harrison. Honorary pallbearer, Donnie Varney.

Written by her loving granddaughter, Courtney Harrison

# Obituaries-FRIENDS OF THE SARDIS CHURCHES

## ROGER "ROD" BLACKBURN

Roger "Rod" Blackburn, age seventy-four, of Meta, KY passed away on Monday, June 7, 2021. He was born October 18, 1946, the son of the late Burnis and Goldie Ratliff Blackburn.

He is survived by his two sons, Clinton (Angela Kaye) and Tim (Melissa) Blackburn; three brother, Kelly, Vernon, and Archie; four sister, Jewel, Kathy, Jan, and Cherri; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Rod was a retired coal miner and an avid fisherman. He was the smile that everyone needed: always joking and entertaining. When he wasn't working, you could find him surrounded by loved ones. All of whom thought there was no one else like Rod. He was loving, giving, and caring. He taught us all to love with everything inside of us, not to take things too seriously, and to have fun with one another while we have the chance.

Everyone who knew Rod has a story to tell. A story that they will never forget: whether it was fishing trips, practical jokes, funny work stories, or just sitting in the swing on the front porch. If you had the opportunity to meet him, I am sure he made an impact on your life. Rod will be missed by all of us, but his legacy will live on. He will be with us in the smile his memory bring to our faces and the warmth in our hearts as we reminisce.

The world has dulled and lost a spark of life, but Heaven looks a little brighter. Our hope and desire is to all be together again one day.



Written by his loving family

## NATHAN MILES CULLOP

Nathan Miles Cullop, thirty-three, passed from this earthly life on May 31, 2021. Nathan was born June 14, 1987, in Winfield, IL, the son of Steve and Susan Cullop of Forest Hills, KY. I write this today as we came together to celebrate Nathan's life. Our hearts are broken this day because of the tragic loss of this precious young man. My prayer is that the Lord will comfort and protect each and every one of you under the sound of my voice. Our family wants to thank each one of you for all you have done for us in our time of need.



Nathan leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Ashley Lauren Cullop and his unborn son, Nash Grayson Cullop, his mother, Susan and Steve Cullop, his mother and father in law, Ray and Shirley Caudill, his siblings, Courtney Elizabeth and Justin Carter Cullop, Stephanie and Chad Lynch, Stevi Cullop, his grandmother and grandfather, Dave and Ruby Yackle, and a host of nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, friends and family.

We search for words of comfort that we might be able to say but words don't come easy. The Bible teaches us that men are miserable comforters without the Lord. Many thoughts go through our minds but nothing seems to comfort us at this time, at a time like this your very presence is such a great blessing. In the Bible we can read about a king named David. God's word says he was a man after God's own heart. King David had a young son that was very sick, and King David grieved for his son. So much that he would not eat or change his garments, not even go about his daily activities, but he prayed. God took David's son and his servants were afraid to tell the king of his son's passing. As David's servants approached him, he perceived that his son had passed and was dead. David asked his servants and they told him his son was gone. So this great king got up, washed himself and put on clean garments. David's servants were confused and said to the king, while your son was alive you sat in silence, not eating or drinking, but mourned all day for him, but now that you have begun to eat and drink, bathe and put on clean garments, and the king replied. I can't bring him back but by the grace of God I can go be with him.

As I look back at the time I spent with Nate, there is a memory that burns deep in my mind. Not just one time, but each time that I saw him, and perhaps each of you saw the same thing I did. Nate had a twinkle in his eye and a smile that would light up the room the minute he walked in. We're going to miss those precious smiles in this life. But our memories Nate left us will never be forgotten. Because memories are a gift of God that death cannot erase. The Bible teaches us that old things pass away and behold all things are made new. I would ask each and every one here today what gifts are you going to leave your loved ones when you leave this world.

Sometimes it's not the great things we call accomplishments, or the wonderful deeds you may have done in this life. Maybe they won't put your name on a plaque or put a statue in the town square for all to see. It could be as simple as a great big smile that would light up the room when you walk in. Those things don't cost us anything, they can't be bought or sold. The best gifts are from the heart. What a great gift Nathan left us, a blessing we received from God at the hands of this precious young man. Let us not look back at things we cannot change, but let us

look forward and do everything we can to make the life of everyone around us a little more pleasant. A little easier and be more thankful that we were in their lives.

Search for that good part that can never be taken away and perhaps one day by the grace of God the memory of the precious time we spent with Nathan will light up a little place in our hearts, just as Nate did in our lives when he entered the room. I know it's so very sad for all our family that are hear today. Sometimes the burdens of this life are so very heavy and you feel so all alone. You don't know what to say or what to do. I assure you that you're not alone. If you could just steal away to a quiet place and call on the name of the Lord with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength he will deliver you. God's word teaches us he will never leave or forsake us, he will be with us till the very end, if do the will of God. Just as he was with Nathan Monday as he left this world. For we know God gives us breathe and we live and he takes it and we die. My Bible tells me come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden. 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 for your soul.

I urge you this day to take a little time out of your busy life for the Lord. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Your Brother in Christ  
Brother Dale Williamson

## BRENDA HENSLEY

With a heavy heart and the help of the good Lord above, I am writing my dear wife, Brenda Hensley's obituary. She was born on December 24, 1946 in Whitesburg, KY. She was the daughter of the late Ellis and Mazie Pennington Adams. She received her angel wings on December 20, 2019.

Brenda and I met in Chicago, IL in 1963. It was love at first sight. We came back to West Virginia and got married on December 16, 1964. Together we had twelve children; George All, Patricia Ann, Rickey Dale, David, Tammy Gail, Randy, Eddie Ray, Sherry Ellen, Shawn, Michael Dean, Hugh Calvin and Misty. We were blessed with twenty-eight grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Brenda has five brothers; Donnie Adams, Dukie Adams, Mike Adams, William Adams and Dean Adams, and two sisters; Lelah Dixon and Linda Boggs all from Whitesburg.

Brenda was one in a million! She loved being a homemaker, taking care of the kids, loved to sew, play music, dance and was a wonderful cook. Brenda always said what was on her mind. I referred to her as a "wildcat". Some of her best times were on Lake Erie riding on the boats. She loved the water! Since her passing, it is not the same. Brenda is deeply missed by all of her children and grandchildren. She was the glue that held us together. We know she's not suffering anymore and I know that she's watching down on us. One day, we will meet again. Her memory will be in our hearts forever.



Written with love, her husband  
George Hensley

## BRYANT LOSON HOLLAND

Bryant Loson Holland, was born on May 30, 1943 to the late Denver and Delton Jennings Holland in Franklin, NC. After a hard fight with cancer, he went to be with the Lord on April 14, 2020 at his home he built in Franklin, with his caring family by his side. He is survived by his faithful and loving wife of forty-eight years, Diane Walters Holland.

Bryant met and married the love of his life while working for General Motors in Pontiac, MI. Diane was the woman of his dreams. Together, they had one son, Kevin Bryant Holland (Jennifer) and his latest "joy and partner in crime", his granddaughter Summer Rose, all of Franklin.

Bryant and Diane raised a daughter, Paula Christian (Kenny) of Dillard, GA, and a son, Nick Robinette of Hernando Beach, FL. He fathered a son, Mike Holland and a daughter Sandra Holland of Michigan. He was a great Dad and Papaw who loved his family.

Bryant was a Macon County native who proudly served our Country in the US Army through the Vietnam War. He was dedicated hard worker who took a lot of pride in his home and family. A generous provider who was good at everything from mechanics to construction to cooking. He taught Carpentry at Southwestern Community College, as he was an amazing carpenter! An avid coon hunter, he was a long-time member of the Coon Hunters Association where he had many friends and was well known for his awesome dog training skills with Walker dogs.

He will always be remembered for all the lives he has touched by giving a helping hand, for caring, and providing for everyone he knew. Not to mention all the prayers and visits he made to all his friends and family when they were sick, grieving, or had fallen on hard times. Bryant was the first Deputy to retire from the Macon County Sheriff's Department in 1998 after serving as "Chief Deputy" and protecting our County for fifteen plus years.

If he wasn't coon hunting, he was talking about coon hunting! He enjoyed playing cards, a good game of pool, his coffee, eggs and gravy, his "Baccar", and everything about the "Great Outdoors", from hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, and ginseng digging. His personality always had a joke or some way to make you laugh. His greatest joy in life was always his grandchildren, great grandson and making sure everyone was "taken care of". He was a true man of his word. A man you could honor. One everyone loved and respected. He was a Baptist and a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church.

Bryant was the only son and the youngest of five children. He is survived by his sister, Audrey Holland Cook of Franklin. He was preceded in death by three sisters; Phyllis Holland Caldwell, Bernice Holland Penley and Marsha Holland Mason. He is survived by his granddaughter, Alicia Aughtman (Buck) and great grandson, Jonathan, of Fort Bragg, NC.; a grandson, Chance Dakota Holland of Franklin. He was preceded in death by an infant grandson Joseph Nicholson and a young, beautiful granddaughter, Kristen Nicholson; whom he never stopped loving.





He loved his dogs, friends and family as much as they all loved him. He was truly an admirable man with so many life memories. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His patience and words of wisdom like, "Well that don't matter" and "Why, that's water under the bridge", will never be forgotten. But his favorite saying of all was... "Y'all go with us!"

## BONNIE JEAN LOWE TEETERS

Bonnie Jean Lowe Teeters passed away on April 18, 2021 at the Pikeville Medical Center. She was born on December 14, 192 in Hatfield, KY. She was the daughter of Forest Lacy Lowe and Luna Elizabeth Runyon Lowe. She was married to Harry James Teeters for fifty-seven years and was a resident of Delbarton, WV. She was the mother of five children; Jamie Hawkins of Huntington, WV, James Teeters of Chattaroy, WV, Teresa Francis of Lexington, KY, Jacob Teeters of Williamson, WV and Wylie Teeters of Delbarton, WV.



Her dad was a member of Mary Elizabeth Church and served as a clerk and a deacon. She was raised in a Christian home and always let her light shine. She was a mother who helped us to know Jesus and to live to honor the Lord. She was an example of that kind of living. She never met a stranger and loved her family and friends very much. She loved reading her bible and would do so every morning before breakfast. She also loved to travel because she loved seeing all the beauty of God's works.

Mom told me the morning before she passed that she had a dream she felt great about. She said she dreamed she was coming up out of clear water and her nephew, who has passed several years ago was there with her to lead her out of the water. She said I don't know what this dream means yet, but I have a good feeling about it. I think her dream meant that my cousin was leading her to heaven. On the way to the hospital, the day of her passing, I witnessed my mom raise her hands and ask that God and his angels come to her. My mom passed shortly after because God did come to her. Mom is reunited in heaven with her parents, sister and brothers whom she loved very much. She left behind two sisters Edith Joyce Wellman and Rebecca Jane Marcum, as well as a special cousin Janice Faye Blackburn, who she loved dearly.

Family was everything to Mom. We will all miss mom beyond words, but know she is with her heavenly Father and at peace

Written by her daughter Emma Teresa Francis

## BEVERLY SUE WILLIAMSON

Beverly Sue Williamson, age seventy-six, of Pikeville, KY gained her heavenly wings and went home to be with our Lord on Sunday, December 6, 2020. Mom was born in Huntington, WV on December 7, 1943, a daughter of the late Woodrow Wilson Fetty and Fannie Bell Davis Fetty. Mom will greatly missed by so many of her friends and family, especially me. She is survived by a son Mark Williamson and his wife Kathy of Pikeville, KY; a daughter, Kimberly and her husband Bill West of Pikeville, KY; four grandchildren, Austin Williamson (Treston), Kody Trivette (Karen Pasheco), Indyia Hatfield (Matthew) and Taylor Williamson, three great grandchildren; Trenton Williamson, Leah Williamson and Madelyn Mae Hatfield.



Mom worked in healthcare almost forty years. She was the most loving and caring friend, daughter, mother to her two children, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a member of the Piso Freewill Baptist Church. She had a beautiful voice and loved to sing. Mom had the most beautiful soul inside and out. You could see kindness in her eyes, with a sparkle that could light up the room, and the most precious smile I've ever seen. Mom loved us unconditionally and always told us how proud she was to be our mom and how much she loved us. Mom was much more than just my mom, she was my best friend. Unfortunately, when God called her home, it was during a time of crisis, and visitation was limited, which was really hard for all of us. Because I know she was loved by so many who didn't get to come and be there for our family. Mom has always been our angel on earth, no she is our guardian angel from Heaven above. Mom has always been our amazing grace. Forever in our hearts, we love you mom, until we meet again.

Written by your loving children

## JAMES CLINTON WILLIAMSON

James Clinton Williamson age seventy-three of Pecco Hollow, Belfry, KY gained his heavenly wings and went home to be with our Lord on Friday, January 15, 2021. Dad was born in Varney, KY on January 22, 1947, a son of the late Marshel and Mary (Young) Williamson. Other than his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Dave Williamson, and one sister, Lois Robinette.

Dad loved and cared for his family dearly. He was a proud father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is survived by a son Mark Williamson and his wife Kathy of Pikeville, KY; a daughter, Kimberly and her husband Bill West of Pikeville, KY; three sisters, Vera Walters and her husband Lonnie of Varney, KY, Barb Ratliff and her husband Gary of TN, and Mary Robinette of Ypsilanti, MI, four grandchildren, Austin Williamson (Treston), Kody Trivette (Karen Pasheco), Indyia Hatfield (Matthew) and Taylor Williamson, three great grandchildren; Trenton Williamson, Leah Williamson and Madelyn Mae Hatfield. Clint also leaves to mourn his passing his companion Emma Pecco of Pecco Hollow, Belfry, KY, her son Keith of TN, her daughters, Kim Jackson and her husband Nee of Forest Hills, KY, and Emily Suttles and her husband Scott of Forest Hills, KY., her grandchildren, Eli Stanley, Kinzie and Nea Jackson, Lakyn and Tylin Suttles. Also, Dale and Debi Williamson, who were more like siblings to him.



Dad grew up on Brushy surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was a member of the Piso Freewill Baptist Church. He loved reading his Bible. In his later years, he wasn't able to attend due to health issues. Dad was a hard working coal miner, who retired after forty-four years. He enjoyed deer hunting and rabbit hunting, and most of all coon hunting, especially with "old loud" and all his hunting buddies. He loved telling his coon hunting stories about "ole loud" and we loved watching his "snake eyes" sparkle when we was telling them. He loved bragging about us kids and grandkids. He told everyone we were his babies, with that little sneaky grin of his. Dad loved us so much and little did we know that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we all loved you dearly, in death we do the same. Although you did not go alone, a part of us went with you when God called you home. Forever in our hearts we love you dad, until we meet again.

Written by your loving children



# CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS SSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **RULES OF DECORUM OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CHURCH DELEGATES  
TO THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2021**

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

**APPLE ORCHARD:** Tim Maynard, Mitchell Scalf, Johnny Thacker

**BENT BRANCH:** Billy Meade, Harold Collins, Ray Blackburn

**BIG BRANCH:** Chuck Lowe, Brad Tibbs, Don Preece

**MARY ELIZABETH:** David Staten, Eddie Walters, David Marcum

**BETHANY:** Arthur May, David May, Alton May

**PILGRIMS HOME:** Shane Reed, Eric Williamson, Dale Williamson

**SALEM:** Bobby Lee Scott, Ferrell Sesco, Ernest Sesco

**SIDNEY:** Butler Fletcher, Eugene Moore, Richie Hale

**DIX FORK:** Wayne Blackburn, Charles Edwards, Thurman Stacey

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

**LEANNAH:** Billy Joe Robinson, Larry Robinsoon

**BUCK CREEK:** Vadis Blackburn, Todd Dials, Marion Duncan

**TABITHA:** Monty Messer, Alex Hensley, Avery Hensley

**LITTLE ROSIE:** Harvey White, Timothy Robinson, Danny Allen

**TURKEY CREEK:** Danny Reed, Mike Coleman, Ron Hamilton

**SAMARIA:** Randall Lackey, Larry May, Bernard Aldridge

**ROSA:** Freddie Cline and Frank Cline

**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Paul Maynard and Dwight Maynard

**PILGRIMS REST:** Ervin Thacker and Duane Smith

**ELIZABETH:** Tony Mullins, Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe

**LITTLE TAVIE:** Chester Cochran, Jim Cochran, Lester Cochran

**ANTIOCH:**

**BRIDE OF CHRIST:** Sam Frye and Leonard Napier

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Cochran, Lester (304)675-3324	Little Tavie	Rt. 1, Box 8669 Sand Hill Rd., Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550
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Dials, Todd J. (606)298-0960	Buck Creek	168 Creekwood Estates, Inez, KY 41224
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Lowe, Michael D. (606)253-1992	Bent Branch	169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501
Lowe, Randall L. (606)631-3734	Elizabeth	13739 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
Mathis, Arthur (304)272-5972	Antioch	1915 Craig Road, Wayne, WV 25570
May, Arthur (304)393-4118	Bethany	115 May Road, Breedon, WV 25666
May, David (304)393-9109	Bethany	200 Silk Branch, Kermit, WV 25674
Maynard, Paul (606)631-5835	Apple Orchard	12941 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
Messer, Monty Jr. (304)752-7986	Bethany	222 Earl Vance Dr., Dingess, WV 25671
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)207-8868	Leannah	705 Oil Springs Rd, Winchester, KY 40391
Robinson, Timothy (304)235-3425	Little Rosie	85 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
White, John Wayne (304)762-2926	Rebecca	RR 1 Box 447, Lesage, WV 25537
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**

Cochran, Jim (304)674-5177	Little Tavie	21705 Torrence Chapel, Cornelius, NC 28031
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Elder Thomas J. Dials (606)395-6572	Moderator	59 Jacobs Lane, Warfield, KY 41267
Elder Richard Staton (606)237-1217	Assistant Moderator	3668 Long Branch Rd., Belfry, KY 41514
Elder Michael D. Lowe (606)253-1992	Clerk	169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501
Brother Alvin Thornbury (276)469-1370	Assistant Clerk	26335 Pewter Lane, Abingdon, VA 24211
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

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>CLERK and ADDRESS</b>
<b>MT. PLEASANT</b>	17321 East Big Creek Road, Sidney, KY 41564	(606)353-9507	Daniel Stanley, 78 Brown Branch Road, Sidney, KY 41564
<b>APPLE ORCHARD</b>	10770 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501	(606)631-9314	Johnny L. Thacker, 356 Billy Lowe Branch, Pikeville, KY 41501
<b>BENT BRANCH</b>	87 East Helena Ave., Pikeville, KY 40501	(606)253-1992	Michael Lowe, 169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501
<b>BIG BRANCH</b>	16784 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501	(606)205-1505	Chuck Lowe, 13987 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
<b>MARY ELIZABETH</b>	Highway 468, Hatfield, KY 41514	(606)353-9320	Eddie D. Walters, 56 Davidson Hill, Belfry, KY 41514
<b>BETHANY</b>	654 Laurel Creek, Lenore, WV 25676	(304)475-3889	John Canterbury, 18 Milton Bryant Lane, Lenore, WV 25676
<b>PILGRIMS HOME</b>	3331 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571	(606)631-9391	Mike Johnson, 565 John Young Br, Varney, KY 41571
<b>SALEM</b>	30 Goody Road, Goody, KY 41514	(606)237-4723	Ernest Sesco, 289 Sukey Fork Road, Belfry, KY 41514
<b>SIDNEY</b>	288 North Wolf Creek Rd, Pilgrim, KY 41250	(606)298-0960	Todd J. Dials, 168 Creekwood Estate, Inez, KY 41224
<b>DIX FORK</b>	2484 Dix Fork Road, Sidney, KY 41564	(606)353-9507	Daniel Stanley, 78 Brown Br. Rd., Sidney, KY 41564
<b>NARROWS BRANCH</b>	1699 Narrows Branch Road, Hardy, KY 41531	(606)353-9747	Bobby Scott, Jr., 148 Josh Hollow Rd, Hardy, KY 41531
<b>LEANNAH</b>	9016 Meathouse Road, Pilgrim, KY 41250	(606)631-4893	Hayes Robinson, 15835 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
<b>BUCK CREEK</b>	68 Gordon Hollow, Beauty, KY 41203	(606)298-0960	Todd J. Dials, 168 Creekwood Estate, Inez, KY 41224
<b>TABITHA</b>	218 Wonderland Road, Verdunville, WV 25689	(937)764-0429	Avery Hensley, 1720 Zion Lane, Hillsboro, OH 45133
<b>LITTLE ROSIE</b>	2791 Buffalo Creek Rd., Williamson, WV 25661	(304)235-0041	Harvey White, 1275 Dan's Branch Road, Williamson, WV 25661
<b>TURKEY CREEK</b>	1348 Turkey Creek Rd, Turkey Creek, KY 41514	(734)482-3148	Ron Hamilton, 7332 McKean Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
<b>SAMARIA</b>	3646 Dingess Road, Dingess, WV 25671	(606)534-7487	Larry May, 481 Little Laurel Creek, Louisa, KY 41230
<b>ROSA</b>	Baisden Fork, Baisden, WV 25608	(304)664-9333	Charles Paynter, 1055 Gilbert Creek Road, Baisden, WV 25608
<b>LITTLE VIRGIE</b>	50 Long Fork Road, Kimper, KY 41539	(276)469-1370	Alvin Thornbury, 26335 Pewter Lane, Abingdon, VA 24211
<b>PILGRIMS REST</b>	5051 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571	(606)631-9085	Clifton Robinette, 553 John Young Br, Varney, KY 41571
<b>ELIZABETH</b>	8068 South Highway 3, Louisa, KY 41230	(606)631-3734	Randall L. Lowe, 13739 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
<b>LITTLE TAVIE</b>	151 Chapel Drive, Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550	(740)710-9080	Urias Hall, Jr., 216 Florence Avenue, Jackson, OH 45640
<b>ANTIOCH</b>	1869 Craig Road, Wayne, WV 25570	(304)272-5972	Arthur Mathis, 1915 Craig Road, Wayne, WV 25570
<b>BRIDE OF CHRIST</b>	5064 Rt Fork Camp Creek, Lavalette, WV 25701	(304)272-5972	Arthur Mathis, 1915 Craig Road, Wayne, WV 25570
<b>REBECCA</b>	450 Day Star Rod, Delbarton, WV 25670	(304)972-1767	Johnny Ray White, 8074 Lunsford Lane, Lesage, WV 25537



## 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	Ron Gannon	Bruce Williamson	75	150								6	2	July
Apple Orchard	11:00/11:00	Gary Young	Duane Smith	75	150								16	1	June
Bent Branch	10:00/10:00	Dale Williamson	Duane Smith	100	200	1					2		29	3	August
Big Branch	11:00/11:00	Richard Staton	Andy Walters	100	250						1		24	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	11:00/11:00	Ron Gannon	Ivan Neil Thornsby	60	200						1		20	3	July
Bethany	11:00/11:00	Arthur May	Albert Cable	60	160	1						1	29	4	August
Pilgrims Home	10:00/10:00	Duane Smith	Andrew Walters	150	350	4				1	5		70	4	August
Salem	11:00/11:00	Eric Williamson	Harold Sesco	100	300	1						1	45	1	May
Sidney	2:00/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Todd Dials	70	200	1							18	4	June
Dix Fork	11:00/11:00	Edward L. Smith	Charles Edwards	100	200	1					2		23	1	July
Narrows Branch	11:00/11:00	Ivan N. Thornsby	Larry Thacker	50	100	1							12	4	July
Leannah	10:30/10:30	Billy J. Robinson	Paul Maynard	50	100						1		23	2	July
Buck Creek	10:30/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Albert Cable	75	160	1							12	3	June
Tabitha	2:30/10:30	Rex Napier	Albert Cable	50	100						1	2	7	1	August
Little Rosie	11:00/11:00	Tim Robinson	Freddy Cline	30	70								8	2	April
Turkey Creek	11:00/11:00	Hobart Hamilton	Richard Staton	100	250	2	1				5		38	2	May
Samaria	11:00/11:00	Randall Lackey	Vacant	30	100						1		18	1	July
Rosa	10:30/10:30	Hobart Hamilton	Gary Young	75	300	1							14	3	August
Little Virgie	11:00/11:00	Richard Staton	Paul Maynard	50	150								7	4	June
Pilgrims Rest	10:30/10:30	Gary Young	Duane Smith	40	150						1		11	2	June
Elizabeth	10:30/10:30	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	Clyde Perry	30	100								7	1	June
Little Tavia	10:30/10:30	Chester Cochran	Lester Cochran	50	275					1			9	2	July
Antioch	7:00/10:30	Leonard Napier	Sam Frye	75	150						1		7	4	August
Bride of Christ	7:00/11:00	Sam Frye	Leonard Napier	40	80						1		4	3	July
Rebecca	11:00/11:00	John Wayne White	Frank Edwin Hay	50	300								24	2	October
		TOTALS		1,685	\$4,545	14	1	0	0	2	22	4	485		

# October 2021 - September 2022

October 2021							November 2021							December 2021							January 2022						
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○ Indicates Odd Sunday

■ Indicates 2022 Association Meeting

