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*Held with the*  
APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH  
JARAD, PIKE COUNTY, KY.

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ELDER ESTER HOPKINS, *Moderator*  
ELDER JONAH BEVINS, *Ass't Mod. & Clerk*  
ELDER W. BLACKBURN, *Ass't Clerk*

The Sardis Association of "Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ, conveyed with the Apple Orchard Church, Jesus Christ convened with the Apple Orchard Church, 13th, 1924. They met at the stand and after prayer by Elder W. H. Bowling, the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder L. T. Preston, from the 1st book of Thes 5: 21. "Prove all things: hold fast that which is good."

After a short intermission the delegates from the several churches assembled at the Church House, and after singing and prayer by Elder F. A. Hopkins, the Association proceeded to business in the following order:

1st.—The letters from the several churches were handed in, read and received, and delegates seated.

2nd.—The Association then organized by electing Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator; Elder Jonah Bevins, assistant Moderator; and Clerk; Elder W. Blackburn, assistant Clerk.

3rd.—On motion, the rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

4th.—Called for newly constituted Churches, none responded.

5th.—Called for corresponding letters from Sister Associations, and received the following; New Salem: at the hands of Elders F. A. Hopkins, Joseph Martin, Brothers W. M. Marl, H. Williams, West Davis, and G. W. Honaker.

Bethlehem: at the hand of H. G. Spence, but no letter.

Delegates from Sister Associations were received and seated with us.

6th—Called for transient Ministers and received Elder W. Blackburn, Henan Maynard and W. M. Bolling.

7 —Resolved that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8 —Appointed a committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday, consisting of one delegate from each church, with the entire delegation from Apple Orchard church, who reported as follows;

1st—Elder W. Blackburn.

2—Elder Joseph Martin.

3—Elder H. G. Spence.

4. Elder Joe Cline.

5. Elder F. A. Hopkins.

9th—Appointed Clerk and assistant Clerk to write corresponding letters to Sister Association.

10th—Appointed a committee on arrangement, consisting of one delegate from each church with the Moderator, Clerk and corresponding ministers and members invited.

11th—On motion, of the Clerk the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1924.

1st—Met pursuant to adjournment, and after being called to order by the moderator, Elder Frank Fields made some soul cheering remarks and led the Delegation in prayer.

2nd—Called the roll, and marked the absentees.

3rd—Appointed a committee on finance, consisting of Elder W. Blackburn, L. Varney, and M. Romans, who reported as follows: Mt. Pleasant \$10.39 Mary Elizabeth \$5.00, Apple Orchard \$5.00, Rebecca \$3.00, Salem \$15.00, Bent Branch \$6.00, Big Branch

\$3.00 Dix Fork \$3.50, Pilgram Home \$13.00, Mt. Carmel \$4.25, Bethany \$3.00, Lenah \$2.00, Sidney \$1.95, Narrows Branch \$7.00, Wolf Creek \$2.00. Total from all churches \$81.09.

4th—Called on Treasurer to report. He being absent, the clerk was ordered to make settlement with him, who reported as follows;

Grand total on hand .....	\$251.38
Paid Brethern expenses from	
Sister Associations .....	22.00
Printing of the minutes for the year 1922.....	25.00
Printing of the minutes for the year 1923.....	99.50
Total expenditures for 1922 and 1923.....	\$146.50
Balance in trustees hand for this year.....	\$104.88

5th—Resolved, that Bro. J. M. Hensley be appointed Treasurer.

6th—Appointed, the same committee as yesterday to arrange Ministry for Sunday, who reported as follows:

- 1 Wallace Jackson.
- 2 F. A. Hopkins.
- 3 Wayne Cline.
- 4 Jonah Bevins.

7th—Called for Brethern appointed to write letters to Sister Associations, and the letters were as follows;

Letter to New Salem: received and appointed Elders L. T. Preston, Ester Hopkins, Bros. A. J. Case, Pat Francisco, G. W. Hinkles, Freeland Scott. Letter in hand of Elder L. T. Preston, to bear same to be held with the Beaver Church, Drift, Floyd Co., Kentucky, to begin on Friday, before the fourth Saturday in September, 1924, and to continue the two following days.

Letter to Bethlehem read, received and appointed Elders Ester Hopkins, L. T. Preston, Jonah Bevins, Joe Cline, W. Jackson, E. F. Fields, Charles Jude, Willis Blackburn, Bros. A. J. Case, Mell Romans and Pete Dyle. Letter in hands of Elder Jonah Bevins, to bear same to be held with the New Salem Church, Cove Gap, Wayne County, West Virginia, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1925.

8th—Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

Mt. Pleasant, the second Saturday and Sunday in July, 1925.

Elders E. F. Fields, Ester Hopkins, F. A. Hopkins and W. C. Hay to attend.

Apple Orchard, the fourth Saturday in July, 1925, Elders F. A. Hopkins, Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, H. G. Spence with to attend.

Mary Elizabeth, The third Saturday and Sunday in July 1925. Elders Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Wayne Cline with Mod. to attend.

Mt. Carmel, the first Saturday and Sunday in July 1925. Elders Charles Jude, Willis Blackburn, J. S. Cline, J. H. Brown to attend.

Wolf Creek, the second Saturday and Sunday in July 1925. Elders L. T. Preston, Ester Hopkins, and Wayne Cline to attend.

Bethany, the first Saturday and Sunday in July 1925. Elders F. A. Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, L. T. Preston, F. M. Preece to attend.

Rebecca, The Second Saturday and Sunday in August 1925. Elders Ester Hopkins, L. T. Preston, Jonah Bevins and A. J. Maynard to attend

Dix Fork, The First Saturday and Sunday in July 1925. Elders L. T. Preston, F. A. Hopkins, Willis Blackburn and Jonah Bevins to attend. Big Branch, The Third Saturday and Sunday in August 1925. Elders H. G. Spence, Willis Blackburn, Ester Hopkins, L. T. Preston and F. A. Hopkins to attend.

Piogram Home, The Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August 1925. Elders Wallace Jackson, F. A. Hopkins, L. T. Preston, Willis Blackburn, Ester Hopkins, W. C. Hay, with Moderator to attend. Bent Branch, The Third Saturday and Sunday in August 1925, Elders Willis Blackburn, Ester Hopkins, W. C. Hay, F. A. Hopkins with Moderator to attend.

Lenah, The Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1925. Elders L. T. Preston, Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, F. A. Hopkins and Willis Blackburn to attend.

Narrows Branch, The Fourth Saturday in July 1925. Elders Wayne Cline, Willis Blackburn, Wallace Jackson, Jonah Bevins, J. H. Brown, with Moderator to attend.

Salem, The First Saturday and Sunday in August 1925, Elders Henan Maynard, Wayne Cline, F. A. Hopkins with Moderator to attend.

9th—Called on Brethern appointed to attend Sister Associations, Union Meetings & etc., to report, who reported satisfactorily but some failures were reported and those failing to attend were excused.

10th—By motion, it was ordered that the Clerk and the assistant Clerk with same committee appointed last year have until next association to complete the Record of the Association.

11th—Resolved that Article 12 be left out of minutes, and recorded in the Record of the Association.

12—Resolved that the Clerk have any and all Obituaries of deceased Brethern and Sisters printed in our Minutes that may reach him before going to press.

13—Resolved, that we have the articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Constitution also printed in these Minutes.

14—Resolved, that we have one thousand copies of Minutes printed and the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

15—Resolved, that our next Association be held with the Pilgrim Home church, Varney, Pike County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the Second Saturday in September, 1925 and that Elder Jonah Bevins be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Ester Hopkins to be his alternate.

16—Resolved, that we extend to this Community our sincere and heart felt thanks for this kindness and great care manifested towards us and we pray that God the giver of all good things, will restore to them four fold and bless them temporarily and spiritually.

17—Resolved, that the Association adjourn to the time and place above mentioned done and signed by Order of the Association.

Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator.

Elder Jonah Bevins, Clerk.

Elder Willis Blackburn, Assistant Clerk.

Sunday Service, September 14th, 1924.

The Brethern appointed to preach on the Stand met a large and well ordered congregation of people

and proceeded according to the arrangement of the Committee.

The Service was introduced by Elder Wallace Jackson and then Elder F. A. Hopkins preached from Rom. Sc. 1-2v. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, Who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of Sin and Death.

Elder Wayne Cline preached from 1st Cor. 1-2v. "Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth & etc."

Elder Jonah Bevins preached from 1st John 4-2v. "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God; Every Spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.

The Association was a real pleasant one, except some differences in the preaching Sunday, in Brother Clines discourse he denighed the Resurrection of the dead, but we do hope and trust, that the preaching of the Brethern during this the thirty first Annual session of our Association, that it may be regular in doctrine and practice, and that the good advice which she given to all the churches will be the means of an in gathering to the fold, and the next year may be one of great prosperity to all the churches that go to make up this great assembly.

May God bless us all to so live that our love toward each other may flow more freely, and that we may be blessed to pray for the poor, lost and undone sinners, who are trampling the mercies of a gracious and merciful Lord, under their sinful feet, if peradventure they may be spared a little longer.

Yours to serve,

JONAH BEVINS, Clerk.

## CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experiences we, the Church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an Association, according to the following plan or form of government:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

Article 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full membership, those baptized received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead, since the last Association.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it 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 governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Article 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger (and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly), shall be received by the Association, and manifest by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Article 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

Article 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Article 9. Every motion made, and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association.

Article 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the Minutes of the Association.

Article 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary for that purpose.

Article 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected, if need be), and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Article 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Article 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority.

Article 16. The Association shall have power  
 (1) to provide for the general union of the churches.  
 (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty.  
 (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appoint any member or members, by and with their consent to transact any business which they think necessary. (6) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion (7) To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association. (8) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union. (9) That no minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more ordained ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptists, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

#### Articles of Faith

Article 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and all things that are therein contained.

Article 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His Church.

Article 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the sealer and applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Article 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these are one.

Article 5. We believe the Old and New Testament Scripture to be the infallible Word of God, and take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be taken from or added to it.

Article 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ; that he tasted death for every man, that salvation is to all men and women on the terms of the Gospel.

Article 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus are necessary previous to baptism, and that immersion is the only way of administering the ordinance.

Article 8. We believe that Christ has but one true Gospel Church, and that will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Article 9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the Church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and sufferings of the Son of God until His second coming.

Article 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, and ought to be observed and kept up by His Church until His second coming.

Article 11. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead, and that He lives forever.

Article 12. We believe in the resurrection of the just and the unjust.



Article 13. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.

#### Rules of Decorum.

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

Article 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Article 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before or make remarks on his slips or failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

Article 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Article 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Article 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

Article 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other title or appellation than that of Brother.

Article 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member until he gives his own idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Article 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association requires.

Article 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member, providing the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association shall be equally divided.

Article 12. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

Article 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Article 14. No person shall speak more than five minutes at the same time without liberty obtained from the Association.

Article 15. These rules of decorum shall be read by the Clerk at the commencement of every Association.

#### Names and addresses of Ordained Ministers

Jonah Bevins .....	Goody, Ky.
Ransom Smith .....	Hardy, Ky.
E. F. Fields .....	McClure, Ky.
Wayne Cline .....	Piso, Ky.
F. M. Precece .....	Holden, W. Va.
A. J. Maynard .....	Williamson, W. Va.
A. A. Sheppard .....	Holden, W. Va.
Ester Hopkins .....	Williamson, W. Va.
Hose Bolling .....	Piso, Ky.
J. E. Taylor .....	Jarad, Ky.

J. H. Brown .....	Crigger, Ky.
W. Blackburn .....	Varney, Ky.
L. T. Preston .....	Catlettsburg, Ky.
W. H. Maynard .....	Catlettsburg, Ky.
Simeon Johnson .....	Canterberry, W. Va.
F. A. Canterberry .....	Canterberry, W. Va.
Andy Runyons .....	Canterberry, W. Va.
James Jude .....	Laura, Ky.
J. S. Muncy .....	Sprigg, W. Va.
Charley Jude .....	Laura, Ky.
Joe Cline .....	Portsmouth, Ohio.
Wallace Jackson .....	Couder, Ky.

### OBITUARY.

It now becomes my sad duty, at the request of a sad husband and a beloved Brother and a Father in the Gospel, to write a short sketch of a dear Sister, Sinda Bolling. She was born August 16, 1861, and died December 25th, 1923. She was married to Hose Bolling, September 1st, 1876, and to this union was born eight children, of which seven survive and one died in infancy, where we believe Mother met with it around the dazzling throne of God, where there will be no more separations. Sister Bolling joined the Regular Baptist Church about twenty years prior to her death, and lived a faithful life. Her membership was with the Bent Branch Church, she was loved by all who knew her. There is a seat vacant at home and in the Church which can never be filled again by Sister Bolling. We know that her children and heart broken husband miss her at the home, for she was such a good, kind and pious Mother and companion. I think of the orphan children very often in prayers

and especially of the deaf and dumb boy, who rejoiced so wonderfully at the funeral, pointing his hands upward and showing the people that his Mother had gone to Heaven and that he too, was going, some day to meet his Mother. A short time after her death this deaf and dumb boy confirmed his faith by being baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgram Home Church. I trust that the remainder of the children will take counsel of the Lord and prepare to meet Mother where there will be no more separations with Mother and her children. Where they can sing one eternal song with Moses and the Lamb. Sister Bolling was afflicted for many years, but bore it patiently. The writer had the privilege of visiting Sister Bolling on several occasions, and upon every occasion I was called upon to talk and hold prayer, and she would seem to forget her afflictions and rejoice greatly in the preached word of the Lord. Now as the Brethern and Sisters of the Sardis Association let us not forget nor neglect the widows and orphans in their affliction.

Come my dear friends and Morn with me,  
 In my afflicted state.  
 I am bereaved, as you may see,  
 Of my dear loving mate.

Written by Elder Jonah Bevins.

### OBITUARY.

It is with a broken heart I attempt to write a short sketch of a dear Sister, in the Lord and also in the flesh, Sister Fannie Sesco. She was the daughter of Patrick and Rutha Sesco. Sister Fannie was born December 31st., 1892 and deceased April 2nd, 1924. Age 31 years, 3 Months and two days. She joined

the Regular Baptist Church and was Baptised into the fellowship of the Pilgram Home Church by Elder Jenah Bevins, the fourth Sunday in Aug. 1923. and was married to Ance Lowe. She was a kind and loving Sister but it pleased God in his kind providence and wisdom to take her from her husband father, mother and seven sisters and four brothers. Now, Brothers Sisters, Father, Mother and Husband, Fannie is gone and if we ever expect to see her again and live with her in the Kingdom of God we must seek God for Salvation. May God help us to not worry over her, but rather weep for ourselves, that we may meet her in heaven. for I believe she is around the dazzling Throne of Glory, there asleep in Jesus, where sorrow and trouble can never come. Now Brothers, Sisters and Husband think of what she told us and sorrow not when you read this, but make preparation to meet her, for I myself, have not forgotten what I promised her. So brethern and Sisters excuse my awkward writing as this is my first and may be my last,

I have a Sister I want to see,

She has gone to Heaven to wait for me.

Oh, Heaven, sweet heaven, I long for thee,

When shall I ever get there?

—Written by a loving Sister  
Myrtle SESCO.

### OBITUARY

..... It is with much sadness and a feeling of unworthiness that I attempt to write a short sketch of the life of a dear Sister in the Lord. To-wit: Sister Rebecca Young. She was the Daughter of William and America Smith and was born March 1st, 1893. Died October 16, 1922. Being 29 years 7 months, and

15 days old at her death. She was married to Samuel Young at an early age and to this union was born five children, four of which are still living, one being buried in the same coffin with her. She joined the Regular Baptist Church five or six years prior to her death, and from that time on she was a faithful member, letting her light shine to such an extent that all who knew her could see her good works. And even in her last minutes she manifested her hopes Oh, so plainly. Being surrounded by her Mother, Husband, Brothers in the flesh and also a number of her Brethern and Sisters in the Lord. She talked of her hope to the very last minutes reminding her Brethern and Sisters that she would not meet with them any more in their church meetings, but she said "Hold out faithful, and we will soon meet where parting never comes.

She asked some of her near ones to meet her in heaven which they promised to do. Which promise manifestly pleased her very much. And now we say to the Husband, Children, and Relatives of Sister Rebecca that while you miss her sweet presence here the writer would admonish you to console yourselves with the thought that her troubles are all over and that she is only awaiting the calling of the Lord, when he will awake the sleeping dead, and she will be raised incorruptible, and remember that she can't come to you, but by the grace of God you can go to her. Since this Obituary is getting lengthy, I will close by saying to the husband and Brothers "Don't forget the promises you made Rebecca." Remember, Life is the time to serve the Lord and in conclusion let me

say to the Brethern and Sisters of the Pilgram Home Church, while we have lost a faithful sister, the writer has no doubts but that our loss is an eternal gain.

She fell in her saint like beauty,  
Asleep in Jesus arms.

Written By Willis Blackburn.

#### OBITUARY.

It has become my sad duty to try in my weakness to write a short sketch of the life of Sister Arminda Scott. She was born in 1876, and was married to William Scott in 1891. To this union was borned eight Children. Four of whom proceed her in death, while four still live to mourn her loss. She joined the Salem Church of the Regular Baptist in 1916, and was given off with the arm to organize the Narrows Branch Church in 1919. From that time she always filled her seat at church times and was loved by all the Brothers and Sisters, always meeting us with a smile and a lovely handshake. She is missed at meeting times by all the Brothers and Sisters and her seat in our meeting is still vacant, here, but trusting when we are through here on earth that we will meet her where tears will not dim our eyes.

Her death came sudden. February 10th 1924 she ate a hearty supper cleaned up the kitchen, came to her bed room where her husband was and began work on a garment, near eight o'clock she pitched from her chair on to the floor and was gone. She is missed by her friends and neighbors as well as her dear children and a kind husband. They were always good and kind to each other and loved to have their friends with them.

A word to the kind husband and dear children,

Mother is gone and will never return to you again in this world but you can go to her where death can never separate you and sorrow can never come, where you can all sing "Redeemed through the blood of the Lamb."

Yours in much love,

Louis Smith.

#### OBITUARY.

It now becomes my sad duty to write an obituary of our beloved Brother John Farley. He was the son of Samuel and Matilda Farley, both of whom have proceeded him to the Glory Land. He married Pricy Bevins, Oct. 18, 1871, making 53 years they had lived together. To this union was borned five children, two of whom were boys and three girls. One of the girls has gone on to the Glory Land, there singing praises around the throne of God. While the other four are here to mourn his loss with their dear Mother.

Brother Farley was a well beloved man by all who knew him, a great upbuilder to his community as well as to the church. He was baptized into the fellowship of the Dix Fork church of Regular Baptist July 4th 1920, making his church life four years and 18 days. He stood firm for the faith once delivered to the Saints until he died. The wirtir was well acquainted with him, and visited his home several times during his sickness. His conversation was always Godly, and he bore his pain with patience, asking his daughter-in-law, just before he died, to meet him in Heaven. We feel sure our loss is his eternal gain. Besides his family he leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Brother Farley departed this life July 22nd. 1924 being 75 years, 5 months and 1 day old.

Dear Children if you expect to see Father you must prepare to meet him while you are living by repenting of your sins and being born again. He always gave good advice and prayed for you to let this be strong in your hearts.

We loved him. Yes, we loved him.

But angels loved him best,

So they came and called him, to yonder shining shore

The Golden gates were open, and a gentle voice said,

"Come" and with farewell unspoken, he calmly entered home.

Weep not for him, but for yourselves and your children.

So in the Farley cemetery

His remains were laid away,

There to rest in silent slumber,

Until the resurrection day.

### OBITUARY.

It is with a sad heart that I try to write an obituary of my own dear Mother, Susanah Crigger. She was born Nov. 7th. 1857, and died April 6th 1924, being 66 years, 4 months, and 29 days old. She was the daughter of Daniel and Polly May and was married to Harmon Crigger May 31st 1877. Unto them were born eight children, six boys and two girls. One girl has gone on to heaven and seven are yet living to mourn her loss. But I hope our loss is her eternal gain. She was ill a very short time, only suffering about eleven days. I have no doubt but that she is happy with the Angels of God now, for I have often heard her say that there was a better home for her than this. She confessed a hope and joined the Regu-

lar Baptist hurch July 8th, 1917 and was baptised August 5th 1917, making her church life seven years. She was a faithful member and always filled her seat in church unless hindered by sickness. We miss her in the Church but we miss her more in the home. I hope that when the time comes we can all meet Mother again where there will be no more parting, death or grief, and we can all join in singing the songs of Moses and the Lamb. I hope her children will remember her sweet voice and go to God in prayer for relief as some of them are yet in Sin but I hope they will turn to God and say "I want to meet Mother" We all can, if we but live the Christian life that our dear Mother lived and go to God in earnest prayer to save our souls. Mother is gone and we can't have another like her, so have our Father, Mother, and Sister gone from our home. If we but fight in this Christian warfare we will soon join the heavenly host and meet with them and all our dear friends who have gone on before us, and our little Babes too. I am pressing my claims hard and expect to meet her over there. We miss her counsel and her kind hand to wipe away the sweat from our brow. Dear Children, keep your lamps trimmed and burning bright, be good to each other and you neighbors. Repent of your sins and be born again and pray God to help you to press onward to reach the goal.

We loved Mother, yes, we loved her,

But angels lover her more,

They have come and called her,

To yonder shinning ssore.

Written by her son,  
Randal Crigger.

## TABLE OF CHURCHES

Church	Days	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	By Restoration	Dis. by Letter	Dis. by Exclusion	Deceased	Total Members	Contributions	
Mt. Pleasant.....	Jonah Bevins, A. Smith.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	31	\$10.30	
Mary Elizabeth.....	W. Jackson, M. Stepp, M. Romans.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	36	5.00	
Apple Orchard.....	J. Fields, E. Runyon, Wm. Nichols.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	28	5.00	
Rebecca.....	Amos Evins.....	2	0	0	0	9	2	48	3.00	
Salem.....	J. Bolt, Las Maynard.....	1	5	0	0	1	2	38	15.00	
Bent Branch.....	E. Bevins, W. S. Lowe, R. Bevins.....	3	1	0	0	0	1	24	4.00	
Big Branch.....	J. E. Taylor, H. McCoy, W. Taylor.....	3	0	1	0	1	1	38	3.00	
Dix Fork.....	R. Crigger, J. H. Brown, R. H. Amburgy.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	22	3.50
Pilgram Home.....	A. J. Case, L. Varney, L. Burriss.....	4	14	0	0	0	3	82	13.00	
Mt. Carmel.....	L. Preston.....	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	20	4.00
Bethany.....	A. W. Runyon.....	4	4	0	3	0	5	0	23	2.00
Lenah.....	L. Robinson, P. Dyles, T. McCoy.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.00	
Sidney.....	W. Maynard.....	4	1	0	0	0	3	33	1.95	
Narrows Branch.....	L. Smith.....	4	0	0	1	0	2	1	19	7.00
Wolf Creek.....	Chas. Jude, J. A. Cline, M. Howard.....	3	2	0	0	0	1	23	2.00	
TOTAL.....	.....	30	2	4	1	20	19	477	\$80.75	