

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**SARDIS**  
**ASSOCIATION**

OF  
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST  
OF JESUS CHRIST



THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL  
SESSION

held with the  
**DIX FORK CHURCH**

Pike County, Kentucky  
September 12, 13 and 14, 1930

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ESTER HOPKINS. ----- Moderator  
R. A. DAMRON, ----- Clerk

## MINUTES

We, the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ, met with the Dix Fork Church, Crigger, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday morning, September 12th 1930 and after singing and remarks by Elder Hi Maynard, prayer by Elder F. A. Hopkins, the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Jonah Bevins. Text 1st Timothy 4th. chapter and the 16th verse "Take Heed Unto Thyself and Unto the Doctrine Continue in Them; For in Doing This Thou Shalt Both Save Thyself and Them That Hear Thee."

Then after a short intermission the delegation assembled at the school house, and after singing and a short talk by Elder F. M. Preece, prayer by Elder Willis Blackburn, the Association proceeded to business in the following order:

(1) Called for letters from the different churches which were handed in, read and received, and delegates seated as shown in the table of statistics; all queries and requests of the churches referred to the committee on arrangements.

(2) The Association then organized by electing, Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator, Elder Jonah Bevins, Assistant Moderator, R. A. Damron, Clerk, and Elder Hi Maynard, Assistant Clerk.

(3) Called for newly constituted churches, and received one, called Tabitha Church, delegates seated, namely, Comfort Gillman, Bill Gillman and Robert Ellis.

(3A) The following churches having gone off from the Sardis Association, about sixteen years ago, came forward by petition letters and delegates, expressing their desire to return into the fellowship of the Sardis Association, and were re-

ceived as follows:

#### ENON

Enon at the hands of Bro. Logan Spencer, J. W. Phillips and E. S. Stafford.

#### LITTLE DOVE

Little Dove at the hands of Mack Davis and Bill Sheppard.

#### SARDIS

Sardis at the hands of Brother Stanley Vernatter, J. R. Evans and N. R. Evans.

#### ELK FORK

Elk Fork, at the hands of Brothers, E. H. Curry, Comfort White and Sam Crum.

(4) By motion, the rules of decorum were read.

(5) On motion, it was ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments, during this session of the Association.

(6) Called for corresponding letters from sister Associations and letters received as follows:

#### NEW SALEM

New Salem failed to reach us by letter, but the following brethren were received to a seat by the Moderator extending them the right hand of fellowship to wit: Elders Hayse Maynard and F. A. Hopkins.

#### KYOVA

There was no letter from the Kyova Association received, but the following delegates to wit: Elder H. G. Spence and Elder Reuben Dyer, was seated by the Moderator extending them the right hand of fellowship. Also Elder C. Cole.

#### PHILADELPHIA

Letter from the Philadelphia Association received at the hands of T. S. Skeens, Tom Ratliff and W. H. Gilliam, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

#### MUD RIVER

The letter from the Mud River Association was received at the hands of Elder A. T. Smith and brothers A. W. Young and H.

H. Wade, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

#### UNION

The letter from the Union Association was received at the hands of Elders Joe Hall and Ira Mullens, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

#### FRIENDSHIP

The letter from the Friendship Association was received at the hands of Elders G. W. Hopson and Robert Bailey, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

(7) Called for transient ministers, and the following brethren, Elders J. M. Sheppard, J. M. Brown, Lark Lowe, Asa Evans, Willis Blackburn and W. A. Hurley came forward and received the right hand of fellowship. Also Wallace Maynard and John Miller.

(8) Appointed a committee on ministry consisting of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation of the Dix Fork Church to arrange the ministry for Saturday, which committee reported as follows:

1st on the stand ----- H. G. Spence  
2nd on the stand ----- W. H. Gilliam  
3rd on the stand ----- W. A. Hurley  
4th on the stand ----- F. A. Hopkins  
5th on the stand ----- Ira Mullins

(9) It was ordered that we correspond with the New Salem, Kyova, Philadelphia, Union, Mud River, and Friendship Associations.

(10) Appointed Clerk and the Assistant Clerk to write corresponding letters to the sister Associations.

(11) The Moderator appointed a committee on Arrangements as follows: J. M. Hensley, John E. Taylor, Ernest Runyon, Melvin Romans, Harrison Bevins, Billie Lowe, James Thornsby, J. S. Muncey, Tom Ray, F. M. Preece, Sam Robinson, J.

W. Phillips, Asa Evans, Sam Crum, Bill Gillman and Bill Sheppard, together with the Moderator and Clerk and visiting brethren invited.

(12) Appointed a Committee consisting of Brothers Marvin Stanley and J. M. Thornsby to see that peace prevailed at the stand of preaching, and to claim the statute limitations on the horse traders.

(13) On motion it was ordered that the Association adjourn until nine o'clock tomorrow morning, and by request, Elder Joe Hall came to the stand and with a brief but very impressive remark, which followed by a song and prayer by Elder Hayse Maynard.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

After singing and a short but very impressive talk by Elder C. Cole, and prayer, the Association proceeded to business in the following order:

(1) Called the roll and marked the absentees.

(2) Called on the committee on arrangements to report. The committee reported, the report received, and the committee discharged.

(3) Appointed Elder Jonah Bevins and Brother Ben Curry a committee on finance who reported the sum of \$109.10 received from the churches as shown in the table of statistics. The committee was then discharged.

(4) Called on the secretary and treasurer to report, who reported the expenses of the Association met and the sum of \$55.37 balance on hands.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance on hands from last year \$55.37  
Received from the churches \$109.10

TOTAL \$164.47

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses Elders Jonah Bevins and Willis Blackburn to Philadelphia Association on

November 20, 1929 \$ 7.50  
Printing of Minutes, Wayne County News 33.00  
R. A. Damron, Clerks fee 15.00  
R. A. Damron, to Brother Lee Murphy's boy for printing record book 12.00

TOTAL \$ 67.50

Balance in hands of Treasurer \$96.97

(5) On motion, the report of the treasurer was received and Elder Willis Blackburn was retained as Treasurer.

(6) On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk be allowed fifteen dollars.

(7) Called on those appointed last year to attend Union meetings and sister Associations to report, who reported generally that they had attended to the work assigned to them but some failures were noted and those failing to attend were excused.

(8) The letters to the sister Associations read, received and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

#### NEW SALEM

New Salem Association to be held with the Coal Springs Church, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday in September, 1930. Elders Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins and Ester Hopkins to attend. Letter in hands of Ester Hopkins.

#### KYOVA

Kyova Association to be held with the Bethany Church, Kenova, Wayne County, West Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1931. Elders Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard, F. M. Preece, Jonah Bevins and Brothers, Harve Young and Alonzo Hale and Elder Wallace Maynard to attend. Letter in the hands of Elder Hi Maynard.

#### PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia Association to be held with the Elizabeth Church, Greenup County

Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1930. Elders Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn and Brothers, R. A. Damron, Lee Murphy and Harve Young to attend. Letter in the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins.

#### MUD RIVER

The Mud River Association to be held with the Providence Church, Kanawha County, West Virginia, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1931. Elders F. M. Preece, W. A. Hurley, Hi Maynard and Ester Hopkins, and Brothers Richard Evans and Sam Maynard to attend. Letter in the hands of Elder W. A. Hurley.

#### UNION

The Union Association to be held with the Greasy Creek Church Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1930. Elders Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Asa Evans, Wallace Maynard, and Brothers James Blackburn and Ben Curry to attend. Letter in the hands of Asa Evans.

#### FRIENDSHIP

The Friendship Association to be held with the Mt Zion Church, Mohawk, W. Va. beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1931. Elders E. S. Coleman, J. S. Muncey and H. C. Etter to attend. Letter in the hands of H. C. Etter.

(9) Appointed union meetings with the following churches:

#### JUNE

**APPLE ORCHARD:** The union meeting with the Apple Orchard Church to be held on the first Saturday in June. Elders Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Willis Blackburn with the Moderator to attend.

**LEANAH:** The union meeting with the Leanah Church to be held on the Second Saturday in June. Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, J. S. Muncy and L. T. Preston to attend.

**BIG BRANCH:** The union meeting with the Big Branch Church to be held on the third Saturday in June. Elders Hi Maynard, W. A. Hurley, Wallace Jackson with the Moderator to attend.

#### JULY

**DIX FORK:** The union meeting with the Dix Fork Church to be held on the first Saturday in July. Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Hayse Maynard and Hi Maynard to attend.

**MT. PLEASANT:** The union meeting with the Mt. Pleasant Church to be held on the second Saturday in July. Opening remarks, R. A. Damron, Elders Willis Blackburn, Wallace Jackson, Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard with the Moderator to attend.

**MARY ELIZABETH:** The union meeting with the Mary Elizabeth Church to be held on the third Saturday in July. Elders Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins and Ester Hopkins to attend.

**NARROWS BRANCH:** The union meeting with the Narrows Branch Church to be held on the fourth Saturday in July. Elders Jonah Bevins, Hayse Maynard and Hatler Mullins to attend.

#### AUGUST

**SALEM:** The union meeting with the Salem Church to be held on the first Saturday in August. Elders Ira Mullins, Jonah Bevins, Hi Maynard, Hayse Maynard and the Moderator to attend.

**LITTLE DOVE:** The union meeting with the Little Dove Church to be held on the first Saturday in August. Elders Ester Hopkins, F. M. Preece and W. A. Hurley to attend.

**REBECCA:** The union meeting with the Rebecca Church to be held on the second Saturday in August. Elders Reuben Dyer, Jonah Bevins and Ester Hopkins to attend.

**TABITHA:** The union meeting with the Tabitha Church to be held on the second

Saturday in August. Elders Asa Evans, W. A. Hurley, Wallace Maynard and Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard to attend.

**BENT BRANCH:** The union meeting with the Bent Branch Church to be held on the third Saturday in August. Elders Hayse Maynard, Hi Maynard Joanh Bevins to attend.

**ELK FORK:** The union meeting with the Elk Fork Church to be held on the third Saturday in August. Elders W. A. Hurley, Ester Hopkins, Asa Evans, and Hi Maynard to attend.

**SARDIS:** The union meeting with the Sardis Church to be held on the fourth Saturday in August. Elders Ester Hopkins Jonah Bevins, Asa Evans and Wallace Maynard to attend.

**PILGRIM HOME:** The union meeting with the Pilgrim Home Church to be held on the fourth Saturday in August. Elders W. A. Hurley, Ira Mullins, F. M. Preece and Shadel Pauley to attend.

#### SEPTEMBER

**ENON:** The union meeting with the Enon Church to be held on the first Saturday in September. Elders W. A. Hurley, Jonah Bevins and C. Cole to attend.

(10) Called on committee to report of the record of the Association who reported that the record was complete and the report received and the committee discharged.

(11) On motion it was ordered that any one desiring obituaries of deceased brethren and sisters printed in our minutes, hand them to the Clerk at the Association.

(12) Resolved that we advise the ministers of our churches not to marry any one having a living husband or wife unless they bring scriptural evidence for putting their husband or wife away.

(13) On motion, it was ordered that the 15th article be kept in our minutes. 15th Article----Shall we receive into our fellow-

ship men having more than one wife or women having more than one husband? Answer---We advise the churches not to receive any such into their fellowship except those who have put away their companion for the cause of fornication, and such cases to have gospel or church evidence of such facts.

(14) On motion, a committee was appointed to advise the Sidney Church to dissolve their constitution and to letter up to other churches in our Association. Committee, Wallace Jackson, Alonzo Hale, Shadel Pauley and Sam Robinson.

(15) Resolve that we have our articles of faith, constitution and rules of decorum printed in our minutes.

(16) On motion, it was ordered to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

(17) It was ordered that the Association pay the expenses of two brethren to attend as delegates, our sister Associations.

(18) On motion, it was ordered to purchase a typewriter for the Clerk.

(19) On motion, it was ordered that we advise the churches not to have anything to do with Sunday Schools, in any event for the following reasons:

1st: We understand it to be a fundamental principle of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ that no person has a right to teach the things pertaining to the Gospel of Christ or of the Christian religion except those who are divinely called of God for that purpose, and the modern Sunday School system contrivens this fundamental principle by permitting those not called to teach the children the things of God.

2nd: We understand the Church of Jesus Christ to be the only divinely appointed channels through which the word of the Lord is to be taught and the Sunday Schools

contradicts this fundamental principle by attempting to teach in the Sunday Schools, an institution of men independent of the Church 'of Jesus Christ.

3rd: Because the Sunday School use their quarterlies and other literature by which to teach the creeds of men to the children, and to pervert their young minds from the simplicity of Christ by so teaching these creeds of men and at an age, when they have not sufficient spiritual knowledge to judge of those things.

(20) Appointed a committee on ministry consisting of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation of the Dix Fork Church to arrange the ministry for Sunday, who reported as follows:

1st. A. T. Smith

2nd. Joe Hall

3rd. C. Cole.

(21) Resolved that our next Association be held with the Elk Fork Church, Mingo County, West Virginia, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1931, and the two following days.

(22) Elder Hi Maynard was elected to preach the introductory sermon and W. A. Hurley to be his alternate.

(23) Resolved that we thank the brethren and sisters of the Dix Fork Church and the many friends of this community for the kindness and the hospitality shown us during this Association.

(24) Resolved that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk. The Association then adjourned to the time and place before mentioned.

#### SUNDAY

The brethren appointed to preach on the stand, met a large and well ordered congregation. It appeared that the people throughout the whole community were well pleased with the ministry selected to preach on Sunday, and manifested this by being present even before time for preach-

ing to begin.

After singing a song "I Love My Saviour God" Elder Hi Maynard came to the stand and introduced the services and led the prayer.

Elder Joe Hall of the Union Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ, came to the stand and after a very short preliminary remarks announced for a text the following scripture recorded in the 22nd chapter of St. Luke and beginning at the 28th verse.

28---Ye are They Which Have Continued With Me In My Temptations

29th---And I Appoint Unto You A Kingdom As My Father Hath Appointed Unto Me.

30th---That Ye May Eat And Drink At My Table In My Kingdom And Sit On Thrones Judging The Twelve Tribes Of Israel.

Brother Hall was wonderfully blest of the Lord to deliver a soul searching sermon which was listened to with the keenest interest by all who were blest to hear him, and did not seem to get tired even though Brother Hall did use about two and one-half hours in delivering the message God gave him. Brother Hall stated that he had not prepared a sermon but was relying on God for a message that He wished His people to hear. For said he, if I had prepared a sermon it would have been prepared of man and might not have been words which God would have His people to hear today, therefore I am relying on my God for a message to you.

Elder C. Cole of Kyova Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ, came to the stand to conclude the services. Elder Cole used a text the scriptures recorded 3rd verse and the 3rd chapter of St. John.

3rd---Jesus Answered And Said Unto Him, Verily, Verily, I Say Unto Thee, Except A Man Be Born Again, He Cannot See

The Kingdom Of God.

Brother Cole was also especially blest in delivering a message from Heaven on this occasion, which was listened to by all with keen interest, and it appeared that no listener was permitting a word to pass without their notice, but was drinking in everything that was said.

After Elder Cole's discourse, Elder Ester Hopkins, the Moderator came to the stand and in a short talk confirmed the words that had been spoken by the foregoing brethren and admonished the people to treasure them up, lest at any time they should let them slip. A storm was approaching so Brother Hopkins only spoke a few minutes. A song was sung and farewell handshakes taken, and Elder Joe Hall called the dismissal. Thus ended the thirty-eighth annual session of the Sardis Association.

R. A. DAMRON, Clerk

#### OBITUARY

##### MRS. NANCY RAY

It is with a heart full of sadness that I attempt to write of the decease of sister Ray.

She was born on January 6th, 1868. Was Married to Thomas Ray on June 16th, 1879. To this union was born nine children--six boys and three girls. One girl dead.

Sister Ray joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, June 13th, 1913 and lived a Christian life until taken by death.

Sister Ray died October 9th, 1929. Age 71 years, 6 months and 8 days.

Weep not children, for mother, she is not dead but only asleep and gone to try the realities of an upper world, and is today, basking in the sunlight of our Blessed Redeemer. She is beckoning to the children and all who are lively stones in the building, to come and bask in His smiles.

Written by Tolbie Williamson

#### OBITUARY

##### BROTHER HARVEY RAY

On the 29th day of July, 1930, Brother Harvey Ray departed this life. He had just entered into his fifty-ninth year, and was a son of Joe Ray and Kizzie R. Ray.

Brother Ray joined the Regular Baptist Church April 27, 1930. Was baptized on the 24th day of May, 1930.

He was married to Pricy Stanley January 30, 1901. To this union was born six children. Three girls and three boys. He left six children and a dear wife to mourn his death. Although the grim reaper, death took him, he prayed to live that he might be of some benefit to his children, neighbors and many friends. He wished to go to the union and communion meeting. He wanted to wash his brethren's feet.

While Brother Ray is removed visibly from us, the lesson he taught by example, and the grand sentiments that he uttered, the deeds of generosity by the which he was characterized still live and appear in the still silence of eventide---and on the tablets of memory. And though he is dead, they yet speaketh eloquently in the midst of us.

The home that he loved so well is at present like a lantern and no light; garden and no flowers; a vine and no grapes; a brook and no water gurgling and gushing in its channel. Governed by the highest motives for doing good, these constituted his true manliness. The rolling rocks leave their scratches on the mountains, the river, its channel in the soil, the falling drops marks its sculpture in the sand or the stone ---so it was with this good brother.

Weep not wife and children for the loving husband and father. He is not dead, he is only gone to try the realities of an upper world, and is basking today in the sunlight of his blessed Redeemer, and is beckoning to you to follow after him, and there walk



on the streets of gold in the New Jerusalem.

Written by Liza Ray

#### OBITUARY

##### SISTER BETTIE ANN WALTERS

It is with sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of a widow in Israel--Sister Bettie Ann Walters.

Born August 8th, 1838, passed out of this life, February 3, 1929. She was the daughter of Jerry and Susie Smith. She was married to Thomas Walters in the year 1864. To this union was born twelve children, seven boys and five girls, four of which died in infancy and was waiting mother's coming.

Sister Walters joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, about the year 1893, and was baptized by Elder Bill Fields and lived a devout Christian life until death. She made special request to Elder Willis Blackburn, that he and Elder Jonah Bevins and Hayse Maynard preach her funeral. This request was complied with, with the exception of Bro. Maynard.

Now I want to say to the children; your mother can never return to you, but you can go to her. Begin now to seek Christ for the Salvation of your souls before it is finally and everlastingly too late. You must repent of your sins and be born again if heaven you obtain. So I ask you now to put your trust in Jesus who is able to save your souls alive and to cause you to meet mother again in the paradise of God. Children, don't forget the fruits of mother, how faithful she was to attend to her church meetings; she was not a slacker, but was faithful even unto death, and all such God has said "I Will Give Thee A Crown Of Life". Can you not trust His word as she did? I understand that she gave you children good council as long as she could talk

to you. May her words ever burn in your hearts until you find the same God she found, and as every child of God sought Him out in sorrow, and Godly sorrow worketh a repentance unto Salvation.

Children you have lost a pious mother; the community has lost a good neighbor; the church has lost a faithful member. No one misses her in the Pilgrim Home Church more than your unworthy writer of this obituary.

Yours in hope of eternal life,

JONAH BEVINS

#### OBITUARY

##### TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FATHER JOHN MURPHY

It is with a heart full of sadness, that I attempt to write an obituary of father, one so near and dear, my father in the flesh, and by the grace of God, a brother.

Father was born in Logan County, Virginia, December 20th, 1846. He was married to Marguerite Fuller in the year 1865; to this union was born eight children--- five boys and three girls; five of whom with mother had passed over the river of death and housed on the other shore.

For two weeks and two days he told us the wonderful things the Lord had done for him. He often told me that he wanted to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and that there was no need of joining the Church; but when he found Jesus precious to his never dying soul, he said that he wanted to be baptized and join the church. The Old Regular Baptist Church. He asked me and my brother if we could make the necessary arrangements before daylight, and that he would be glad if we could, as he was afraid that death might claim him before that he could be baptized, and that he wanted to go into the liquid grave before death, as Christ our Saviour was buried. His wishes were complied with and we sent

and got Elders Jonah Bevins and Willie Hay to baptize him.

Now to my sister and brother, and all kindred and friends of father, he has gone: he can never return; but we can go to him through and by the Grace of God. I believe in the morning of the general resurrection, he will be among them that rise first. He told my sister that he felt so small and only a poor begging creature; surely this is the experience of all who travel this HIGHWAY, even the highway that the old prophet ISIAH spoke about, should be there for those who had washed their robes in the blood of the LAMB.

I had the pleasure to hear him pray often, and some two or three days before he died, while suffering great pain, he prayed that if it was God's will that he wanted to get easy so that he may die in his right mind, and that his last words would be in praise to the Lord. I witnessed all that he ask the Lord for come to pass, and his gracious testimony is to me without price, and remains a wonderful picture on the walls of my memory. It makes me to rejoice and sing praises to his matchless name, who is able to bless us above that we are able to ask. He has said, I will bless you with blessings which you are not able to contain. So with this kind of a blessing, we are made able to understand why that His people are made to rejoice until their cups runneth over.

Father, we miss you, but believing that you are safely clothed upon with that house that building of God, in the city, NEW JERUSALEM, we are earnestly striving to enter in through the gates into the city there to be with you, and to behold our blessed redeemer face to face.

One by one, their seats were empty,  
On by one they went away,  
But I hope by God's great power,

To meet them all again some day.

Will the circle be unbroken?  
By and by, yes by and by,  
It's a better land a waiting,  
In the skies, in the skies.

Your unworthy servant,  
LEE MURPHY

#### CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences we, the Church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon our confession 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 by 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 upon 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 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 difficulties.

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 violates the rules of this Association or deviate from the principles of the orthodox 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 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 healer and applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

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

Article 5. We believe in 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 it 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 a speech.

Article 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except, by Moderator, until 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 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 the 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 any other 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, Kentucky.
- Ransom Smith, Hardy, Kentucky.
- E. F. Fields, McClure, Kentucky.
- F. M. Preece, Holden, West Va.
- A. J. Maynard, Williamson, West Va.
- A. A. Sheppard, Holden, West Va.
- Ester Hopkins, Williamson, W. Va.
- Hose Bolling, Piso, Kentucky.
- J. E. Taylor, Jarad, Kentucky.
- J. H. Brown, Crigger, Kentucky.
- W. Blackburn, Varney, Kentucky.
- F. A. Canterbury, Canterbury, W. Va.
- James Jude, Laura, Kentucky.
- J. S. Muncey, Sprigg, West Va.
- Wallace Jackson, Couder, Ky.
- Hi Maynard, Williamson, West Va.
- H. C. Etters, Thacker, West Va.
- Ernest Runyon, Canada, Ky.
- M. L. Varney, Varney, Ky.
- Heenan Maynard, Jarad, Kentucky.

TABLE OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	Church Days	Rec. Baptism	Rec. Letter	Restored	Recomd'tion	Dis. Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Mem.	Contrib'n
Mt Pleasant-J. M. Hensley, Albert Smith, W. M. Collins		2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	30	5.90
Apple Orchard-Stanford Maynard, Ernest Runyon		1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	34	4.00
Mary Elizabeth-Wallace Jackson, M. B. Romans		3	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	24	1.50
Big Branch-J. E. Taylor		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	3.20
Salem-H. B. Bevins, James Blackburn, R. A. Damron		1	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	53	9.00
Bent Branch-B. L. Curry, W. F. Lowe, Richard Bevins		3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	9.15
Dix Fork-J. G. Thornbury, Irvin Stanley, E. S. Coleman		1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	6.00
Pilgrim Home-Pat SESCO, Tom Ray, Alonzo Hale		4	6	0	1	3	0	0	2	97	15.50
Narrows Branch-L. Smith, R. L. Murphy, J. S. Muncey		4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	6.10
Leannah-Shadel Pauley, Sam Robinson, Tom McCoy		2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	3.25
Rebecca-F. M. Preece, W. M. Mullins, S. J. Maynard		2	11	0	15	0	0	5	1	68	6.35
Enon-Logan Spencer, J. W. Phillips, E. S. Stafford		1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	5.00
Little Dove-Mack Davis, Bill Sheppard		4	2	0	0	0	1	3	2	154	10.00
Sardis-Stanley Vernatter, J. R. Evans, N. R. Evans		4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	70	9.55
Elk Fork-Eli Curry, Sam Crum, Comfort White		4	1	0	0	0	4	2	1	21	6.25
Tabitha-Comfort Gillman, Bill Gillman		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	9.75
TOTAL		38	6	18	4	10	15	9	759	109.10	