

MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Third Annual Session
OF THE
Sardis Association
OF OLD
Regular Baptist Church
of Jesus Christ
HELD WITH THE
Mt. Pleasant Church
Canada, Pike County, Ky.
September 7, 8, 9, 1934

Hi Maynard, Moderator
Jonah Bevins, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

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At the place where arrangements were made for the preaching, the services was introduced by Elder Jonah Bevins, and then the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Ester Hopkins. Text: Jas. the First Chapter and 27th verse---"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Then the delegation assembled at the church house and after prayer by Elder C. Cole, the Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches and received the letters and seated the delegates, except the Mary Elizabeth, on motion by the clerk. The above letter was received on condition that the church exclude from their membership Ireland Stepp, and on failure to do so, the Mary Elizabeth church will automatically be cut off from the Association.

2. The Association then organized by electing Elder Hi Maynard, Moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins, Assistant Moderator, Elder Jonah Bevins, Clerk and Brother R. L. Murphy, Assistant Clerk.

3. At the request of the Moderator, the Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.

4. Called for newly constiuted churches and none responded.

5. Called for letters from sister Associations and received as follows:

New Salem by the hands of Elders F. A. Hopkins, Hayes Maynard, Billie Moore and R. F. Honaker.

Kyova by the hands of Elders C. Cole, W. M. Spence and Bro. J. H. Pack.

Philadelphia by the hands of Elders Finchas Adkins and W. M. Burnett.

Union by the hands of Elders Joe Hall, H. M. Mullins and Bro. John Blackburn.

Friendship by the hands of Elders I. D. Rife, Blayne England, Perry Cline, J. J. Layne, J. H. Belcher, Joe Wood and Bro. A. J. Bishop.

The letters from the above named Associations were received and the delegates given the right hand of fellowship by our worthy Moderator and seated with us and aided us in council.

6. Called for transient Ministers and members of our faith and order, and received the following: Elders J. H. Brown, S. T. Wright, Ken Gillispie, James Marcum, Jeff Chafin.

7. Resolved that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.
8. Committee appointed to take care of our visiting brethren as follows: Bros. Harrison Bevins, R. L. Murphy and Jonah Bevins.
9. Committee appointed to see that the Stand be supplied with ministers, and that peace is preserved around the stand.
10. Committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday, consisting of one member from each church, with the entire delegation of the Mount Pleasant church, who reported as follows:
 - 1st--Elder F. H. Hopkins.
 - 2nd--Elder L. T. Preston.
 - 3rd--Elder Finehas Adkins.
 - 4th--Elder Hayes Maynard.
11. Appointed Clerks to write letters to corresponding Associations.

Committee on arrangements, consisting of Elders Ester Hopkins, Acie Evins, Jonah Bevins, J. H. Brown and R. L. Murphy, with the Moderator and the corresponding Brethern and Transients invited.
13. On motion by the clerk, the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday Morning.

Saturday Morning, September 8, 1934

Met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder Acie Evins, proceeded as follows

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Read the Bill of Arrangements and discharged the committee on same.
3. Appointed a committee on finance, consisting of Bros. L. V. S. Curry, Harrison Bevins and Elder Willas Blackburn, who reported the contributions from each church as shown in the Statistical table.
4. Called on Treasurer to report, who reported as follows:

Total on hand for 1933	\$121.41	
Paid out for printing minutes	\$49.00	
Secretary fee	15.00	
Expense of delegates to sister associations	22.32	
Banking expense	.30	
Total paid out	\$86.62	86.62
Balance in bank on hand		\$34.79
Received from churches this year		\$107.00
Total on hand for 1934		\$141.79

5. Resolved that Elder Willas Blackburn be retained as Treasurer.
6. Resolved that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have 2500 copies printed and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services for preparing manuscript for minutes and recording same in Association Record Book.
7. Brethern called in union meetings and Association last year made their report. Their reports received, failures excused. They all were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.
8. Appointed same committee to arrange for preaching Sunday, who reported as follows:
 - 1--Elder Perry Cline.
 - 2--Elder Joe Hall.
 - 3--Elder C. Cole.

4—Elder H. M. Mullins.

9. Letters to sister Associations read and appointed delegates as follows:

New Salem to be held with the Island Creek church, Pike County, Ky. to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1935. Elders Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Earney Runyon, Bros. Caudill Williamson and James Blackburn. Letter in hands of Elder Jonah Bevins.

Kyova to be held with the Cove Creek church, Wayne Co., W. Va. to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1935. Elders Willas Blackburn, Johnah Bevins, L. G. Lowe, Wallas Jackson, Earney Runyons, Bros. Landon Young, Caudill Williamson, Elders J. R. Evins and Acie Evins. Letter in the hands of Jonah Bevins.

Philadelphia to be held with the Mt. Olivet church, Greenup county, Kentucky., to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1935. Elders Ester Hopkins, Lowis Smith, Bros. Harve Young and Caudill Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Mud River to be held with the Province church, Kanawha county, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1935. Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Wallas Jackson, Bros. Tom Jackson, R. L. Murphy, Hiram Smith. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Union to be held with the Russell Prater church, Buchanan Co., Va., to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1935. Elders Jonah Bevins, Hi Maynard, Bros. Burt Tracy and James Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins.

Friendship to be held with the Spring Creek church, Greenbrier County, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1935. Elders Hi Maynard, Bros. Tom Jackson, H. Bevins, Troy Francis, J. G. Thornsbery and R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder Hi Maynard.

10 Appointed with the following churches to have union meetings as shown in minutes:

June, 1935

Apple Orchard, First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, F. A. Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Hi Maynard with Moderator to attend.

Enon to begin on Friday before the first Saturday and Sunday. Elders E. S. Coleman, Acie Evins, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins with Moderator to attend.

Lenah. Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willas Blackburn, Shadel Pauley, Ester Hopkins with Moderator to attend.

Beech Creek. Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders L. T. Preston, Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Wallas Jackson to attend.

Sidney. Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Wallace Jackson, Jonah Bevins, Willas Blackburn, with Moderator to attend.

July, 1935

Dix Fork. To begin on Friday before the First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willas Blackburn, Acie Evins, L. G. Lowe, Louis Smith, Jonah Bevins, Wallis Maynard, with Moderator to attend.

Mt. Pleasant. Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Hayse Maynard, with Moderator to attend.

Big Branch. Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders E. S. Coleman,

Shadel Pauley, L. G. Lowe, Jonah Bevins, with Moderator to attend.

Muzzle Creek. Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. T. Rife, Grover Kerry, Acie Evins, Wallas Maynard, Jonah Bevins to attend.

Mary Elizabeth. To begin on Friday before the third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, L. T. Preston, Shadel Pauley, Hi Maynard, with the Moderator to attend.

Narrows Branch. To Begin on Friday before the Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. H. Brown, Acie Evins, Wallas Maynard, Willie Hay, Ester Hopkins, with Moderator to attend.

August, 1935

Salem. First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Acie Evins, Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, with Moderator to attend.

Tibitha. First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Acie Evins, Grover Kerry, W. T. Rife, Wallas Maynard to attend.

Rebecca. Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willas Blackburn, L. G. Lowe, Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Willie Hay to attend.

Bent Branch. Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willas Blackburn, Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Hi Maynard to attend.

Elk Fork. Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Grover Kerry, Ester Hopkins, with Moderator to attend.

Pilgram Home. Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willas Jackson, Shadel Pauley, Hi Maynard, with Moderator to attend.

Sardis. Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie Hay W. T. Rife, Wallas Maynard, Acie Evins to attend.

Bethany. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Mat Maunce, Acie Evins, Grover Kerry, Jonah Bevins, with Moderator to attend.

September, 1935

Little Dove. First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willas Blackburn, Richard Evins, Wallas Maynard Willie Hay to attend.

11. Resolved that we send a delegation to attend the Council of Elders to be held at the Salem Church, Goody, Pike County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1935. Elders Jonah Bevins, Acie Evins, Ester Hopkins, Willas Blackburn and Hi-Maynard.

12. Resolved that the Treasurer pay to the clerk of the council of Elders \$10.00 on the printing of the minutes of the above Council

13. Resolved that we print obituaries presented to the Brother Clerk.

14. Resolved that the Treasurer pay the expense of the delegations visiting sister Associations, paying for the oil and gas.

15. In answer to the query from the Bethany church. The Association advises that a Deacon has no right to administer the ordinance of Baptism nor to moderate a church.

16. Resolved that we reprint in our minutes this year, Articles 11 and 12 from the 1926 minutes.

17. Resolved that we advise ministers of our Association not to marry people into adultery where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

18. Shall we receive into our fellowship men having more than one wife or women having more than one husband?

Answer, we advise the churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companions for the cause of fornications and such cases to have the Gospel or church evidence of the same.

19. Resolved that the question of the Building Committee be dropped at this time.

20. Resolved that our next Association be held with the Buck Creek church, Hemlersville, Martin County, K., to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1935, and that Elder Hi Maynard preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Jonah Bevins be his alternate.

21. Resolved that we thank the Brethern and Sisters of Mt. Pleasant church and the many friends of this community for the great kindness and hospitality shown us during this Association.

22. Resolved that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk. The Association then adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

ELDER HI MAYNARD, Moderator
ELDER JONAH BEVINS, Clerk.

Sunday Morning, September 9th, 1934

The brethern appointed to preach on the stand met an extra large and well ordered congregation of people, and proceeded to preach in accordance with the arrangements of the committee.

The services were introduced by Elder Perry Cline of Friendship Association. Then Elder Joe Hall of the Union Association followed the opening. He was followed by Elder C. Cale from Kyova Association. Services were concluded by Elder H. M. Mullins. And so now, dear brethern and sisters, as this closed the Forty-third Session of the Sardis Association, we all can freely say that we were made to rejoice in the God of Israel, believing with all our hearts that our coming together was in Jesus name; and that this session of our Association was to the glory of God and we trust there will be much good come from this meeting of our Association, and the preaching of the Brethern thruout the entire three day service will be like bread cast upon the waters and will many days hence be gathered up to the glory of Jesus Christ, and to the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

So let us keep it burning, the lamp of Holy Love. That when we are blessed to come together again next year by the Grace of God, that our dear Lord will be pleased to visit us with his spirit. This is the sincere desire and humble prayer of your unworthy feeling clerk.

JONAH BEVINS.

Obituary

It is with a feeling of real sadness and great humiliation and also with a great feeling of Love and affection that I make this attempt by request to write an obituary of a beloved Sister in the Lord, to-wit: Sister Emma Lou Varney.

She was born May 18, 1891, Paris, Giles County, Virginia. Married to L. J. Varney of Pike County, Kentucky, October 9, 1909. To this union was born seven children, three boys, four girls, two of the children preceded her in death.

Sister Varney joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized at the hands of the writer and Elder Hi Maynard, May 2, 1931, and was a faithful member until death which occurred November 23, 1932. Sister Varney was loved by all who knew her. She was a loving wife and a pious mother. A word to father and children, never again will the things of this earth have the attractions for you they once had but I feel that by the taking away of her, that the sweet Heaven

above has much more attraction for you than ever before because of the fact that we have the very brightest of evidence and sweet consolation that dear sister is now at rest in the regions of Glory.

I truly believe when the death Angel came and taken her that it taken one of the Saints of the Salem Church. We miss her presence in the church as well as in the home. So filling the request to write this obituary I have done the best I could and it is a pleasure to write on such a humble life as Sister Varney lived. So may God bless us all to see and meet Sister Varney again some day where there is no death, no tears, no sorrow but a continual joy and happiness forever and forever. Written by a humble brother in hope of eternal life.

JONAH BEVINS

Obituary

It is with sadness that I try to write a short obituary of my dear Brother in the Lord, Brother Albert (Bud) Smith, Born January 20, 1856, deceased this life December 19th, 1933. His stay on earth was seventy-seven years, ten months and twenty-nine days. He was united in matrimony to Arminda Varney May 17th 1879 and to this union was born fifteen children, nine boys and six girls, five of them having preceded him in death, leaving eleven children, eighty-one grandchildren, and thirty-six great grandchildren together with his companion and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist church about thirty-two years ago, and lived a quiet Christian life until the Lord called him home.

His funeral was attended to on the 30th day of May, 1934, the following brethren taking part. Introductory by Elder Jonah Bevins, prayer by Elder Willas Blackburn, third Elder Ester Hopkins and fourth Elder Hi Maynard.

I will say the country has lost a good citizen, his family a good father, the church a faithful member, but I believe that our loss was his eternal gain. He told Brother Hopkins that he had lived by Hope, at times having his doubts and fears. But before he died he seemed to know his destiny, and I believe he knew what he was talking about when he said there is no doubt. There is nothing in my way. I am only waiting the call of my Master.

To the saintly old mother and children left behind who hope to meet father in Heaven, put your trust in the Lord who is able by his grace to save you and safely house us all in that City Eternally in the Heavens. Your unworthy brother in the Lord.

R. L. MURPHY.

Obituary

Of A. J. Case. Born March 5, 1873, married to Mary Case July 11, 1894. Born to this union nine children, four of them living, five passed away preceding him in death. Names of children living: Birtha, Tanie, General and Emet Case.

Brother Case joined the Regular Baptist church April 1, 1922, and was baptized at the hands of Elder W. H. Bolling, and in July, fourth Saturday, 1922, he was ordained as deacon of the Pilgrim Home church, and on June the 4th Saturday, 1929, Bro. Case was ordained to the ministry to which office he was faithful, and his life has been a life of sacrifice. He was always ready to go at every call to which he had many, although he failed in health, he did not slack his duty

until death which occurred August 12, 1934, at the age of 61 years, 5 months and 7 days, while in the stand preaching, and immediately after he read a text,--"My Father worketh" and hitherto I work, and died with this scripture in his heart with many of his brethern and sisters at his side.

So his labor is ended and he leaves his pious wife and the four children to mourn his loss, together with his many brethern and sisters to weep with them. But his eternal gain is not to be compared with our temporal loss, which is but for a little while, and we, too, will fall in death with him and wait the redemption of our bodies with him.

He also leave 17 grandchildre, and two brothers with two sons-in-law, Marion Young and John B. Williamson; two daughters-in-law, Eula Case, Wealthy Case and one grandchild deceased, daughter of Marion and Bertha Young. Written by his brother in hope of eternal life.

ELDER JONAH BEVINS

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Obituary

With a sad heart I try to write an obituary of my dear mother. She was born August 9th, 1866. Was the daughter of Allen P. and Vicy Stacy Bevins. Was united in marriage to Crit Stratton about 50 years ago. To this union was born seven children, two children preceded her in death. Five children and a husbnad are left to mourn the loss of a loving mother, and a kind and loving wife.

Mother was a member of the Old Regular Baptist church for 40 years, and always filled her seat in the old church house as long as her health would permit.

I want to say to the brethern and sisters of the Bent Branch church, you have lost a loving and a faithful sister. I feel our loss is her gain. Oh! It was sad indeed, the day our dear mother left us. But I feel dear mother only sleeping and by the grace of God we will meet her some sweet day.

She was loved by all who knew her, always glad to see her brethern and sisters come, as well as her neighbors. Mother was good and kind to everybody. Dear mother lived a true Christian life and didn't care to die, only she hated to leave her children. Mother didn't seem to suffer much. I believe the life mother lived that her suffering wasn't so great.

I believe that mother viewed that heavenly home. She said ev-erything was so white. Dear mother said she nated to leave her child-ern, but she had to go--said to dress her just like she was going to church.

Oh, the old home is so lonely since dear mother went away, doesn't seem like home and mother gone.

I have thought so often of that song, "You'll never miss your mother until she's gone.

Her funeral was preached by Elder Jonah Bevins, Hi Maynard, Willas Blackburn and Hays Maynard.

Her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery July 18th, 1934, where her two children are sleeping there to remain until the great judgment day.

Mother leaves a host of friends and relatives besides her child-ren to mourn her loss, but our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her daughter.

MRS. W. E. BLACKBURN.

"Dear Mother"

A precious mother from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still.
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

A dear one from our church is gone,
There sits her vacant place
But in that bright and shining home
Some day we will see her face.

Children, she is waiting for you,
She has crossed the rolling tide,
Now won't you all get ready
To meet her on the other side.

—Written by MRS. W. E. BLACKBURN

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Obituary

It is with a sad and aching heart I try to write the obituary of my dear son, James Blackburn. Born March 16th, 1920, died May 31st, 1934, being 14 years 2 months and 16 days old.

He was always a good boy, and stayed at home. He was sick for a long time and was not able to do anything. He always cautioned the children what to do.

He leave a mother, a step-father, 3 brothers and 2 sisters to mourn his loss. I believe our loss is heaven's eternal gain.

Now children if you want to meet James, you must put your trust in the Lord, and let us all try to meet him up yonder where parting will be no more. By his mother.

RENDA DEEL

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Obituary

It is with sadness of heart that I attempt to write a short obituary of Brother Harrison McCoy. He was born January 31, 1855, deceased June 5, 1933, age 78 years, 4 months and 5 days.

Brother McCoy was a faithful member of the Regular Baptist church for 40 or 50 years, and was active in the church work, carrying the church letter to the Association as long as he was able.

Brother McCoy's health failed him for several years before his death and deprived him of the fellowship of his brethren and sisters, which he so much enjoyed in the Associations. But he still attended his church meetings at his home, as long as he was able to go, but for sometime before his death he was deprived of this liberty by reason of health, but endured his sickness with patience until it pleased the Lord to call him from his troubles unto his rest, where Brother McCoy will suffer no more sickness, but will sleep in death until the voice of Jesus will speak to him, when he will arise with all the rest of the saints. May God bless his children that they may seek the Lord, and finally meet their father in heaven where death will no more separate them. Written by a brother in hope of Eternal life.

J. L. NICHOLS

Obituary

Alonzo Hale, son of William and Lucinda Hale, was born March 2, 1895, deceased October 30, 1933, age 38 years, 7 months and 28 days.

Was married to Fannie Taylor, May 14, 1915. To this union was born four children, to-wit: Wonder, John B., and Lafa, and Joseph, the last named having preceded him in death, the other three, together with their mother, his mother, and 8 brothers and sisters are left to mourn his loss.

Brother Alonzo became affiliated with the Regular Baptist church November 28, 1922, being baptized by Elders John E. Taylor and Heenon Maynard, and from that time until death, lived a faithful and consistent Christian life. To his beloved companion we say she has lost a good husband, to his children they have lost a good father, to his fleshly brothers and sisters, they have lost a good brother, to his spiritual brethren and sister, they have lost a loving and faithful brother, and to all we now say, we do hope that our loss is his eternal gain. Written by your unworthy servant.

JONAH BEVINS

Obituary

Of Brother Evan Francisco. Born about the year 1846. Married to Nancy Smith and to this union was born 9 children. Tildon Francisco died June 4, 1913, Rosa Brown died June 9, 1913, Kena and Victorio died in infancy. Five children are living, Mintee Runyon, Lucy Elswick, Rush and Milem and David Francisco. Nancy Francisco died February 3, 1905, leaving the husband with the children, and he was married again to Juda Hinkles and to this union was born one child, Maggie, died September 13, 1916.

Brother Francisco joined the Baptist church about 50 or 60 years ago and was ordained deacon of the Mt. Pleasant church in 1893 by a presbytery of the church, to-wit: Elder W. W. Fields and Elder J. W. Smith, and was faithful and active servant as long as he was able to go. Brother Francisco lay on the bed of affliction for several years and was not able to attend his church, but often called for the brethren to come and preach for him as long as he lived, and would shout and praise God and would tell the people that the Lord was soon coming again.

On January 26, 1933, the Lord took him from his afflictions, at the age of about 87 years, and he fell asleep in Jesus in full hope, and such God hath promised he will bring with him when he comes in the cloud of his Glory. He is not dead but sleepeth, awaiting the redemption of his body. Written by a brother in hope.

JONAH BEVINS

Obituary

It is with sad heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved sister, Octava Robinson, wife of Elmer Robinson.

She was a daughter of Trigg and Kentucky McCoy, and was born May 9, 1899, died May 22, 1933, age 34 years and 14 days.

She was married to Elmer Robinson in the year 1920, and to this union was born five children.

Three boys and two girls.

Now, dear children, mother is gone, her sweet voice you can no more hear, but follow in her footsteps.

Sister Octava belonged to the Old Regular Baptist church about eleven years, she being my only sister, her loss to me is great, and the church has lost a faithful member. We miss her today, children, but we will all meet her by following in the good old way. Written by her only sister.

VICTORIA McCOY MAYNARD

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Obituary

Of W. R. Francis, Heisey, Ky. It is by request though much sadness to me, that I attempt to write an obituary of a dear brother in the Lord, to-wit:

W. R. Francis, son of E. L. Francis, was born September 2, 1851, deceased February 18, 1934, aged 82 years, 5 months and 16 days. Was married to Sophia Maynard July 14, 1870. To this union was born 11 children, 7 boys and 4 girls, four with his wife have preceded him in death, 7 are left to mourn his loss. We hope our loss is his eternal gain.

Brother Francis joined the Old Regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ about the year 1916, had his membership with the Pilgrim Home church, Brushey Creek, where he lived a faithful member until death. I feel almost too unworthy to write of such a humble Christian life as he lived. I want to say to his children: Father is not dead, only asleep, and is today basking in the sunlight of our blessed Redeemer.

I am looking to the time where it is said the dead in Christ shall rise first. I believe brother Francis will be in that number. Now a word in advice to all who would love to see Brother Francis again. If you have not repented, today is the day of Salvation, not tomorrow. I now call your attention to Mark 16th Chapter and the 16th verse, where it says "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not, shall be damned."

Father is gone, he cannot return to you any more, but by the Grace of God through your obedience to his command, you can go where father is, never to depart no more, never to say good-bye, but to always sing of the love wonders on high. The cross you must bear, then a crown you shall wear, and meet father in Heaven to share.

Life is the only time to serve the Lord. May you now begin to seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near, for he is not far from you. Trust in Him like father has lo these many years, and I am sure you will not regret it.

Brother Francis is silent in dust, but his fruits still speak to us. Come on! Come on! Humbly yours in hope of Eternal life.

ELDER JONAH SMITH, Hisey, Ky.

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Obituary

It is with a sad heart but with a glarion hope that I try to write an obituary of sister Estie Mae Taylor.

She was born April 11, 1913, and died January 18, 1934, age 20 years, 9 months and 7 days. She was the daughter of Jordan and Vastie Taylor. The writer visited her several times during her illness, and particularly the last three days of her life, and on the day before she died she made her confession and said "Christ was baptized and I want to be baptized" at the hands of the writer and she came out of the water with a smile on her face and with feeble words and hand clasps, gave praise unto God and on the next day she asked

for me, and I was standing at the head of her bed where she could see me and she took me by the hand and said, "Uncle Heenon, I am dying now, and I am glad you are here," and I said, "If I could take your place, I would gladly do so," and she said, "No, you wouldn't, for I wouldn't let you, for I want to go and leave this troublesome world" and she called her father, mother and brother, and sister and talked with them, then she slept for a few minutes, woke up, looked up at me and smiled and took me by the hand again, then she loosed my hand and began to rejoice.

So, dear reader, I want to say that sister Estie left this world shouting. Now sister Estie will not miss father, mother, sister and brother, nor friends and relatives, if they will prepare in this life to meet her. So parents, children and relations, it was Estie while she was here on this earth and it will be Estie in the morning of the resurrection. I was Uncle Keenon to her in this world, and I will be the same in the resurrection morning. Yours in hope of eternal life.

KEENON MAYNARD

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Obituary

It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of my little baby, Gladys Ruth Blackburn. She was born June 21, 1932, died Jan. 2, 1934, one year six months and 13 days old. She was only sick about 10 days with Pneumonia. We did every thing we could for her. We had two doctors with her the morning she died. They told me there was not much hope for her, but I prayed to God to let her stay with me and she seemed to get a little better, but about 3 o'clock it pleased God to call her home. It just seemed like she went to sleep. She was just big enough to talk a little. She could say "Daddy" and "Mamma." You who have lost loved ones know how we feel without our baby, and me and my wife both had professed a hope in Christ before our baby died, and I know that we will meet her again if we hold out faithful to the end.

Then I called the brethern to come and preach for us and comfort us. I sometimes feel like I had rather go on and stay with my little baby, but I have three more here with me and trust that God will bless me to raise the up right so when we have to go that we all can go home and stay with little Gladys. So Brethern, forgive me for writing this long letter, and don't forget to pray for me.

Written by a broken hearted father.

JIMMIE BLACKBURN.

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Obituary

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my mother, to-wit: Elizabeth French. She was about 65 years old. She joined the Old Regular Baptist church in November, 1918, and died 2nd day of September, 1932.

She was the mother of 6 children, all boys. One preceded her in death, and five are left to mourn her loss. Mother was not sick but a few days, and she bore her sickness with much patience. Mother was blessed to see two of her children profess a hope in Christ before she died, and one has professed a hope since she died. Two still out in the world of sin.

The writer has been blessed to see mother in a dream since she has been gone. I dreamed I met her in heaven, and her hair looked like silver, and her face outshined the sun. Oh! she seemed so happy

there I could see that pleasing smile. She always wore a smile when you met her.

Now a few words to Leonard and Willie. Brother, if you want to see mother again, you will have to quit your ways of doing, and put your trust in the Lord. Leonard, if mother could have talked to you when she called your name, she would have told you to meet her in heaven. Willie, you was good to wait on mother while she was here. She told me to lay down and rest that she was all right. Brother, don't you want to go and see mother again. I believe I will meet mother over there and never part no more. Bert, you and Dewey press on a few more days, it won't be long until we can go and stay with mother, so I will close, brethern, pray for me for you know how I feel here without mother. Written by her son.

JIMMIE BLACKBURN

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PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION

From a long series of expeirences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of 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 form of government.

Article 1—The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches and duly sent to represent them in the association who shall be members whom they shall think best qualified for the purpose, producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats.

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

Article 3—The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any clerical power to lord it over Gods heritage or 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 our union that shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly shall be received by the association and manifested 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 be taken up by the association except it 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 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 appointed for that purpose.

Article 13—The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected if need be and be signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the association arises.

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 all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves 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 the 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 of the union. (9) That no minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by the church and it shall require two or more ordained ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, called Regular Baptist, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

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 three are one.

Article 5—We believe the Old and New Testament scriptures 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 and 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 Christ and regeneration are necessary previous to baptism, and that immersion is only right way of administering the ordinance.

Article 8—We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally preserve through grace to glory.

Article 9—We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, taking of the bread and wine by the Church of Jesus Christ, in commemoration of the death and suffering 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 till 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 the happiness of the saints and the punishment of the wicked are eternal.

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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 a time and he shall arise 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 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 mishaps, failures or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light and idea.

Article 5—No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without the consent of 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 nor whispering in time of public speech.

Article 8—No member of this association shall address another by any other term or appellation, but the title of Brother.

Article 9—The Moderator shall not interrupt a member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject except when he breaks the rules of the decorum.

Article 10—The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the association requires.

Article 11—The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege as another member provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided.

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

Article 13—The delegation to be seated in this association shall be limited to three member 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.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Hi Maynard	Myrtle W. Va.
Ester Hopkins	Williamsen, W. Va.
Jonah Bevins	Goody, Ky.
Willis Blackburn	Goody, Ky.
Heanan Maynard	Heanan, Ky.

Earnest Runyon	Burris, Ky
Wallace Jackson	Heisy, Ky.
Ransom Smith	Holden, W. Va.
A. Sheppard	Holden, W. Va.
W. A. Hurley	Whitman, W. Va.
Wallace Maynard	Delbarton, W. Va.
Asa Evans	Delbarton, W. Va.
J. E. Taylor	Thomas, Ky.
J. H. Brown	Canada, Ky.
E. S. Coleman	Hardy, Ky.
L. G. Lowe	White Post, Ky.
James Jude	Heisy, Ky.
J. S. Murray	Sprigg, W. Va.
Lewis Smith	Hardy, Ky.
Shadel Pauley	Beauty, Ky.
E. F. Fields	Moree, Ky.
W. T. Riffe	Omar, W. Va.
Grover Curry	Delbarton, W. Va.
Daniel Roberts	Jaeger, W. Va.
Mat Mounts	Myrtle, W. Va.
W. L. Varney	Varney, Ky.
Dike Blackburn	Moree, Ky.
Jonah Smith	Heisy, Ky.
Frank Canterbury	Canterbury, W. Va.
Joe May	Kirk, W. Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Lewis White	Myrtle, W. Va.
George Gillman	Myrtle, W. Va.

STATISTICAL REPORT

**STATISTICAL TABLE
CHURCHES AND DELEGATES**

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Recommendation	Received by Restoration	Excluded Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Money Sent	
Mt. Pleasant—Alton Pinson, Bert Tracy	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	28	2	\$7.00
Apple Orchard—E. Runyon, S. Maynard, H. Maynard	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	32	1	4.21
Enon—Logan Spence, E. Stafford, J. B. Anderson.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	5.00
Rebecca—Masco Gilman, Jas. Gilman, Hi Maynard.....	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	55	2	3.62
Bent Branch—Richard Bevins, W. F. Lowe, Johnie Bevins.....	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	42	3	5.00
Sardis—Asa Evins, J. R. Evins, N. R. Evins	5	0	0	0	1	1	1	169	4	7.50
Little Dove—James Dempsey	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	1	4.50
Big Branch—Johny Nichols, J. E. Taylor	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	3	1.75
Mary Elizabeth—Walas Jackson, Tom Jackson, M. B. Ramon ...	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	43	3	2.55
Bethany—Percy Canterbury, Jesse Canterbury	34	0	3	3	15	0	1	65	4	2.45
Elk Fork—L. V. S. Curry, Sam Crum, Comefort White	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	68	3	5.70
Pilgrim Home—L. G. Lowe, W. Blackburn, Tolby Williamson...	10	1	0	0	0	1	4	107	4	12.20
Salem—Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Harrison Bevins	16	0	0	1	0	3	1	86	1	16.32
Sidney—Ben Maynard, R. C. Flecher	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	19	4	2.15
Dix Fork—G. H. Stanley, J. G. Thornberry, Marion Stanley ...	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	26	1	5.25
Narrows Branch—J. M. Hensley, Lewis Smith, R. L. Murphy ...	9	3	0	0	0	0	1	35	4	10.00
Lenah—Sam Robinson, Dike Blackburn, G. D. Reed	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	21	2	2.80
Buck Creek—L. B. Jude, W. Jude, Pete Dials	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	1.50
Tabitha—Johny Fouch, Tom Duty	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	30	1	3.68
Muzzle Creek—W. T. Rif	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	16	1	3.45
TOTAL	126	8	3	5	23	10	19	1052		\$107.00