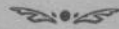


PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

**Sardis Association of  
Old Regular Baptist**

**The Church of Jesus Christ**





*in session assembled with*

**NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH**

*Hardy, Pike Co., Ky.*

September 10-11-12, 1937



# PROCEEDINGS

of the

## FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

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In Session Assembled with Narrows Branch Church, Hardy, Pike  
County, Kentucky, September 10, 11, 12, 1937.

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At the place where arrangements were made for the preaching, the services were introduced by Elder Jonah Bevins, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Willis Blackburn, Text: 1 Cor., 15 Chap., 53 Verse, "For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality."

Then the delegates assembled at the church house and after a short talk and song and prayer by Elder Leonard Oxley, the association proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches and received the letters and seated the delegates.
2. The association then organized by electing Elder Hi Maynard as Moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins as 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 organized churches and received none.
5. Called for letters from sister associations and received as follows: New Salem by the hands of Elders Hays Maynard and Frank Hopkins. No letter.

Kyova by the hands of Elders R. A. Damron, Ruben Dyer,

Bros. J. H. Pack and John Smith. Letter in the hands of Elder R. A. Damron.

Philadelphia by the hands of Bros. Wallace Adkins and Elmer Boggs. Letter in the hands of Brother Wallace Adkins.

Union by the hands of Elders H. M. Mullins, Kennie Gillespie, Brothers Rush Reed and J. D. Thacker. Letter in the hands of Brother Rush Reed.

Friendship by the hands of Elders Perry Cline, N. J. Roberts and Blaine England. Letter in the hands of Elder N. J. Roberts.

Mud River by the hands of Elder Leonard Oxley. Letter in the hands of Leonard Oxley.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order, the following received: Elders Asa Evans, Frank Cantebury, W. C. Hay and L. G. Lowe.

7. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting brethren as follows: George Stanley, Mack Smith, E. B. Robinett and Dan Mounts.

9. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand: Elder Louis Smith and Brother Kelley Smith.

10. Committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday consisting of one member from each church with the entire delegation of the Narrows Branch Church. Ministers as follows: First, Elder R. A. Damron; Second, N. J. Roberts; Third, F. A. Hopkins; Fourth, H. M. Mullins.

11. Appointed clerks to write letters to corresponding associations.

12. Committee on arrangements consisting of one delegate from each church with the moderators and clerks with the corresponding associations invited.

13. On motion by the Clerk the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment and after song and pray  
Elder Ken Gillespie.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Read the Bill of Arrangements and discharged the mittee on same.

3. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Bro J. S. Muncey, Ester Hopkins, and Harrison Bevins, who rep the contributions from each church as shown in the statistical

4. Called on Treasurer to report who reported as follow

Total on hand for the year 1937.....\$1

Paid out for printing of minutes.....

Secretary's fee.....

Expenses of delegates to Sister Assoiatons....

State Banking Tax.....

Total paid out.....\$1

Balance in Bank on hand.....

Received from churches this year..... 1

Total on hand for the year 1938.....\$1

5. Ordered that Elder Willis Blackburn be retained as T urer.

6. That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minute that he have 2,000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$15.0 his service for preparing manuscript and recording the same.

7. Brethren called in union meetings and Associations year made their reports. Their reports received, failures exc They all were admonished to be more faithful this coming yea

8. Appointed same committee to arrange for preaching day who reported as follows: First, Elder Perry Cline; Se Leonard Oxley; Third, Hays Maynard; Fourth, Hi Maynard

9. Letters to sister associations read and appointed dele as follows:

New Salem to be held with the Stonecoal Church to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1937. Elders Hi Maynard, Brothers R. L. Murphy, E. S. Coleman, Ester Hopkins, Harve Young, C. Williamson and James Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Hi Maynard.

Kyova to be held with the Zion Church to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1938. Elders Ester Hopkins, J. G. Thornsbury, Ernest Runyon, W. H. May; Brothers Harve Young, C. Williamson, and Floyd Runyon. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Philadelphia to be held with the New Mt. Olive Church to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1937. Elder W. H. May, Brothers Willie White, Ernie Runyon, Kennie Varney, Floyd Runyon, L. G. Lowe and Warren Hunt. Letter in the hands of Elder Ernie Runyon.

Mud River to be held with the Mt. Zion Church to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1938. Elders Harrison Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Brothers R. L. Murphy and W. A. Hurley. Letter in the hands of Elder Harrison Bevins.

Union to be held with the Dorton Creek Church to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1937. Elders Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, R. L. Murphy; Brothers Dona Lowe, Harrison Bevins and Hiram Smith. Letter in the hands of Elder Hi Maynard.

Friendship to be held with the Little Vine Church to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1938. Elders Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Frank Canterbury, Percy Canterbury, and Brother R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins.

10. Upon request it is ordered that the churches have union meetings as follows:

**May, 1938**

**SALEM:** The first Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie Hay, Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, J. G. Thornsbury, with Moderator to attend.

**BIG BRANCH:** Third Saturday in May. Elders J. G. Thornsbury, Shadle Pauley, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, with Moderator to attend.

**TURKEY CREEK:** To begin on Friday before the second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Henry Hensley, Jr. Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Grover Carey, Wallace Maynard, Shadle Pauley.

**LITTLE ROSIE:** The fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willis Blackburn, Wallace Maynard, Grover Carey, with Moderator to attend.

**June, 1938**

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Shadle Pauley, Willis Blackburn, Jonah Bevins, with Moderator to attend.

**LEANAH:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Willis Blackburn, Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, with Moderator to attend.

**BUCK CREEK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, W. A. Hurley, Willie Hay, Willis Blackburn, with Moderator to attend.

**ENON:** First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, Asa Evans, Louis Smith, with Moderator to attend.

**SIDNEY:** The fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Harrison Bevins, I. Coleman to attend.

**July, 1938**

**DIX FORK:** First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Wallace Maynard, Grover Carey, Willis Blackburn, H. C. Maynard, W. H. May to attend.

**MT. PLEASANT:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Harrison Bevins, Hi Maynard, Willis Blackburn, Jonah Bevins, with Moderator to attend.

**MARY ELIZABETH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willis Blackburn, W. C. Hay, Bill Jude, Hi Maynard, with Moderator to attend.

**NARROWS BRANCH:** To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, W. C. Hay, Wallace Maynard, Asa Evans, W. A. Hurley, Jonah Bevins, E. S. Coleman with Moderator to attend.

August, 1938

**LITTLE DOVE:** First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, J. R. Evans, Willie White, all others invited.

**TABITHA:** To begin on Friday before the first Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Grover Carey, Jeff Chafin, Wallace Maynard, W. T. Rife, P. H. S. Curry, with the Moderator to attend.

**REBECCA:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Willis Blackburn, Frank Canterbury, with the Moderator to attend.

**BENT BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, Jonah Bevins, with Moderator to attend.

**ELK FORK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Asa Evans, Wallace Maynard, Grover Carey, W. T. Rife, W. C. Hay, Jeff Chafin to attend.

**BEECH GROVE:** To begin on Friday before the third Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. G. Thornsbury, H. C. Maynard, Wallace Maynard, Grover Carey, W. A. Hurley, Frank Canterbury to attend.

**PILGRIM HOME:** To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. H. May, Hi Maynard, Harrison Bevins, with Moderator to attend.

**BETHANY:** To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, H. C. Maynard, J. G. Thornsbury, Wallace Maynard, Grover Carey, Matt Mounts, with Moderator to attend.

**SARDIS:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Wallace Maynard, Willis Blackburn, with Moderator to attend.

11. Ordered, that we print obituaries presented to the Brother Clerk at the close of the association.

12. Ordered, that the treasurer pay the expense of the delegations visiting sister association, paying for the oil and gas.

13. Ordered, that we advise ministers of our association not to marry people into adultery where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

14. 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 fellowship any such except those who have put away the compa for the cause of fornication and such cases to have the Gosp church evidence of same.

15. Ordered, that we contribute as much as one page of minutes to memorial and funeral meetings of deceased brothers sisters.

16. We, the Sardis Association, do hereby advise the chu of our union to use discretion in setting apart men for the mir as we believe that if a man is called to the ministry by the spi God the same spirit will fully manifest its work to the chur which this man belongs and will prompt any such church to erate the man; again we do advise the churches not to ordain man to the ministry when such party make demand for such a and further advise the churches that they be sure that a mar the gift of preaching or exhortaiton before they lay hands on s And after he has been liberated and set forth by the chur preach the gospel and fails to exercise his gift we advise the ch to which he belongs to deal with him and if necessary deman credentials.

17. Called on committee appointed to meet the Old Association relative to differences that separate corresponding lowship to report. Report received, committee discharged.

18. On motion it is ordered that a committee compose Elders Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard and Jonah Bevins be a hereby appointed to meet with the like committee of United tists at the Buffalo Church, Johnson County, Kentucky, on F before the first Saturday in October, 1937, and there and present to said United Baptists terms or propositions in har with hte doctrine and practice of our Association for the consc tion of the said United Baptists.

19. Ordered, that our next association to be held with Rel Church, Belo, Mingo County, West Virginia to begin on Frida fore the second Saturday in September, 1938.

20. By vote it is ordered that Elder Ester Hopkins preac introductory sermon and that Elder Asa Evans be his alternat

21. Ordered, that we tender our thanks to the Nar Branch Church and to the community at large.

22. Ordered, that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

The association then adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

Elder Hi Maynard, *Moderator*,  
Elder Ester Hopkins, *Asst. Moderator*  
Elder Jonah Bevins, *Clerk*,  
Brother R. L. Murphy, *Asst. Clerk*.

## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

September 12th, 1937

The Brethren appointed to preach on the Stand met an extremely large and well ordered congregation of people and proceeded to preach in accordance with the arrangements of the Committee.

The service was introduced by Elder Perry Cline of the Friendship Association. Then Elder Leonard Oxley of the Mud River Association followed the opening, being, in turn, followed by Elder Hays Maynard, Moderator of the New Salem Association. Then our dear Moderator, Elder Hi Maynard, closed the services with a short exhortation.

And, so now, dear Brethren and Sisters, as this closed the Forty-Fifth Annual Session of the Sardis Association, though we were loathe to separate, we could go on our way home rejoicing in Israel's God, believing with all our heart that our coming together was in Jesus' name and that this Session of our Association was the glory and honor of the great God of Heaven and peace abounding in the fullest was edifying to all of the dear Brethren and Sisters and was convincing to all of our adversaries that surely we are the true followers of the Lamb and are the true apostles of the Church of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Now may the God of Peace bless each Church of the Sardis Association and may each member more fully realize, than ever before, that we are represented as a light to the world and that it is our duty to strive more day by day to let our light shine more and more as we see that the time of our departure out of this world is soon going to come. May peace abound in the sincere desire and prayer of your Clerk.

Jonah Bevins

## MEMORIALS

Memorial of Nancy Staton at the Floyd Stepp Cemetery; George Jackson at the John Stepp Cemetery on the Sunday closest to Decoration Day, 1938.

Memorial to be held on the fourth Sunday in August at the Hannah Cemetery. Elders Frank Canterbury, Willie White, and Asa Evans.

Memorial to be held at Enon Church first Saturday and Sunday in May, 1938.

Memorial to be held with Rebecca Church the second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1938.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor and Wife and Harrison McCoy to be held at or near Big Branch Church on the third Sunday in July, 1938. Ministers requested: Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, J. R. Coleman, J. E. Taylor, L. G. Lowe and Willis Blackburn.

Memorial of J. W. Smith and Wife; W. L. Lowe and Jane Lowe, to be held on the third Saturday and Sunday of July, 1938 at Fraley Cemetery near Mary Elizabeth Church.

Memorial called by Pilgrim Home Church on regular church, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in October, 1938. Requested Elders: Shadle Pauley, Bud Coleman, Hayes Maynard, Kennie Gillespie and others.

Memorial Salem Church to be held on regular church time on the first Saturday and Sunday in October, 1938. Elders Hi Maynard, Hayes Maynard, Wallace Maynard, and Willis Blackburn.

Memorial at cemetery near Sidney Church of Elder Bill Fields on the fourth Saturday and Sunday of August, 1938; Nathan Jude on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in September, 1938.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Munsey and others will be held with Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1938. All brethren invited.

## Obituary of Sister Victoria Blackburn

Sister Victoria Blackburn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. and Pricy Maynard, was born March 28, 1877. She was 60 years 2 months and eight days old at the time of her decease, which was at 6:45 p. m., Saturday, June 5, 1937.

She was married to Wayne B. Blackburn January 16, 1901, and to this union was born ten children: Enoch, Williamson, Va.; Mrs. J. G. Thornsbury, Canada, Ky.; Melvin, Scioto, Ohio; Willie, Sloacum Sta., Ohio; Bradie, at home; Harry, Wheelersburg, Ohio; Mrs. Lee Crigger, Williamson, W. Va.; Frinnie, Sloacum, Ohio; Earnal, San Diego, California; and Walter, at home.

Twenty grandchildren and one great-grandchild, three brothers, two sisters and a host of friends are left to mourn her death. Sister Blackburn was a member of the Regular Baptist Church, Goody, Kentucky. Baptized June 9, 1929, by the hand of Elder Jonah Bevins in Pine Creek in the state of Ohio. Sister Blackburn lived a faithful christian life till death. The Church mourns her passing with the children and the writer has hope that our Lord will give her eternal gain. She told some of the children she was ready to go at the Lord's Will, but was willing to suffer till it pleased the Lord to take her. The Fruit of her life is evidence of her hope which Hope gave her patience in her sickness. May God bless her husband and children to seek the Lord while he may be found and you can meet mother in Heaven where her Spirit has gone to await the Promise of God, when that mortal body of your mother you last saw when you followed it to Wheelersburg Cemetery deposited it back to the earth from whence it was taken, will be on Immortality and you can see mother again and live with her forever. Precious in the Sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints. Oh, Thank God, for that precious Hope, the anchor of the soul. Yours in Hope of Eternal Life, written by a Brother in Christ.

Elder Jonah Bevins

## Obituary of Brother J. P. Francis

Brother J. P. Francis, son of Elijah and Charity Francis, was born February 7, 1858. He was married to Rebecca Canady,

uary 15, 1879. To this union was born five children, two boys and three girls: James, John, Mintie, Flora and Helen Frances. Two of the girls and the wife preceded him in death.

Brother Francis joined the Church of Regular Baptists May 8, 1931, and was baptized the same day by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins and took fellowship with the Pilgrim Home Church and lived a faithful christian life until death, which cankered him September 23, 1936, at the age of 77 years, 7 months and 16 days.

Brother Francis had made request of the writer, with other Brethren, for a meeting at the Family Cemetery to be held the 30th day of May, 1937, but deceased in September and made request to his children to have his funeral at that time, which was carried out by the brethren whom he named, the writer, with Elder Willis Blackburn and Elder James Jude. So we hope to meet Brother Francis in a better Country, a City not made with hands, Eternal in the Heaven.

Written by a Servant of Hope.

Jonah Bevins

#### Obituary of Huldy Jane West

It is with a feeling of real sadness and great humiliation and also with a great feeling of love and affections that I attempt by request to write an obituary of a dear Sister in Christ. Whereas, it has pleased God to call from our embraces and the embraces of a dear family, to-wit: Sister Huldy Jane West.

She was the daughter of Matison Varney and born February 12, 1860. She was married to Joshua West in January, 1879, and to this union was born nine children, eight sons and one daughter: Perry, Asa, Fanny, Ken, Roy, Rell, Floyd, George and Earl West, all the children living except Floyd, who died in January, 1920; also, her husband, Elder Joshua West, deceased October 4, 1914. Leaving Sister West with the nine children whom she loved and cherished and prayed God always for them.

Sister West joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ about 1891, living a faithful and devoted christian life until death, which came to her on August 25, 1937, at the age of 77 years, 6 months and 13 days. Forty-six years of that life she consecrated to God and never failed her church meetings except for sickness

and always gave glory and honor to the God that kept her in p with her lips. She not only attended her home meeting but quently visited all the sister churches until her health failed h her latter day. Sister West remained a widow until death an writer believes a widow indeed. The Bible testifies of such w and charges the Church: Let not a widow be taken into the ber three score years old, having been the wife of one man which she qualifies. Well reported of for good works, whic qualifies fully in this; if she have brought up children, whic known truth to all of her neighbors; if she have lodged stran if she have washed the Saint's feet, another known truth to country; and, last but not least, if she have followed every work, for which good works, Paul declared, God will not for.

Now, to the children, let me exhort you not to forget your r er's advice and counsel. While you miss Mother now, God made special promise to all such mothers as yours was and the children, can attain the same promises by true repentanc faith in Jesus Christ, as the good works of your Mother is a witness of her faith in Christ. Now some glad day at the app ed time of the Lord, Mother will live again. She labored ha try to make ends meet, but her labor is ended and she is gone us. But, thanks be to God, for the promise is: Blessed ar dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the S that they may rest from their labors and their works do f them.

I would think that a history of her life would be a good p: for us all, and especially for the young Sisters of the Chur today.

Written by your unworthy in hope of Eternal Life.

Jonah Bevins

#### Obituary of John W. Young

It is with a sad heart that I try to write an obituary o father, John W. Young. He was born October 4, 1857, dec this life May 4, 1937, being 79 years and 7 months old when de ed this life. He was married to Mary Ann Williamson about and to this union were born eight children, six boys and two mother and two of the children preceding him in death. He married to America Stanley Smith in 1901 and to this union born three children, one boy and two girls.



He joined the Regular Baptist Church and with an experience of Grace was baptized by Elder Jonah Bevins and James Jude on June 27th, 1935 and took fellowship with the Pilgrim Home Church. He always filled his seat unless he was sick and could almost always be seen on his way to church. He was a good father and a good brother. He has been missed in his neighborhood by his family and many friends and by his brothers and sisters. We hope that our loss is his eternal gain. We feel that he is at rest and will live again.

A word to the children: Seek the Lord while He is near and call upon Him while He may be found so that when this life is over we can meet father again and many of our friends that have gone on before to where we shall never part.

There are many other things that can be said about a good father.

Since it is so, let sorrow go,  
My God hath sent His rod.  
He doth His will, I must be still  
And know that He is God.

Written by his son,

Marion Young

#### Obituary of Sister Juda Farley

Sister Juda Farley was the daughter of John and Marguette Murphy, born June 17, 1872. She was united in marriage to James H. Farley about 1898 and to this union was born three sons: Lawrence, John Lee and Robert. All of whom survive her.

Her husband preceded her in death about 10 years, leaving Sister alone with her orphan boys.

She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized by Elder Jonah Bevins and Lewis Smith on the fourth aSturday in April, 1936, and from that time until her departing she was a faithful member of the Narrows Branch Chruch. She departed this life on July 29, 1937, leaving only one brother, R. L. Murphy, of her immediate family. She also leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. In Sister Farley's death the Church has lost a loving, faithful mother and sister, the children have lost a loving

Mother and the community has lost a real mother and friend, our hope is such that Sister Farley's Spirit is resting with Jesus that when He comes to call the sleeping dead, this wondere Mother and Sister will arise to meet all the redeemed in Glory.

Your unworthy Brother in Hope.

Hi Maynard

#### Obituary of Brother Lee Robinson

Brother Lee Robinson was born January 15th, 1847. He married to Leaner Maynard, daughter of Steven and Polly Maynard, on November 14, 1867. To this union was born eight children, six boys and two girls: James H., John H., Samuel, Ste Angeline, Jaret, Mary and Robinson. John H., Mary, James H. Robinson preceded him in death. Five children are left to mourn the loss of a pious father and mother, who died September 29, 1934. The mother preceded him in death April 9, 1934. He joined Regular Baptist Church twenty-seven years ago and was ordained Deacon of the Leaner at its organization and served that office faithfully until death. In the last year of his life he became very humble and very feeble, being 88 years, 5 months and 14 days and continuously prayed to the Lord to let him pass over the River of Death, where his hope for the twenty-six years of his faithful christian life had him centered and where by that faith, no doubt he could view his rest with his beloved companion and Jesus Christ Saviour.

Written by request of father and others.

Oliver Robinson

#### Obituary of Diney Parsons

It is with a sad heart I try to write the obituary of my only sister. She was the daughter of Charley Lowe and Milly Lowe. She was born October 5, 1894 and was married to Frank Parsons on December 6, 1912. To this union were born twelve children, six girls and eight boys, two boys preceding her in death and ten children are yet living to mourn the loss of their mother. But I hope that their loss is her eternal gain. Sister joined the Regular Baptist Church at the Big Branch the third Sunday in May, 1937,

was baptized by the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins the third Sunday in June and received into the Church the third Saturday in July. Sister was never permitted to be at Church again with us, but during her sickness she would talk about going to church. She talked about the brethren and the sisters. She wanted Brother Johnny Nicholas to come and sing and pray. She would clasp her hands with joy and would talk so kind and good to us all. I asked her if she thought she would get well and she said it is doubtful, so I talked to her and told her not to worry, that we all had to die and the only thing for us to do is to be ready when that time comes. She said, Harvey, I used to think that I hadn't done anything to ask forgiveness for, but, she said, the time came with me that I had to pray. She said she believed with all her heart that God had pardoned her of her sins and all that she was worried about was leaving her little children. The words filled my heart with joy when I could see sister in such good hopes of another home beyond this life. I am living in hope of living with sister again where we will never have to part and there will be no more troubles, pains or sorrow where I believe we will all be as one.

Written by her only brother in hope of Eternal Life.  
Harvey Lowe

#### Obituary of Bill Mounts

We was born on January 20, 1903 and deceased August 31, 1937, at the age of 34 years, 6 months and 21 days. Bill was the son of Elder M. J. and Jerusha Mounts. About seven years ago he made a wonderful profession of faith in which he rejoiced in the Grace of God that bringeth salvation, in so much, that those who were present were made to rejoice with him.

He was baptized by Brother F. M. Preece, assisted by the writer. During the years between his baptism and death, although afflicted bodily by rheumatism and encumbered with a pitifully drawn body, Bill spent much of his time singing the songs of Zion and talking of that wonderful home beyond death. His last few months seemed to be filled with anticipation of the day that awaited him and being warned of his passing, told his loved ones (Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters) that he would soon go away and admonished them to come on.

So loved ones, one and all, if you have not found Christ pre-

cious to your soul, as did Bill, it is high time you did, if you want to live with him. That you call on Him while He is near, and see Him while he may be found. Then, if through the Grace of God you meet Bill there, you will no more see an afflicted body but, in the estimation of your unworthy, a body that can leap and praise God as did one of old when healed of his affliction and can in the Day, together with the Saints of God, sing the new song "Redeemed, Redeemed." Will you be there to sing with him?

Written by his Brother in Christ.

W. C. Hay

## CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we the churches 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 form of government.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches and duly sent to represent in this association who shall be members whom they think best qualified for the purpose and 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, their 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 infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Article 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled 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 by their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Article 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken by the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

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

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

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

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

Article 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Union, when they deem 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 at the Association. (5) To appoint a member or members by and with their consent to transact 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 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; it shall require two or more ordained ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We, the churches of Jesus Christ, called Regular Baptist, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

Article 2. We believe in only one true and living God, the creator of heaven and earth and all things that are therein contained.

Article 3. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is head and king of his church.

Article 4. We believe in the Holy Ghost the sealer and applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Article 5. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

Article 6. We believe in 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 7. 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 8. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration are necessary previous to baptism, and that immersion is the only right way of administering the ordinance.

Article 9. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Article 10. 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 11. 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 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Article 14. We believe the happiness of the saints and the punishment of the wicked are eternal.

## RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association to be opened and closed by prayer.  
Article 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by suffrage of the members present.

Article 3. Only one member shall speak at a time and 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 the Moderator, till he is done speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on any person who spoke before or make remarks on mishaps, failures or imperfections, but shall verily state that cause and matter as near 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 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 prayer or speech.

Article 8. No member of this association shall address another by any other term or appellation other than that of Brother.

Article 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member speaking until he gives his light upon the subject except when he breaks the rules of 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 Moderator requires.

Article 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech 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 wilfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association and may think proper.

Article 13. The delegation to be seated in this association shall be limited to three members from each church.

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

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS**

Ernest Runyon ..... Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 W. C. Hay ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.  
 Hi Maynard ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Box 126, Williamson, W. Va.  
 A. A. Shepherd ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.  
 M. J. Mounts ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.  
 George Gilman ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.  
 W. A. Hurley ..... Verdenville, W. Va.  
 Asa Evans ..... Delbarton, W. Va.  
 P. H. S. Curry ..... Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Wallace Maynard ..... Delbarton, W. Va.  
 J. R. Evans ..... Cinderella, W. Va.  
 J. E. Taylor ..... Heenon, Ky.  
 Ransom Smith ..... Kimberly, W. Va.  
 Jonah Smith ..... Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 Frank Canterbury ..... Parsley, W. Va.  
 Willie White ..... Lenore, W. Va.  
 Grover Carey ..... Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Jeff Chafin ..... Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Willis Blackburn ..... Goody, Ky.  
 James Jude ..... Varney, Ky.  
 Jonah Bevins ..... Goody, Ky.  
 Harrison Bevins ..... Goody, Ky.  
 Ester Hopkins ..... Goody, Ky.  
 C. L. Swanson ..... Boomer, N. C.  
 J. H. Brown ..... Canada, Ky.  
 J. G. Thornsby ..... Canada, Ky.  
 E. S. Coleman ..... Hardy, Ky.  
 Louis Smith ..... Hardy, Ky.  
 E. F. Fields ..... Moree, Ky.  
 Dike Blackburn ..... Moree, Ky.  
 Shadle Pauley ..... Beauty, Ky.  
 W. T. Rife ..... Switzer, W. Va.  
 James Queen ..... Harts, W. Va.  
 W. H. May ..... Kirk, W. Va.  
 Wallace Hannah ..... Lenore, W. Va.  
 L. G. Lowe ..... Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 Bill Jude ..... Laura, Ky.  
 J. M. Jude ..... McClure, Ky.

**LICENSED MINISTERS**

Lewis White ..... Belo, W. V.  
 Arvil Runyon ..... Nolan, W. V.

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS**

**Church**

Mt. Pleasant ..... F. H. Varney ..... Road Fork, K  
 Apple Orchard ..... R. B. Maynard ..... Henon, K  
 Enon ..... Logan Spencer ..... McCarr, K  
 Rebecca ..... W. C. Hay ..... R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. V.  
 Bent Branch ..... Pluma Stratton ..... Meta, K  
 Sardis ..... Wallace Maynard ..... Delbarton, W. V.  
 Big Branch ..... J. L. Nichols ..... Thomas, K  
 Mary Elizabeth ..... S. B. Fraley ..... Heisey, K  
 Bethany ..... Percy Canterbury ..... Lenore, W. V.  
 Elk Fork ..... L. V. S. Curry ..... Rt. No. 1, Williamson, W. V.  
 Pilgrim Home ..... Troy Francis ..... Williamson, W. V.  
 Salem ..... Harrison Bevins ..... Goody, Ky  
 Sidney ..... Johnny Pauley ..... McClure, K  
 Dix Fork ..... J. G. Thornsby ..... Canada, K  
 Narrows Branch ..... R. L. Murphy ..... Williamson, W. V.  
 Leanah ..... Sam Robinson ..... Moree, K  
 Buck Creek ..... Virgil Maynard ..... Beauty, K  
 Tabitha ..... Comfort Gilman ..... Barnabus, W. V.  
 Little Dove ..... James Dempsey ..... Belo, W. V.  
 Little Rosa ..... Lacy Lowe ..... Nolan, W. V.  
 Beech Grove ..... Mark Hannah ..... Lenore, W. V.  
 Turkey Creek ..... Ken Varney ..... Turkey Creek, K

STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches and Delegates	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Recommend	Restoration	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Time	Money Sent
Mt. Pleasant: John H. May, E. B. Scott, Bert Tracy--	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	37	2	\$ 4.40
Apple Orchard: Stanford Maynard, Van Maynard, Ernest Runyon -----	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	32	1	5.00
Enon: Logan Spencer, Thos. Smith, Robt. Farley-----	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	3.25
Rebecca: Hi Maynard, Louis White, Mosco Gilman---	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	54	2	6.00
Bent Branch: W. F. Lowe, Cleve Bevins, Tom Morrison	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	44	3	7.76
Sardis: Stanley Vernatter, G. W. Vvans, G. W. Lowe_	6	1	0	0	4	0	1	169	4	7.00
Big Branch: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols-----	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	3	3.10
Mary Elizabeth: S. B. Fraley, M. B. Romans, T. D. Lowe	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	30	3	3.90
Bethany: Percy Canterbury, Jessie Canterbury, Willard Blair -----	5	0	4	0	11	1	1	83	4	4.55
Elk Fork: Jeff Chafins, L. V. S. Curry, Comfort White	10	0	0	1	1	2	0	78	3	5.00
Pilgrim Home: Troy Francis, Orison Stanley, Harve Young -----	7	0	0	0	0	11	3	112	4	14.00
Salem: Harrison Bevins, Millard Blackburn, Clyde Bevins -----	8	0	0	0	2	0	3	89	1	13.02
Sidney: Bill Jude -----	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	22	4	3.00
Dix Fork: J. G. Thornsbury, E. S. Coleman, Geo. Hinkle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	6.00
Narrows Branch: R. L. Murphy, J. S. Munsey, Warren Hunt -----	4	0	1	0	5	0	1	42	4	14.05
Leannah: Sam Robinson, G. D. Reed, Dike Blackburn..	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	2	1.50
Buck Creek: Shadle Pauley, T. Canada, Jerry Cline--	14	1	0	0	1	0	2	25	3	4.05
Tabitha: Bill Gilman, Dewey Hoffman-----	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	35	1	3.65
Little Dove: Mack Davis, Chris Hall, Jas. Dempsey--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	1	4.58
Little Rosa: Thomas Jackson, Arvil Runyon, Ireland Harrison -----	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	4	2.00
Beech Grove: Wallace Hannah, Mark Hannah, Joseph Hannah -----	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	27	3	3.50
Turkey Creek: Ken Varney Floyd Runyon, Harmon Maynard -----	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	24	2	4.00
	74	16	6	2	32	14	22	1071		\$123.31