

Proceedings

*of the*

Sardis Association of  
Old Regular Baptist

The Church of Jesus Christ

*in session assembled with*

REBECCA CHURCH

MINGO COUNTY, W. VA.

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11, 1938

**PROCEEDINGS**  
of the  
**FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST  
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

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In session Assembled with Rebecca Church, Mingo County, W.  
Va., September 9, 10, 11, 1938.

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At the place where arrangements were made for the preaching, the services were introduced by Elder Asa Evans, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Ester Hopkins, Text: John 3-16—"God So Loved the World, etc."

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, 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 Frank Hopkins, Squire Hamilton, Billie Moore, Hays Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Frank Hopkins.  
Kyova by the hands of Elders R. A. Damron, C. M. Childers, Dyer Ruben, Brother J. H. Pack, Elder C. Cole. Letter in the hands of Elder R. A. Damron.

Philadelphia by the hands of Elders Tom Ratcliff, A. T. Reed, John Reed, Finiss Adkins, Brothers James Adkins, Wallace Adkins. Letter in the hands of Elder Finiss Adkins.

Union by the hands of Elders T. R. Collier, E. F. Bentley, Brother P. D. Belcher. Letter in the hands of Elder T. R. Collier.

Friendship by the hands of Elders Perry Cline, Blaine England. Letter in the hands of Elder Perry Cline.

Mud River by the hands of Elders Leonard Oxley, Peter Oest, Doliver Bauldin. Letter in the hand of Elder Leonard Oxley.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order, the following received: Elders Howard Gilliam, W. A. Hurley, John Brown, Louis Smith, Wallace Hannah, W. C. Hay, Asa Evans.

7. Resolved that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting brethren as follows: Brothers James Dempsey, W. C. Hay, Nicholas Runyon.

9. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand: Brother Mosco Gilman, Elder Harrison Bevins.

10. Committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday consisting of one member from each church with the entire delegation of the Rebecca Church. Ministers as follows: First, Elders Perry Cline, Ruben Ryer, Frank Hopkins, Peter Oest; Friday night at church house, Elder Squire Hamilton, Howard Gilliam, Billie Moore.

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 Brother Caudill Williamson, the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment and after Introductory by Finiss Adkins and song and prayer by Elder F. A. Hopkins.

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 Okey Bevins, Troy Francis, George Stanley, who reported contributions from each church as shown in the statistical table.

4. Called on Treasurer to report who reported as follows:

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

Paid out for printing of minutes.....\$

Secretary's fee .....

Expenses of delegate to Sister-Associations.....

Typist's fee .....

Total paid out .....

Balance in Bank on hand.....

Received from churches this year..... 1

Total on hand for the year 1939.....\$2

5. Ordered that Elder Willis Blackburn be retained as Treasurer.

6. That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that we have 2,000 copies printed and that he be all \$15.00 for his services for preparing manuscript and recording the same.

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

8. Appointed same committee to arrange for preaching day who reported as follows: First, H. C. Maynard; Second, Leonard Oxley; Third, Hays Maynard; Fourth, Hi Maynard; 4:00 p. m. Saturday evening at the home of Elder Hi Maynard; First, Blaine England; Second, Finiss Adkins; Third, Ester Hopkins.

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

New Salem to be held with the Bethel Church to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1938, Elders Ester Hopkins, Harrison Bevins, Hi Maynard, Brothers Caudill Williamson, R. L. Murphy, Elder Earnie Runyon.

Kyova to be held with the Cove Creek Church to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1939. Elders Jonah Bevins, Earnie Runyon, Lark Lowe, Ester Hopkins, Brothers R. L. Murphy, Louis Marcum, Caudill Williamson. Letter in the hand of Jonah Bevins.

Philadelphia to be held with the Little Mary Church to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1938. Elders W. A. Hurley, B. F. Maynard, Willis Blackburn, Brother Caudill Williamson. Letter in the hand of Elder W. A. Hurley.

Union to be held with the Little Samuel Memorial Church to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1938. Elders Ester Hopkins, J. G. Thornsby, J. R. Evans. Letter in the hand of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Mud River to be held with the Providence Church to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939, Elders Jonah Bevins, Hi Maynard, Brother George Gilman, Brothers Willard Blair, Elder Willie White, Brothers Pete Dials, R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder W. A. Hurley.

By motion it is ordered that we drop correspondence with Friendship Association until they set themselves in order.

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

#### May, 1939

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Willis Blackburn, W. C. Hay, with the Moderator to attend.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elder W. A. Hurley; Elder Asa Evans, Elder W. C. Hay and Elder Willis Blackburn.

#### June, 1939

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Harrison Bevins, Hi Maynard, L. C. Lowe, with the Moderator to attend.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Asa Evans, Jonah Bevins, Wallace Maynard, with the Moderator to attend.

LEANAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders L. C. L. Willis Blackburn, Ester Hopkins, Harrison Bevins and Wallace Maynard.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Harrison Bevins, Hi Maynard, with the Moderator to attend.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. R. Evans, Wallace Maynard, Asa Evans, Harrison Bevins, W. C. Hay, the Moderator to attend.

#### July, 1939

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. R. Evans, Bud Coleman, Frank Canterbury, W. H. May, Asa Evans, Willie White, Wallace Hannah.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Asa Evans, Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, with the Moderator to attend.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders C. Conn, Jonah Bevins, and Willis Blackburn.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Asa Evans, Basil Robinett, with the Moderator to attend.

NARROWS BRANCH: Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday. Elders Jonah Bevins, Willie White, Harrison Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Wallace Maynard, Hi Maynard, and others invited.

LITTLE ROSIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders C. Hay, Grover Carey, Willis Blackburn, with the Moderator to attend.

#### August, 1939

LITTLE DOVE: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Ernest Runyon, Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans, the Moderator and all others invited.

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Grover Carey, Jeff Chain, W. T. Riffe, with the Moderator to attend.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Harrison Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Erna Runyon, E. S. Coleman, W. A. Hurley, and Grover Carey.

BEECH GROVE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. G. Thornsbury, H. C. Maynard, E. S. Coleman, Willie White, Percy Canterbury and Jesse Canterbury.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. A. Hurley, Asa Evans, Shadle Pauley, with the Moderator to attend.

BENT BRANCH: Friday before the third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willis Blackburn, E. S. Coleman, W. C. Hay with the Moderator to attend.

PILGRIM HOME: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Harrison Bevins, Squire Hamilton.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Asa Evans, Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans, and Ester Hopkins to attend.

BETHANY: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders H. C. Maynard, J. G. Thornsbury, E. S. Coleman, W. H. May, with the 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-Associations, 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 their fellowship any such, except those who have put away the companions for the cause of fornication and such cases to have the Gospel or Church evidence of same.

15. Ordered, that we contribute as much as two pages of our minutes to memorial and funeral meetings of deceased brothers and sisters.

16. We, the Sardis Association, do hereby advise the churches of our union to use discretion in setting apart men for the ministry as we believe that if a man is called to the ministry by the Spirit of God the same Spirit will fully manifest its work to the church to which this man belongs and will prompt such church to liberate the man; again we do advise the churches not to ordain any man to the ministry when such party make demand for such action, and further advise the

churches that they be sure that a man has the gift of preach or exhortation before they lay hands on same. And after has been liberated and set forth by the church to preach gospel and fails to exercise his gift we advise the church which he belongs to deal with him and, if necessary, deny his credentials.

17. Called on committee appointed to meet the Old Association relative to differences that separate correspondence fellowship to report.

18. Report received. Committee discharged.

19. Ordered, that we make no further efforts to revive correspondence with Old Zion Association and that we have present in our minutes the order of last year which was presented them by committee composed of Elder Jonah Bevins and Elder Ester Hopkins.

1. We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, known as Regular Baptist, composed of the New Salem, Union, Sardis, and K... Associations, at our regular sessions in the year of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, each of the above Associations during the business hours of their sessions have under consideration the advisability or possibility of making an effort to revive a Christian Correspondence and fellowship with various United Baptist Associations, namely: Paint Union, Bethlehem, New Hope and Olive Associations, do hereby submit the following propositions for consideration. Of the above nine Churches of United Baptist Association, who will meet with by delegated, authorized representatives at the Buffalo Church of United Baptist, Johnson County, Kentucky, on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1937.

First realizing that both we the Regular Baptist and United Baptist Brothers came from the same original Association at that time were the same identical people in Faith, Principles and Doctrine. And at that time and for many years there corresponded and had mutual fellowship, until discord and practices and indulgence and perhaps doctrine which things destroyed our fellowship and correspondence and at that time reasons before stated correspondence and fellowship was torn and severed between us and the United Baptist Associations.

2. We do not deem the name "Regular" nor "Un

essential and we are willing to allow the same name to exist if it pleases.

3. We will not fellowship open Communion and Sunday Schools taught or conducted through Sectarian Literature, as we believe that the only Ordained medium by which men and women are taught is by God-Sent men Preaching under the Demonstration of the Holy Ghost, therefore, we strictly oppose any and all so-called auxiliaries of the Churches, also we denounce the use of what is known as Erected Alters or Mourners Benches, as we have neither example or precept of such in the New Testament Scriptures.

4. We feel quite sure it is not in harmony with the Scriptures for our brethren to enter into a Covenant with such unbelievers and as such conditions in the past have been detrimental to the progress of the Church, we say that we do not believe our brethren should be affiliated with secret Societies or Orders. We are opposed to the Doctrine as advocated by some of our United Baptist Brethren that they know beyond a doubt, personally, that they are saved, but we do believe that we are saved by Hope which hope is the anchor of the Soul Christ being our Hope.

5. We do not believe in partaking of other men's sins by preaching with and encouraging false Doctrine therefore, we will not labor with, nor in conjunction with, those who are not Orthodox in Doctrine and Practice.

20. Ordered, that we change Article Eleven (11) of our Articles of Faith to read as follows:

"We believe that feet washing is an example of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by his Church until His second coming."

21. Ordered, that our next Association to be held with Turkey Creek Church, Turkey Creek, Pike County, Kentucky.

22. Ordered, that Elder Asa Evans preach the Introductory Sermon and that Elder Jonah Bevins be his alternate.

23. Ordered, that we tender our thanks to the Rebecca Church and to the community at large.

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

The Association then adjourned to the time and place tioned above.

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

## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

September 11, 1938

The Brethren appointed to preach on the stand met an extra large congregation of people, and proceeded to preach in accordance with the arrangements of the Committee.

The service was introduced by Elder H. C. Maynard of the Union Association. Second by Elder Leonard Oxley of the Mud River Association. Text: Leviticus, 13th Chapter, 12th verse—"And if a Leprosy break out abroad in the skin, etc."

Third, Elder Hays Maynard of New Salem Association. Text: Genesis, 21st Chapter, 10th verse—"Wherefore she said unto Abraham, 'Cast out this bond woman and her son for the son of this bond woman shall not be heir with my Son even with Isaac.'"

Fourth, Elder Finiss Adkins of the Philadelphia Association. Text: St. John, 6th Chapter, 28th verse—"Then said they unto Him, 'What shall we do that we might work the works of God?'"

Fifth, then our own beloved Moderator, Elder Hi Maynard, came to the stand and with a short exhortation closed the service.

## MEMORIALS

Memorial to be held with the Rebecca Church on the second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1939.

Memorial of Heenon Maynard and others to be held at the Apple Orchard first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1939. Elders called, Bud Coleman, Willis Blackburn, L. G. Lowe, Jonah Bevins.

Memorial of Elbert Bevins and others to be held with Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday August, 1939.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor and Harrison McCoy to be held with Big Branch Church the third Saturday and Sunday August, 1939. Ministers called, Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Bud Coleman, and L. G. Lowe.

Memorial to be held at the Fraley Cemetery for J. Smith and others on the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1939. Elders called, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, H. E. Hen Ernest Runyon, J. G. Thornsbury and Bill Jude.

Memorial of deceased friends of the Mayhon family to be held on the third Sunday of each year at the mouth of T Branch, near Bethany Church.

Memorial of the deceased members of the Pilgrim H Church beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in October, 1939, this being regular church time. All ministers invited.

Memorial to be held for the deceased of the Salem Church first Saturday and Sunday in October, 1939. Ministers called, Elders Hi Maynard, Hays Maynard, and Willis Blackburn.

Memorial of Elder Bill Fields to be held on regular church time the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1939; also Brother Nathan Jude to be held on the Point near Dave J September the fourth Sunday, 1939.

Memorial of the deceased brethren and sisters of Dix Branch Church to be held on regular church time August the first Saturday and Sunday, 1939. The following Elders are called: Willis Blackburn, Bud Coleman and Hays Maynard.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Munsey and others will be held with the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1939. All the preaching brethren invited and Elder G. Bennett Adams is especially requested to be present.

Memorial of Brother Lee Robison and Wife to be held with the Leanah Church on the second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1939.

Memorial of Brother Tom McCoy to be held at Buck Branch on Wolf Creek first Sunday in September, 1939. Elders Willis Blackburn and Harrison Bevins are requested to attend.

Memorial of Elder A. L. Dempsey and others to be held with the Little Dove Church first Sunday in June, 1939.

Memorial of Nancy Staton at the Floyd Stepp Cemetery and George Jackson at the John Stepp Cemetery on the Sunday closest to Decoration Day, 1939.

Memorial at the Hannah Cemetery on the fourth Sunday in August, 1939, and at the Sturgell on the fourth Sunday in September, 1939.

#### Obituary of Sister Susie Brewister

At the request of Brother Jasper Brewister, I will try to write a short obituary of his dear companion, Sister Susia Brewister, born February 9, 1873, and who died January 25, 1936.

She was married to Brother Brewister on the 25th day of November, 1918.

Sister Brewister professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Bethany Church on the 30th day of May, 1935. She was our close neighbor for about a year, and the year she lived here, she seemed to bring the fruits of the righteous for so often I have heard her give good counsel to the younger Sisters and tell them when trouble arises for them just to pray. She seemed to be in good health when baptized, but told her husband sometime afterward she would not be with him very long, so the Church often misses her for her counsel and her company, and we hope and feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

May the children she has left in this world live the life of the righteous and heed their mother's counsel.

Written by a Brother in hope of Eternal Life.

Percy Canterbury.

#### Obituary of Brother Kim Mayhon

Brother Kim Mayhon was born October 15, 1913 and died on July 15, 1936, being 22 years and nine months old.

He was married to Gracie Bartran November 31, 1935 and to this union was born one child, still living with the wife and father, one brother and four sisters to mourn the loss.

Brother Kim Mayhon professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Bethany Church on the second Sunday in September, 1933, at the hand of Brother Frank Canterbury. He was a good neighbor and often helped them in need. Brother Kim told me he was prepared to go just a few nights before he died and seemed to suffer with patience. He had the Moderator to call the Church to order and to take the Sacrament with him and to wash his feet before he died, so I want to say to all of his relatives, you, that are living in this life, may we all strive to live more closely and, you, that have not met Jesus, precious to your souls, heed Him, while He may be found, and call on Him while He is near, so you can enjoy one another's company beyond this Vale of Tears.

Written by a Brother in hope of Eternal Life.

Percy Canterbury.

#### Obituary of Pleasant P. McCoy

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write the obituary of our beloved grandfather, Pleasant P. McCoy.

He was the son of William and Sarah McCoy, born February 15, 1844, and died January 15, 1938, at the age of 93 years, 11 months.

He was married to Sarah McClothlin about 67 years ago. To this union were born six children, five boys and one girl. One preceded him in death and five are left to mourn the loss of their dear father.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church some several years ago. His life was a wonderful example of love, kindness, charity, truthfulness, and faithfulness. He was dearly beloved by all who knew him.

Don't forget the words of our grandfather and when Jesus knocks at your heart resist not the Spirit, but yield unto Him and live for Him.



I am made to believe if we are blessed to meet Jesus we will meet our grandfather, too. Oh! Children, remember our loving and faithful grandfather who has crossed the chilly tide; he is waiting just on the other side!

May God bless his children that they may seek Thee and finally meet their father in Heaven where there will be no parting, for I believe he died in the full triumph of a living faith and has gone to live with Jesus.

Written by granddaughter.

Sallie Scalf.

#### Obituary of Sister Rachel J. Keesee

Sister Rachel J. Keesee was born January 23, 1873, and died January 23, 1938.

She was the daughter of A. W. and Elizabeth McCoy, and was married to Allen Keesee August 13, 1893, to which union were born nine children, five boys and four girls. The husband and two children had gone on before leaving four girls and three boys, and a number of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church August, 1893, and lived a faithful Christian life until our loving Master called her home. Mother's gone; we'll hear her voice no more, but here are some of her own written words left for us: "Dear Children: I am very sad and lonely here; I am leaving this note so if anything should happen to me you will know what I want done. I want you to live in peace and try to get to a better place when you leave this troublesome world, for their is nothing here but trouble. There is none to speak between me and my God. He needs none to testify, for He knows all things and all our hearts, and will do justice to all. Now, I will my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the grave. I want a home-made coffin with no handles or plate; put me in no costly shroud, for my body will only be as dust."

We are very thankful for these few words from her own hand and we, the children, have written this obituary at her request. We are happy to know mother has gone to be with Jesus and our loved ones, trusting through the mercies of our Blessed God we will all meet around the Great White Throne, where death will have no power, father, mother and children

to be reunited where troubles never come, and God will wipe all tears away.

Written by

Her Children.

#### Obituary of Sister Tenna Beckett

By the request of the family and Brother John H. Beckett I will try to write a short obituary of Sister Tenna Beckett who was born October 2, 1917 and who died May 17, 1937, being 20 years, seven months, and 15 days old.

She was married to Brother John H. Beckett on the 1st day of July, 1937, and to this union was born one child, still living with the father.

Sister Tenna professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Bethany Church on the 2nd Sunday in May, 1935. She was always good to attend church and was often made to rejoice. She was loved by her neighbors and they say that they often miss her for they remember her prayer that they often heard her pray. She was not ill very long, but seemed to bear her suffering with patience. But, what I want to say to the family and Brother Beckett that the heart of us all is that Sister Tenna's Spirit is resting with Jesus and when He comes to call the sleeping dead, she will arise to meet him and be redeemed in glory.

Comfort ye one another with these words.

Written by a Brother in hope of Eternal Life.

Percy Canterbury.

#### Obituary of Sister Minta Morris

The beloved sister and mother in Israel was the daughter of John and Rebecca Elkins Davis, born July 11, 1857.

She entered into the marriage covenant with John B. Morris February 10, 1876. To this union were born four children, one son, J. M. Morris, Pikesville, Kentucky, and three daughters, Mrs. Ken Smith, Canada, Kentucky, Mrs. F. R. Bishop, West Virginia, and Mrs. Marvin Williamson of Meigs County, Kentucky, all surviving her.

About 23 years ago Sister Morris professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of this Old Mt. Pleasant Church by Elder J. W. Smith and lived a pious, faithful and true Christian life, till the sad message of death came and took her away on May 22, 1938.

The passing of this faithful and kind mother and Sister was a great shock to the host of relatives and friends in Pike County and elsewhere, as she was widely known, and to know Sister Morris was to love her.

It is with many solemn thoughts and in tears I try to speak of the virtues of such noble character, the name of a mother so true to her Master, to her husband, to her son and daughters, to her friends far and near.

But she has fallen asleep to rest from her labors, but we believe she will live again at the Resurrection and will forever live to sing Redeeming Love.

Brother Morris is sad and lonely, but ere long he can meet that noble, faithful companion in that Eternal Rest.

In the passing of this great and noble woman, the church has lost one whose absence is deeply felt by all—

The lonely husband has lost a virtuous, faithful and loyal wife, unsurpassed by any for truthfulness, honesty and genuine Christian Spirit full of love—

The children must say farewell to one of the best mothers that ever lived and to the many who joined to mourn her loss. I want to say in the words of Jesus: "Weep not for me, but for yourselves, and your children."

Your unworthy Servant.

Hi Maynard.

#### Obituary of Sister Edna Canterbury

It is with a sad heart I attempt to write a few lines of my dear companion, Sister Edna Canterbury, daughter of John and Hannah Evans of Logan County, West Virginia, born July 7, 1896, being 41 years, 10 months, and 16 days old at the time of her death which was at 3:00 p. m., Monday, May 23, 1938.

She was married to Frank Canterbury November 23, 1912 and to this union were born six children, two preceeding her in death, leaving four to mourn the loss, Etta Etepp of Puritan

Mines, Barnabas, 18, Franklin D, 5, Jennings Lee, 9 months old, at home.

She was in the organization of the Bethany Church of Regular Baptist and so many times has prepared the bread the Communion and seemed to love to see that time come, that she could take of the Bread and the Wine and manifest that love to her sisters by washing one another's feet.

I want to say the church has lost a loving mother and sister, the children, a loving and faithful mother, the community a friend to them and their children.

But our hope is such that Sister Edna's Spirit is resting with Jesus and that when he comes to call the sleeping dead that this wonderful mother and sister will arise to meet all redeemed in Glory, living and knowing the time of her departure was nigh she left the request the following Elders be chosen in her funeral: Elders Wallace Maynard, Grover Cary, Willie White and all others invited which is to be preached the 28th day of May, 1939 at the Canterbury Cemetery.

I want to say the community and children know the life she lived and the way that she followed that commandment of Jesus when He said to let your light so shine before men, and that the family all live the life that mother always taught that when life is over in this world that the family circle will not be broken in the bye and bye. Her favorite song was "Farewell, O World, I Am Going Home."

Written by her Companion.

Frank Canterbury.

#### Obituary of Brother Albert Jarrell

Brother Albert Jarrell was born April 14, 1901, and died June 23, 1938, being 37 years old.

He was married to Dollie Canterbury, June 3, 1922 and to this union were born seven children, all living with the wife, one father, one sister and three brothers to mourn the loss.

Brother Albert professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Bethany Church on the 4th day in September, 1937, at the hand of Brother Frank Canterbury. Brother Albert often called us to his bedside to sing and pray and said he was prepared to go. He told his relatives

and neighbors to get their minds on things above and not to grieve after him, but to prepare to meet him above, so you of the family that have not met Jesus, precious to your souls, awake, thou, from sleep and Christ will give you life so you can enjoy the company of those who have died in triumph of living Faith.

Written by a Brother in hope of Eternal Life.

Percy Canterbury.

#### Obituary of Brother Victor Bevins

It is with much solemn thought I attempt to write about my dear Brother in the flesh, Victor Bevins, and by the Grace of God a Brother in the Lord.

He was born February 27, 1903. His sojourn on earth was 35 years, 3 months and 19 days.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church July 6, 1935, and was baptized at the hands of Elders Hi Maynard and Willie Hay, into the fellowship of the Bent Branch Church and for three years lived a humble, faithful, Christian life, until his Master called him home.

Brother Victor was crippled for 21 years of his life, so that he could not walk, but bore his affliction with patience. I believe that he will live again and that he is only asleep in Jesus; In that great and notable day when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound that Brother Victor, although a cripple here, his body will be made whole and that he will be able to walk, also to sing "Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb."

He leaves his mother, four sisters and three brothers to mourn his loss. I believe I will see him again. I want to say to my Brothers and Sisters that he left behind: "Trust in the Lord who is able to save you, and give you eternal life, then we will be able to meet brother in Heaven around the throne of God."

A voice from us is still

A vacant chair in our home that can never be filled.

Written by his sister in hope of Eternal Life.

Mrs. Anna Maynard.

#### Obituary of Sister Zetta Bevins

Sister Zetta Bevins was the beloved wife of Brother Clyde Bevins and was the daughter of T. B. Morris and Sinda Morris born on the 22nd day of August, 1908, and was united in marriage to Brother Clyde Bevins on the 31st day of May, 1927. To their union were born four children as follows: Ruby Lois, Calvin, Kenneth Lee and Rowena.

Sister Bevins united with the church upon her profession of faith in Christ, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Regular Baptist Church at the hands of Elders Hi Maynard and Jor Bevins, the 10th day of December, 1933, and henceforth lived a humble, obedient life, as a loving companion, a kind and loving mother, a chaste and spotless character, and a loving and faithful Sister in the church 'till the time of her passing came on the 1st day of August, 1938.

In her death we were made to mourn as the writer had often enjoyed her kind hospitality in her home, but now she is gone no more to return in this life, and Brother Clyde and his orphans are left without that kind wife and mother to help to bear the common burdens of the home, but we believe that Sister Zetta's spirit is resting with Jesus who died for her and rose again for her justification, and, doubtless, our loss is her gain, and at the resurrection of the dead, Sister Zetta will be raised incorruptible. Then death will be abolished through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Brother Clyde, be faithful a few days; may God bless you in your lonely hours, with your little family. Our hope is the final victory of the Resurrection of the sleeping bodies through Jesus' Mighty Power.

Our loving Sister, your kind companion  
Has fled from us to sleep so still,  
Yet we must, oh, mourning husband,  
Submit all things to His will.

Humbly, your Brother in Hope.

Hi Maynard

#### Obituary of Sister Norma Baisden

By the help of God I will try to write a short obituary for Sister Norma Baisden.

She was born in 1891, and deceased this life July 13, 1938, at the age of 47 years, 10 months and 24 days.

She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Regular Baptist Church July 8, 1938, by the writer.

She left a testimony that gives us hope of her eternal happiness. She leaves a husband and six boys and two girls to mourn her loss.

I will say to the relatives and family: In order to meet Sister Baisden again, you must repent of your sins and believe in Christ, who is the Captain of our Eternal Salvation.

Written by,

Elder W. A. Hurley

#### Obituary of Sister Sopha Taylor

By request, I will try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of Sister Sopha Taylor.

She was born April 21, 1865, and died July 20, 1938.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church October the third Saturday, 1893, and was a faithful member.

Sister Taylor wanted to die and go home where there is no sickness, pain or death, and asked Brother Taylor to pray for God to remove her out of this world of pain to a world of rest.

Sister Taylor leaves a Christian husband and nine children and a host of friends to mourn her loss, but I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Our mother is gone and cannot come back to stay with us, but by the help of our Lord we can go to her.

Now, dear children and all, if you want to see mother again you will have to make peace with your Lord, for as death finds us, so shall the Judgment.

Written by your unworthy Brother in hope of Eternal Life.

J. L. Nichols

#### Obituary of Sister Bertha Hensley

Sister Bertha Hensley was the daughter of Elder Wallace Hannah, and was 33 years old at the time of her death on August 20, 1938.

In 1923 she was married to Leonard Hensley and to this union were born seven children, two of whom have gone on to live their Eternal Home, leaving her husband and five children to mourn her loss.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church 13 years ago, and as she walks were in this we firmly believe she is at rest with Christ.

I wish to say to her father and mother: Brother and Sister you ever expect to see Sister Bertha again you must make your peace calling and election certain with Christ, for as God has promised in Him so has Christ, our Lord.

And we believe that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by,

Brother Mark Hannah

## 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 shall 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 baptised, 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 up 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 church shall send money by the delegate of 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 the Secretary appointed for that purpose.

Article 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator or 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 it shall be deemed 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 when the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association. 5. To appoint any member 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 a seat with us in the Association. 8. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place that 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

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 example 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 punishments 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 the 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 and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before or make remarks on mishaps, faults or imperfections, but shall verily state that cause 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 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 whisperings in the hearing of public 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 from 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 as it may think proper.

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

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS

L. G. Lowe	Turkey Creek, F
Jonah Bevins	Goody, F
Ester Hopkins	Goody, F
Harrison Bevins	Goody, F
C. L. Swanson	Boomer, N.
W. C. Hay	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. V
Ernest Runyon	Turkey Creek, F
Shadle Pauley	Beauty, F
Ransom Smith	Kimberly, W.
Louis Smith	Hardy, F
Orvil Runyon	Nolan, W. V
J. E. Taylor	Heenon, F
J. H. Brown	Canada, F
J. G. Thornsby	Canada, F
E. S. Coleman	Hardy, F
Hose Bowling	Meta, F
Willis Blackburn	Goody, F
James Jude	Varney, F
Basil Robinett	Varney, K
Frank Centerbury	Parsley, W. V
Willie White	Lenore, W. V
Hi Maynard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. V
W. A. Hurley	Verdenville, W. V
Abe Sheppard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. V
M. J. Mounts	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. V
Grover Carey	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. V
Jeff Chafin	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. V
Asa Evans	Delbarton, W. V
Wallace Maynard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. V
J. R. Evans	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. V
George Gillman	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. V
Jonah Smith	Turkey Creek, K
E. F. Fields	Moree, K
Dike Blackburn	Moree, K
W. T. Rife	Switzer, W. V
James Queen	Harts, W. V
W. H. May	Kirk, W. V
Wallace Hannah	Lenore, W. V
Bill Jude	Laura, K
J. M. Jude	McClure, K

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS

Church

Mt. Pleasant	Ferd Varney	Road Fork, Ky.
Apple Orchard	R. B. Maynard	Heenon, Ky.
Enon	Logan Spencer	McCarr, Ky.
Rebecca	W. C. Hay	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Bent Branch	Victoria Blackburn	Meta, Ky.
Sardis	Tommy Adair	Delbarton, W. Va.
Big Branch	J. L. Nickhols	Thomas, Ky.
Mary Elizabeth	L. B. Fraley	Heisey, Ky.
Bethany	Percy Canterbury	Lenore, W. Va.
Elk Fork	L. V. S. Curry	RFD No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Pilgrim Home	Troy Francis	Williamson, W. Va.
Salem	Harrison Bevins	Goody, Ky.
Sidney	Johnie Pauley	Threeforks, Ky.
Dix Fork	J. G. Thornsbury	Canada, Ky.
Narrows Branch	R. L. Murphy	Williamson, W. Va.
Leanah	Johnie Pauley	Threeforks, Ky.
Buck Creek	Harmon Smith	Beauty, Ky.
Tabitha	Comfort Gillman	Barnabus, W. Va.
Little Dove	James Dempsey	RFD No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Little Rosa	Orvil Runyon	Nolan, W. Va.
Beech Grove	Wallace Hannah	Lenore, W. Va.
Turkey Creek	Ken Varney	Turkey Creek, Ky.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches and Delegates	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommended	Restoration	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Time	Money Sent
Mt. Pleasant: Frank Collins, Bee Scott.	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	2	\$ 10.00
Apple Orchard: Stanford Maynard, Vanie Maynard, Eldon Maynard	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	1	3.01
Enon: Robert Farley, S. Stafford, Logan Spencer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	4.50
Rebecca: Hi Maynard, Nicholas Runyon, Ed Runyon	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	52	2	8.20
Bent Branch: John Maynard, G. C. Bevins, Richard Bevins	3	0	1	0	1	0	2	46	3	7.00
Sardis: G. W. Evans, N. R. Evans, Stanley Varntter	13	0	1	0	0	0	1	130	4	8.00
Big Branch: Alie Griffie, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Lowe	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	24	3	4.45
Mary Elizabeth: T. D. Lowe, M. B. Romans, Leonard Stanley	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	32	3	2.25
Bethany: Willard Blair, Willie White, Jesse Canterbury	9	0	0	4	0	0	4	87	4	5.56
Elk Fork: L. V. S. Curry, John Ward, Sam Crum	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	79	3	5.00
Pilgrim Home: Troy Francis, Caudill Williamson, Basil Robinett	11	0	0	0	2	0	1	120	4	13.00
Salem: Harrison Bevins, L. E. Hackney, Okey Bevins	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	90	1	15.00
Sidney: John Maynard	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	4	3.00
Dix Fork: E. S. Coleman, J. G. Thornsbury, Richard Maynard	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	1	8.00
Narrows Branch: Mack Smith, R. L. Murphy, George Stanley	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	45	4	12.00
Leanah: Johnie Pauley, Clinton Howard, Willie Howard	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	23	2	4.00
Buck Creek: Hiram Smith, Pete Dials, Aron Hale	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	28	3	3.20
Tabitha: Tom Duty, Howard Duty, Joe Robinett	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	1	5.00
Little Dove: B. F. Maynard, Mack Davis, James Dempsey	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	42	1	4.10
Little Rosie: Tom Jackson, Ireland Harrison	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	4	2.00
Beech Grove: W. H. May, Joseph Hannah, A. H. Sturcell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	3	2.50