

Minutes
of the
Fifty-fourth Annual Session
of the
Sardis Association of
Regular Baptist

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH

BIG BRANCH CHURCH

Thomas, Pike County, Ky.

September 13, 14, 15, 1946

PROCEEDINGS

of the
FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST
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In session assembled with the Big Branch Church, September 13, 14, and 15th, 1946, at the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The services were introduced by Elder Harrison Bevins, followed by the introductory sermon, delivered by Elder Asa Evans, from text; Isaiah 63rd Chapter and the 5th verse, as follows "And I looked and there was none to help," and etc. Then the delegates assembled at the church house and after a short talk by Elder F. A. Hopkins, and prayer by Elder Milton Thacker, the Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches and received the letters and seated the delegates.

On account of sickness, our much beloved Moderator, Elder Hi Maynard, was not permitted to meet with us in this session of our Association.

2. The Association then organized almost unanimous vote, electing Elder Hi Maynard, as Moderator, and Elder Ester Hopkins as Assistant Moderator, Elder W. C. Hay, as Clerk, and Brother Troy T. Francis as Assistant Clerk.

3. At the request of the Moderator, the reading of the rules of decorum were omitted.

4. Called for newly organized churches and one responded, and their letter referred to committee on arrangements.

5. Called for letters from sister Associations and received as follows: New Salem, by the hands of Elders F.

A. Hopkins, J. P. Hall, Tack Hall and Brothers Billie Moore and Willard Bartley; letter in the hands of Elder F. A. Hopkins.

Philadelphia, by the hands of Elder Ernie Runyon, Tom Ratcliff and Brother J. F. Reed; letter in the hands of Elder Ernie Runyon.

Union, by the hands of Elders Milton Thacker, W. T. Swindle, Francis Hubbard, James Green, S. T. Wright and brother Author Bowling; letter in the hands of Elder Milton Thacker.

Mud River, by the hands of Elder Gilbert Miller and Brother Allen Smith; letter in the hands of Elder Gilbert Miller.

Thornton Union, by the hands of Elders T. G. Bates, W. S. Akers and Charlie Cornett; letter in the hands of Elder Charlie Cornett. This being a newly organized Association, an arm extended from the Union Association.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order. The following received: Elders Wallace Maynard, J. H. Brown, Asa Evans and Brother Caudil Williamson.

7. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren as follows: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols and Ali Griffey.

9. On motion it is ordered that we correspond with the following Associations: New Salem, Philadelphia, Union, Mud River and Thornton Union.

10. Committee to arrange the ministry for Friday night and Saturday, consisting of one member from each Church with the entire delegation of the Big Branch Church.

Ministers as follows: for Friday night, first, Elder J. P. Hall; second, Elder Ernie Runyon; and third, Winston May. For Saturday, first, Tack Hall; second, T. G. Bates; third, Tom Ratcliff; and forth, W. T. Swindle.

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 Elder E. S. Coleman, the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning

Met pursuant to adjournment and after song and prayer, the service was introduced by Elder S. T. Wright.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Read the bill of arrangements and discharged the committee.

3. Appointed a committee on finance, consisting of Elders Willis Blackburn, Harrison Bevins and Emmette Case, 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 the year ending September 13th, 1946.....	\$288.89
Paid out for printing of minutes .. \$	90.00
Secretary's fee	10.00
Expenses of delegates to sister Association and tax	5.00
Clerk's fee	15.00
Treasurer's fee	10.00
Total paid out.....	\$130.00
Balance on hand in bank	\$158.89
Received from Churches this year	242.00
Total on hand for next year	\$400.89

5. Ordered that Elder Willis Blackburn be retained as Treasurer, and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

6. Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that we have 2,000 copies printed, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services. Preparing manuscript and recording same.

7. Brethren called in Union meetings and associations last year made their reports. Their reports received, failures excused, they all were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.

8. Appointed same committee to arrange for preaching Saturday night and Sunday, who reported as follows: Saturday night, first, Gilbert Miller; second, Milton Thacker. Sunday, first, W. C. Hay; second, S. T. Wright; third, James Green; and fourth, our Assistant Moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins.

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

New Salem—To be held with the Stone Coal Church. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1946. Address, Garnett, Floyd County, Ky. Elders Willis Blackburn, Basil Robinett, Emmette Case, Ester Hopkins, Orville Runyon and Brothers C. Williamson, James Gilman, Mosco Gilman. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Philadelphia—To be held with the Little Mary Church, Naples, Greenup County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1946. Elders Lewis Smith, J. G. Thornsby, Lewis Marcum, Ken Varney, and Brother James Varney. Letter in the hands of Elder Lewis Smith.

Mud River—To be held with the Providence Church, St. Albans, West Virginia. To begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1947. Elders W. C. Hay, W. A. Hurley, Lewis Smith, L. G. Lowe, W. H. May, and Brothers Sam Hearld and Mosco Gilman. Letter in the hands of Elder Lewis Smith.

Union—To be held with the Union Church, Jonancy, Pike County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the third

Saturday in September, 1946. Elders Basil Robinett, Harrison Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Emmette Case, Ester Hopkins, Willie Stanley, and Brothers C. Williamson and Leslie Blanton. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Thornton Union—To be held with the Little Rock Church. To begin on Friday before the Third Saturday in August, 1947. Elders Harrison Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Willie Stanley, and Brothers Earl Glay, Harrold Edmond, John M. Maynard, Okey Bevins and Leslie Blanton. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

10. Ordered that we print obituaries presented to the Brother Clerk at the close of the association, or within ten days thereafter.

11. Ordered that the Treasurer pay the expenses of one (1) car for the visiting Sister Associations, that is, paying for the gas and oil.

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

13. 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 put away their companion for the cause of fornication, and such cases to have the Gospel or Church evidence of same.

14. By motion it was ordered that we receive the Rosa Church with a thorough understanding that if there is an offense to the Union Association that same will be rectified at their request.

15. By motion it was ordered that the Association hereby authorize the clerk or assistant clerk, or both, to purchase a typewriter and to present bill to treasurer who is hereby authorized to pay for same which is to be kept in the hands of the clerk or assistant clerk at all times. They shall be responsible for the typewriter.

16. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Bethany Church, Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek, Lenore, West Virginia. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1947.

17. By vote it was ordered that Elder W. C. Hay preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Grover Carey be his alternate.

18. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Big Branch Church and the community at large.

19. Ordered that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderators and clerks.

20. On motion, we adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

(Signed)

Elder *Moderator*
Elder Ester Hopkins, *Asst. Moderator*
Elder W. C. Hay, *Clerk*
Brother Troy T. Francis, *Asst. Clerk*

**Upon Request the Following Churches Have
Union Meetings**

May

SALEM—Goody Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Asa Evans and Grover Carey, with Moderator attending.

TURKEY CREEK—Turkey Creek, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, W. C. Hay and N. R. Evans, with Moderator attending.

June

ENON—McCarr, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, Orville Runyon and N. R. Evans, with Moderator attending.

APPLE ORCHARD—Heenan, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ken Varney, W. C. Hay and H. C. Maynard, with Moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK—Beauty, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, Wallace Maynard and W. C. Hay, with Moderator attending.

SIDNEY—Three Forks, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Orville Runyon, Ester Hopkins, Harrison Bevins and Wallace Maynard, with Moderator attending.

July

DIX FORK—Canada, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, Lewis Smith, Grover Carey and Harrison Bevins, with Moderator attending.

LEANAH—Moree, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. L. Nichols, Willis Blackburn, Ester Hopkins and Willie White, with Moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT—Canada, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Lewis Smith, Wallace Maynard, W. C. Hay and Grover Carey, with moderator attending.

SAMARIA—Kirk, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, Orville Runyon, Willie White, and W. C. Hay, with Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH—Hatfield, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Basil Robinett, Emmett Case, and Ester Hopkins, with Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH—Thomas, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Bill Jude, Tack Hall, and Harrison Bevins, with Moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH—Hardy, Ky.—Friday before the fourth Saturday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Willis Blackburn, and W. C. Hay, with Moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSA—Borderland, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Basil May, Wallace Maynard, Harrison Bevins and L. G. Lowe with Moderator attending.

August

LITTLE DOVE—Lenore, W. Va.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Grover Carey, N. R. Evans and Harrison Bevins, with Moderator attending.

TABITHA—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, J. H. Hensley, W. C. Hay, and Asa Evans, with Moderator attending.

REBECCA—Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Grover Carey, Wallace Maynard, Willis Blackburn and Emmett Case with Moderator attending.

ELK FORK—Elk Fork of Pigeon Creek—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, and Willis Blackburn, with Moderator attending.

BENT BRANCH—Meta, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Willie White, Wallace Maynard, and Basil Robinett, with Moderator attending with Communion on Sunday.

PILGRIM HOME—Varney, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Tack Hall, and F. A. Hopkins, with Moderator attending. Communion on Sunday.

SARDIS—Delbarton, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, Harrison Bevins, and Willie White, with Moderator attending.

BETHANY—Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek—To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Grover Carey, J. G. Thornsby and E. S. Coleman with Moderator attending.

ROSA—Baisden, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Asa Evans, Ester Hopkins, Lewis Marcum, and Ken Varney, with Moderator attending.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Met with a large and orderly congregation at the stand. Service introduced by Elder W. C. Hay; song, "Brethren We Have Met To Worship." Also Brother Hay led us in prayer.

1. Elder S. T. Wright, from Union Association, was called to the stand and used for a text, Malachi, the 3rd chapter and a portion of the 1st verse, "Behold, I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me."

2. Elder James Green, also from the Union Association, filled the stand and used for a text, Genesis, 18th chapter and a portion of the 14th verse, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

3. Our assistant Moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins, was called to the stand to conclude the service. He used for a text, Hebrews, the 13th chapter and 1st verse, "Let brotherly love continue."

This session of the Sardis Association was of much love. "I don't think that I ever saw more love manifested among our Brethren and our corresponding Brethren. May that God, that rules and super rules both heaven and earth, guide, protect, and keep us safe until we meet again in a lovely session of our Association. Let us all pray earnestly that our beloved Moderator, Elder Hi Maynard, will be with us at our next Association."

Thus ending the Fifty Fourth annual session of the Sardis Association. Farewell.

Your Assistant Clerk.

MEMORIALS

Memorial to be held with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1947. Ministers requested: Elders B. H. Bevins, Ester Hopkins and Emmett Case.

Memorial of Elder Heenan Maynard and others will be held with the Apple Orchard Church on Sunday after the first Saturday in August, 1947. Also Memorial of Joe Taylor and others will be held at the Joe Taylor cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday in September, 1947.

Memorial will be held on the J. M. Lowe cemetery on the first Saturday and Sunday in July, 1947, in memory of Moses Lowe and Phillip Hannah. Ministers called: Elders Willis Blackburn, Jonah Bevins, W. C. Hay. All others invited.

Memorial to be held on the Head of Big Branch, the first Sunday in September, 1947, on the Flem Maynard cemetery.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Enon Church will be held the first Saturday in August, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Bent Branch Church will be held the third Sunday in June, 1947. Elders Willis Blackburn, Jonah Bevins and Grover Carey.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor and others will be held the third Sunday in July, 1947. Also memorial of Brother Harrison McCoy, will be held the third Sunday in August, 1947. Both these memorials will be held with the Big Branch church.

Memorial of Russell P. McCoy and others will be held on the Ratcliff cemetery the third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorial of Elder Wallace Jackson and others will be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church the third Saturday and Sunday in September, 1947. Also Memorial of Elder J. W. Smith and others, to be held on the Fraley cemetery, the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Bethany Church will be held the fourth Sunday in August. Also a Memorial will be held at Elder John Canterbury's place the last Sunday in September, 1947.

A Memorial will be held at the mouth of right Fork of Laurel Creek on the York cemetery the fourth Sunday in July, 1947.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Elk Fork Church will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in October, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Pilgrim Home Church will be held the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Salem Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in October, 1947. Elders: Willis Blackburn, Emmett Case and Willie White.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Sidney Church will be held on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1947. Also Memorial of Nathan Jude and others will be held on the point near Dave Jude's home the fourth Sunday in July, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Dix Fork Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1947. Ministers requested: Elders Willis Blackburn and Jonah Bevins.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Muncy and other deceased members of the Narrows Branch Church will be held the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorial of Brother Lee Robinson and others will be held with the Leanah Church the second Saturday and Sunday in July, 1947; also a memorial will be held on the Lowe Cemetery, in the head of Big Branch, the second Sunday in August, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Little Dove Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in June, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1947. Ministers requested: Elders Wallace Maynard and W. C. Hay.

Memorials of all the deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1947. Ministers called: Elders Wallace Maynard, W. C. Hay, Harrison Bevins and Emmett Case.

Memorial will be held at the Hannah cemetery the third Sunday in August, 1947. All ministers invited.

Memorials of Elder W. H. Bowling and others will be held on the right hand fork of Brushy Creek, at the Tom Price school house, the first Saturday and Sunday in September, 1947. Ministers requested: Elders Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans, Grover Carey and Bud Coleman.

Memorial of Elder L. F. Herald and others to be held on the Crum cemetery at Crum, W. Va., the Sunday following the third Saturday in August, 1947. Ministers requested: Elder Wallace Maynard. All others invited.

OBITUARIES

Emsy Robinett

I will try by the help of the Lord to write a short obituary of Brother Emsy Robinett.

He was the son of Samuel and Rachel (Laking) Robinett, born July 27th, 1889, and died March 9th, 1946.

He was married to Louisia Williamson June 27th, 1921, and to this union was born six children, three boys and

three girls, namely: Frank, Charley and Estil, and daughters Francis, Gracie and Maudie. He leaves four brothers, Matt, Wesley, Delmon and Willie; sisters, Vadie Hinkle, Margie Pinson and Elsie Lawson; six grandchildren besides a host of friends to mourn his passing.

Brother Emsy joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the hands of Elder W. C. Hay, and placed his membership with the Narrows Branch Church, where he was a faithful member always filling his seat in the church. Not only his own church but would go and visit all the sister churches when his health was sufficient to go. Brother Emsy was afflicted for a long time with a lingering disease, although he never complained. Just seemed to rejoice that he was still able to go to church and be with the brothers and sisters. The Bible tells us that every tree is known by its fruits, so is every Child of God known by the life they live, and I feel Brother Emsy has been a bright and shining life before his children, and when God ransoms his body from the grave He will give him a body liking to his glorious body, and a crown will be placed upon his head and he will be then happily housed around the throne of God, there to sing and shout the praises forever with all the happyfied saints that have gone on before.

And to you children I must say, Daddy is gone to return no more. If you ever behold his face again, you must get ready in this life. Jesus tells us, "Knock and it shall be opened", "Seek and you shall find", "Ask and it shall be given." So now is the time to start seeking Jesus. He has never turned away an honest prayer. Won't you start today? Brother Emsy would be so happy if he could but know his children have found a path to Jesus.

Written by a Brother in Hope,
Elder Willie Stanley.

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Sister Ellon Gibson Lawson

Sister Lawson was born November 14, 1878. Deceased October 16, 1946. Being 67 years, 11 months and 2 days

old at death, she was the daughter of John and Mary Gibson.

She was married to Esaw Lawson approximately 47 years. To this union was born six children, Hanna, Manda and Wildia preceding her in death. One son, Westly Lawson, two daughters, Rebecca Gibson and Mary Pinion survives. One brother, Johnny P. Gibson, one sister, Martha Estapp, fourteen grandchildren together with a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Sister Ellon joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ called Pilgrim Home, August 23, 1923, and was baptized by the hand of Elder Jonah Bevins. She became a faithful member at her church and from the evidence of her life we truly believe that our loss is her eternal gain, and that she is resting from her labor and her works do follow her.

Children don't weep for Mother, but rather weep for yourself and give your heart to Jesus, and be ready when he comes to call the sleeping dead that you can meet Mother around the throne where you'll never have to part.

Written by Brother Marion Young,
In Hope of Eternal Life.

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Sallie Phyllis Elswick

It is with a sad heart but with a glorious hope that I try to write the obituary of my mother, which through neglect was not put in last year's minutes.

Sallie Phyllis Elswick was the daughter of Abraham and Jennie Phillips. They both preceded her in death.

Mother was born December 23rd, 1886, and departed this life March 23rd, 1944. She was married three times, first to Bill Darsey, and to this union was born one daughter, the husband preceding her in death. She then married Charley McFarland, and after his death she married

Robert Elswick, better known as Uncle Bob. He also preceded her in death 22 years ago.

Mother lived to be 82 years and three months old. She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized by the hands of Elder G. W. Maynard, near fifty years ago. She lived a faithful Christian life until the death angel came and took her from us.

Mother leaves one daughter, eight grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, one brother and one sister, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. But I feel that our loss is Mother's eternal gain and I have a hope within my breast that I will see her again and enjoy the happiness that she is now enjoying, basking in the paradise of God.

Sadly missed by her Daughter and Family,

Victoria Blackburn

It is by request of the husband that we will attempt to write a sketch or obituary of the life of a loving Sister in the Lord, to wit: Sister Victoria (Sparks) Blackburn.

She was the daughter of the late Joe Siah and Eliza Jane (Charles) Sparks. She was born April 27th, 1898 and died January 24th, 1946. She was married to John Blackburn and to this union was born nine children, six sons and three daughters. Sister Vickie as we called her joined the regular Baptist Church and placed her membership with the Bent Branch Church several years ago, and we are made to believe by the life she lived that she was a true Christian.

It gave her great joy at church time to prepare meals and have the Brethern and Sisters to go into her home and eat with her. It seemed she could not treat them with enough kindness to please herself. She had a way of making us feel welcome and at home when we had the opportunity to visit her.

John, we must say you have lost a good wife. The children have lost a loving, kind and gentle mother. The Bent Branch Church has lost a faithful member and we hope that John with the children will accept Christ as mother did and will fill her vacancy in the Bent Branch Church. For if you meet Sister Vickie again you must come in by the door. By the grace of God you can join her where there will be no more dying and no more parting with our loved ones. When the Countenance of the Saints will outshine the sun.

And to her brothers and sisters, weep not for Sister Vickie, but weep for yourselves and the children. Council them as she did. It becomes your duty to teach them the way she did in the way of righteousness that they may find Jesus in pardon and remission of their sins and can clasp again the hand of their Mother in the paradise of God.

Written by,
Elders Willis Blackburn and Jonah Bevins.

James Thomas Hopkins

As it falls to my sad heart to write of my beloved son, James Thomas Hopkins, that left us on February 10th, 1946, after so many years of sickness and patience, he had to leave us.

He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church, and a son of Elder Ester Hopkins and Minnie Hopkins. I hope his brothers and sisters will remember his sweet words, "I have a better home."

He was born April 14th, 1920, and deceased this life February 10th, 1946, at the age of 25 years, 10 months and 4 days.

Thomas, you are gone but not forgotten, as we still can see those large blue eyes and that ever lasting smile.

Written by his sad hearted Dad,
Elder Ester Hopkins.

Asa H. and Nancy Varney

Married—1877

Among all who could qualify, or consecrate their thoughts to the memory of a mother and father, I bear witness to the truth of being the least of them all. Still all this does not hinder the procedure of a timely stay on earth, according to God's decree, nor the never ending stay in heaven of his redeemed.

Asa H. Varney, born December 4th, 1854, deceased October 21st, 1921, was the son of Madison and Piattie Staton Varney. Nancy West Varney was born May 3rd, 1859, deceased October 6th, 1945. She was the daughter of Greenville D. and Celia Smith West. They were the parents of 12 children, 6 of whom survive, W. P. T. Varney of Williamson, W. Va., C. B. and A. M. Varney of Road Fork, Ky. The daughters are Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. French Blackburn, and Mrs. J. C. Pauley, all of Road Fork, Ky.

A Christian mother's love is not defined in words. Only the spirit of God's love can store in our hearts a ceaseless love for mother. It was mother who first taught us that life would cease, and that Jesus was crucified on a cross to the end of redeeming love for good little boys and girls. With ceaseless energy mother prevailed with all her children for unity in love, clothed with a zeal of righteousness. To really love the memory of mother, is to have faith in God, and firm belief in the resurrection of the dead. Our father and mother were charter members of the Salem Church, serving the offices of Deacon and Clerk. They were devoted closely to the original, or the Apostolic doctrine, whose witness constitutes the gospel of Jesus Christ, and carries both example and promise of our Lord. These were Baptists according to the example of Christ with John in Jordan, and the same spirit that summoned John's work in Jordan, led our parents to a liquid grave also. They have followed the bright and morning star. They cast their bread upon the waters

of time wrought with sweat, prayer, and tears, that it may be gathered to the glory of God through a steadfast gaze toward heaven, whitherto they have departed this life to await the same promise made unto the Apostles of Christ, according to their measures of faith that Christ and his Apostles heralded unto the world. Their hope unto the end was secure in him, who was led like a lamb dumb before its shearer; here are the initial steps of our Lord to the throne of grace; here is where pity and love embraces each other in the power of righteousness, and binds the ties of believing fathers and mothers in one brotherhood, immune to pride, or social charms. In the earlier days of my life, all of God's creation seemed to be prasing his name. Peace was every where. Mother's songs joined the chorus of shouting clear waters as they hastened down the rugged streams. At the dawn of a new day, thousands of birds would sing with hundreds of different tunes—mother would sing hers, while daddy would teach us to respect God's law by nature, revealing that there is something to live for, and something to die for.

There is one road to the pearly gate,
The straight and narrow way;
The Lord said to make it straight,
E're comes the judgment day.

If Father's foot-prints are there,
Also those of our Mother;
We're on the broad-way to despair,
If we should seek another.

—A son,
A. M. Varney.

Lida Stollings

It is with much sadness I will by request of the children try to write an obituary of sister Lidda Stollings. She was born Dec. 9th, 1862, and died May 5th, 1946, being 84 years, 3 months and 25 days old. She was a

daughter of Martin and Emma Scott. She was married to William A. Stollings Nov. 17th, 1881. To this union was born eleven children, five boys and six girls, three of whom and her husband preceded her in death leaving eight children, thirty one grandchildren, and twenty-five great grandchildren with a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She joined the old Regular Baptist Church and was baptised the third Saturday in May, 1919, at the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins, and took membership with the Salem Church later in Aug. the same year. Friday before the Third Saturday was given off in an arm to organize the Narrows Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist, and since that time she lived a consistent Christian life, and we greatly feel the affects of her when we meet, and the writer feels the loss of her in every day life. I lived a near neighbor to her for thirty years and knew her every day life and I have hopes that our loss is her gain.

And now a word to you children that have not professed a hope in Christ must do so in this life to shake hands with Mother again on the other side of Death. And you two, that walked with her in life, Peggy and Emma, May God bless you to walk upright, before the rest of the children and to Ray and Lizzie who are left in the home she loved so well. I know you are lonesome but just let the same spirit that comforted Mother come in your lives. It will guide and comfort you here and bring, in the day of judgment, you face to face with Mother never to say good-bye any more.

Now children be good to one another and above all, Be Obedient to God's will.

Written by a Bro. in hopes of eternal life,
Eld. Lewis Smith

*Oh, precious loving, Mother
Though from us is gone,
A chair in our home is vacant,
Which never can be filled*

*A tender loving voice,
We love so well is still,
A sweet smiling face,
We can here, no longer see*

*But in peace we must be still,
and know that he is God.
And know it was the will,
Of our God to take Mother away,*

*We trust that our loss,
is her eternal gain,
And by the grace of God,
To meet Mother resurrection day.*

—Composed by her daughter,
Peggy Stacy.

James Lackey

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write this obituary of our brother of the Samaria Church, James Lackey. Bro. Lackey was a member of the United Baptist Church for about forty years until in January, 1946. He wanted to come to the regular Baptist Church. He was Baptised at the hands of Bro. Willie White the third Sunday in January, 1946, and taken fellowship with the Samaria Church.

He was about the age of 81 years, when he departed this life on March 14th, 1946, after a year of serious illness.

He would ask the church to come in, and would praise God and get awfully happy. He left his wife, Elizabeth Lackey and two daughters Sarilda York and Mary Bell Lackey and five sons to morn his loss; namely: William, Ishamel, Shelva, Edward and Carnelius.

Uncle Jim, as we always called him said he hoped his children would all accept Christ and meet him.

I want to say to the children:

*Now daddy is gone and left you,
His advice you hear no more,
But we hope with all our hearts,
You will meet on that bright shore.*

*Although his chair is vacant now,
We miss him so each day,
But we hope with all our hearts,
We will meet him again some day.*

Written by a bro. in hope,
Henry May.

Mary Ann Canterbury

It's with sadness and grief, that it has now become my sad duty to attempt to write an obituary of my Mother, Mary Ann Canterbury whom God called away from us February 21st, 1946. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Baisden and Eliza (Laferty) Baisden, of Mingo County, West Virginia. She was born August 18th, 1880. Age 65 years, 6 months, and three days old at death.

She was the wife of W. M. Canterbury and to them was born eleven children. Five preceded her in death and six are still living.

Mother joined the church of Regular Baptist and was baptised by Eld. Joe Marcum about forty years ago and took fellowship with the Bethany church. Mother was afflicted for over two years but endured her sickness with much patience. She knew she wasn't going to live long, and said, "I am ready to go at God's call for I know I have a home in heaven and I'll see my redeemer one of these days."

*Mother dear, We'll not forget you,
Your council here, We'll miss,
Sleep on, enjoy your happiness,
Until we join you in the Bliss.*

*We look for you in the Bethany Church.
We look for you in our home,
We fail to find you anywhere,
Then we know you have gone home.*

Written by her daughter,

Mrs. Elvira (Canterbury) Carey.

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Mrs. Rhoda McCoy

It is by request of the family and with much sadness, I'll try to write an obituary of aunt Rhoda McCoy.

She was born May 28th, 1868 and was called away May 28th, 1944. She was the daughter of Joseph Canterbury and Sarah (Laferty) Canterbury, of Mingo County, West Virginia. She was the wife of James McCoy, and to them was born five children, one preceding her in death.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptised by Eld. Lewis Meed Fifty years ago. Aunt Rhoda was afflicted for four years but endured with much patience. She said she was not going to live long and said, "I am ready to go when God calls for me." "I'll see my Redeemer one of these days."

*Now she's gone and left us,
Her advice I hear no more,
But I'm sure with all my heart,
She is resting on that bright shore.*

*Although her chair is vacant now,
I miss her very much each day,
But hope with all my heart,
I'll meet her again some day.*

Written by her Niece,

Miss Mary Helen Carey.

Pricy Jane Smith

Sister Pricy Jane Smith was born November 27th, 1875. She was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bogar) Bevins, Pioneer residents of the Canada section of Pike County. She was married to Floyd Smith November 6th, 1891, and to this union were born five children, two sons, three daughters, one daughter preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. J. Varney of Canada, Ky., and Ruth at home two sons, Thomas and Bryan at home, three sisters surviving are: Mary Runyon, of Belfry, Ky., Isabelle Cox of Williamson, West Va.; and, Mrs. K. H. Gaines, of Turkey Creek. Seven Brothers, namely: Joe, Bogar, Jonah, George, Harrison, Willie and T. J. Bevins, also surviving are seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her son, Bryan and a grandson, Ken Varney, who had been serving in the U. S. Army returned home on a few days prior to her death.

Sister Pricy took fellowship with the Regular Baptist Church becoming a member of the Mt. Pleasant Church and was baptized by the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins in June, 1916. She was a faithful member until death and was loved by all whom knew her.

She was always willing and ready to do for others in their distress and sickness.

Every tree is known by its own fruits and sister Pricy's life has been open to all and answers for itself and should be reckoned by all that knew her because of her hospitality. The Lord has taken her to her eternal rest and by his power and his love she will live again at the resurrection of the just, because the just shall live by faith in Christ.

Sister Pricy deceased this life November 8th, 1945, and her spirit returned to God who gave it. When Jesus comes to gather his jewels home her soul and body will be reunited to live for ever and ever in his eternal paradise. Glory praise and honor unto Christ, our Conquerer

of death, hell and the Grave. The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Romans. 6:23. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Joe 11 to 26. Again we find in the following scripture is happiness. And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Rev. 14-13. The word blessed means happy. Happy are dead which die in the Lord, for sister Pricy there is no more pain, no more worry, no more weeping and mourning for the dead. For none die. There is no death there, no graves, no sin. There is only love for God and love to fellow man, a high and holy love. These are the conditions of true happiness and as I, with you, Floyd and the Children as we stood by her casket we knew her spirit winged its flight to mansions above. We all knew there had been sorrow, much sorrow in her life, through all her days her hands had been busy and oft times her heart full but now she is happy with her Lord. No wonder a great soul wrote, "Oh, if some island of the blessed could be loosed from its heavenly mooring and glide down the stream of time and pass by in our sight just one time so that we might see the unflecked serenity of its skies and inhale the fragrance of its flowers and catch just one time the sheen of the apparel of its inhabitants never again would we be satisfied with this world." Yet that isn't all, They do rest from their labors and their works do follow them. In this is the grace of God clearly seen. The works of Sister Pricy began while she lived and continues since she has gone. I am thinking of the souls who have been saved and are being saved and will be saved and how when the Lord shall come again, Sister Pricy will be rewarded not only for the work she did while she lived but for the results that followed from those works. These works bring us to another gain. The resurrection of Sister Pricy's body which sleeps in the dust of the earth while her spirit in heaven awaits its resurrection of the dead. A day is coming when the Lord Jesus shall re-

turn in the cloud of his glory and will raise her dead body as the scriptures say. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It (the body) is sewn in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is sewn in dishonor; it is raised in Glory. When we visit the graves of our loved ones oft times unhidden tears come in our eyes, but not as those who have no hopes — my hope is sure and steadfast and is based upon these comforting truths, revealed in these scriptures the Lord is coming again. At his coming he will bring with him the spirit of all the saved who have died. So Floyd and the Children, relatives and friends. Weep not as one who has no hope but follow Mother's example and live so that when Jesus comes we may be ready to go.

Your Humble Brother in Hope, Farewell,
Elder, Jonah Bevins.

Taulby Bowling

It is by request of the family that I write the obituary of brother Taulby Bowling. He was born January the 15th, 1884 and was the son of Elder W. H. and Cynthia Bowling. He deceased this life January 11, 1946, being 60 years old at death.

Brother Taulby joined the regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the hands of Elders Jonah Bevins and Hayse Maynard June 22, 1924. He took fellowship with the Pilgrim Home Church where he lived a faithful member until death. Brother Taulby was to be pitied all through his life, being born deaf and dumb he could not enjoy the company of his brethren as we do through conversation with them, but you could see by the smile on his face that he was happy to be with them, and would select the songs he wanted them to sing. He leaves four sisters to mourn his passing; namely; Mrs. Phoebe Harris, Mrs. Nancy Stanly, Mary Runyon and Cora Runyon. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain and

that God will lose his tongue and open his deaf ears,
then he can shout and praise God forever more.

Written by his Brother in Law,
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Medley Goff

It is with much regret and sadness that I try to write an obituary of Brother Medley Goff, also a son-in-law of mine, he was the son of W. T. and Nancy (Rutherford) Goff. He was born June 19th, 1903, departed this life January 30th, 1946, was married to my daughter Gertrude Thornsbery, and to this union was born two sons, names: James Herman and Lloyd David, he joined the regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the hands of Elders Henry C. Maynard and J. G. Thornsbery.

Brother Medley was afflicted for several years with a lingering disease but bore his afflictions with great patience. Now, Gertrude, you are left with your children, their father can council them no more, teach them where he is gone and what they will have to do to meet him again bring them up as he would have done, pray on although I know your home is lonesome but I feel that God will watch over you. Farewell.

Written by his father-in-law,
Elder J. G. Thornsbery.

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Farabelle Dorton

It is with much regret and sadness in my heart that I will by the help of the Lord write the obituary of a loving sister of the pilgrim Home Church. Sister Farabelle Dorton. She was the daughter of William and Nancy (Branham) Kelly. Born August 6th, 1882 and deceased this life November 8th, 1945. She was married

to K. R. Dorton, and to this union was born five children all of whom are living, namely: Kissah, Pricey, Mary, Willie Belle, and Lillie. Sister Dorton joined the regular Baptist Church June 22nd, 1935, and was baptised by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins, placed her membership with the Pilgrim Home Church, where she continued to live a faithful member until death called her from among our number, she was a useful mother in our neighborhood being gifted to care for the sick, she was ever ready to go at any call at any time if she thought her service could be of any help to her neighbors, and I feel that through the faith that I have seen manifested in her life that she has made a happy exchange that her spirit is resting at the feet of Jesus where it will not be disturbed until the great day of redemption when God will ransom her body from the grave, and will fashion it like unto his Glorious Body, and give to her a crown that will outshine the noon-day sun.

Now, children, you have lost a loving mother, and no doubt your daddy will be lonesome, be kind to him comfort him all you can in his lonesome hours but the most precious of all things you can do is prepare to meet your mother, and meet Jesus through the same faith that she did.

Written by a Sister in the Lord
Mrs. Troy Francis.

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James Billiter

It is by request of the family that I write an obituary of Brother James Billiter, who was born March 10, 1884, was the son of James S. Billiter. He joined the Regular Baptist Church, and was Baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins in the year of 1935, and I have every reason to believe that he lived a faithful Christian life, until death. He was twice married; first to Caroline Prater and second to Elizabeth Maynard, to each of these marriages were born five children. Brother was afflicted for

several years unable to attend church meetings but often called for the brethren to come to his home. His widow and ten children besides a host of friends and relatives are left to mourn his passing. Now, children, father has gone and left you in the hands of a merciful God, if you will trust him as he did you, too, can join with your father in the happiness of all the saints who love and serve God, Jesus died to save sinners. There is still room for plenty more. Begin today to seek Jesus while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near.

written by,

Elder Willis Blackburn

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 I. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches and duly sent to represent them 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 II. In the letters from the different churches, shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, their baptized, received by letters, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last association.

ARTICLE III. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe upon the internal rights of any church in the union.

ARTICLE IV. The association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ARTICLE V. The association shall have a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk, also a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE VI. New churches may be admitted into our union that shall petition by letter and delegates, 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 VII. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the association.

ARTICLE VIII. Every query presented by any church to the association being first debated by their own church, shall be taken up by the association.

ARTICLE IX. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ARTICLE X. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the association.

ARTICLE XI. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church for printing the minutes of the association.

ARTICLE XII. 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 XIII. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the association rises.

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

ARTICLE XV. All matters coming before the association shall be decided by the will of the majority.

ARTICLE XVI. The association shall have power:

1. To provide for the general union of 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 present themselves in 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 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. 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 I. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of Heaven by instinct, that it has God for its Author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its mother; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us and, therefore, is and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct and opinions shall be tried.

ARTICLE II. That there is one and only one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and the supreme ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressible, glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal relation of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonious, offices in the great work of redemption.

ARTICLE III. That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly devoid of that holiness, required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, to Satan, and their ever sinful passions, and, therefore, are under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

ARTICLE IV. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, the meditorial offer of the son of God, who took upon Him our nature yet, without sin honored the law by his personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by his death, being risen from the dead, he is entered into Heaven and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Saviour.

ARTICLE V. That the great gospel blessing which Christ in his fullness bestowed in such as believe in him, is justified and that justification consists in the pardon of his sins and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, that it is bestowed, not in condition of any works of righteousness we have done, but through his own righteousness.

ARTICLE VI. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel, and that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith.

ARTICLE VII. That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again, that regeneration consists in giving holy disposition to the mind and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation by the power of the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the Glory of God.

ARTICLE VIII. That such only are real believers as endure to the end, that their preserving attachment to Christ is the ground work which distinguish them from superficial professors, that a special providence watches over their welfare and they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

ARTICLE IX. That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of Baptized believers associated by a covenant of faith in the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ's government by His law and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges in them by his work, that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualification claims and duties are described in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

ARTICLE X. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, to a solemn and beautiful emblem of our faith in a crucified and risen Saviour, with its purifying power that is presented to the privilege of a Church unto the Lord's Supper in which the members of the

church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by a solemn and self examination.

ARTICLE XI. We also believe that feet washing is a duty enjoined upon us to show our love for one another.

ARTICLE XII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. Also that the happiness of the saints, and the punishment of the wicked are eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM

ARTICLE I. The association to be opened and closed by prayer.

ARTICLE II. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE III. Only one member shall speak at a time and he shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

ARTICLE IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, until he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect upon the person who spoke before, nor make remarks on mishaps, failures or imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

ARTICLE V. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without consent of the association.

ARTICLE VI. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained therefrom.

ARTICLE VII. No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings nor whispering in the time of public speech.

ARTICLE VIII. No member of this association shall address another by any other term or appellation other than that of brother.

ARTICLE IX. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject, except when he breaks the rules of decorum.

ARTICLE X. The names of several members of the association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over so often as the Moderator requires.

ARTICLE XI. 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 XII. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reprovod by the association as it may think proper.

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

ARTICLE XIV. No person shall speak more than five (5) minutes at the same time without liberty obtained from the association.

Names and Addresses of ORDAINED MINISTERS

Tommy Adair..... R. F. D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
 Jonah Bevins.....Box 1534, Williamson, W. Va.
 Harrison Bevins.....Box 655, Williamson, W. Va.
 Dike Blackburn.....Moree, Ky.
 J. H. Brown.....Canada, Ky.
 Willia Blackburn.....Goody, Ky.
 E. S. Coleman.....Hardy, Ky.
 Grover Carey.....R. F. D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
 P. H. S. Curry.....R. F. D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
 Emmett Case.....Varney, Ky.
 Perry Cline.....Baisden, W. Va.
 Floyd Cline.....Baisden, W. Va.
 Asa Evans.....R. F. D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
 J. R. Evans.....R. F. D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
 E. F. Fields.....Moree, Ky.
 S. B. Fraley.....Hatfield, Ky.
 John Fouch.....Chauncey, W. Va.
 Fayette Hackney.....Belfry, Ky.
 Tracey Hatfield.....Baisden, W. Va.
 Ester Hopkins.....Box 819, Williamson, W. Va.
 W. C. Hay.....R. F. D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
 W. A. Hurley.....Verdunville, W. Va.
 J. H. Hensley.....Chauncey, W. Va.
 Bill Jude.....Pilgrim, Ky.
 L. G. Lowe.....Box 51, Turkey Creek, Ky.
 J. J. Lane.....Baisden, W. Va.
 Hi Maynard.....R. F. D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
 H. C. Maynard.....Stone, Ky.
 M. J. Mounts.....R. F. D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
 Wallace Maynard.....R. F. D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
 Eldon Maynard.....Heenan, Ky.
 W. H. May.....Kirk, W. Va.
 Lewis Marcum.....Turkey Creek, Ky.
 J. L. Nichols.....Thomas, Ky.
 Shadle Pauley.....Beauty, Ky.
 James Queen.....Harts, W. Va.
 Orville Runyon.....Chattaroy, W. Va.

Basil Robinett	.....	Varney, Ky.
W. T. Rife	.....	Williamson, W. Va.
Willie Stanley	..... R. F. D. 1,	Williamson, W. Va.
C. L. Swanson	.....	Hardy, Ky.
Lewis Smith	.....	Boomer, N. C.
A. A. Sheppard	..... R. F. D. 1,	Williamson, W. Va.
Jonah Smith	.....	Williamson, W. Va.
J. E. Taylor	.....	Heenan, Ky.
J. G. Thornsby	.....	Canada, Ky.
Roy E. Webb	.....	Baisden, W. Va.
Willie White	.....	Lenore, W. Va.
Ken Varney	..... Box 732,	Williamson, W. Va.

Licensed Minister

George Hinkle..... Hardy, Ky.

Names and Addresses of

CLERKS

Mt. Pleasant	..... Harold Edmonds	.....	Canada, Ky.
Apple Orchard	..... R. B. Maynard	.....	Heenan, Ky.
Enon	..... Logan Spencer	.....	McCarr, Ky.
Rebecca	..... F. M. Preece	..... R. F. D. 1,	Williamson, W. Va.
Bent Branch	..... Forest Bevins	.....	Meta, Ky.
Sardis	..... Tommy Adair	..... R. F. D. 1,	Williamson, W. Va.
Big Branch	..... J. L. Nichols	.....	Thomas, Ky.
Mary Elizabeth	..... George Fraley	.....	Hatfield, Ky.
Bethany	..... Willard Blair	.....	Lenore, W. Va.
Elk Fork	..... Matilda C. Curry	..... R. F. D. 1,	Williamson, W. Va.
Pilgrim Home	..... Troy T. Francis	..... Box 52,	Williamson, W. Va.
Salem	..... A. M. Varney	.....	Road Fork, Ky.
Sidney	..... Stella Maynard	.....	Three Forks, Ky.
Dix Fork	..... Omer Williamson	.....	Canada, Ky.
Narrows Branch	..... Willie Stanley	.....	Hardy, Ky.
Leanah	..... J. L. Nichols	.....	Thomas, Ky.
Buck Creek	..... R. C. Chapman	.....	Beauty, Ky.
Tabitha	..... Comfort Gillman	.....	Barnabus, W. Va.
Little Dove	..... J. S. Dempsy	..... R. F. D. 1,	Williamson, W. Va.
Little Rosa	..... Orville Runvon	.....	Chattaroy, W. Va.
Turkey Creek	..... Willie H. Young	..... Box 92,	Turkey Creek, Ky.
Samaria Lesla Vance	Kirk, W. Va.
Rosa Floyd Cline	Baisden, W. Va.

STATISTICAL REPORT

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Churches and Delegates	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Restoration	Rec'd by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Excluded	Total Membership	Church Time	Church Contributions
Mt. Pleasant—Harold Edmonds, Frank Collins, E. B. Scott -----	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	36	2	\$10.00
Apple Orchard—Eldon Maynard, Willie Nichols, Elvert Maynard -----	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	39	1	5.00
Enon—Logan Spencer, W. C. Hay -----	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	10.00
Rebecca—James White, F. M. Preece, Mosco Gilman -----	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	67	2	10.41
Bent Branch—Ted Blackburn, John Mapnard ---	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	52	3	10.00
Sardis—N. R. Evans, Jessie Farley, Peter Norman -----	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	189	4	12.50
Big Branch—J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ali Griffy -----	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	28	3	5.00
Mary Elizabeth—S. B. Fraley, Geo. Fraley, Jef Deskins -----	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	27	3	10.00
Bethany—Jessie Canterbury, Riley Dillon, Thomas Runyon -----	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	41	4	15.00

Elk Fork—Sam Herald, W. E. Runyon, Grover Carey	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	71	3	15.00
Pilgrim Home—Willis Blackburn, Basil Robinett, Emmett Case	4	0	0	0	1	3	1	118	4	20.00
Salem—B. H. Bevins, Leslie Blanton, Ester Hopkins	14	1	0	0	2	2	3	144	1	24.60
Sidney—Bascom Maynard	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	29	4	\$ 5.00
Dix Fork—E. S. Coleman, Sterl Smith, Omer Williamson	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	52	1	10.00
Narrows Branch—Lewis Smith, Willie Stanley, Geo. Stanley	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	43	4	15.00
Leanah—Samuel Robinson, Clinton Howard, Thomas Robinson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	2	4.00
Buck Creek—Pete Dials, Ellis Dials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	3	5.00
Tabitha—Charley Evans, Earl Belcher Joe Robinett	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	53	1	10.00
Little Dove—J. S. Dempsey, Ira Davis Ellis Davis	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	1	11.49
Little Rosa—Orville Runyon	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	4	4.00
Turkey Creek—Ken Varney, Lewis Marcum L. G. Lowe	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	60	2	15.00
Samaria—W. H. May, Jeff May, Sherman May	1	4	0	1	1	1	1	16	2	8.00
Rosa—Perry Cline, Tracey Hatfield, Dave Blankenship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	3	7.00
TOTALS	69	15	3	3	12	25	20	1251		\$242.00