

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

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH

BETHANY CHURCH

Lenore, Mingo Co., W. Va.

September 12, 13, 14, 1947

PROCEEDINGS
of the
FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST
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In session assembled with the Bethany Church, September 12, 13, 14, 1947, at the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The services were introduced by Elder Grover Carey, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder W. C. Hay. Text: 2nd Timothy, 4th Chapter and first Clause of the second verse, as follows: "Preach the Word," then 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 Ester Hopkins as moderator, Elder W. C. Hay as Assistant Moderator, also Elder W. C. Hay as Clerk, and Bro. Troy T. Francis as 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 none responded.
5. Called for letters from Sister Associations and received as follows:

NEW SALEM. By the hands of Elders F. A. Hopkins, Tack Hall, Squire Hamilton, Solie Kiser, Billie Moore and Bro. Milford Adams. Letter in the hands of Elder Tack Hall.

PHILADELPHIA. Two letters presented which proved division among them. By motion letters rejected and advised them to return home and make peace.

UNION. By the hands of Elders S. T. Wright and James Green. Letter in the hands of Elder S. T. Wright.

MUD RIVER. By the hands of Elders Gilbert Miller, John Miller, Bros. John Tabor and George Miller. Letter in the hands of Elder J. W. Miller.

THORNTON UNION. By the hands of Elders G. Bennett Adams and Charley Cornette. Letter in the hands of Elder Charley Cornette.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order. The following received: Elders H. C. Maynard, John Brown, Willie White, K. B. Bently and Fon Bowling.

7. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Committees appointed to take care of the visiting brethren as follows: Elder Willie White and Bro. Riley Dillon.

9. On motion it is ordered that we correspond with the following Associations: NEW SALEM, UNION, MUD RIVER and THORNTON UNION.

10. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand, consisting of Elder Willie White and Riley Dillon.

11. Committee to arrange the ministry for Friday night and Saturday, consisting of one member from each Church with the entire delegation of the Bethany Church. Ministers as follows: Friday Night, Bro. Rudolph Sesco; Second, Solie Kiser; Third, S. T. Wright, and Fourth, John Miller. For Saturday: First, Charley Cornette; Second, James Green; Third, F. A. Hopkins, and Fourth, G. Bennett Adams.

12. Appointed Clerks to write letters to corresponding Associations.

13. Committee on arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church with the Moderators and Clerks, with the Corresponding Associations invited.

14. 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 Elder James Green from the Union Association made some wonderful remarks and led us in prayer the Association then proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Read the Bill of Arrangements and discharged the committee on same.
3. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Elders B. H. Bevins, Emmette Case and Willie Stanley, who reported the contributions from each church as shown in the statistical table.
4. Called on the Treasurer to report, who reported as follows:

Total on hand for the year ending	
September 12, 1947.....	\$400.89
Paid out for printing of minutes.....	\$130.00
Secretary's fee.....	10.00
Expenses of delegates to Sister	
Associations and tax.....	4.89
Clerk's fee.....	15.00
Treasurer's fee not taken out this	
year.	

Total paid out.....	\$159.89	159.89
Balance in Bank.....	\$241.00	
Received from Churches this year.....	238.85	
Total on hand for next year.....	\$479.85	

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

6. Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he have 3,000 copies printed, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his service for preparing manuscript and recording the 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, Elder Asa Evans; Second, Tracy Hatfield, and Third, Wallace Maynard. Sunday: First, Elder J. C. Thornsby; Second, Gilbert Miller; Third, B. H. Bevins, and Fourth our Moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins closed the service.

9. Letters to Sister Associations read and Delegates appointed as follows

New Salem—To be held with the Little Creek Church, Iaeger, Pike County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1947. Elders H. C. Maynard, J. G. Thornsby, B. H. Bevins, Emmette Case, Perry Cline, Ester Hopkins, Ken Varney and Brothers Charley Scott, C. Williamson, George Stanley and Donnie Lowe. Letter in the hands of Elder H. C. Maynard.

Mud River—To be held with the Sarah Church, Foster, Boone County, W. Va. To begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1948. Elders W. C. Hay, Ester Hopkins, Lewis Smith, E. S. Coleman, Perry Cline, Tracy Hatfield, H. C. Maynard and Brother Earl Clay. Letter in the hands of Elder W. C. Hay.

Union—To be held with the Bold Camp Church, Pound, Va. To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1947. Elders Emmette Case, Jonah

Bevins, Ester Hopkins and Brothers Troy T. Francis, C. Williamson, John Maynard and Harvey Lowe. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Thornton Union—To be held with the Shoulder Blade Church, Juan, Brethette County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1948. Elders B. H. Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Willie Stanley, Jonah Bevins, Lewis Smith and Emmette Case, Brothers C. Williamson and Marshall Williamson. 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 expense 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 into 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 have 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 is ordered that a picture of Elder Hi Maynard, the Obituary written by himself, a letter to his Brethren and a song composed by him in his last days be printed in our minutes.

15. Ordered that we draw \$32.35 from our treasury to pay the balance on monument purchased for Elder Hi Maynard by the Association.

16. Ordered that our next Association be held with Dix Fork Church, Canada, Pike County, Ky., on the Wil-

liamson-Pikeville highway. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1948.

17. By vote it is ordered that Elder B. H. Bevins preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Emmette Case be his Alternate.

18. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Bethany 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.

Elder Ester Hopkins, *Moderator*

Elder W. C. Hay, *Ass't Moderator*

Elder W. C. Hay, *Clerk*

Brother Troy T. Francis, *Ass't Clerk*

Upon Request the Following Churches Have

Union Meetings

May

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

TURKEY CREEK—Turkey Creek, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders B. H. Bevins, J. G. Thornsby, Grover Carey and Emmette Case.

LITTLE ROSA—Borderland, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders B. H. Bevins, Jonah Bevins, J. G. Thornsby and Grover Carey.

MARY ELIZABETH—Hatfield, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Ester Hopkins, Bill Jude, L. G. Lowe, with Moderator attending.

June

ENON—McCarr, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders Willie White and Emmette Case.

APPLE ORCHARD—Heenon, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders Lewis Smith, Ester Hopkins, H. C. Maynard and Emmette Case.

BUCK CREEK—Beauty, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Wallace Maynard, Willis Blackburn, W. C. Hay and B. H. Bevins.

SIDNEY—Threeforks, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders Ester Hopkins, Orville Runyon, B. H. Bevins, Wallace Maynard and Willie White.

July

DIX FORK—Canada, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders Willie White, Grover Carey, Asa Evans, Lewis Smith and Jonah Bevins.

LEANAH—Moree, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders Willie White, B. H. Bevins, H. C. Maynard, with Moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT—Sidney, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders Emmette Case, James Green, B. H. Bevins, with Moderator attending.

SAMARIA—Kirk, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Ellis Davis, Grover Carey, Wallace Maynard and Orville Runyon, with Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCK—Thomas, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Harold Edmonds, Ester Hopkins, Shadle Pauley, with Moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH—Hardy, Ky.—Friday before the Fourth Saturday, Elders Willis Blackburn, J. G. Thornsbury, Grover Carey and W. C. Hay.

August

LITTLE DOVE—Belo, W. Va.—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders Willie White, H. C. Maynard, J. G. Thornsbury and B. H. Bevins, with Moderator attending.

TABITHA—Barnabus, W. Va.—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders J. G. Thornsbury, H. C. Maynard, Emmette Case, Ester Hopkins and Grover Carey, with Moderator attending.

REBECCA—Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Wallace Maynard, H. C. Maynard, James Green and B. H. Bevins, with Moderator attending.

ELK FORK—Elk Fork of Pigeon Creek.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins and Willis Blackburn. (Requested on Letter.) Elders J. H. Hensley, Tommy Adair, Wallace Maynard, Ken Varney and Emmette Case. (Requested on slip turned in at the Association.)

BENT BRANCH—Meta, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders W. C. Hay, Emmette Case, J. G. Thornsbury and Bill Jude, with Moderator attending.

ROSA—Baisden, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders Ester Hopkins, W. C. Hay, Emmette Case, J. G. Thornsbury, Willie White and H. C. Maynard, with Moderator attending; with communion on Sunday. 1

PILGRIM HOME—Varney, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders Grover Carey, W. C. Hay, Ester Hopkins, with communion on Sunday.

SARDIS—Delbarton, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders J. G. Thornsbury, Emmette Case and Lewis Marcum, with Moderator attending.

BETHANY—Lenore, W. Va.—Friday before the Fourth Saturday, Elders H. C. Maynard, Grover Carey, J. G. Thornsbury and E. S. Coleman.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Met with a large and orderly congregation at the stand and, after singing several old time songs, services were introduced by Elder J. G. Thornsby; Elder Orville Runyon led us in Prayer.

1. Elder Gilbert Miller occupied the stand and used for a text: "God Is Love," showing forth many of the wonderful accomplishments that have been wrought and are still being wrought by the operations and workings of the love of God. Even the death of the Son of God upon the Cross because of love, admonishing the brethren and sisters to abound in love and peace.

2. Elder Harrison was called to the stand, who seemed to rise to his feet preaching in continuation of Elder Miller's discourse, and then announced as a text the 28th verse of the Eighth Chapter of Romans, which reads as follows: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are called according to His purpose, showing forth the fall of man by disobedience, and the eternal purpose of God to redeem His people from their sins through His son, Jesus Christ."

3. Our Moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins, filled the stand and spoke to us briefly from the Eleventh verse of the Third Chapter of Corinthians: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ;" showing forth a sure foundation which shall never pass away.

This session of the Sardis Association is to be long remembered by many of the Saints of God because of the great love that was manifested all during the session. And we pray that when we convene again, if we are all blessed to meet again, we will find that love flowing from breast to breast, and now may God bless everyone until we meet in another lovely Association.

Thus ending the Fifty-fifth 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, 1948. Ministers requested: Elders Grover Carey, W. C. Hay and Willis Blackburn.

Memorial to be held with the Apple Orchard Church on the First Saturday and Sunday in August, 1948, of Heenan Maynard and others.

Memorial of Joe Taylor and others will be held Sunday after the First Saturday in September, 1948.

Memorial will be held on the J. M. Lowe cemetery Sunday after the First Saturday in July, 1948, in memory of Moses Lowe and Philip Hannah. Ministers requested: W. C. Hay and James Green. Others invited.

Memorial of the deceased members of the Enon Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1948.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church will be held the Second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1948.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Bent Branch Church will be held the Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1948. Ministers requested: Willis Blackburn, Grover Carey, with the Moderator attending.

Memorial to be held on the head of Big Branch the Third Sunday in September, 1948, on the Flem Maynard cemetery. Ministers requested: Willis Blackburn and E. S. Coleman.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor and others will be held the Third Sunday in July, 1948. Also memorial of Brother Harrison McCoy will be held the Third Sunday in August, 1948. Both of these memorials will be held with the Big Branch Church. Ministers requested: J. M. Jus-

tice, Bud Coleman and E. S. Coleman.

Memorial of Russel P. McCoy and others will be held on the Ratcliff cemetery the third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1948. All Ministers invited. Ministers requested: J. M. Justice, Emmette Case and E. S. Coleman.

Memorial of Elder Wallace Jackson and others will be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church the Third Saturday and Sunday in September, 1948. Also memorial of Elder J. W. Smith and others will be held on the Fraley cemetery the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1948. All Ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Bethany Church will be held the Fourth Sunday in August, 1948. Also a memorial will be held at John Canterbury's place the Last Sunday in September, 1948.

Memorial will be held at the Mouth of the Right Fork of Laurel Creek on the York cemetery the Fourth Sunday in July, 1948. Also memorial at Brother John Mayhoney's home place the Fourth Sunday in August, 1948.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Elk Fork Church will be held the Third Saturday and Sunday in October, 1948.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Pilgrim Home Church will be held the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1948. Ministers requested: Elders Tack Hall, Willie White, Grover Carey and Harold Edmonds.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Salem Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in October, 1948. Ministers requested: J. G. Thornsby, W. C. Hay, Harold Edmonds and Willis Blackburn.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Sidney Church will be held the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August 1948. Also memorial of Nathan Jude and others will be held on the Point near Dave Jude's home the Fourth Sunday in July, 1948. All Ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Dix Fork Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in August, 1948. Ministers requested: Willis Blackburn, Emmette Case, Bud Coleman and Tack Hall.

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, 1948. Ministers requested: Willie White, Emmette Case and Ellis Davis.

Memorial of Brother Lee Robinson and others will be held with the Leanah Church the Second Saturday and Sunday in July, 1948. Also memorial will be held on the Lowe cemetery at the head of Big Branch the Second Sunday in August, 1948. Also memorial of Sister Matilda Robinson and others will be held on Sunday after the second Saturday in June, 1948.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Little Dove Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in June, 1948. Ministers requested: Elders Harold Edmonds and Grover Carey.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1948.

Memorial of all the deceased members of Turkey Creek Church will be held the Second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1948. Ministers requested: Emmette Case, Wallace Maynard, Grover Carey and Jonah Bevins.

Memorial of Elder W. H. Bowling and his wife will be held on the Right Hand Fork of Brushy Creek at the Tom Price School House the First Saturday and Sunday in September, 1948. Ministers requested: Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans, Grover Carey, Bud Coleman and Orville Runyon.

Memorial will be held at the Hannah cemetery the Third Sunday in August, 1948. Ministers requested: Orville Runyon, J. R. Evans, H. C. Maynard and J. G. Thornsby.

Memorial will be held on the Lackey cemetery the Second Sunday in August, 1948. Ministers requested: W. H. May and Willie White. All other Ministers invited.

Memorial of Elder L. F. Hearld and others to be held on the Crum cemetery at Crum, W. Va., Sunday following the Third Saturday in August, 1948. Minister requested: Wallace Maynard. All other Ministers invited.

Memorial of Susanna Blackburn and others to be held near the mouth of Brushy Fork Sunday after the Third Saturday in June, 1948. Ministers requester: Eldon Maynard, E. S. Coleman and Emmette Case.

Clerk's Note: Some one gave me an Obituary during the time of service Saturday evening; by some means I lost it. I don't remember who it was, and that Obituary will not appear in the minutes this year. If you will write another one I will see that it is printed in the minutes next year.

OBITUARIES

Elder Hi Maynard

Elder Hi Maynard born in Pike County, Ky., on April 19th, 1874. Came to West Virginia in 1891 and began teaching in the Public school at the age of 16, in Logan County, (now Mingo.)

Was married on September 27th, 1894 to Elizabeth Runyon, the youngest daughter of Squire A. L. Runyon, Sr. To this union there was born 11 children, all surviving except one, who passed on in infancy. The living children are: Mary Hall, J. A., A. J., Samuel, William C. and John H. Maynard, Brookie Hay, Nannie Butcher, Mae Adkins, and Mattie. Had 25 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

He united with the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ in 1894, was baptized by Elder A. L. (Zan) Demp-

sey, and was ordained to preach the Gospel on the First Sabbath in July, 1895.

He was very studious in his Bible study and spent many years to study to shew himself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

He was firm in his convictions, brief in his speech, persuasive and convicting in his discourses, but would yield if wrong.

His field of labor for the years was spent in West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and North Carolina.

He helped to organize several Churches and was instrumental in the hand of God to point many poor souls to the "Lamb of God."

The wife of his youth suddenly passed on April 3, 1920, and left him with a large family of motherless children. He was married the second time to Mrs. Nannie Webb on January 3rd, 1921. She only lived until July 3rd, 1925, and his third marriage was to Mrs. Brookie Salmons on August 27th, 1926.

His last days were devoted almost entirely to his calling—Preaching the Gospel of the Saviour of all men and Special Saviour of those who believe.

He, in his last days, would go far and near to answer calls to preach, though burdened with disease and pain. He did not complain much. He enjoyed the Brotherhood of the Church, and believed it was the only institution for a child of God. He believed in the infallibility of the word of God and emphasized the Doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, also was a strong advocate of eternal Happiness of the Children of God, and everlasting punishment of the wicked and un-Godly.

He advocated the doctrine of Salvation by grace through faith in Christ Jesus; that faith justified, but grace saved.

He fully believed in the example of Jesus Christ—Feet washing, that it should be observed by his children, for in doing these things we are happy.

He was a firm believer in the Doctrine of a "visible" Kingdom or Church, and that it was organized and given its laws by its law giver Jesus Christ.

He believed in the final perseverance and the eternal victory of the Church, and in the resurrection the last enemy which is Death would be destroyed.

He refused to acknowledge any human head for the Church, believing that Christ was, is, and shall forever remain the Priest, Prophet, King and Head of the Church and through Him and by Him, and Him alone we have an access to God.

He ignored artificial and human plans for the Salvation of sinners, thereby contended that a man called of God could and would preach the Word and the Word was quick and powerful, and sinners were convinced of sin by the Holy Spirit.

He believed in the continuance of brotherly love in the Church and that if one member suffer all the members suffer, for we are members of the same body—the Body of Jesus Christ.

He delighted in the tranquility and peacefulness of the Church and was greatly disturbed when trouble arose among the children of God.

He believed that though miracles had passed yet the gift of healing by the prayer of faith was effectual as described by the Apostle James.

That the children of God should not forsake the assembling of themselves together for the purpose of worship, prayer and in love for the perpetuation of the lovely union and fellowship of the Church.

That we should constantly and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the Saints, loving with pure hearts fervently both our Brethren and the Lord Jesus Christ, our Elder Brother, who was delivered for our transgressions and rose again for our justification.

Be thou faithful unto death.

"Farewell."

Hi Maynard.

(Clerk's Note: Elder Hi Maynard departed this life May 29th, 1947.)

Route 1, Williamson, W. Va.,
August 29, 1944.

To my many precious and beloved Brethren who live among the hills and mountains of West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and other States:

Beloved—

As my labors in the cause of my Master are now finished and I must lay my armour down, I can, and do rejoice in my Saviour's love that my preaching was not with deceit nor with envy and strife but have endeavored to speak to you prayerfully and under the influence of His precious Spirit and grace.

I now feel that my work is done here on earth, and I pray to God that after my passing you will strive for things that will cause peace, love and fellowship to reign in your midst. Let brother love continue. Live in peace among yourselves. Pray for one another, be sober, be humble, be obedient to our great leader—Jesus Christ in all things. God will keep his own even in the hours of trial and persecution.

My voice will soon be stilled by death, but I thank His holy name, I shall soon be blessed to see Him in whom I trust and in whom I believe and who saved my poor soul and who shall, on that sweet day redeem my body by His great power to raise in the great and glorious Victory over death and the grave. That will be final victory—all through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thanks be to His great Name.

Brethren farewell—avoid back-biting, tattling and evil speaking. Speak the things that become sound doctrine, and let love reign with forgiving hearts and God will bless you in your gatherings in His Holy name. The time is short, be prayerful and sincere.

May His grace be with you through Jesus' name. Amen.

Sincerely,

Hi Maynard,

Tune—"When I Can Read My Titles Clear."

1.

*My life on earth I now must leave
My troubles, trials great.
But oh, my friends! You must not grieve
O'er my poor fallen state.*

2.

*Oh children I must now leave you
In this cold world of sin;
I trust the Lord your hearts renew
And safely bring you in.*

3.

*My prayers in life for you I sent
To that great throne above;
I've prayed that you would all repent
And feel that gracious Love.*

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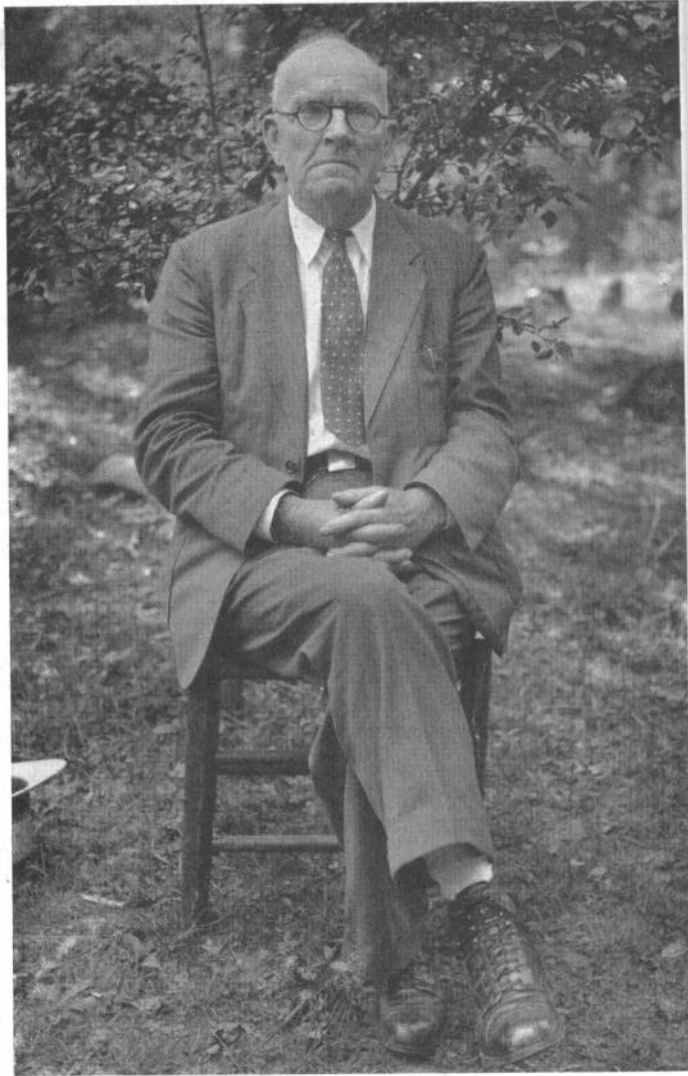
*My Life is done, my crown is won
By Faith in Jesus' Name;
My toils are o'er, my labor's done
And I His praise proclaim.*

5.

*My Dearest flocks I bid adieu,
Your fellowship I love,
And I must now depart from you
But soon we'll meet above.*

6.

*The Joy is great in that sweet home
The paradise of Love.
I hear the Sweetest Voice say "Come"
To that bright home above.*



ELDER HI MAYNARD

Johnnie Bevins

There has fallen a beloved Brother who stood high in the church for twenty-seven years, and was loved by all the brethren and sisters and in the passing of this brother a loss has been suffered that will require a long time to repair.

Brother John Bevins was born May 6th, 1881, and was the son of John W. and Cynthia Bevins. He was one among the first families to settle in the hills of Pike County, Ky., and traces his relationship to that rugged pioneer stock that treked their way into these hills of Pike County, Ky. He is related to all of the old families and carried on that heritage which was given him by his forebearers.

Brother Bevins deceased this life May 21st, 1947, at 2 o'clock in the morning. He had been in ill health and unable to work for more than a year due to a heart ailment.

He was married to Mary Jane (Ball) Bevins. Survivors include the wife, two daughters, Mrs. Edward Nagosky and Mrs. Jack Sizemore, of Pinson Fork, Ky. One grandson, Johnnie Sizemore, and two brothers, Toby and Thurston Bevins. Funeral services were held Saturday at 11 A. M., at the Bent Branch Church of regular Baptist where he placed his fellowship 27 years ago, being baptized at the hands of the writer the third Saturday in June, 1921.

He loved his home, his wife and children and was devoted to them. He loved the Church in which he became a member. For the past twenty-seven years he had been a faithful and true member. Seldom during his membership did he miss a meeting. Sickness only kept him away and he wanted everybody else to come. He was solid, sincere and honest. A citizen of that rugged old type that has given down to us the world and life as it is. He filled a place in life in the hearts and minds of those who knew him. He certainly will be missed, his smiles, his greetings, his handshakes are now no more. Others will sit

where he sat but no one can take his place in the Church or at home. It is so hard to give up brothers like him, but it is so. It is God's way and he has traveled up the higher ground to a higher life. There were no doubts as to his future that was settled between him and Jesus. He had said he had made all the arrangements necessary and was just waiting for Jesus to call. Jesus has called and Brother John has answered. We will not say goodbye for, by faith he still lives and by the same faith we can enter into the same Joys he has entered into, and meet and greet him again.

Written by,
Elder Jonah Bevins.

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Blanch Young

I will try by the help of the Lord to write a short Obituary of Sister Blanch Young. She was born December the 12th, 1921, and deceased this life in February, 1946. She was married to James Wallace Young May the 14th, 1938, and to this union was born three children: James Wallace, Jr., Willie Gene and Aster Marie. Besides her husband and children she leaves her mother, one brother Colun Ray; two sisters, Eria Mahone and Mrs. Jim Helvy, with many friends and relatives to mourn her loss. Sister Blanch joined the Regular Baptist Church and placed her membership with the Bent Branch Church, but was never able to attend because of her afflictions. I want to say to her husband and children and to her friends and relatives that I believe if you ever see Sister Blanch again and enjoy the happiness that I believe she is enjoying you will have to repent of your sins and be born again, for Heaven is inherited through a new birth in Christ Jesus; and to you, Wallace, I know your life will be lonesome without her, but try to remember that Jesus died for you and your children as well as He did for Sister Blanch.

Written by a Brother in Hope,
John Maynard.

W. J. Bevins

It is with sadness and grief that it has now become my duty to attempt to write an obituary of my dear father, W. J. Bevins, whom God blessed and called home on April 21st, 1947.

He was a son of the late Reverend T. J. Bevins and Mary Annie (Morris) Bevins, of Meta, Ky. He was born March 21st, 1887, and was sixty years and one month old at his death.

He was the husband of Myrtle (Adams) Bevins, and to this union was born seven children. One preceded him in death, thus leaving six to mourn his loss.

Daddy joined the Church of the Regular Baptist and was baptized by Elders Jonah and Harrison Bevins about five years ago. He took fellowship with the Bent Branch Church and was a devoted Christian and a good servant of God, spending most of his time in prayer.

He was afflicted for six years, but endured his sickness with much patience. He would call in his brothers and sisters of the Church to worship with them and he never tired of listening to the word of God.

Daddy wanted to die. He knew his blessed Saviour was waiting with open arms to receive his soul to peace and rest, free from all pain and affliction. He was a great believer in Revelations 14: 13, "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 work do follow them." Yes, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. For daddy there is no more pain, no more worries, no more weeping, just rest from his labors. His spirit is resting at the feet of Jesus, where it will not be disturbed, until the great day of redemption, when God shall raise his body from the grave and fashion it like unto His glorious body.

We children have given up a loving and devoted father, and mother a loving husband. She misses him more than all and I feel that us children should help her carry her

burden and shower her with love and kindness. Now that daddy's prayers can never be no more for us, we still have his good advice to lead us straight. Let us work and strive to meet Jesus through the same faith that he did.

*Dear Daddy, you've gone and left us,
We hated to see you go,
But your soul in peace is resting
In a better world we know.
You are gone, but not forgotten,
For your memories linger still;
Your presence has departed,
But your memories never will.*

Written by a Daughter,
Mrs. Rosalce Croy.

Sarah Maynard

She was the daughter of Elijah and Mary Robertson Francis, born Dec. 22, 1884, deceased this life May 11, 1947. She was married to Harrison (Sonny) Maynard, and to this union was born ten children; six boys, namely: Delmon, Wade, Elza, Arnold, Arson and Claude; four daughters, namely: Mrs. John Bushnell, Mrs. George Stanley, Mrs. Carl Sparks and Sadie Maynard, all of whom are living.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized at the hands of Elders Ernie Runyon and Jonah Smith, Sept. 29th, 1935. She placed her membership with the Pilgrim Home Chrch, where she remained a member until death. Her father, one sister and husband preceded her in death. Besides her children she leaves one brother, J. M. Francis, and seven sisters, namely: Emma Caines, Virgie Caines, Ida Allen, Lizzie Slater, Leota, Vinnie and Daisy, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Sister Carah was afflicted about five years and not able to attend Church, but she endured her sickness with much

patience for we are told in the scripture that in our patience we possess our soul.

So children, don't weep for mother, but rather weep for yourselves and your children that when Jesus comes to call the sleeping dead from the dust, that you can go home with Him forever and be with her where you never will have to part.

Written by a brother in hope,
Marion Young.

Okla (Marcum) McGuire

A daughter of Seymour and Rachel Marcum, born Jan. 28, 1909, deceased May 10th, 1947. She was married to Trimble McGuire in August, 1934. She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ, called Regular Baptist, in April, 1946, by Elder Jonah Bevins, and took her fellowship with the Turkey Creek Church.

She was sick for two years with dropsy, and was never blessed to attend a church meeting after becoming a member, but had service held at her home and the brothers and sisters ministered the Lord's supper with her and washed one another's feet, and she rejoiced with great joy and was made happy that He had blessed her with the privilege of participating in the Last Ordinance that He gave to the Church.

The writer visited her several times and preached and held prayer in her home. She always rejoiced and received the comfort of the truth of eternal life, which hope I believe gave her the patience to endure her afflictions during that two years; and just prior to her passing in death she prayed a sweet prayer and told her sister, Mrs. Tom Elswick, that there was nothing in her way and begged her husband to meet her in Heaven.

Her father and mother, one sister and two brothers preceded her in death. Besides her husband she leaves one sister, Mrs. Tom Elswick; three brothers: Elmer, Kenny and Dewey, and a host of friends and relatives with the

brotherhood and sisters of the Church to mourn her loss.

But Sister McGuire's soul is resting from her labor, with all the saints of God, and her mortal body is returning to the dust, but as much as she has born the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the Heavenly. For this corruptible must put on incorruption and we shall be changed. This is the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord, so comfort ye one another. With these words, the eternal promises of God, let us not weep for sister Okla, but weep for ourselves and our children in this world of sin and death.

Written by request of Mrs. Tom Elswick,

Your humble Servant in Hope of eternal life,

Elder Jonah Bevins.

Fields Maynard

He was the son of Jarad and Martha Ann Maynard, born Apr. 20th, 1869, deceased Oct. 6th, 1947.

He was married to Diora Fields Nov. 16th, 1898, and to this union was born four children, three boys and one girl, namely: Pearle Collins, Elmer, Epeson and Ellis Maynard. The girl preceded him in death, leaving three boys, his companion, and one sister and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about July 25th, 1919, and was baptized by Elder Heenon Maynard and became affiliated with the Apple Orchard Church.

And to this profession he lived a faithful and obedient life until death.

Now to his boys, if you wish to see father again you will have to walk in his footsteps.

I will say to Aunt Diora I feel that if any woman in our country can truthfully say, "I have done what I could

for my husband and family," it is you. So be of good comfort. I know you have lost a dear companion.

May God be with you in your lonesome hours and comfort you with that glorious hope at the end of all time when you can meet him again to never be separated any more.

May the God of all Glory be with you all.

Written by your humble servants,

Elvert and Edon Maynard.

Elder Basil Robinette

It is by request of the family that I write an obituary of Elder Basil Robinette, a son of Hiram and Florence Robinette. He was born March 28th, 1886, deceased November 12th, 1946, age 60 years, four months and 8 days old. He was married to Myrtie Smith February 24th, 1912, and to this union was born no children.

Besides his wife he leaves eight brothers: Daze, Roscoe, Bill, Steve, Joe, Elbert, Grayson and Okey; two sisters, Mintie Jude and Wilda Muncy, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. Brother Basil joined the Regular Baptist Church June 2nd, 1935, and was baptized by the hands of Elders James Jude and Jonah Smith. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church, to which he was a faithful member and on the 24th day of July, 1937, he was ordained to the ministry and stood firm to his post until death.

He was always ready to answer every call, day or night, and with much patience give reason of his hope in Jesus Christ, for we are told in the scriptures that in our patience possess we our souls. So one and all don't weep for Brother Basil for I feel that he has made a happy exchange from a world of trouble to a world of peace, joy and happiness forever and ever, so prepare to meet Brother Basil in that city that we sing so much about that lies four square where we will part no more.

Written by a Brother in hope of eternal life,

Marion Young.

Just a few words in his own handwriting of what he thought Heaven to be:

A prepared place by the Lord for regenerated people in this present world, a future home of the blessed, a home of eternal rest where labor will not present itself to us. Children give your heart to God who can save you.

Written by Elder Basil Robinette this
the 13th day of April (1945).

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Roxie Varney

It is with much sadness that I will try to write a short obituary of Sister Roxie Varney, who died Nov. 30, 1946, at the age of 71.

She was born October 10th, 1875, the daughter of Bill Chafins.

Sister Varney was the mother of twelve children, ten of whom are living, listed as follows:

Henry, Greenway, Lewis, Opal, Mrs. G. W. Chafin, Mrs. Bill Haga, Mrs. Farmer, all of Ragland, W. Va.; Mrs. W. B. Johnston, Kermit, W. Va.; Mrs. Hulda Fleming, Maysville, Ky., and Yantes Lane, Hurley, Va.

She leaves fifty-seven grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

Children, mother is only sleeping. When Jesus comes her spirit and body will reunite and go to that city to live forever. I want to say if you want to see mother again, look to Jesus and keep his commandments and you will meet her someday.

*Since our mother has gone and left us,
Over death's sea, we, too, must go.
Let us all begin preparing
To meet her in that blest abode.*

Written by a sister in hope,
Mrs. Rebecca E. Maynard.

Vada Hinkle

It is by request of the family that I will now attempt to write a short sketch of the life of one of our deceased sister, a schoolmate and a youthful companion of mine, to-wit: Sister Vada (Robinette) Hinkle. She was the daughter of Samuel and Rachel Robinette, born April the 12th, 1897, was married to Estill Hinkle, June the 11th, 1918, and to this union was born eleven children: Roy, Condor, Alpha, Carl, Claude, Elmer, Estill, Jr., Barbara, Emogene and W. L., of which two preceded her in death. Sister Vada joined the Regular Baptist Church around two years ago, but was so afflicted that she was not permitted to attend but one session after she was baptized, and that was our communion meeting. She knew her time on earth was short and wanted to participate in a union meeting so she could have the joy of washing the feet of the Saints. Sister Vada had a long and lingering illness, but she seemed to bear it with much patience and was faithful in her profession until the Death Angel came to waft her spirit home on April the 29th, 1947. Besides her husband and the children, she leaves four brothers: Matt, Wesley, Delmon and Willie; two sisters, Margie and Elsie, along with the brethren and sisters of the Pilgrim Home Church and a great host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

I don't believe she had an enemy to leave for she was too good and kind of every one and was loved by all who knew her. Even in her girlhood days and in my company very often I always found her to be kind and humble. It seems that goodness has followed her all the days of her life. I have deeply missed her company since we became separated into homes of our own, but I believe that if I am blessed to inherit eternal life and enter into the joys of the Lord that I will find Sister Vada there; then I will be permitted to remain with her and all the Saints throughout eternal ages.

I want to say to Estill, you have lost a loving wife, the children have lost a good mother, the Pilgrim Home

Church has lost a saint from its number. Estill, be kind to her children and if it be the Lord's will may he give you a praying heart with wisdom to teach those little motherless children the things she would have had them know and in so doing you can cling to that hope that you can see her again. Her toil and suffering is over. Weep not for her but rather weep for yourself and your children. Now may God bless you all to find Jesus precious to your never dying soul and you will meet her again.

Written by a sister,

Mrs. Troy Francis.

*Our youthful days were pleasant,
I'll cherish them on and on,
Until the time when I can join you,
When my victory has been won.*

Stanley Vernatter

It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of a loving and faithful brother, Stanley Vernatter.

He was united in marriage to Louisa Harris, and to this union was born eleven children, five of which preceded him in death: Laura, Mell, Maxie, Charlie and Louie.

Brother Stanley was a faithful church member. The writer does not recall any church meeting that Brother Stanley was not there on both Saturday and Sunday as long as he was able. I do not know the date that Brother Stanley joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, but, when I was a small boy I listened to him pray many times in church meeting. When God called Brother Stanley home he was absent from us, his seat was empty in the church. He said so many comforting words to me I miss him now although he has been gone many years.

Now children, you that are living, if you recall the life that he lived, try to follow father for I believe that he was a model Christian. Some day, and it doesn't seem at present that it will be long until I can clasp Brother

Stanley's hand again. He was a great friend of mine and a brother in hope. So, when we turn to the words of Paul in the 15th Chapter of First Corinthians, begin at verse 51 and read:

'Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?'"

So we get victory over everything through our Master, Jesus Christ.

Written by a brother in hope,
Elder Wallace Maynard.

Jesse Willard Canterbury

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write an obituary of my uncle, Jesse Willard Canterbury. He was the son of W. M. and Maryann Canterbury, born April 13th, 1916, and was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for several years prior to his death. He was baptized by the hands of Elder Frank Canterbury. Uncle Jesse attended church regular and was a faithful member until his death, when he was accidentally killed in a truck accident on November the 12th, 1946. He leaves his father, two brothers, James and Major; three sisters, Sarrah, Eliza and Elvira, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

But we feel that our loss is his eternal gain, and by the grace of God we can meet him again on the great Resurrection Day if we accept Jesus as he did.

*Now he's gone and left us,
His memory here will stay.
We hope by God's great mercy
To meet him some sweet day.
Oh precious, loving Brother,
Your voice from us is stilled,
A chair in our home is vacant
Which never can be filled.*

Written by his niece,
Mary Helen Cary.

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Polly Blackburn

It has become my sad duty by the request of the children to write a short sketch of the life of Sister Polly Blackburn. She was the daughter of Britt and Maryann Tiller Blackburn, born March the 16th, 1878, and was married to Elias Blackburn in 1898. To this union was born ten children of which four preceded her in death. She leaves six children, fifty-two grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Sister Polly confessed a hope in Christ the fourth Saturday in April, 1932, and was baptized by the hands of the writer. She was patient in her afflictions and was glad when the brethren and sisters would come in and sing and pray with her. She departed this life September the 18th, 1947, in faith that she would enter that place that Job 3-17 tells us of where the wicked will cease from troubling and the weary will find rest. Will you, as mother did, take your stand for Jesus Christ and help to hold up the banner the standard of faith to your children?

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life,
Shadle Pauley.

Maryland Ray

It is by request of the family that I write a short obituary of Sister Maryland Smith Ray, a daughter of Robert and Rebecca Maynard Smith, born May 30th, 1896, and deceased this life October 19th, 1947. Sister Maryland was married to Isom Ray October 21st, 1924, and to this union was born five children, three boys and two girls: Hollis, John, Thomas, Betty E. and Mrs. Raymond Syck. Sister Ray joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized September 28th, 1947, by the hands of Elders Emmette Case and Harold Edmonds. She placed her membership with the Bent Branch Church.

Besides her husband and children she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Noah Bowling, of Williamson, W. Va., and Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, of Route 1, Pikeville, Ky., with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss, but we deeply feel that our loss is her eternal gain; we fell that she has only made a happy exchange from a world of trouble, sickness and sorrow to a place of peace, joy, happiness and rest, for we hear Jesus saying, "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am you may be also."

Mother is gone children, she cannot return to you, but you by the Grace of God can go to her, accept Jesus as your personal Saviour and when he comes to collect his Jewels home, we can join mother around the throne of God and sing His praises forever in a life that has no end.

Written by your humble servant,
Elder Harold Edmonds.

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 institution, 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 consist 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 reprovved 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.

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 Dix Fork.....Omer Williamson.....Canada, Ky.
 Narrows Branch.....Willie Stanley.....Hardy, Ky.
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Samaria Leslie Vance Kirk, W. Va.
Rosa Floyd Cline Baisden, W. Va.

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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, W. F. Collins George Hinkle	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	2	\$10.00
Apple Orchard—Elvert Maynard, Willie Nichols, Eldon Maynard	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	41	1	5.00
Enon—Logan Spencer, W. C. Hay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	12.00
Rebecca—Mosco Gilman, Nicholas Runyan, F. M. Preece	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	62	2	19.00
Bent Branch—John Maynard, Forest Bevins	8	0	0	0	0	3	1	54	3	10.00
Sardis—N. R. Evans, Jessie Farley, Asa Evans	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	190	4	8.00
Big Branch—J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ali Griffy	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	30	3	4.00
Mary Elizabeth—S. B. Fraley, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	27	3	10.00
Bethany—Willard Blair, Riley Dillon, Hade Hannah	1	0	4	0	0	2	4	49	4	12.00

Elk Fork—Will Runyan, John Ward, Orville Vance	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	75	3	15.00
Pilgrim Home—Emmette Case, Marshal Williamson, C. Williamson	6	0	0	0	0	6	2	116	4	25.00
Salem—B. H. Bevins, Okey Bevins, Morgan Napier	11	0	0	0	0	1	5	149	1	16.00
Sidney—Bascom Maynard, Bill Maynard, Willis Dials	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	4	9.00
Dix Fork—E. S. Coleman, J. G. Thornsbury, Sterl Smith	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	54	1	10.00
Narrows Branch—Lewis Smith, Charley Scott, Willie Stanley	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	4	15.00
Leannah—T. J. Robinson	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	2	4.00
Buck Creek—Pete Dials, Richard Chapman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	3	5.00
Tabitha—John Fouch, Earl Belcher, Joe Robinett	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	43	1	10.55
Little Dove—Ira Davis, Ellis Davis, Mack Davis	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	43	1	10.00
Little Rosa—Orville Runyan, Ireland Harrison	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	4	3.00
Turkey Creek—Ken Varney, Lewis Marcum, James Varney	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	63	2	15.00
Samaria—Sherman May, W. H. May, Jeff May	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	3	10.00
Rosa—Perry Cline, Tracy Hatfield, Floyd Cline	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	61	3	11.30
TOTALS	70	0	4	2	0	27	33	1266		\$238.85