

Minutes

of the

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

of the

**Sardis Association of
Regular Baptist**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH

Hatfield, Pike Co., Ky.

September 8, 9 and 10, 1950

PROCEEDINGS
of the
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST
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In session assembled with the Mary Elizabeth Church, September 8, 9 and 10, 1950. At the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The service was introduced by Elder John Brown. Followed by the Introductory Sermon, delivered by Elder Wallace Maynard. Text: Acts 15th chapter, 16th verse.

Then the delegates assembled at the Church House, and after a short talk, song and prayer, by Elder James Green. The Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several Churches and received letters, and seated the Delegates.
2. The Association then organized, by electing Elder Ester Hopkins as Moderator, Elder B. H. Bevins Asst. Moderator, Elder W. C. Hay Clerk, and Bro. Troy T. Francis Asst. Clerk.
3. At the request of the Moderator the rules of decorum were read by the Clerk.
4. Called for newly organized Churches and received one, (Name) Little Virgie.
5. Called for letters from Sister Associations, and received as follows:

NEW SALEM—By the hands of Elders: F. A. Hopkins, Tack Hall, M. V. Burke, and Anthony Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Elder M. V. Burke.

UNION—By the hands of Elders: Earl Hogston, Charles C. Ramey, Loyd Gibson, Mitchell Smith, James Green and Blane England, and Brother Fred Stiltner. Letter in the hands of Brother Fred Stiltner.

PHILADELPHIA—By the hands of Elder: Howard Gilliam, and Brothers: John Griffey and W. L. Burnette. Letter in the hands of Elder Howard Gilliam.

MUD RIVER—By the hands of Elder: George Atkins, and Brothers: Dow Hurley, and Wetsel Ball. Letter in the hands of Elder George Atkins.

THORNTON UNION—By the hands of Elders: D. N. Asher, J. M. Webb, T. R. Collier and Brothers: Jessie C. Holbrook, and M. L. Webb. Letter in the hands of Brother Jessie C. Holbrook.

INDIAN BOTTOM—By the hands of Elders: George Hagens, L. D. Francis, Alvin Hagens, and Brother Dewey Hagens. Letter in the hands of Elder L. D. Francis.

FRIENDSHIP—By the hands of Elders: J. H. Belcher, J. C. Widner, John Burke, and Brothers; Donald Stiltner, Walter Anderson, Alfred Blankenship, Nelson Lester. Letter in the hands of Elder J. C. Widner.

6. Called for Transient Ministers and members of our faith and order. The following received: Elders: John Brown, S. T. Wright, Noah May, Charles Cornette, Ernie Runyon, Shadle Pauley, Fon Bowling, Willis Blackburn, Berry Parker, Asa Evans, Sam Thomas, Milton Thacker, and George Elkins, and Brothers: Eddie Tackert, and R. B. Preston.

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

8. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

9. Ordered that Clerks write letters to Corresponding Associations.

10. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren as follows: Brothers: Donnie Lowe and George Fraley.

11. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with Ministers, and that peace is preserved around the stand. Brothers: Donnie Lowe and George Fraley.

12. Committee appointed to arrange the Ministry for Friday night and Saturday, consisting of one member from each church with the entire delegation of the Mary Elizabeth Church. Ministers as follows: Friday Night, Elders: First, T. R. Collier; Second, Loyd Gibson; Third, L. D. Francis. Saturday, Elders: First, George Atkins; Second, J. C. Widner; Third, Howard Gilliam, Fourth, Tack Hall; Fifth, George Hagens.

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 H. C. Maynard, the Association adjourned until nine o'clock, Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning

Met pursuant to adjournment, and after song and prayer, service was introduced by Elder Charles Cornette.

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' Harold Edmonds, Willie Stanley, and H. C. Maynard, 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 year ending Sept. 8th, 1950.....\$320.84
 Paid out for printing of Minutes.....\$260.00
 Secretary's fee.....10.00
 Clerk's Fee.....15.00
 Treasurer's Fee.....10.00
 Express Charges on Minutes.....3.03

Total Paid Out.....\$298.03

Balance in Bank.....\$ 22.81

Received from Churches this year.....\$333.90

Total on hand for next year.....\$356.71

5. By motion it is ordered that Brother Troy T. Francis, be appointed 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 three Thousand, (3,000) Copies printed, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his service, 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 the same committee to arrange for preaching Saturday night and Sunday, who reported as follows: Saturday night, Elders: First, A. D. Turner; Second, Blane England; Third, S. T. Wright. Sunday, Elders: First, J. H. Belcher; Second, James Green; Third, F. A. Hopkins, and Fourth, Jerry Hall.

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

NEW SALEM—To be held with the Long Fork Church, Hartley, Pike County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1950. Elders: Jonah Bevins, Perry Cline, Tracy Hatfield, Emmette Case, H. C. Maynard, Tommy Adair, W. C. Hay, B. H. Bevins, and Ester Hopkins; Brothers: George Fraley, Troy T. Francis, Oliver Tackett, and Caudill Williamson. Letter in the hands of Brother Troy T. Francis.

UNION—To be held with the Ash Camp Church, Ash Camp, Ky. To begin on Friday before the Third Saturday in September, 1950. Elders: Tommy Adair, Avery Hensley, Tracy Hatfield, Emmette Case, Earl Belcher, W. C. Hay, Ester Hopkins, and Jonah Bevins; Brothers: Troy T. Francis, Donnie Lowe, George Fraley, J. M. Francis, Forrest McGuire, Caudill Williamson, and Marshall Williamson. Letter in the hands of Troy T. Francis.

PHILADELPHIA—To be held with the Mt. Olivet Church, Warmack, Greenup County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1951. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, Wallace Maynard, Ken Varney, Sam Hearld, Ernie Runyon, and H. C. Maynard; Brothers: J. B. Blackburn, Charlie Johnson, and R. B. Preston. Letter in the hands of H. C. Maynard.

MUD RIVER—To be held with the Providence Church, St. Albans, W. Va. To begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1951. Elders: Lewis Marcum, A. A. Sheppard, W. C. Hay, Perry Cline, Asa Evans, Wallace Maynard, Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, and Harison Bevins. Letter in the hands of Ester Hopkins.

THORNTON UNION—To be held with the Little Rock Church, Kona, Letcher County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the Third Saturday in August, 1951. Elders: Harold Edmonds, Willie Stanley, Emmette Case, and B. H. Bevins. Brothers: Harvey Lowe, Ben Curry, Claude Brown, and Dock Scott. Letter in the hands of Harold Edmonds.

INDIAN BOTTOM—To be held with the Little Dove Church, Sasafas, Knot County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1951. Elders: Ernie Runyon, Tracy Hatfield, W. C. Hay, B. H. Bevins, and Ester Hopkins. Brothers: Donnie Lowe, and George Fraley. Letter in the hands of Ester Hopkins.

FRIENDSHIP—To be held with the Mr. Zion Church, Mohawk, W. Va. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1951. Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, Fayette Hackney, Perry Cline, H. C. Haynard, Wallace Maynard, Emmette Case, Tommy Adair, J. R. Evans, Earl Belcher, and W. C. Hay. Brothers: Troy T. Francis, J. B. Blackburn, Oliver Tackett. Letter in the hands of W. C. Hay.

10. Ordered that we print obituaries of the deceased brothers and sisters, presented to the brother Clerk, at the close of the Association, or within ten days thereafter.

11. Ordered that we change Article XI, of our last year's minutes to read as follows: We believe that feet washing is an example of Jesus Christ, and ought to be observed and kept up by his Church, until his second coming.

12. It is ordered that the circular letter written by Elder B. H. Bevins, be printed in our minutes.

13. By motion it is ordered that Elder John Brown, prepare a circular letter, to be read at our next Association, for approval or disapproval.

14. On motion it is ordered that the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate the condition of the Samaria Church, and make report to the Association, next year. Committee appointed consisting of Elders J. G. Thornsbury, H. C. Maynard, Grover Carey, Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Harold Edmonds and B. H. Bevins.

15. Ordered that the Treasurer pay the expenses of one (1) Car for the visiting sister Associations. That is: Paying for the Gas and Oil.

16. Ordered that we continue the printing of Memorials in our minutes.

17. 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.

18. Shall we receive into our fellowship Men having more than one wife, or Women having more than one Husband?

ANSWER—We advise the Churches not to receive into their fellowship any such except those who have put away their companion for the cause of fornication and such Cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same.

19. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Rosa Church. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1951. At Baisden, Mingo County, W. Va.

20. By vote it is ordered that Elder Shadle Pauley preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder Ester Hopkins be his alternate.

21. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Mary Elizabeth Church, and the Community at large, for the hospitality shown us during this session of our Association.

22. Ordered that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderators and Clerks.

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

Elder Ester Hopkins, *Moderator*

Elder B. H. Bevins, *Asst. Moderator*

Elder W. C. Hay, *Clerk*

Brother Troy T. Francis, *Asst. Clerk*

UNION MEETINGS

May

SALEM—Goody, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wallace Maynard, Shadle Pauley, and Tommy Adair, with Moderator attending.

TURKEY CREEK—Turkey Creek, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Asa Evans, Jonah Bevins, Shadle Pauley and Ester Hopkins, with Moderator attending.

June

ENON—McCarr, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wallace Maynard, Orville Runyon and J. R. Evans, with Moderator attending.

APPLE ORCHARD—Heonon, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: S. T. Wright, Grover Cary and Ester Hopkins with Moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSA—Chattaroy, W. Va.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Shadle Pauley, Grover Cary, Asa Evans, and Wallace Maynard, with Moderator attending.

MUNCY VALLEY—Pie, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Thommy Adair, J. C. Widner, J. G. Thornsberry, John Fouch, and J. H. Hensley, with Moderator attending.

LITTLE VIRGIE—Coleman, Ky. Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tommy Adair, Asa Evans and Grover Cary, with Moderator attending.

SIDNEY—Threeforks, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Harrison Bevins, J. G. Thornsberry, Jonah Bevins, Willie White, and Wallace Maynard, with Moderator attending.

July

DIX FORK—Canada, Ky.—First Saturday and Sun-

day. Elders: Tommy Adair, R. D. Turner, Grover Cary, Ester Hopkins, Asa Evans, with Moderator attending.

LEANAH—Moree, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wallace Maynard, Grover Cary. Willis Blackburn, and Ester Hopkins, with Moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT—Sidney, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Grover Cary, Sid Hudson, Baxter Osborne and Ester Hopkins, with Moderator attending.

SAMARIA—Kirk, W. Va.—Did not letter to the Association.

BIG BRANCH—Thomas, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Shirley Fraley, Tack Hall, and Ester Hopkins, with Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH—Hatfield, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Shadle Pauley, James Green, and Grover Cary, with Moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH—Hardy, Ky.—Friday before the Fourth Saturday. Elders: Emmette Case, J. G. Thornsberry, and Wallace Maynard, with Moderator attending.

August

TABITHA—Barnabus, W. Va.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, J. G. Thornsberry, and H. C. Maynard, with Moderator attending.

REBECCA—Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Emmette Case, and Wallace Maynard, with Moderator attending.

ELK FORK—Elk Fork of Pigeon Creek, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, H. C. Maynard, Orville Runyon and W. C. Hay, with Moderator attending.

BENT BRANCH—Mera, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tracy Hatfield, Tommy Adair, and Emmette Case, with Moderator attending with Communion Sunday afternoon.

ROSA—Baisden, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ellis Cotton, Ester Hopkins, Taylor Blankenship, Alvin Higgins, Emmette Case, Ballard Baker, and J. G. Thornsbery, with Moderator attending, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

PILGRIMS HOME—Varney, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Shadle Pauley, W. C. Hay, and Ellis Moore, with Moderator attending, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

BETHANY—Lenore, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Grover Cary, H. C. Maynard, Shadle Pauley and Jeff May, with Moderator attending.

SARDIS—Delbarton, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders, Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Charlie Evans, J. G. Thornsbery, and Willie Stanley, with Moderator attending.

Agreement by Request

THE APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH together with the Big Branch Church, have agreed to have a Communion Meeting on the head of Sycamore Creek, on the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July, 1951, with Communion Saturday afternoon, by request of some of their members over there who are not able to go far to church. Ministers requested. Elders Ester Hopkins and Shirley Fraley.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Met with a large and orderly congregation of Brethren and Sisters, and Friends, and after a few lovely old songs to the praise and Glory of God, Service was introduced by Elder J. H. Belcher. The Congregation then Sung

a song with much feeling, and at the end of the song Brother Belcher led us in Prayer.

Elder James Green from the Union Association occupied the stand. He used for a text: Revelation 14th chapter and 6th verse. "And I saw another Angel fly in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth." And to every nation and kindred, tongue and people. He also used another Scripture: Acts 5th chapter and 20th verse. "Go stand and speak in the Temple to the people, all the words of this life". Preaching in the demonstration and power of God that the Gospel of Christ is the Power of God unto Salvation, That Christ is the Savior of the world, and is Lord of all, requiring all men to repent.

Elder F. A. Hopkins, Moderator of the New Salem Association then filled the stand and used for a text: St. John, 14th chapter and 2nd verse. "In my Father's house are many Mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, etc. Proving by the Scripture that Jesus is coming again to gather His Children into that Mansion he said he had gone to prepare for us, where there will be no wars, worry, pain, trouble or tears, where all will be happiness for ever and ever. Brother Hopkins spoke of a real Resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. That the just will live forevermore in that Mansion, but the unjust will go down to the rich man's hell, where there will be weeping and nashing of teeth.

At the close of his Discourse we arose to our feet and sung a song: "I Love My Savior God".

Elder Jerry Hall, also from New Salem Association was called to the stand to preach and close the service. He used for a text: Ephesians, 2nd chapter and 4th verse. "But God who is rich in Mercy by his great love wherewith he loved us," showing forth by the Scriptures that God commands man to repent and requires the same of him,

and that God only, through his son Jesus Christ, saves people from their sins.

Then in closing amid much rejoicing, the Brethren sung with the spirit and understanding.

Thus ending the 58th annual session of the Sardis Association.

So Brethren, let us all pray that we will meet in love again next year, in another association, which will be held with the Rosa Church, at Baisden, Mingo County, W. Va.

So Farewell,

YOUR ASSISTANT CLERK.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Inasmuch as it has been assigned to me by the delegates of the association, and I trust with the will of the Lord, I am glad to submit the following letter for your approval.

I will try to the best of my ability and with the help of the Lord to fulfill your commission. After much prayer and meditation, I want to base my thoughts on the twelfth chapter and the twenty-eighth verse of the book of Hebrews which reads as follows: "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, where we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." Now the question is: who received the kingdom? We shall let the scriptures answer the question. From St. Luke the twenty-second chapter the twenty-eighth through the thirtieth verses: "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Our Father has sent his only begotten son down to earth to do his will; and it was his will that he use the materials

that John had prepared and placed them first in the kingdom. Christ was to stay with them for about three and a half years; teaching them the laws and precepts of the kingdom in order that they would be able to execute them after he had returned to his father, for Christ had been given the power to place these laws and precepts in the kingdom. He, now feeling that they were able to execute these, turned the kingdom over to them. He bestowed upon them the power to execute them until he comes to receive them into his father's heavenly kingdom.

Now as this material was prepared by John the Baptist it seems to me that it was assigned to the Baptist. If Christ was baptised by the Baptist—he being the chief corner stone, and the apostles also baptised by the Baptist, they being the foundation—it seems reasonable to believe that it was and still is a Baptist house. Ephesians the second chapter and twentieth verse: "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." For these and many other reasons, too numerous to mention, I am affiliated with the Old Regular Baptist Church.

I want to base my further remarks on two of the oracles which are among the first to be placed in the church. These are baptism and the resurrection of the dead. Notice that there is more than one form of baptism and let us place these different forms where they belong in order to have unity in our doctrine. There is the baptism of the Holy Ghost which was taught by John the Baptist and took place with the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, the baptism of death which was spoken of by Christ Himself, and the baptism in water which was started by John the Baptist. This form was taught and practiced by Jesus Christ and the Apostles, and from their teaching and practicing I can see only one mode of baptism and that is immersion, back foremost in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. This mode belongs to only one character of people and they are the ones who have truly repented of

their sins and believe in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, with all of their hearts. When people come to the Lord in this manner it pleases God for the sake of his Darling Son to Reborn them again, then they become one of God's children and being one of his children they have the right to take the steps necessary to have fellowship in His kingdom here on earth. That is to confess Him by mouth and be buried with him by baptism, to rise, to walk in the newness of life which represents the death, burial, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I believe the doctrine of repentance, faith, and baptism is the true doctrine of Jesus Christ and will be owned by God, and I believe that it is the duty of every one that comes to God in this manner to take these steps in order to be a true follower of Jesus Christ. Being a true follower of Jesus Christ they will inherit everlasting life through his precious blood.

I believe there will be a resurrection of the dead both the just and the unjust and that both the soul and body of the just will be housed in God's eternal kingdom. The soul and body of the unjust will be hurled into outer darkness, and the smoke of their torment will ascend upward forever and ever. Everyone will have their own body and the righteous body shall be fashioned like the body of our Lord which means that it shall never die again. It is sown a natural body and it is raised a spiritual body which cannot die. Do not let anyone teach you that you will not have a body of flesh and bones after death for our saviour had such a body after he rose from the dead. Our bodies will be fashioned like his.

I have written what I believe to be true and I submit it for your approval. If your beliefs are as mine and to you these are the teachings of the Bible, keep this letter for our minutes.

Written by your humble brother in hope of an eternal life.

ELDER B. H. BEVINS.

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MEMORIALS

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Mt. Pleasant Church, Second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1951. Ministers requested—Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, Emmette Case, Tommy Adair and B. H. Bevins.

Memorial of Elder Heenon Maynard and others will be held with the Apple Orchard Church, first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1951.

Memorial of Joe Taylor and others will be held Sunday after the first Saturday in September, 1951.

Memorial of Mose Maynard to be held the first Sunday in July, 1951, on the Ireland Lowe Cemetery.

Memorial to be held on the Scott Cemetery on Brushy Creek the fourth Sunday in August, 1951.

Memorial will be held on the J. M. Lowe Cemetery on Lower Brushy Creek, Sunday following the first Saturday in July, 1951 in memory of Moses Fonco Lowe, and Philip Hanners.

Memorial to be held with the Bent Branch Church the Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders Willis Blackburn, Jonah Bevins, Wallace Maynard, and Lewis Smith.

Memorial to be held with the Rebecca Church the Second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1951, this being our Union and Communion Meeting also.

Memorial of Brother Flem Maynard, his wife, and others will be held on the head of Big Branch, on Sunday after the Third Saturday in September, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: Shirley Fraley and Ester Hopkins.

Memorial of Edward McCoy who lost his life in France for his country, will be held on the Henry Taylor Cemetery, on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in September, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders J. L. Nichols Lewis Marcum, Eldon Maynard, H. C. Maynard and Noah May.

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Memorial of Russel Pete McCoy and others will be held on the Ratcliff Cemetery, on Sunday after the third Saturday in May, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: J. L. Nichols, Eldon Maynard, Emmette Case, and Ester Hopkins.

Memorial will be held on the McCoy Cemetery on Sunday after the Third Saturday in August, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders J. L. Nichols, Eldon Maynard, J. R. Coleman, J. M. Justice and W. C. Hay.

Memorial will be held on the Cemetery, near the home of J. L. Nichols on Sunday after the Third Saturday in June, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: Shirley Fraley, Eldon Maynard and Willis Dials.

Memorial of Elder Wallace Jackson and others will be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church, the third Saturday and Sunday in September, 1951.

Memorial of Elder J. W. Smith and others will be held on the Fraley Cemetery, the Third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1951, all Ministers invited.

Memorial of Brother M. B. Romans to be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church, first Sunday in July, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: Ester Hopkins, Bill Jude and Jonah Bevins.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Bethany Church will be held the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1951, this being our Union and Communion Meeting time.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Elk Fork Church will be held the Third Saturday and Sunday in October, 1951.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Pilgrims Home Church will be held the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1951. All ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Salem

Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in October, 1951. All Ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Dix Fork Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1951. All Ministers invited.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Sidney Church will be held the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1951. Also a Memorial of Nathan Jude and others will be held on the cemetery, near Dave Jude's home the Fourth Sunday in July, 1951.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Muncy and other deceased members of the Narrows Branch, will be held the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders Ken Varney, W. C. Hay and H. C. Maynard.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Leanan Church will be held on the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday following the Second Saturday in July, 1951.

Memorial of Sister Matilda Robinson and others to be held on Sunday following the Second Saturday in June, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: Emmette Case, Orville Runyon. Also Memorial of Friend John Jude's Children will be held on Sunday after the Second Saturday in May, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: Eldon Maynard and Edd May.

Memorial will be held on the Lowe Cemetery on the head of Big Branch on Sunday, after the Second Saturday in August, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: J. L. Nichols, Edd May and Harvey Lowe.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church will be held the Second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1951. Ministers requested: Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, and Wallace Maynard.

Memorial of Elder W. H. Bowling, his Wife and Family will be held at the Tom Price School House, on the right hand fork of Brushy Creek, on the first Saturday and Sun-

day, in September, 1951, beginning at two o'clock, Saturday afternoon. Ministers requested: Elders: Orville Runyon, Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans and Grover Cary.

Memorial will be held on the Harmon Maynard Cemetery, Piso, Ky., the first Sunday in August, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans, and Tommy Adair.

Memorial will be held on the Hannah Cemetery, Sunday following the Third Saturday in August, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, Willie White, Ellis Davis, Asa Evans, and Willie Stanley.

Memorial will be held on the Lackey Cemetery Sunday following the Second Saturday in September, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders J. R. Evans, Orville Runyon and Wallace Maynard.

Memorial will be held on the Sturgill Cemetery the Fourth Sunday in September, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: J. R. Evans, J. G. Thornsbury, Wallace Maynard and Orville Runyon.

Memorial of Brother Josh and Sister Christine Runyon will be held on the Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek at the Runyon Cemetery the third Sunday in June, 1951. Ministers requested: Elders: J. H. Hensley, Tommy Adair and Charlie Evans.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Enon Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1951.



ELDER J. E. TAYLOR

Elder J. E. Taylor

It is with a broken heart and much sadness, that I write this Obituary of my Father, John E. Taylor. He was born February 18th, 1862, departed this life July the 19th, 1950, being 88 years, 5 months and one day old at death.

He was married to Sophia M. Maynard October the 6th, 1881, and to this union was born eleven children, five boys and six girls. Mother and three boys preceded him in death. He leaves eight children, (namely) Annie, Bemie, Fannie, Vangie, Angie, Nannie, Jorden, and John D. with a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss, with forty grand children and ninety great grandchildren.

Daddy joined the regular Baptist Church about the year of 1893, baptized by the hands of Ali Ward, and took fellowship with the Big Branch Church, where later he was ordained to the ministry, he remained in that Church, a faithful member as long as his health permitted him to attend. He was afflicted with a lingering illness but never complained of his suffering. He seemed to bear it all with much patience, often looking upward and calling for his wife to come and take him home, always giving good counsel to his children and teaching us the way of righteousness.

Now brothers and sisters, all of you who have not professed a hope in Christ Jesus, you too must accept the way of the cross if you want to live with Daddy again.

Now Daddy is gone and left us,

His advice I hear no more,

But I feel with all my heart,

He is resting on that bright shore.

Although his chair is vacant in my home,

I miss him more each day,

But I hope within my heart,

I'll meet him some sweet day.

Written by his Daughter,

Vangie Pinson.

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Elder Jonah Smith

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I try to write an Obituary of my Father, Elder Jonah Smith. Born June the 29th, 1900. A son of J. B. and Elizabeth (Canada) Smith, and departed this life January the 18th, 1950, being 49 years, six months and 18 days old at time of death.

He was married to Susan Canada June the 18th, 1920, and to this union was born eight children, two of which preceded him in death. Six are still living, namely Mrs. Myrtle Maynard. Mrs. Odessie Spradlin, John B., Jonah, Alice and Birdie Smith.

Besides his wife and children he leaves twelve grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers with a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss, but we feel our loss is heaven's eternal gain.



ELDER JONAH SMITH

Daddy joined the Regular Baptist Church and was Baptized at the hands of Elder James Jude and Wallace

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Jackson. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church, and was later dismissed by letter and placed his membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church January the 3rd, 1931, and was Ordained as Deacon, September the 3rd, 1931. After serving as Deacon he was Ordained to Preach the Gospel May the 3rd, 1934.

I miss Daddy so much. I think of him more and more every day. I miss his sweet face, his good counsel and advice, but I pray to God that I can bear this great loss, bravely for I sincerely believe that he has made a happy exchange, and if we children will obey and keep the counsel he gave us, we can join him in that Celestial City where we will not have to say good bye to Him any more.

More and more each day we miss you,
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But they little know the sorrow,
That lives in our hearts concealed.

Yes God took you home it was his will,
And in our hearts your memory liveth still,
But only a star shines over the grave,
Of the one we loved and could not save.

Written by his Daughter,
Alice Smith

Elder W. T. Rife

It is with much sadness that I try in my grief and sorrow to write the Obituary of my Father, Elder W. T. Rife. He was born February the 10th, 1876 and deceased this life December 5th, 1949. He was united in marriage to Chole Rife October the 29th, 1896, and to this union was born ten children, two of whom preceded him in death. Those left to mourn his loss are Mrs. Zella Vance, Mrs. Garnet Vance, Mrs. Myrtle Curry, Mrs. Georgia Ferguson, Mrs. Bessie Canterbury, Zula Rife, Ballard Rife and Clarence Rife. Also four Sisters Mrs. Amanda Mor-

gan, Mrs. Margaret England, Mrs. Maryann Hale, and Miss Martha Rife. Besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Father joined the Regular Baptist Church about twenty-five years ago and was baptized by the hands of Elder W. A. Hurley and was Ordained to the Ministry about one year later.

We are sad in our hearts for we miss his presence and his good council so much although we know these things must be. We are promised life and death also. If we ever expect to enter into that beautiful home of rest where we expect to meet with Father again, we will have to obey the commandments of our Lord and render to Him our reasonable service, which is not greivous.



ELDER W. T. RIFE

We children feel we have lost a good father, mother has lost a loving Companion, the Church has lost a faithful member whose seat can never again be filled, but if we walk righteously in the pathway of holiness, we, too,

can enter into the joys of our Lord, where we will sing His praises for evermore, where no sorrows ever come, and all will be peace, joy and happiness. Sleep on Father, we hope to join you in the sweet bye and bye.

Written by his Daughter,

Mrs. Bessie Canterbury.

George W. Bevins

Brother George W. Bevins passes away looking at the event of death in one way. We would say that the dreadful monster of stern countenance and iron will, seated on the ever dreaded black horse, and showing no mercy to high or low has again invaded a peaceful and loving home where only a harmless, kind, and gentle couple lived. And with cruel hand has taken from the wife her husband of forty-six years of loving and faithful companionship of her eight children, one who was father to the needy and a comforter to the bereaved in all the surrounding country.

But looking at the event in another and a better way we feel like saying that the gentle rider on the pale horse, with kindness, mercy, and love in his countenance, to the strains of the celestial music of a band of accompanying angles gently laid his finger on the great and loving heart of my precious brother George W. Bevins and stilled its beating and bore his tired spirit to the realms of eternal day. On Friday morning June 30, 1950 at 12:55 a. m. he answered the summons, come up higher.

George W. Bevins, son of T. J. and Sallie Burris Bevins. Born in the year of 1887, he was united in marriage to Mary Smith on March 10, 1904. To this union was born eight children, five boys and three girls, namely: Willie Bevins, John W. Bevins, Mrs. Fannie May Elkins, Joseph Flava Bevins, James Thomas Bevins, Mrs. Finis Elkins, Mrs. Ida Louise Gilliam, and Jonah Bevins, Jr.. Brother Bevins joined the Regular Baptist Church June 27, 1934

and was baptized by the hands of Elders A. J. Case and Jonah Bevins and placed his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church, where he remained a faithful member and served as Deacon of the Church from the fourth Saturday of December, 1934, until death.

Brother George was in ill health for about two years, but he seemed to bare his suffering with much patience, always calling for his brethren to come into his home and preach for him. He requested the Brethren of his home church to meet with him to hold a Communion meeting so he could wash the feet of some of his young Brethren that had lately enlisted in the Lord, which he did with great joy. He seemed to know it would be his last opportunity he would have to show his love to his brethren and sisters.

He requested his brother, Elder Jonah Bevins to write out his request after his decease, which came to him June 30, 1950. His request was carried out by his family. He leaves beside his wife and children two brothers Elders Jonah and Harrison Bevins, four half brothers: Joe Bogar, Willie Bevins and T. J. Bevins, Jr., two sisters, Mrs. Ibbey Cox, Mrs. Ida Gaines and one half sister Mrs. Mary Runyon, besides a host of friends and relatives the entire membership of the Pilgrim Home Church where his presence will be greatly missed by the brethren and sisters, but we feel our loss is his eternal gain and his spirit is resting in the paradise of God.

On Sunday, July 2, by request George's body was taken to the Pilgrim Home Church and Elders Brother Willis Blackburn, Ester Hopkins and Emmette Case attended to his funeral according to brother's request. His body was laid to rest in the Smith cemetery near his home.

(Palm 140 chapter 6 verse) This poor man cried and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. (7 verse). The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.

Written by him humble brother,
Elder Jonah Bevins.

Elon Octavia Harrison

It is by request of the family, and with much sadness in my heart, that I make an effort to write the obituary of a sister whom I dearly loved, and also a relative of mine.

By the help of the Lord, and to the best of my ability, I'll try to outline the life of Sister Elon Octavia (Varney) Harrison, a daughter of Lark and Delilah (Francis) Varney, born March 9th, 1881, at Varney, Ky., deceased this life, December 19th, 1949, being 68 years old at time of death.

She was united in marriage to J. G. Harrison in the year of 1896, and to this union were born seven children, one daughter, Emogene preceded her in death, she leaves her husband and six children as follows: Mrs. Trinnie Trivette, Mrs. Claudia Hellier, Mrs. J. L. Stratton, Charles Harrison, Mrs. Robert L. Clayton, and Mrs. Thomas Ratliff, with the entire membership of the Churches she attended, and a great host of friends and relatives, to mourn her passing.

Sister Octavia joined the Regular Baptist Church, February the 18th, 1934, and was Baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Home Church, by the hands of Elders Hi Maynard, and Willis Blackburn, where she remained a faithful member until some two years ago, when she was dismissed by letter, and placed her membership with the Bent Branch Church,

I the writer have known Sister Octavia from my early childhood. I was in and around her home daily. I never met a more humble, kind, and loving mother, even before she was a Christian. She was kind to every one and loved by all who knew her. She always seemed to accept me as one of her family, her life was so full of love she found fault with no one. I don't believe she was ever known to speak evil of anybody.

I'd like to say to Brother Jim and her children, who feel

as close to me as my own family, that mother is resting from her labor, that feeble body of hers that was afflicted for so many years, will feel no more pain, she will counsel you children no more with her sweet words of advice.

Just remember mothers prayers for you all is stilled forever, you must pray for yourselves and your children, be good to each other, as you know Trinnie has passed on since mother has been gone, and we don't know who will be next to go, so watch and pray for we know not the hour of His coming. Be kind and gentle with your father, show him all the love you have to offer, visit him often. His home is lonesome. I know your presence will comfort him, and may the God of all Grace dwell with you all, so the family circle will be unbroken, my heart goes out to each of you children, I too know the loss of mother. I hope in the near future I can meet with you all again, some where when death has not called us together.

God bless and keep each of you safe.

Written as requested,

By Troy T. Francis.

James Varney

It is by request of the family, with much sadness in my heart, that I write an obituary of my beloved brother in the flesh, and in the Lord, Brother James Varney, a son of Vicy Varney McCoy, born October the 29th, 1889, departed this life April the 8th, 1950, age 60 years, 6 months, and 8 days old.

He was married to Hester Payne in the year of 1913, and to this union was born three children, Alvin Varney of Fairview, W. Va.; James Varney of Turkey Creek, Ky., and Betty Marie Varney, of Washington, D. C.. The children together with their mother and a host of friends and relatives are left to mourn his loss, but we feel our loss is his eternal gain, brother James was widely known through-

out this country, and was loved by all who knew him, his life was an endless card of love, that seemed not to end at his passing, but leads on to safe anchorage with life eternal as though a bright star has crept into its hiding beyond the slopes of a silent hill, leaving a sad and lonesome place against the sky.

I want to say to his family and many friends, while brother James' body is still in death, yet, it just takes a new birth in Jesus Christ to receive a hope in the resurrection of the dead from the dead, Brother James joined the Regular Baptist Church, and was Baptized into the fellowship of the Turkey Creek Church, by the hands of Elders Ken Varney, and Lewis Marcum, he devoted his life to the welfare and upbuilding of the Church, always contending that the hope of eternal life is in Christ Jesus, and we must hold out faithful until death sets us free.

Written by his brother,
Elder Ken Varney.

Ellen Patric

It has fallen my unworthy lot to write a short sketch of the life of a dear sister, to wit, Sister Ellen Patric, a daughter of Martin and Emma Scott, born September the 15th, 1883 and departed this life November the 28th, 1949. She professed a hope in Christ the first Sunday in August, 1949 and was Baptized by Elder Willie Stanley and placed her membership with the Narrows Branch Church, although she was unable to attend church very often by reason of her health when the brethren and sisters would visit her she seemed to rejoice and would shout the praises of God. We feel by her strong confession that her soul has fallen asleep in Christ, and I want to say to her Brothers and Sisters and all of her loved ones, if you ever want to see Sister Ellen again, you will have to make your peace calling and election sure while in this life, for after death there will be no repentance. Mother has gone to return

no more, but by the grace of God you can go to her. The Lord is saying to one and all—come.

Written by,
Elder Lewis Smith.

Octavia Varney

With a broken and contrite spirit, and by request, I will try to write the obituary of a precious and loving mother, Octavia (Harris) Varney. She was the daughter of J. B. (Bud) and Nancy Jane, (Lowe) Harris, born July 27th, 1882, departed this life July the 12th, 1950, being 68 years and 15 days old at death.

She was married to John B. Varney in the year of 1902, and to this union was born two sons. One son and the Father preceded her in death, one son Burgess Varney, is still living. He is left to mourn the loss of a precious mother. July the first, 1944, in her sick and feeble body she called for the ministers to come to her sick bedside to pray and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

She was converted and obeyed the word of Jesus Christ, which by the Gospel is preached to all people, and at the close of the service she made a confession that she believed that Jesus Christ was the son of God, and was Baptized by the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins and B. H. Bevins, into the fellowship of the Salem Church of Regular Baptist. Some time after she came to the Church she called the Church to her bedside again and took the communion with the brethren and sisters and washed one another's feet, and with feeble lips she praised God who had saved her soul from death, by a new birth in Jesus Christ, by which work of the Holy Spirit of God, that she at the coming of Jesus Christ in a resurrection of her body, she would live again with all the redeemed of the saints, and live forever wherein she hoped to meet with her son, and husband. Father and mother, brothers and sisters, and the great multitude which no man could number of all

nations, kindred and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands, and cried with a loud voice saying, salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne and unto the lamb, and with this hope Sister Octavia's patience was strengthened.

I must close this obituary, but to you Burgess and the family I will still weep and pray for you, may God's loving grace and mercy ever be with you all and all of her kindred, precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of the Saints, blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, yea, sayeth the spirit, they rest from their labor.

I feel Sister Octavia's life is hid with God in Christ, and when he (Christ) comes all that sleep in Christ will come with him, soul and body celestial like unto his own glorious body.

Written by a brother in hope,

Elder Jonah Bevins.

• Pearl Varney

Sister Pearl Varney was born October 1st, 1892, the daughter of Floyd and Pricey (Bevins) Smith. She was united in marriage in 1909 to A. J. Varney, and to this union were born, six children, four boys and two girls. One of the girls Bessie Marie Varney, preceded her in death about thirty years ago.

Sister Pearl deceased this life Wednesday morning, October the 5th, 1949, about 9 o'clock, for 57 years and four days she brightened the life of those about her, and we believe by reason of the hope which she left that Sister Pearl will be a bright Angel around the throne of God forever and forever.

She leaves four sons, Fred Varney, of South Williamson, Floyd Varney, of Canada, Ky.; Ken and Harry Varney,

also of Canada, Ky.; one daughter, Hazel Joyce Varney, of Canada, Ky.; her husband, Alfred Varney; her Father Floyd Smith; two Brothers, William and Thomas Smith, and a sister Mrs. Ruth Varney, all of Canada, Ky.; seven grandchildren, besides a host of friends and relatives who are left to mourn her loss.

But we believe that our loss is her eternal gain. She professed a hope in Christ and was Baptized into the Church the second Sunday in June, 1944, at the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins. She remained a devoted and much loved member until death took her from our midst, but we believe that her soul is with God who gave it and is awaiting the resurrection when her body will come forth out of the grave and both soul and body shall live forever in heaven.

Jesus told Sister Pearl, and you and me in the sweetness of the Holy Bible, ye believe in God, believe also in me, in my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. 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. Jesus is coming again, and the dead in Christ, shall God bring with Him when He comes, so to her loved ones let us say children, live so that you can be forever with mother, in heaven, for we feel that she has chosen that good part which shall never be taken away from her. Now may the Lord bless and save you all is my prayer in Jesus name.

Friend after friend departs,
Who hath not lost a friend,
There is no union here of hearts,
That finds not here an end,
Were this frail world our only rest,
Living or dying none were blest.

Beyond the flight of time,
Beyond this vale of tears,
There surely is some blessed clime,

Where life is not a breath,
Nor life's affection transient fire,
Whose sparks fly upward to expire.

There is a world above,
Where parting is unknown,
A whole eternity of love,
Formed for the good, alone,
And faith beholds the dying here,
Translated to that happier sphere.

Thus star by star declines,
Till all are passed away,
As morning high and higher shines,
To pure and perfect day,
Nor sink those stars in empty night,
They hide themselves in heaven's own light.

Written by James Montgomery.

Francis Victoria Elkins

By request of the family I will attempt to write a short obituary of Sister Frances Victoria (Lowe) Elkins. Born January 23rd, 1874, deceased this life April 23rd, 1948. Age 72 years and three months old at death. She was a daughter of Arion and Mary Jane Lowe.

United in marriage to John B. Elkins April the 8th, 1897, and to this union were born six children, the husband and three children preceded her in death, three children are left to mourn the loss of their mother. Those living are Landon and Charlie Elkins, and Mrs. Lucy Walters. She also leaves eight grandchildren, besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Sister Elkins joined the Regular Baptist Church around twenty years ago and was Baptized by Elder Jonah Bevins.

Her presence will be missed among us all, as well as in

her home. She was a wonderful mother to her children, a faithful member in the Church, a loving neighbor in her community. I feel children that mother's life will live on. She has just fallen asleep in Jesus. Let her memory be as a bright star just passed over a distant hill where it is anchored in Glory. Just resting under the altar of God, until the great day of redemption, when our King will gather all of his little Jewels home and we can hear that welcome call: Come in ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Oh children won't you take heed to the good counsel she gave you. Don't you want to see mother again, where her countenance will outshine the noon day Sun. She has fought a good fight, she has finished her course, and now unto her a crown will be given. Mother will be happily housed around the throne of God where she can feast on the delectable mountains, singing the song of the redeemed. You, too, can sing with Mother again, but you must seek Jesus in this life. We have to bear the cross here below. To obtain a crown in Glory, Sister Elkins personally requested that I preach her funeral, which I did, and it makes me rejoice to have so bright a hope to leave to a mother's children as Sister Elkins had. So don't weep for Mother, but rather weep for yourselves and your children.

Written as requested,
By Elder Emmette Case.

Asa Smith

By request of the family it has become my sad duty to write the Obituary of Brother Asa Smith. He was a son of Bud and Armida Smith. Born May the 7th, 1891, deceased this life June 21st, 1950, being 59 years, 2 months and 14 days old at time of death.

Brother Asa professed a hope in Christ in November, 1935 and was baptized by the hands of Elders Hi Maynard and Ester Hopkins, and placed his membership with

the Narrows Branch Church, where he remained a faithful member until death called him from our midst. He seemed to fall into many temptations but always overcame them with much patience, and I feel when our Lord comes again riding on the clouds of his Glory, he will bring my brother back with him, with all the redeemed. He will have no more pain, no more sorrow and no more death.

I want to admonish his wife and children with a prayerful heart to seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near, that by so doing you can meet Daddy again, where the family can be reunited, and the family circle will not be broken. I know your home is lonesome since he is gone but if you will call on Jesus, believing in your heart he will come in and help you to bear your burden. He is able to wipe all tears away, trust in him who is able to save both soul and body.

Written by his Brother,

Elder Lewis Smith.

Noah Bowling

By request I will write an obituary of one of our Brothers, to wit: Noah Bowling.

He was the son of Eli and Sophia (Thompson) Bowling, and was united in Matrimony to Flora (Smith) Bowling.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church August 31, 1941 and was Baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrims Home Church by the hands of Elder Emmette Case and Brother Rudolph SESCO, Brother Bowling was afflicted for several years and was not permitted on account of his health to fill his seat in the old Church.

He was born December 16, 1885. Deceased this life June 6, 1950. Making his stay here on earth 64 years. He is survived by his wife and the following children: John Morgan, of Chatтары, W. Va., Mrs. Mary Meade,

of Holden, W. Va., Nick of Chatтары, W. Va., Lois, Marilyn, Lola and Magnolin at home and Julius in the U. S. Army. He also leaves two Brothers, Andy and Cornelius of Thacker, W. Va. One sister Mrs. John Maynard, of Johns Creek, Ky., and two Half Brothers, John Thompson of Road Fork, Ky. and Sam Maynard of Williamson, W. Va.

We feel our loss is his eternal gain. I would like to say to his wife, children, friends and neighbors of Brother Bowling, for you to seek the Lord as Brother Bowling did. Call upon him while He is near, for the Scripture says, In the day that you will give him your whole heart he will be found with thee. We thank the God of Heaven for that promise.

My prayer is that you will seek the Lord while you have the opportunity that it will be well with you when you have to give up this life as Brother Bowling did.

Written by Request,

Troy T. Francis.

Mary Columbia Runyon

Mary Columbia Runyon, the Daughter of Calahan and Jennie (Varney) Runyon, was born December 23, 1872, and deceased this life November 5, 1948, age 76 years, 9 months and 18 days.

She was married to Paul Runyon, and to this union was born nine children, as follows: Mrs. Jimmie Walker, Troy Runyon, Mrs. Rebecca Adams, Mrs. Tennessee Prince, Marion Runyon, Mrs. Sarah Tackett, W. B. Runyon, Frank Runyon, Columbia Runyon, Mrs. Mary Evans, and Lattie Runyon who preceded her in death. She also left fifty grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren together with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

She became a member of the Rebecca Church of Regular Baptist in early life, was a patient, hard working mother and during the twenty-five years or so that the writer was acquainted with her was very faithful to fill her seat at Church meeting times.

She is missed very much by her Brethren and Sisters in the Rebecca Church.

Outstanding in faith was the fact that she believed only sound Doctrine and had no use for false doctrine in any form or for any purpose.

Written by request of her Daughter, Delphia Runyon,

By Elder W. C. Hay.

Sarah Ann Hankins

It is with much sadness that I write the Obituary of our dear grandmother, and if not mistaken in ourselves, our beloved Sister in Christ.

Sarah Ann Hankins was born September 12, 1863, the daughter of Jonathan Gannon and Policie Willamson Gannon. She married A. P. or "Uncle" Andy Hankins, as everybody loved to call him in his latter years, in the year of 1883, and to this union was born ten Children. Two of whom, James and Perry preceded their Mother and Father in death.

Grandpa deceased this life on March 13, 1945, and Grandma has seemed very lonely since that time even though the children have done all they could to be of comfort to her.

The Children who are left to mourn Mother's loss are Mrs. Martha Crigger, Willie Hankins, Mrs. Anna Edmonds, Mrs. Lizzie Smith, Tom Hankins, George Hankins, Mrs. Ida Smith and Carl Hankins.

She leaves one brother, W. B. Cannon, three sisters, Mrs. Piina Keen, Easter Gannon and Sophia Phillips. Grandma leaves a large number of her relatives and friends to mourn her loss, but we feel confident that our loss is her eternal gain.

She passed away quietly and peacefully just as she had lived on the morning of August 25, 1950, apparently dying while asleep. What a sweet way to leave this troublesome world, just to fall asleep in the arms of Jesus.

She lived as a sweet sainted mother, grandmother, sister and friend for 86 years, 11 months and 13 days.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church in 1923 and placed her membership with the Dix Fork Church, where she lived a faithful member until death. Ever since I can remember, Grandma has been a familiar figure in the church, where almost all of the Ministers come to love her appearance, and if she was unable to attend, mention of her would stir a sweet feeling in the breasts of the Brothers and Sisters, for they dearly loved her just as she loved them.

The sweet affection which she had for every one was returned to her by all her children, relatives and friends.

Yes Children, Grandma has sweetly passed on to her great reward, but as long as a single one of us who knew her live, her memory will be sweet with us. Jesus whispered sweetly, "Come", and Grandma answered the call. My prayers are that the family circle will be complete in Heaven, and that we can enjoy the sweet company of each other forever.

May God bless and save everyone of you is my Prayer in Jesus' name.

Written by a Grandson whom she dearly loved,

Elder Harold Edmonds.

Elon Varney

It is by request of the Husband and Children of Sister Varney, that I write the Obituary of her life and if God will Bless me with inspiration and guidance I will try to write a short sketch of her life.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Baisden, born March 27th, 1894, deceased this life March 9th, 1950, age 53 years, 11 months and 20 days at time of death.

She was united in marriage to Rell Varney in the year of 1909 and to this union was born ten children, four of whom preceded her in death, six are still living, (namely) Ace Varney, of Falls Branch, Verdie Slater of Turkey Creek, Vice Preece of Turkey Creek, Bill, Reece and Franklin D., all at home.

Sister Varney leaves beside her husband and children a host of friends and relatives and the entire membership of the Turkey Creek Church to mourn her loss.

She was Baptized into the fellowship of the Turkey Creek Church some few years ago, where she remained a faithful member as long as her health permitted her to go.

She was afflicted for a long period of time but seemed to bear her pain with much patience and rejoice in the hope that when this life was over that her suffering would be ended and she could join with all the saints who have gone on before. I feel that Sister Elon has made a happy exchange and her soul is resting in the paradise of God, and will not be disturbed until the great day of redemption when Christ will come riding on the clouds of Glory to collect His jewels home, then Children if you have met God in pardon and remission of your sins as I feel your mother has, you can join with all the blessed where there will be no sad farewells, where all will be peace, joy and happiness for evermore.

Written as requested,
By Elon Francis.

Everett Williams

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write an Obituary of my dear Husband, Everett Williams. He was born August the 14th, 1891, departed this life May the 30th, 1950.

He was married to Rinda Maynard, in the year of 1929, and to this union was born no children. He joined the Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1934, and lived a faithful life until death called him home.

He was Baptized into the fellowship of the Apple Orchard Church, by the hands of Elder Ernie Runyon, and some few years later was dismissed by letter to the Turkey Creek Church.

He was afflicted for three years, but bore his afflictions with much patience often calling for the brethren to come in and have services for him, beside his wife he leaves a Father, Lewis Williams, and four nephews, Clay, Loyd, Estel and Elmer Williams, and a host of friends and relatives with the entire membership of the Turkey Creek Church, to mourn his loss, but we deeply feel our loss is his eternal gain.

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

Written by his Wife,
Rinda Williams.

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 inviolable 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 instruction, 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 mediatorial 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 persevering 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 believe that feet washing is an example of Jesus Christ, and ought to be observed and kept up by His Church until His second coming.

ARTICLE 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 the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as 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 willfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved 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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 ORVILLE STANLEY Road Fork, Ky.
 CECIL SHEPARD Lenore, W. Va.
 WILLARD BLAIR Lenore, W. Va.
 WAYNE HERALD R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
 ERNEST COCHRAN Canada, Ky.
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 Bent Branch Forrest Bevins Meta, Ky.
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 Mary Elizabeth George Fraley Hatfield, Ky.
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Sidney	Clinton Howard	Moree, Ky.
Dix Fork	Omer Williamson	Canada, Ky.
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Turkey Creek	Julis Burgett	Turkey Creek, Ky.
Samaria	Pearl Dillon	Kirk, W. Va.
Rosa	Dewey Cline	Baisden, W. Va.
Muncy Valley	Robert H. Adkins	Varney, W. Va.
Little Virgie	Orville Justice	Coleman, Ky.

STATISTICAL REPORT

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Churches and Delegates	Rec'y by Baptism	Rec'y by Letter	Rec'y by Restoration	Rec'y by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Excluded	Total Membership	Church Time	Church Contributions
Mt. Pleasant—Harold Edmonds, Hibbard Justice, Oliver Tackett-----	4	1	0	0	2	1	0	51	2	\$15.00
Apple Orchard—Eldon Maynard, Willie Nichols, R. B. Maynard-----	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	54	1	15.00
Enon—J. B. Anderson, W. C. Hay, Logan Spencer-----	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	10.00
Rebecca—Mosco Gilman, A. A. Sheppard, F. M. Preece-----	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	60	2	21.60
Bent Branch—Cleve Bevins, Ben Curry, Ervin May-----	10	0	1	0	0	1	1	74	3	15.00
Sardis—Wallace Maynard, Tommy Adair, Wayne Herald-----	9	0	1	0	6	0	2	179	4	15.00
Big Branch—J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Landon McCoy-----	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	30	3	14.00
Mary Elizabeth—S. B. Fraley, Donnie Lowe, George Fraley-----	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	33	3	13.30
Bethany—Willie White, Ellis Davis, Charles Hall-----	15	0	0	0	0	2	12	72	4	15.00

