

Minutes

of the

Sixtieth Annual Session

of the

**Sardis Association of
Regular Baptist**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH

ENON CHURCH

McCarr, Pike Co., Ky.

September 12, 13 and 14, 1952

PROCEEDINGS
of the
SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In session assembled with the ENON Church, September 12, 13 and 14th, 1952 at the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The service was introduced by Elder Emette Case, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Grover Carey. Brother Carey used two scriptures as a text: "IN THAT DAY", and "TAKE IT BY THE TAIL".

Then the delegates assembled at the church house and after a short talk by Elder Jerry Hall, and prayer by Elder Charles Cornett, 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; Elders B. H. Bevins and H. C. Maynard, assistant moderators; Brother Troy T. Francis as Clerk, and F. M. Preece, assistant clerk.
3. At the request of the moderator the rules of decorum were read by the Clerk.
4. Called for newly organized churches and received none.
5. Called for letters from Sister associations and received as follows:

NEW SALEM—By the hands of Elders F. A. Hopkins, Johnie Tackett, Jerry Hall, Eddie Tackett, Brack Hall, Squire Hamilton and Billie Moore. Letter in the hands of Elder F. A. Hopkins.

UNION — By the hands of Elders James Green, George Perrigan, S. T. Wright, Fon Bowling, Delbert

Sanders, Plennie Rowe, E. H. Wallen, B. Blaine England, Earl Hogston and J. C. Widner. Letter in the hands of Elder James Green.

PHILADELPHIA—By the hands of Elders John Moore and Brothers A. T. Reed and Virgil Burnett. Letter in the hands of Elder John Moore.

MUD RIVER—By the hands of Elder Gilbert Miller and Brothers Cecil Miller and George Miller. Letter in the hands of Brother Cecil Miller.

THORNTON UNION—By the hands of Elders T. G. Bates and Charles Cornett. Letter in the hands of Elder T. G. Bates.

INDIAN BOTTOM—By the hands of Elders Charles Gibson, James Pratt, Mander Yonts, and G. M. Caudill. Letter in the hands of Elder James Pratt.

FRIENDSHIP—By the hands of Elders J. H. Belcher, Taylor Blankenship, Thomas Morgan, Donald Stitner, Epp Cline, and N. J. Roberts. Letter in the hands of Elder Donald Stitner.

6. Called for transient minister and members of our faith and order; the following received: M. V. Burke, Jonah Tockett, Marion Hall, Ernie Runyon, Harrison Green, Teddy Parker, Berry Parker, Hamilton Blevins, Edwin May, Wiley Coffe, Asa Evans, Willie White, Wetsel Ball and Brother Caudill William-son.

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. Clerks appointed to write letters to corresponding associations.

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10. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting brethren as follows: Elders Lewis Smith, Willie Stanley, J. B. Anderson and Brothers Logan Spencer, Thomas Smith.

11. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand, consisting of Elders Lewis Smith, Willie Stanley and J. B. Anderson and Brothers Logan Spencer and Thomas Smith.

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 Enon Church, ministers as follows: Friday night Elders, first, G. M. Caudill; second, John Moore. Saturday Elders, first, S. T. Wright; second, Charles Cornett; third, Jerry Hall, and fourth, Taylor Blankenship.

13. Committee on arrangements, consisting of one member 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 James Green, and prayer by Elder J. C. Widner.

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 H. C. Maynard and R. A. Damron, who reported the contributions from each Church as shown in the Statistical table.

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

Total on hand for the year ending		\$430.25
September 12th, 1952	\$341.12	
Paid out for printing of minutes	7.54	
Express charges	10.00	
Secretary's fee	15.00	
Clerk's fee	10.00	
Treasurer's fee	10.00	
Taxes	.62	
Total paid out	\$384.28	\$384.28
Balance in bank		45.97
Received from Churches this year		460.00
Total on hand for next year		\$505.97

5. By motion it is ordered that Brother Troy T. Francis be appointed as Treasurer and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

6. Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have three thousand copies printed (3,000) and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services preparing manuscript and recording same.

7. Brethren called in union meetings and associations last year made their reports—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, Gilbert Miller and second, Johnny Hall. Sunday Elders, first, Gilbert Miller; second, J. C. Widner; third, F. A. Hopkins, and fourth, our Moderator Elder Ester Hopkins preach and close.

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

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NEW SALEM—To be held with the Balls Branch Church, Mousie, Knott County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1952. Elders: Jonah Ester Williamson, Ester Hopkins, Willie White, Perry Cline, Ellis Davis, H. C. Maynard, Allen Stepp, Tommy Adair and Cecil Evans. Brothers: Marshall Williamson, J. M. Francis, Taulby Williamson, Hi Williamson, Forest McGuire, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, and Mike Young, letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

UNION—To be held with the Little Stone Church, Stone, Pike County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1952. Elders: Willie White, Ellis Davis, Emmette Case, H. C. Maynard, Tommy Adair, Ester Hopkins, Avery Hensley, Jonah Bevins and Perry Cline. Brothers: Troy T. Francis, Taulby Williamson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe and J. M. Francis. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

PHILADELPHIA—To be held with the South Fork Church, Melrose, Greenup County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the Second Saturday in August, 1953. Elders: J. G. Thornbury, H. C. Maynard, Cecil Evans, Charlie Johnson, Clyde Brown, Carlos Gibson, Avery Hensley, Emmette Case, Ester Hopkins, Allen Stepp, Allen Adkins, Leslie Blair and Wallace Maynard. Brothers: Uley Perry, Taulby Williamson, Hi Williamson, Leslie Blanton and Marshall Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder J. G. Thornbury.

MUD RIVER—To be held with the Little Laurel Church, Myra, Lincoln County, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1953. Elders: Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornbury, Wayne Hearld, Lewis Smith, Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Carlos Gibson, R. A. Damron and Ernie Runyon. Brothers: Earl D. West, Taulby Williamson, Forest McGuire, Marshall Williamson and Hi Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

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THORNTON UNION—To be held with the Little Colly Church, Isom, Letcher County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1953. Elders: R. A. Damron, B. H. Bevins, Emmette Case, Jonah Ester Williamson, Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornbury and Ester Hopkins. Brothers: Taulby Williamson, Forest McGuire, Marshall Williamson, Earl D. West and Hi Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder B. H. Bevins.

INDIAN BOTTOM—To be held with the Little Home Church, Kody, Knott County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1953. Elders: Ernie Runyon, H. C. Maynard, Tracy Hatfield, R. A. Damron, Harvey Lowe and J. L. Nichols. Brothers: Bill Williams, Estill Stanley and Charlie Scott. Letter in the hands of Elder Tracy Hatfield.

FRIENDSHIP—To be held with the Bethany Church, Ikes Fork, Wyoming County, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1953. Elders: J. G. Thornbury, Charlie Johnson, Charlie Evans, Allen Adkins, Allen Stepp, Orville Runyon, B. H. Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Asa Evans, Emmette Case and Avery Hensley. Brothers: Troy T. Francis, F. M. Preece, Jim Scott, George Hinkle, Johnny Adair, Marshall Williamson, Hi Williamson, Forest McGuire, Taulby Williamson, John Scott, Willie Stithner and Orville Justice. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

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 have circular letter written by Elder Jonah Bevins printed in our minutes.

12. Ordered that Elder Tommy Adair write a circular letter to be read at our next association for approval.

13. Ordered that we change the word, "ITS" to read "HIS" in Article 10, of our Articles of Faith.

14. Ordered that anyone desiring to have a picture put in our minutes may do so by paying the actual cost.

15. Ordered that we reprint in our minutes the resolution that was printed in our minutes in the year of 1911, pertaining to the ordination of ministers, which reads as follows: "Resolved that we advise the Church of this union before ordaining a minister to preach, to send such to the association where he may be examined by a committee of Elders appointed by the association, and if found orthodox the Church to which he belongs may ordain him."

16. Ordered that the Moderator appoint a committee, which he did, consisting of Elders Lewis Smith, Wayne Hearld, Asa Evans, Willie White, Emmette Case, B. H. Bevins and Jonah Bevins to examine Brother Watt Sheppard to see if he be sound in the Doctrine. Committee reported him to be sound.

17. Ordered that the Treasurer pay the expense of one car (1) for the visiting of sister associations, that is: paying for the gas and oil.

18. Ordered that we continue the printing of memorials in our minutes.

19. 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.

20. 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 companions for the cause of fornication.

tion, and such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same.

21. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Little Rosa Church, Chattaroy, Mingo County, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1953. Chattaroy, W. Va., is on Route 52, four miles west of Willigmonson, W. Va.

22. By vote it is ordered that Elder Tommy Adair, preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder Ester Hopkins, be his alternate.

23. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Enon Church, and to the community at large for their hospitality shown us during this session of our Association.

24. Ordered that the minutes be read and signed by the moderators and clerks.

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

Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator

Elder B. H. Bevins and

Elder H. C. Maynard, Asst. Moderators

Troy T. Francis, Clerk

F. M. Preece, Asst. Clerk

UNION MEETINGS

May

SALEM—Goody, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ken Varney, Shadle Pauley and J. G. Thornbury.

TURKEY CREEK—Turkey Creek, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Bud Coleman, J. G. Thornbury and R. A. Damron.

June

ENON—McCarr, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, H. C. Maynard and Allen Stepp.

APPLE ORCHARD—Heanon, Ky.—Friday before the First Saturday in June, and the two following days. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Tommy Adair and Edwin May.

LITTLE ROSA—Chattaroy, W. Va.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Hearld, Willis Dials, Charley Johnson and J. G. Thornsbury.

MUNNCY VALLEY—Pie, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: John Fouch, J. H. Hensley, Wayne Hearld and J. G. Thornsbury.

BUCK CREEK—Beauty, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Delbert Sanders, Wayne Hearld, Tommy Adair and J. G. Thornsbury.

LITTLE VIRGIE—Coleman, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Hearld, Grover Carey, Ernest Cochran, Delbert Sanders and Jonah Bevins.

SIDNEY—Threeforks, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, Edwin May and J. L. Nichols.

July

DIX FORK—Canada, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Lewis Smith, Asa Evans, Grover Carey, Wayne Hearld and Ester Hopkins.

LEANAH—Moree, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tommy Adair, Wallace Maynard and Ellis Davis.

MT. PLEASANT—Sidney, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Johnie Cline, Emmette Case, Tommy Adair and J. C. Widner, with communion Sunday afternoon.

SAMARIA—Kirk, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Hearld, Emmette Case, H. C. Maynard and Willie White.

BIG BRANCH—Thomas, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Shadle Pauley and H. C. Maynard, with Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH—Hatfield, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, James Green, Shadle Pauley and J. G. Thornsberry.

NARROWS BRANCH—Hardy, Ky.—To begin on Friday before the Fourth Saturday. Elders: Jonah Ester Williamson, Ester Hopkins, Wayne Hearld and Wallace Maynard.

August

TABITHA—Barnabus, W. Va.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, Grover Carey, Loyd Gibson and B. Blaine England.

REBECCA—Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek, W. Va.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Jonah Ester Williamson, Shadle Pauley, Emmette Case and J. G. Thornsberry. This is also our Memorial meeting.

ELK FORK—Elk Fork of Pigeon Creek, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, H. C. Maynard and Willie White.

BENT BRANCH—Meta, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins and Emmette Case, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

ROSA—Baisden, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Emmette Case, Elis Cotton, Delbert Sanders and Alvin Hagan, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

PILGRIMS HOME—Varney, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Johnie Cline, B. H. Bevins, Jerry Hall and Ellis Moore, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

BETHANY—Lenore, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Grover Carey, H. C. Maynard, Cecil Evans. This is also our Memorial Meeting time.

SARDIS—Delbarton, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, J. G. Thornsberry, Jonah Bevins and Charlie Evans.

Agreement by Request

The Apple Orchard Church together with the Big Branch Church have agreed to have a Communion meeting at the head of Sycamore Creek on the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July, 1953, 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, Edwin May and Tommy Adair.

SUNDAY SERVICE

A large and orderly congregation met at the place arranged for the preaching. Elder Gilbert Miller, Moderator of the Mud River association, introduced the service. We stood and sang a song, "And Must This Body Die?" Elder N. J. Roberts from the Friendship association led us in prayer.

2nd—Elder J. C. Widner, of the Union Association, occupied the stand. He used for a text: Psalms: 23rd Chapter and a portion of the 4th Verse, "Yea though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil."

3rd—Elder F. A. Hopkins, Moderator of the New Salem Association, occupied the stand. He used for a text, Isaiah: 59th Chapter and the 1st Verse, "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

4th—and last, our Moderator Elder Ester Hopkins was called to the stand to close the service. He used for a text, Galatians: 4th Chapter and 26th Verse: "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the Mother of us all."

We feel all the Brethren was wonderfully blessed with the spirit of preaching as it seemed they were all in one accord. At the close of this, our Sixtieth Annual Session, there was much rejoicing and praising the name of Jesus, in whom our hopes are centered.

Now may the God of all Grace bless the Enon Church and all the community at large for their loving hospitality shown us during this session of our Association. I hope the Lord will bless us both in basket, and in store, and if we never meet again in another Association I hope to meet you across the River of Death where no wars, sorrow or death can come. So farewell.

Yours in hope,

Troy T. Francis, Clerk.

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A CIRCULAR LETTER

Beloved Brethren and Sisters of the SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST:

Having been chosen at our 1951 Session to write a circular letter for your consideration when we meet in Session in 1952 with the ENON CHURCH.

After prayerful consideration, in my weakness, I feel impressed to address you on the precious subject, "THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST," I also wish to show **MINE OPINION**, on this **MOST PRECIOUS SUBJECT**.

THE GOSPEL is a revelation of the Grace of GOD to fallen man through a mediator; or it is a WISE and HOLY and GRACIOUS constitution of GOD, for the recovery of fallen, sinful and miserable man from that deplorable state into which sin had brought him, by sending HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST, in the flesh, to obey His law which man had broken; to make a proper atonement for sin by HIS death, and thus to procure pardon and the favor of GOD, and Eternal Happiness for all that Repent and Believe and receive the GOSPEL SALVATION; together with a promise of the Holy Spirit to work for this Repentance and Faith in their hearts, to renew their sinful natures unto Holiness; to form them on earth fit for this happiness, and to bring them into full possession of it in Heaven. Hence, it is called the GOSPEL OF GOD, as it came originally from the Father,—ROMANS 1st. and 1st. "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the GOSPEL OF GOD." It is called the Gospel of the Grace of GOD, ACTS 20th chapter and 24th verse,—"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy and the Ministry which I have received of the LORD JESUS, to testify the Gospel of the Grace of God, because it proceeds from and manifests HIS favor and is the means where-

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by His Grace is bestowed." It is called the GOSPEL OF CHRIST, ROMANS 1st chapter and 16th verse,—“For I am not ashamed of the GOSPEL OF CHRIST, as He is the immediate Author and the subject matter of it. In the same passage is said to be “THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION.” It is the means which, by the influence of the Spirit of GOD is made effectual to Salvation. It is called the GOSPEL OF SALVATION, EPH. 1st and 13th,—“In whom ye also trusted after that ye heard the word of truth. THE GOSPEL of your Salvation: in whom after that ye believed ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise.” It brings the good news that salvation is to be had; it offers this Salvation; it shows the way and how it is to be obtained; it works Grace to fit for and bring men to Salvation.

This Gospel, the Spirit of God, preached unto Abraham under the old testament, GALATIANS 3rd chapter and 8th verse,—“the scripture foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through Faith, preached before the Gospel unto Abraham, saying, “In thee shall all nations be blessed.” The glad tidings of justification and salvation by faith in Christ were preached unto Abraham, and were contained in that promise made to him which is the sum of the covenant—In Thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed. GEN. 22nd and 18th.

The word GOSPEL in the original, signifies good news or glad tidings; and surely when a sinner who is exposed to the wrath of God, is sensible of his guilt and danger, it must needs be glad tidings to Him to hear of a way of Salvation and all sufficient Saviour.

Gospel is taken as an historical narration of what Christ did and spake; of His life, miracles, death, resurrection and doctrine, as the Gospel according to Mathew, Mark, Etc. “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,—Mark 1st and 1st. Sometimes it is taken for the preaching and publication of the Gospel

and administration of affairs that concern it. ROM. 1st and 9th,—“for God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the Gospel of His Son.” It is put for the doctrines of Free Grace ROM. 11th and 28th,—“As concerning the Gospel they are enemies for our sake; But as touching the election, They are beloved for the Father's sake,” for the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. MARK 1st and 1st. “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 15th verse, “Jesus come saying repent and believe the Gospel.” Mark 8th and 35th verse, “for whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the Gospel's, the same shall save it.” Mark 10th and 29th, that have left His house for my sake and the Gospel, 13th and 10th, the Gospel must be published among all nations. Acts 15th and 7th, That the Gentiles by my mouth hear the Gospel. 20th and 24th, but none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the Grace of God: 25th verse, and now behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching, the Kingdom of God, shall see my face no more; 26th verse, wherefore I take you to record this day that I am pure from the blood of all men. I now call attention to the word GRACE.

GRACE

First Grace is taken for the free and eternal love of God, which is the source of all the benefits which we receive from Him. ROMANS 11th and 16th, and if by Grace, then it is no more of works. Second TIMOTHY, 1st and 9th, Who hath saved us and called us with a Holy calling according to His own purpose and Grace. This free and unmerited love of God is the original move in our salvation and hath no cause above it to excite it or draw it forth, but merely arises from His own will. It was this mercy or love of God that

brought redemption for mankind. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die for us. JOHN 3rd and 16th verse, And what could His love give more than the life of His son?

Second, Grace is taken for the free imputation of Christ's righteousness by the merit whereof true believers become righteous in the sight of God; ROMANS 5th and 20th, Where sin abounded, Grace did much more abound.

Third, for the work of the spirit renewing our soul after the image of God, and continually guiding and strengthening the believer to obey His will; to resist and mortify sin and overcome it. ROMANS 6th and 14th, Ye are not under the law, but under Grace. 2nd COR. 12th and 9th, My Grace is sufficient for thee.

Fourth, for that excellent and blessed state of reconciliation and friendship and favor with God, which God graciously bestows upon His people. ROMANS 5th and 2nd, By whom we have access by Faith into this Grace wherein we stand.

Fifth, for the free love, favor and bounty of Christ. 2nd COR. 8th and 9th, Ye know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ which proceeds from the Grace of our God, and wherein His Grace is offered and bestowed upon all penitent believers. 1st Peter, 5th and 12th, This is the true Grace of God wherein you stand. True and only doctrine of the Bible.

Sixth, For a liberal and charitable disposition wrought in the heart by the Grace of God. 2nd COR. 8th and 7th, As ye abound in everything, see that ye abound in this Grace also.

Seventh, For spiritual instruction and edification, EPH. 4th and 29th, That your communication may minister Grace to the hearers, that it may be the means of some spiritual advantage to them.

Eighth, Grace is taken for the office of apostleship which was given of Grace, together with ability and qualifications necessary for the faithful discharge of that office. ROMANS 5th and 15th, I have written this more boldly because of the Grace that is given me of God. EPH. 3rd and 8th, To me who am less than least of all Saints is this Grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. 9th verse, and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ; Ninth, for the free and undeserved love and favor of God, and a lively sense thereof in the soul. That is the apostle wishes to be continued with and increased in the ROMANS. ROM. 1st and 7th, To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be Saints; Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Tenth, For the love and fear of God dwelling in the heart, or for the assistance of Divine Grace. 2nd COR. 1st and 12th, by the Grace of God, we had our conversation in the world.

Eleventh, For Faith, Patience and other Graces that enables us to bear and support under sufferings. 1st Peter 3rd and 18th, For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust that He might bring us to God. Being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit; PHIL. 1st and 7th, Even as it is meat for me to think this of you all. Because I have you in my heart in as much as both in bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel ye are all partakers of my Grace.

Twelfth, For eternal life or final salvation which God will graciously bestow upon His people, at the appearing of Christ at the day of Judgment. 1st Peter, 1st and 3rd, The Grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Thirteenth, For something beautiful and graceful. PROV. 4th and 9th, She shall give to thy head an ornament of Grace, a beautiful ornament.

Fourteenth, For favor or friendship with men. Joseph found Grace in the sight of Potiphar, GEN. 39th and 4th. John 1st and 14th, Begotten of the Father, full of Grace and truth. 16th verse, Of all His fullness we have all received Grace for Grace, the last word of joy and hope.

I must close. I could write on and on. I feel like the same spirit that has blessed me to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for thirty-five years, has aided me in writing this letter. There is a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Therefore we should ever harken to His word. Isa. 30th and 21st, And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, this is the way, walk in it. JOB 36th, 10, 11, 12 and 13th verses, He openeth also their ear to discipline and commandeth that they return from iniquity. If they obey and serve Him they shall spend their days in prosperity and their years in pleasures. But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge. Psalms 1, 4 and 5 verses.

Finally Brethren, farewell; be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind. Live in peace and the God of Love be with you.

May God bless you all.

Your humble servant,

JONAH BEVINS.

MEMORIALS

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Mt. Pleasant Church will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers requested: Wallace Maynard, W. C. Hay and Wayne Hearld.

Memorial of Elder Heenan Maynard, Esta Taylor and others will be held on Sunday after the first Saturday in August. Ministers requested: J. R. Coleman, Edwin May and Willie White.

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

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church will be held the Second Saturday and Sunday in August, this being our Union and Communion meeting time.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Bent Branch Church will be held the Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers requested: Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn and Wayne Hearld.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor and others will be held Sunday after the Third Saturday in July. Ministers requested: B. H. Bevins and Ester Hopkins.

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

Memorial of Elder J. W. Smith and all other deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in August. All ministers invited.

Memorial of Brother M. B. Romans will be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church the first Sunday in July. Ministers requested: 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, 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.

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

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Salem Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers requested: F. A. Hopkins and Tommy Adair, with Moderator to preach and close.

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

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Dix Fork Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in August. All ministers invited.

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. Ministers requested: Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornsbury and Ernest Cochran.

Memorial of all the deceased on the Robinson cemetery will be held on Sunday after the Second Saturday in July. Ministers requested: Wayne Hearld, Wallace Maynard and Tommy Adair.

Memorial will be held with the Buck Creek Church the third Saturday and Sunday in August. We dedicate Sunday to the memorial of Johnie Stacy's wife.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church will be held the Second Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers requested: Tommy Adair, Ester Hopkins and Lewis Smith.

Memorial will be held the last Sunday in August on the Adkins Cemetery, near the Muncy Valley Church on Pigeon Creek. Ministers requested: Wallace Maynard, Jonah Bevins and Allen Stepp.

Memorial will be held with the Little Virgie Church the Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers requested: Wallace Maynard, Charlie Johnson and Ester Hopkins.

Memorial of Brother Carl Lowe, Phillip Hanners and others will be held Sunday after the Fourth Saturday in July. Ministers requested: J. L. Nichols, Ester Hopkins, Harvey Lowe and Edwin May.

Memorial will be held on the Floyd Blackburn Cemetery on Sunday after the First Saturday in July. Ministers requested: J. R. Coleman and Emmette Case.

Memorial of John Jude's children will be held on Sunday after the Second Saturday in May. All ministers invited.

Memorial of Sister Esta Reed and Son will be held the second Saturday in June. Ministers requested: Eldon Maynard, J. L. Nichols and Edwin May. This meeting to begin at 1 P.M.

Memorial of Sister Matilda Robinson and funeral of Bona and Norma Cline's boys, names as follows: Dewey and Perry S. Cline, on Sunday after the Second Saturday in June. Ministers requested: Emmette Case, J. L. Nichols, John Ester Williamson and Orville Runyon.

Memorial will be held on the Lowe Cemetery on Sunday after the Second Saturday in August, on the head of Big Branch, in Pike County. Ministers re-

quested: Edwin May, Willis Dials and Jonah Ester Williamson.

Memorial of Russel P. McCoy and others will be held on the Ratliff Cemetery on Sunday after the Third Saturday in May. Ministers requested: J. L. Nichols, Jonah Ester Williamson and Eldon Maynard.

Memorial of Brother Harrison McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the Third Saturday in August. Ministers requested: J. R. Coleman, J. M. Justice, J. L. Nichols and Edwin May.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor, his wife, and others will be held on the Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday in July.

Memorial of Edward McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the Fourth Saturday in August on the Henry Taylor Cemetery. Ministers requested: Eldon Maynard, Edwin May and J. L. Nichols.

Memorial of Elder F. M. Preece and others will be held the First Sunday in August. Ministers requested: H. C. Maynard, Grover Carey, Emmette Case and Wallace Maynard.

Memorial of Brother Flem Maynard, his wife, and Elder E. F. Fields, his wife, and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday in September. Ministers requested: Jonah Ester Williamson, Edwin May and Harvey Lowe.

Memorial of Robert Ellis will be held the last Sunday in May on Yuma Cemetery, Monitor, W. Va. Ministers requested: Tommy Adair, Charlie Evans, Carlos Meadows and J. H. Hensley.

Memorial will be held on the Harmon Maynard Cemetery, on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek, Piso, Ky., the First Sunday in August. Ministers requested: J. R. Evans, Wallace Maynard and Grover Carey.

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.

Memorial will be held on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday in August, on the head of Marrowbone Creek. Ministers requested: Wayne Hearld, Tommy Adair, Cecil Evans and Willie White.

Memorial will be held on the Lackey Cemetery on Marrowbone Creek, the Second Sunday in August.

Memorial will be held on the Frank Canterbury Cemetery, on the Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek, May the 30th.

Memorial will be held on the Bill Canterbury Cemetery, Sunday after the First Saturday in October.

Memorial of Brother Tom McCoy will be held on the Cemetery, at the Mouth of Buck Branch, on Wolf Creek, Sunday after the First Saturday in July. Ministers requested: Grover Carey, Tommy Adair, J. R. Evans and Orville Runyon.

Memorial will be held on the Scott Cemetery, on Lower Brushy Creek, the Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial will be held on the Cemetery, near J. L. Nichol's home, on Sunday after the Third Saturday in June.

Memorial of Elder W. H. Bowling, his wife and family will be held at the Tom Price School House, on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek, the First Saturday and Sunday in September, beginning at two o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Memorial will be held on the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the First Saturday in September. Minister requested: Perry Cline.

Memorial will be held on Sunday after the Third Saturday in September, on the Dillon Cemetery, on Twelvepole Creek, near Brother Riley Dillon's. Home Ministers requested: Willie White, Grover Carey and Tommy Adair.

Memorial of Brother Johnie Nichols and his wife will be held on Sunday after the Fourth Saturday in June. Ministers requested: Edwin May, J. L. Nichols and Harvey Lowe.

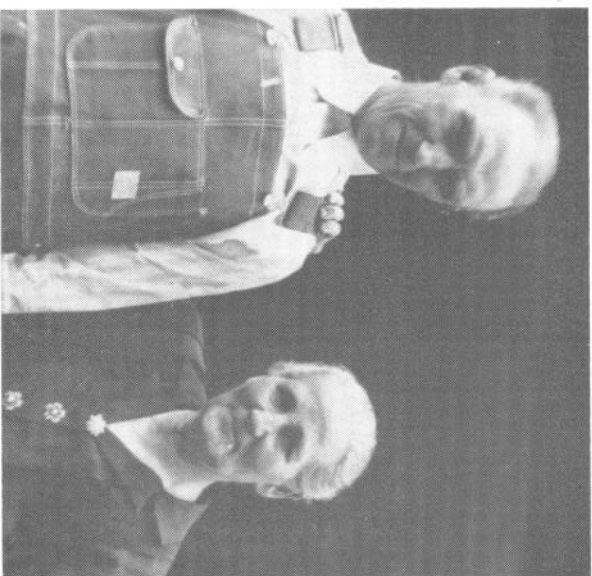
Memorial of Sister Ella Stanley, and Luther Stanley will be held on the Fields Cemetery, Martin County, Ky., on Sunday after the First Saturday in August. Ministers requested: B. H. Bevins, Charlie Evans and L. G. Lowe.

Memorial of Brother Edward Francis' wife and children will be held near his home the Second Sunday in August. Ministers requested: Elders Tommy Adair, Emmette Case and Charlie Johnson.

Memorial of Sidney Bowling will be held on the Deskin's Cemetery, at Borderland, Ky., on Sunday nearest Decoration Day. Ministers requested: Elders Jonah Bevins, Emmette Case and B. H. Bevins.

Memorial of our friend Ferrell Allen will be held at the old home place on Labor Day, the First Monday in September. Ministers requested: Elders Emmette Case and Jonah Ester Williamson. All others invited.

OBITUARIES



**Brother George Bevins, deceased June 30th, 1950 and his wife
Mary Bevins, still living.**

Delia (Smith) Williamson

By request of the children I will now try to write the obituary of their mother, Sister Delia (Smith) Williamson, who was born January 26th, 1882, and departed this life March 11th, 1952, making her stay on earth 70 years, one month and 16 days old at death.

She was married to John Williamson, who preceded her in death. To this union were born two sons and one daughter, Hollis, Hilton and Maxie Williamson. Besides the children she leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing. Sister Delia professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Bent Branch Church in the year of 1926, and I believe her life was a bright and shining light, a life that is sweet to cherish in memory of, and to follow after. Children, I believe if you will follow the advice mother gave you it will lead you through the gates into the Holy City, where your father and mother awaits the great and notable day. Sorrow not for her as others which have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, then also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. So may God Bless you all.

Written by

Forest Bevins.

William Riley (Bill) Muncy

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of a dear brother, William Riley Muncy. He was born May 15, 1865, and deceased this life March 1, 1952, thus making his stay in this world eighty-six years, nine months and sixteen days.

He was the son of Harrison and Elizabeth Muncy. He was married to Cardelia Davis, who preceded him in death.

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Brother Muncy confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized by Brother Jonah Bevins May 21, 1944, and placed his membership with the Pilgrims Home Church of the Regular Baptist, where he remained a faithful member as long as his health permitted him to fill his seat.

He is survived by one daughter, Malta Osborne, and one grand-daughter, Billy Jane Osborne, and many friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Written by a Sister in Hope,

Wildie Young.

Brother Roy Pinson

The son of John B. Pinson and Marteaile Pinson. He was born March 17, 1896, and deceased February 29, 1952, age fifty-five years, eleven months and twelve days old at death.

He joined the church and professed a hope in Christ April 24, 1932, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Willis Blackburn and Elder James Jude.

His father preceded him in death. He leaves his mother and brothers: Rell, Van, Alton, Thomas, William, Miliam Pinson. Sisters: Mrs. Howard Moon and Mrs. Harvey May and with a host of friends and relation to mourn the loss. But we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and to all his friends and relation by the help of God we can see Brother Roy again if they will make peace with God in this life.

Written by His Niece,

Bobbie Lois Pinson.

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Emma Lue Stanley

Sister Emma Lue Stanley was the daughter of Smith and Harriet Brown, born March the 24th, 1887, deceased this life June 19th, 1952, age 65 years, 2 months and 26 days old at death.

She was united in marriage to Marvin Stanley, and to this union were born 11 children, four of which preceded their mother in death. She leaves her husband and seven children, as follows: Tremble, Victor, William, Rush, and George Kelly Stanley, Mrs. Minnie Crigger and Mrs. Bessie Gannon, also thirteen grandchildren, with a large number of friends and relatives to mourn her loss, but we feel confident that our loss is her eternal gain.

Sister Stanley joined the Regular Baptist Church and placed her membership with the Dix Fork Church August the 4th, 1929, and remained a true and faithful member until death. She leaves a vacancy in the Dix Fork Church that no one else can fill, but while there is a seat vacant here another has been filled in Heaven, around the throne of God, where her sweet spirit is waiting the resurrection of the body which so sweetly went to sleep. Christ said, be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life. Sister Emma has now won that crown.

My prayers are to the family, be faithful and keep on praying and some sweet day the family circle will be complete in Heaven, where parting may come no more. May God bless and save you all is my prayers in Jesus' name.

Written as requested by the family,

Mrs. Stirl Smith.

Marinda Williams

With much sadness of heart I will try in the humblest way I know how to write a short sketch of the life of my beloved sister in the flesh and in the Lord—Sister Marinda Williams, a daughter of Lee and Nancy Maynard. She was married to Everette Williams in the year of 1929 and to this union were born no children; her husband preceded her in death.

She leaves her father, two sisters, Georgie Marcum and Mrs. Nellie Spillman; two brothers, Burley and Rell Maynard, with a host of friends to mourn her loss, but we have a hope our loss is her eternal gain. Sister was in bad health for many years but seemed to bear her suffering with patience. She made her home with me the last two years and often told me she was not afraid to die. She would go to Church when she should have been in bed. Marinda joined the Regular Baptist Church when I was just a little girl and was baptized by the hands of Elders L. G. Lowe and Ernie Runyon. I feel she lived a devoted Christian life until the Death Angel came February 21st, 1952. We believe she is resting from her labor, and the spirit says their works do follow them.

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is still,

A place is vacant in our home,

Which never can be filled.

Written by her sister in hope,

Georgie Marcum.

Sidney Stratton

It is by request of the family for me to write an obituary of the beloved Sidney Stratton, a son of Crit and Malinda (Bevins) Stratton, born September the 27th, 1887, departed this life October the 4th, 1950, age 63 years and 7 days old. He was married to Gertrude Williamson in the year of 1910 and to this union were born six children, two daughters and four sons, names as follows: Mrs. Dow Deskins, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky.; Mrs. Chester Hicks, Kansas City, Mo.; Chick, Dwight and Foster, all of Williamson, W. Va., and Sidney, Jr., 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, just adding another one of God's children to that eternal Kingdom where we, too, expect to meet him. Sidney joined the Regular Baptist Church several years ago and was a faithful member until his death. Sleep on dear loved one in God's beautiful Garden, while the guardian Angel looks on. How sweet is the peace in that country the place so near the throne, beyond the sunset no clouds will gather, no storms threaten, no tears annoy. Oh day of gladness, Oh day unending, beyond the sunset, eternal joy,

Written by his wife,

Mrs. Sidney Stratton.

Will Scott

By the help of the Lord I will attempt to write the obituary of my grandfather, Will Scott. He was the son of the late John and Harriet (Farley) Scott, born April the 24th, 1871, and departed this life October the 4th, 1951. He was married to Arminda Runyon, and to this union were born eight children, four of which with the mother preceded him in death. The four living are: Emma Stanley, Johnie Scott, Octavia Conley and Bessie Thacker. He was second married to Esta Stanley and to this union was born one son, name Verlin Scott.

Grandfather joined the regular Baptist Church and was baptized the Second Sunday in June, 1949, by the hands of Elders H. C. Maynard and Willie Stanley, and took fellowship with the Narrows Branch Church, where he remained a faithful member until death. Besides these children he leave two sisters, 29 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives with the entire membership of the Narrows Branch Church to mourn his loss. His body is planted in the Grove, but some sweet day God will call and he will answer and Jesus said, he would ransom them from the grave, and that day grandfather will say as Jesus did, I am he that was dead but am alive for evermore. That will be a happy day if ye are all prepared to join him in his glory.

Written by his Granddaughter,

Birdie Stanley.

James M. Smith

With much sadness and grief in my heart I will try to write the obituary of my father, James M. Smith, born February the 26th, 1873, departed this life October the 1st, 1951.

He was married to Buna Morris and to this union were born eleven children; three sons precede him in death, leaving four sons and four daughters, along with mother to mourn his loss. Father joined the Regular Baptist Church in August, 1948, and became a member of the Dix Fork Church, where his seat is now vacant, but the life he lived in his last years makes me believe that it was a happy exchange for him and by the help of God I hope to meet with father again where death will separate us no more.

I want to say to my brothers and sisters who are on the outside of the Ark of Safety, if you want to see father again you must prepare yourselves while in this life, for as death finds us so will the Judgment, so my prayers is for every one of you to seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near that you may find peace for your souls.

Written by his Son,

Stirl Smith.

Thomas B. Farley

By request of the family it has become my sad duty to write the obituary of a loving brother to-wit: Thomas B. Farley, a son of John P. and Pricey (Bevins) Farley, born June the 11th, 1874, was united in marriage to Nancy Oney July the 13th, 1889, and to this union were born 13 children of whom, all are living.

Brother Farley joined the Regular Baptist Church in August, 1949, and was baptized into the Narrows Branch Church by the hands of Elders H. C. Maynard and Willie Stanley, where he was a faithful member as long as he was able to go. He always filled his seat in the old Church. Now, children, father will fill that seat no more, but I feel that in the last day he will take his seat in Heaven where he will rest for evermore, when the Lord comes to ransom their bodies from the grave and fashion them like unto his own Glorious body, where we will live and praise God for evermore, so let us all be prepared for that day.

Written by a brother in hope,

Elder Willie Stanley.

Sadie Jude

By request of the family I will try to write a short obituary of Sister Sadie Jude, the daughter of Jimmie and Patty Maynard, born June the 16th, 1913, departed this life March the 14th, 1950, age 37 years at death. She was united in marriage to Butler Jude on June the 3rd, 1933. To this union were born eleven children, (names): Unell, Joe, Shadle, Mable, Ruby, Henry, Loyd, Hazel, Doris, Buttler and Floyd. Four of these children preceded her in death, seven still living, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the hands of Elder Shadle Pauley, the fourth Saturday in May, 1943, and placed her membership with the Sidney Church and I can truly say her presence is missed among the brethren and sisters as well as in her home. She was a gentle mother to her chil-

dren and a faithful companion to her husband, a useful member in the Church, the entire community will miss her presence, and to Buttler and the children I feel if you ever expect to see her again you must repent of your sins this side the grave, for she has just fallen asleep in Jesus, resting until He will come again and gather his Jewels home where we can hear that welcome call, Come Ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

*Mother's home is lonesome,
Yet her memory here will stay,
I hope by God's great mercy
You will meet her some sweet day.*

Written by a brother in hope,

Clinton Howard.

James Allen Taylor

By the help of the Lord I will write the obituary of Brother James Allen Taylor, who was born October the 25th, 1865, deceased this life July the 30th, 1952, being 86 years, 9 months, and 25 days old at death.

He was united in marriage to Vacey Lowe December the 30th, 1886, and to this union were born 7 children, names as follows: R. L., Floris, Sidney, Bradley, Ernest and Clyde Taylor, and Mrs. Gladys Burnett. Brother Taylor leaves these children, a large circle of friends and relatives and the membership of the Bent Branch Church to mourn his loss, but we deeply feel our loss is his eternal gain; that he has made a happy exchange from a life of toil to a world of happiness where trouble will come to him no more.

He professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the membership of the Bent Branch Church June the 17th, 1939.

Children, your father is gone to return to you no more, but by the help of the Lord in whom your father trusted you can go to him where you, too, will be happily housed around the great throne of God, surrounded by the Angels, and attended by the Lamb of our God when Jesus will wipe away all tears and give us a crown of never fading Glory. I hope you all will find him precious to your souls, that you may feast on the delectable mountains with your father and all the saints that have gone on before, this is my prayer in your behalf.

Farewell written by,

Forest Bevins.

Elder M. J. (Matt) Mounts



ELDER M. J. MOUNTS AND WIFE

BRO. MOUNTS DECEASED DEC. 27TH, 1951
HIS WIFE STILL LIVING

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write a short obituary of Elder Matt Mounts. He was born August the 4th, 1878, deceased this life December 27th, 1951.

He was united in marriage to Jerusha Runyon in the year of 1899, and to this union were born twelve children, of whom six have preceded him in death. Those living are, viz.: Amy, Hundly, Sam, Arisba, Oaten, Nancy Runyon, Maudy McKee and Delahia Runyon.

He joined the Rebecca Church of Regular Baptist in the year of 1906 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jake Hearld, and was ordained to the ministry in the year of 1922. Being crippled and in ill health, he was always faithful to the cause of his Master. He seemed to bear his affliction with much patience.

I want to say to the children who have not made their peace calling and election sure with God and want to meet father again had better do so in this life, so children accept Christ as your Saviour as I feel that your father did and some day you will clasp father's hand again.

Written by your unworthy servant,

F. M. Preece.

George Evans



BROTHER GEORGE EVANS

DECEASED FEB. 12TH, 1951
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM

Brother George Evans was born June 23, 1887, the son of Harvey and Melissa Evans. He died February 12, 1951, age 63 years and four months old. Brother George's death was a great shock to the community because he was called suddenly while at work on the tipple. It can be truly said of him that he died at his post. He was united in marriage 1914 to Vicie Hensley, who preceded him in death. Brother George and sister Vicie both joined the "Old Regular Baptist Church." He joined 1919, the exact date that she joined is not known. Sister Vicie was born 1897, died October 24, 1930, age 33 years. She lived a faithful Christian life until death and was loved by all who knew her. To this union were born six children, one dying in infancy, five living daughters: Mrs. Elsie

Brumfield, Mrs. Hattie Brewster, Mrs. Rebecca Brumfield, Mrs. Mary Maynard, and one son, Asa Evans, all of Delbarton, West Va.

Brother George was united in marriage the second time to Betty Farley Dec. 26, 1932. Three children were born to this union, two sons, Albert and Pat, and one daughter, Nelson Neil, all at home. Brother George was a deacon of Sardis Church at the time of his death. He served in this office for many years and was very faithful to his church duties. He worked hard all of his life to support his family, but he always had a very cheerful personality. He was never too busy to help anyone in need. Space here wouldn't permit me to write the many wonderful things that could be said of this brother. Many a time when the writer needed advice or help he is gone to the home of this dear brother where a cheerful fire always burned in the cold winter, and has always left refreshed and encouraged. His home was a wonderful place to visit while he lived. I had a dream just a while back of visiting his home. Everything looked so much better, I made the remark in my dream, "Uncle George, you have a better home," and I believe that he does have a better home.

I want to say in closing to his children and to his brothers and sisters in the flesh that if we will lay aside the things of this world and live faithfully to the good word of God, I believe that when we meet Jesus that we will meet Brother George and Sister Vice again.

Written by yours unworthy,

Tommy Adair.

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It is by the help of the Lord and with much sorrow that I will attempt to write this obituary of my beloved Uncle, Everette Meadows, a son of James and Sarah Meadows, born August the 30th, 1912, and departed this life August the 6th, 1952, being 39 years, 11 months and 6 days old.

Everette Meadows

He was married in the year of 1949 to Neva Hall and to this union were born two children, Ernest Lee and Ruth Ann. Uncle Everette confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized in the year of 1949, by the hands of Elder Asa Evans and placed his membership with the Tabitha Church of Regular Baptist and remained a faithful member until death. He leaves his wife and two children, a father, three brothers and five sisters with a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss, but we deeply feel our loss is his eternal gain. If we repent and trust in God we will meet him some sweet day, so may God bless you all to get ready.

*He has gone and left us,
Yet his memory here will stay,
I hope by God's great mercy
To meet him some sweet day.*

Written by his niece,

Iva Meadows.

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Elizabeth (Ray) Young

It is in much sorrow and sadness of heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear loving mother, Elizabeth (Ray) Young. She was born March the 16th, 1880, at Varney, Ky., the daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Robinett) Ray. Mother departed this life November the 26th, 1951, making her age 71 years, 7 months and 26 days old at time of death.

She was married to Harvey Young in the year of 1894, and to this union were born nine children, of whom four preceded her in death. She leaves the husband and five children, names as follows: Wealthy Case, Willie Young, Virgie Etta Murphy, Mary Williamson and Cecil Young; one sister, Mary Ann Williamson, and four brothers, Perry Ray, Mack Ray, W. B. Ray and Lacy Ray, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church some 28 years ago and placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church, where she remained a faithful member until death called her from our home. I believe our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. Now I want to say to daddy and the rest of the children, if we will live the life that mother lived before us we will meet again in a better world when this life is over.

Written by her daughter,

Virgie Etta Murphy.

Ella Stanley

It is with much sadness and grief in my heart that I try in my sorrow to write a short obituary of my loving mother, whom God called from our home very suddenly July the 11th, 1952, Ella (Fields) Stanley. She was the daughter of Tom and Spicie Fields, born September 12, 1901, and was united in marriage to Orville Stanley in the year of 1921. To this union were born nine children, three boys and six girls, names as follows: Dorothy Mae, Nannie, Lydia and Mary Lou, George Thomas, Bertha Jane, Burgess, Bobby Jene. Luther James preceded her in death.

Besides the father and we children she leaves nine grandchildren, three brothers, one sister, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing. Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church August the 6th, 1944, and was baptized by the hands of Elders B. H. Bevins and Ester Hopkins and took fellowship with the Salem Church, where she remained a faithful member until death called her home to Jesus.

Written by her daughter,

Bertha Jane Stanley.

Martha (Elswick) Smith

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my grandmother, Martha (Elswick) Smith, the daughter of Robert (Bob) and Mariah Elswick, born June the 16th, 1865, and deceased this life June the 10th, 1952.

Grandmother was united in marriage to Calvin Stanley in the year of 1886, who preceded her in death. To this union were born six children, three of whom preceded her in death. In later years she was married to Leander Smith, who also preceded her in death in the year of 1935; to them was born one daughter, Mrs. Bessie Young, who also preceded her in death.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church around fifty-five years ago and was baptized by Elder John Keesee, and placed her membership with the Apple Orchard Church, and then later came to the Pilgrim's Home

Church by letter, where she remained a faithful and true member until God called her from our home.

Besides her children she leaves 31 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing. We will miss her in our home but we feel our loss is her eternal gain for we know she lived true to her profession in Christ, that gives us reason to believe she is resting from her labors and that we, too, can prepare as she did to be ready to meet our Saviour when He comes riding on the clouds of Glory to go home to rest for evermore.

Written by her grandson and wife,

Homer and Flossie Robinnett.

(Delayed)

Brother Wm. (Bill) Stanley

Brother Bill Stanley was the son of John and Nancy Stanley. Born Feb. 16, 1868; married to Mary Ellen (Bevins) Stanley April 5, 1888; joined the Church of Jesus Christ—called Salem of Regular Baptist June 13, 1940, and departed this life Nov. 28, 1950. He leaves three sons and one daughter, the footprints of a faithful and loving parent. The sons are Rell, Landon and Brother Trimble. The daughter is Sister Pearl Blackburn, of Meta, Ky. Leaving also unstained record in Church, and for that cause, I shall endeavor to serve the spirit of his memory in feeble prose, yet, when all my little say is cast, there'll be manna left for thousands more to feast upon a good brothers' love. The evening shade of Brother Stanley's life was far stretched out into a lovely cast of Church career. His tears left no room for words—none was needed to convey his meaning in church. His council and smile was always proof of his sincerity.

*His words were few, but true,
With tears streaming down,
Sharing that, "Peace I Leave With You",
In the Bible to be found.*

*His children, brethren, and friends
Will say these lines are truth;
His hands reached out, back did bend
For any neighbor, from his youth.*

*A tear is God's message to the soul;
A word may lodge in unknown shell;
Hold fast the faith, tho tears may roll
Love thy neighbor, as thyself.*

*A tear in love, from God above;
The fountain, from whence it came—
A diadem—Redeeming Love,
For all who praise his Holy name.*

In memory,

A. M. Varney.

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Sister Flora Hensley

By request of her children it becomes my lot to reflect the memory of Sister Flora Hensley in the minutes of the Sardis Association. Truthfully, I find myself waiting for words that would condense the merit of this widowed sister, who has kept the faith in every degree of Christian duty.

Born Feb. 22, 1882; married to A. J. Hensley Oct. 25, 1906; deceased this life Jan. 4, 1951, quite 70 years of age. To this marriage union was born three boys and two girls. Grayson and the two girls, Greenus and Evelyn, live at Road Fork Ky., Everett in Florida. Ernest preceded his mother in death.

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The husband of this sister was an exceedingly fine man, being a school teacher of high reputation. The writer has reason to believe that both of them were contemplating a home in the Old Baptist Church. So great was this hope between them that she went on to that goal alone, without violating the sacred hope, or inward dream of a husband's love—bringing to memory the scripture, "How Knowest thou Oh man, whether thou shalt save thy wife, or how knowest thou Oh wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband?" She planted flowers around the little home they had built. God blessed her faith and patience with an array of beautiful flowers, which steadfastly gazed toward Heaven in glorious effect. Likewise, her own gaze and steadfastness, giving no heed to seducing spirits, or streamlined religions of society, but kept the faith along with the Brethren and Sisters of the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ—the faith that soars from a stable's manger, to that Star in the East.

To the children:

*The race is run—a victory won;
Side by side—they sleep.
Tend the flowers—one by one;
To the Lord—Your vigil keep.*

Written by,

A. M. Varney, Clerk of Salem Church.

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Clyde Bevins

It is with deep sorrow, much sadness and loneliness of heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved son, to-wit: Clyde Bevins, born August the 8th, 1902; married to Zetta Morris May 31st, 1927, and to this union were born four children, two boys and two girls, names as follows: Calvin, Ruby Lois, Kenneth Lee and Rowena.

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Zetta Bevins deceased this life August the 17th, 1938. Clyde was later married to Golda Charles June the 14th, 1940 and to this union was born one daughter, name Priscilla Sue Bevins.

My son and brother confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized by the hands of his father and Elder B. H. Bevins August the 4th, 1935. He placed his membership with the Salem Church of Regular Baptist and was ordained as deacon of that church April the 4th, 1936; appointed one of three trustees first Saturday in December, 1943, to which offices he was a faithful servant until the Death Angel visited the Salem Church on Sunday of the regular meeting time of the church which bore twelve manners of fruit, and Clyde was there to yield his fruit every month, but sickness had hindered him for the past few months, even though he was sick his mind moved him to church worship that Sunday, August the 3rd, 1952, and about the hour of 11:30 o'clock A. M., while the church was in service, he was stricken with a heart attack and quietly and peacefull fell asleep, his soul at rest under the altar with all the faithful and true believers in Christ.

But with all my sorrow and absence of a loving son and a sacred and precious husband and loving father to his children, but looking at the event in a better way, I feel like saying to his companion and children and to the brethren and sisters of the Church, the gentle rider on the pale horse, with kindness, mercy and love, in countenance to strains of the celestial music of a band of accompanying Angels, laid his finger on this great and loving heart of my precious son and stilled its beating and bore his spirit to the realms of eternal day.

To mother and the children, father's prayers for you is stilled in death, but your father's God is eternal, you all can find him by obeying his Gospel, so weep not for Clyde but weep for yourselves and your chil-

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dren, father is resting from his labor, God has blessed all that die in the Lord, and will redeem their bodies and make them happy with their souls. Praise God for the promise of the resurrection of the dead.

Written by his father in hope of life when
the dead in Christ will raise first.

Elder Jonah Bevins.

Emma Zetta Damron

It is with much sadness of heart that I write the obituary of my mother, Emma Zetta Damron, a daughter of Billy and Polly Ann Maynard, born October the 17th, 1885, deceased this life December the 25th, 1951, being 66 years, two months and eight days old at death.

She was united in marriage to J. W. Damron and to this union were born seven children, names as follows: Nancy Fields, West Union, Ohio; Wandalee Harrison, Williamson, W. Va.; Chester Damron, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Anna Mae Fraley, Hatfield, Ky.; Lucille Damron, and Shelby Damron, at home, Rural Hall, N. C. William S. Damron died on the battlefield in Korea, May 21st, 1951. That brought much sadness in the home. Mother was afflicted many years but bore her afflictions with much patience. She leaves beside us children and our father, a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church about twenty-nine years ago—baptized by the hands of Elder C. Cole, and lived a faithful member until death, always giving us children good council. She said she was going home. I have a hope I will see mother again when this toilsome life is over. I want to say to the rest of the children and to my daddy that mother is

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gone but not forgotten and that you must repent of your sins, be born again and believe in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ before you can be saved eternally.

Written by her daughter,

Anna Mae Farley.

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Betty (Farley) Gilman

It is with much sadness that I try in my grief to write the obituary of my dear sweet mother, Betty Gilman. She was born December 24, 1879 and deceased this life June 3, 1952, being the daughter of Ira L. and Litha (Curry) Farley. Mother was united in marriage January 27, 1896, to James Gilman. To this union were born thirteen children, five boys and eight girls. Three children preceded her in death, two boys, one daughter, and one step-son. Left to mourn her loss are her husband, Mr. James Gilman; her children, the following boys and girls: Mrs. Dock Sheppard, Mrs. Lucy Stacy, Mrs. Nancy Sheppard, Mrs. Thomas Haynes, Mrs. Harrison Basiden, Mrs. Shied Curry, Mrs. Kennith Branham, Mr. Mosco Gilman, Mr. Burse Gilman, Mr. Arnold Gilman; three brothers and two sisters, with a host of friends and relatives; sixty-seven grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren. Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ about fifty-two years ago, and was baptized by the hand of Elder W. B. Estep and took fellowship with the Rebecca Church. I certainly believe and feel that mother has lived faithful until Jesus called her away to that sweet home above. Mother wasn't able to fill her seat in the church like she would have liked to, but she liked to see us children and daddy go to church. Oftentimes we would say, mother, we don't want to leave you here alone, and she would reply, go ahead children, I won't be alone, the Lord will be with me. Mother was afflicted four years. She suffered much

pain, but with much patience she bore her pains. Now I want to say to my brothers and sisters who are on the outside of the ark of safety, if you expect to meet mother you will have to prepare while in this life, or as death finds us, so will judgment receive us. So my prayers is for everyone to begin to seek for yourself and you will find, just as mother found peace and happiness in Jesus Christ. So children, be ready to meet Jesus and mother on that day to ride on that ship, where we will go home and the family circle will not be broken.

*Mother has gone and left us,
Yet her memory here will stay,
I hope by God's great mercy to meet
Her some sweet day.*

Written by her daughter,

Mrs. Lucy Stacy.

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J. Mont Bevins

By request of the family I will try to write a short obituary of their father, J. Mont Bevins. He was the son of A. P. and Vacey (Stacy) Bevins, born May the 31st, 1869, and departed this life January the 14th, 1952.

He was united in marriage to Sally Williams, and to this union were born six children, two of which with the mother preceded him in death. Those left to mourn the loss of father are: Mrs. Gladys B. Blackburn, Mrs. Mattie M. Ratliff, Carroll and Ramon Bevins.

Uncle Mont joined the Regular Baptist Church December the 26th, 1951, and placed his membership with the Bent Branch Church. He was never permitted to fill his seat in the church after his confession

because of his health. He was well known throughout this country. Having spent his life as a merchant gave him a wide acquaintance with many people. He was a descendant of one of Pike County's pioneer families.

Now children, weep not for your father, but rather weep for yourselves and your children. Father is gone to return no more. By his confession of Jesus Christ in his soul, he has set a pattern for you, and you can meet him again if you, too, will follow Jesus.

Written by,

Forest Bevins.

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Kenis Roscoe Dorton

It is with much sadness in my heart, and by the help of the Lord, that I try to write the obituary of my dear father, by nature and brother in the Lord, Kenis Roscoe Dorton, better known as K. R. Dorton. He was the son of W. P. and Mary (Vanover) Dorton, born April the 3rd, 1874, making him 77 years, 7 months and 12 days old at time of death, departed this life November the 15th, 1951. Father joined the Regular Baptist Church the fourth Saturday in August, 1949, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Emmette Case and Rudolph SESCO, and placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church, where he was a faithful member as long as his health permitted him to go.

He was married to Farrabelle Kelly, who preceded him in death November the 8th, 1945, and to this union were born five children—all are living, namely: Kissiah May Ray, Pricey Clevenger, Mary Hall, Willibell Brown and Lillie Chafins. Besides us children he leaves 24 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, two brothers and three sisters, beside the entire membership of the Pilgrims Home Church.

Father often talked of how he would like to join mother, and I hope they both are now resting from their labor, for I believe he lived a faithful Christian life until death called him from us. He will be missed by all his loved ones, but we hope our loss is his eternal gain, and children, if you ever expect to see Father again you will have to accept Jesus as your personal Saviour, and I hope that God in Heaven will be with you all is my prayers in your behalf.

Written by his daughter,

Kissiah Ray.

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Comfort White

Father was born April the 6th, 1866, deceased September the 17th, 1939, the son of Jim and Celia White.

He was first married to Minnie Farley. To this union were born four children, three of whom with the mother preceded him in death. One of the sons lost his life in World War One.

Father was later married to Angeline Evans in the year of 1895, and to this union were born nine children.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church many years ago and served several years as a deacon of the Elk Fork Church. He was a faithful member of that church until his death, always filling his seat and usually the first one to get there. He never let his work at home prevent him from attending church and believed in doing good for evil, and I have heard him quote that scripture many times, Peter 3rd and 9th, (not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing) but contrawise blessing "knowing that Ye, are thereunto called that Ye should inherit a blessing." It is good

to remember these things. We miss him here but we hope to meet again in a land where we will never grow old.

Written by a daughter,
Mrs. Dewey Vernatter.

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Angeline White

It is with a sad feeling that I try to write the obituary of my mother, who passed away May 28th, 1951. She was the daughter of Ira L. and Elizabeth Evans, born January the 7th, 1875.

Mother was first married to Joe Runyon. After his death she married Comfort White, the son of Jim and Celia White. To the first union was born one child, who died in infancy. To the second union were born nine children, five sons and four daughters. Two of the sons preceded her in death, one when small, the other was lost at sea in World War II, which caused her much grief.

Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church when very young and was a member of the Elk Fork Church since 1911, where she attended often, shouting and praising the Lord. I feel she will be remembered in her community and by those who knew her. She was one who loved to visit the sick and help in any way she could and never turning a stranger away from her door who might be hungry.

We learn from the Bible that by their fruits Ye shall know them, and blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, Yea: saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

I feel that she is asleep resting from the toils of this world and if we will trust in the Lord and live as He would have us live while on earth, that we can meet

in the mansion the Lord said he would prepare for those that love and serve Him.

*The world may change from year to year,
Our friends from day to day,
But the memory of my mother
Will never pass away.*

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*Sleep on, mother, sleep on,
So peaceful and so quiet,
Until the blessed Lord ascends,
And you take your Heavenly flight.*

*There we hope to meet you,
Where parting will be no more,
And we can live forever
On that beautiful, Peaceful shore.*

Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Dewey Vernatter.

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Mercie Victoria Elswick

Since it has fallen to my lot to try in the most humble way that I know how to try to write into words, and describe the life of one of the most humble mothers that I have ever had the experience of knowing, she was Sister Mercie Victoria (Ratliff) Elswick, a daughter of William and Arminda Ratliff, born November the 16th, 1876, in Pike County, Ky., departed this life February 23rd, 1952.

She was united in marriage to Charley Lilburn Elswick, November 19th, 1897, and to this union were born eleven children, of whom four, with the father, preceded her in death. The seven left are: Mrs. Golda Young, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Hazel Blackburn, Meta, Ky.; Curtis Elswick, Meta, Ky.; Clyde Elswick,

Zebulon, Ky.; Cyrus Elswick, Cincinnati, Ohio; Marvin Elswick, Varney, Ky., and Fred T. Elswick of Ashland, Ky. She also leaves one brother, Elder G. C. Ratliff, of Island Creek, Ky., and one sister, Mrs. Millie Rowe, of Feds Creek, Ky., besides a wide circle of friends and relatives and the entire membership of the Pilgrims Home Church, of which she was a loving member.

Aunt Vick as she was to me, joined the Regular Baptist Church many years ago, the date unknown to me, but she was a member of the Bent Branch Church and come as a charter member to the Pilgrims Home Church and there she was true and faithful, filling her seat many times when she was not able, but we cherished her presence, she was so gentle and kind, always seemed happy—even at home you could hear her singing praises to God while she worked. I believe she was the most patient mother with her children I ever met, she never seemed to get worried no matter how hard the task or how heavy the burden. A smile always, but never a frown.

And to you children who were my playmates, I want to say I feel so unworthy to try to speak words of comfort to you who have lost the most precious Jewel a child ever possessed. Don't let her counsel and her life of prayer be wasted, her prayers for you have ceased, no more she will sooth your fevered brow. She has fought a good fight and finished her course, just resting in peace, awaiting the day of redemption when her body will be changed into a Glorious body and her countenance will outshine the noon-day Sun. Don't you want to be ready to clasp her hand and take part in all the beauties of Heaven?

Oh, Mother dear, you left us here,

Alone without our Father,

Pray guide us safely on our way,

That we may love and help each other

Written by,

Mrs. Troy T. Francis.

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Mary Pinson

By request, I will try in my weakness, asking the Divine Guidance to direct what I may write concerning the life of Sister Mary Pinson, whose seat, by reason of death, has become vacant in the Pilgrims Home Church. Aunt Mary, as she was to me, was one of my mother's special friends, also our next door neighbor. From the time of my birth until the day of her death I have known her and the best I can say of her life will not sound good enough to cover her every day walk. I met Aunt Mary twice daily to and from school. She always wore a smile and had a kind word for us children. Her daily life proved to me she possessed a light within her soul that lighteth up the countenance of her face.

She was the daughter of John and Alaphare Young, born in the year 1866, was married to James W. Pinson in the year of 1880, and to this union were born no children.

Aunt Mary joined the Regular Baptist Church some forty-five years ago and was baptized by the hands of Elders J. W. Smith and Mont Williamson. She placed her membership with the Bent Branch Church and later came to the Pilgrims Home Church as a charter member. She was faithful in the Church, a wonderful neighbor in our community, always ready to minister to the sick and to aid the needy as far as she was able.

We will miss her from that home. We have lost a good neighbor, the church has lost a sainted member, but her life has given us reason to believe that Heaven has gained a precious Jewel, and her soul is resting in peace, sleeping the sweet sleep of all the Saints that die in the Lord. Just sleep on Aunt Mary, enjoy the rest that you labored for in this life and God will call some sweet day and you will answer, to hear him say, Come ye, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you.

Written by a sister,

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Jane (Williamson) Smith

She was the daughter of John B. and Nancy Williamson, and was born November 12, 1887, and departed this life July 1st, 1952, making her stay here on earth 65 years, 7 months and 19 days at time of death.

She was married to Jarrett Smith August 28, 1907. To this union were born nine children, five girls and four boys, three of whom preceded her in death, leaving, with the father, six children to mourn her loss, namely: Mrs. Brookie Scott, Mrs. Lola Roberts and Earl Smith, of Hardy, Ky.; Carl Smith of Turkey Creek, Ky., and Mrs. Hester Maynard, Mrs. Lakie Maynard of Citra, Florida. She also leaves twenty grandchildren, one of which is with the U. S. Air Force, J. C. Scott, stationed in Mississippi, and one brother, Caudill Williamson, of Varney, Ky., besides a host of friends and relatives.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church the third Sunday in August, 1919, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins, and placed her membership with the Pilgrims Home Church. Her husband also joined the same church the fifth Sunday in August, 1936, and was baptized by Elder Ester Hopkins.

She was of aithful member as long as her health permitted her to go and will be sadly missed by the entire membership of the Pilgrims Home Church.

I would like to say to you children who have not professed a hope in Christ, mother's prayers for you have ceased, but will you remember the good sound counsel she has always taught you? Then some day the family circle will not be broken and you can meet mother in that happy place wre we our Lord has gone to prepare for his children.

Written as requested by the family,

By, Troy T. Francis.

Eilla (Aldridge) Gilman

Born March the 3rd, 1894, she was the daughter of Sam and Nancy (Williamson) Aldridge, deceased July 20th, 1952, age at time of death 58 years, 4 months and 17 days old, united in marriage to Hi Gilman December the 12th, 1913. To this union were born eleven children, one son, Billy, passed away in infancy, and ten children with their father are living to mourn the passing of mother. The living children are: James, Hi, Jr., Ernest Basil, Archie, Roy, and Nannie Gilman, Mrs. Victoria Parsons, Mrs. Magdalene Stratton and Mrs. Bertha Reed; two sisters: Mrs. Alice Young and Mrs. Oma Marcum, fourteen grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing. Sister Eilla was baptized into the fellowship of the Regular Baptist Church July the 21st, 1951, by the hands of Elders Emmette Case and S. B. Fraley, and placed her membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church. She remained a faithful and obedient member until death.

Children, remember mother. Her footsteps are a pattern for you, will you walk in them?

Yours in hope,

George Fraley.

Loy Thomas Young

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of a true and faithful brother, to-wit: Loy Thomas Young, born March 18th, 1902, making his stay in this world 49 years, 8 months and 15 days old. He was united in marriage to Ressie Bevins June the 30th, 1928, and to this union were born seven children, namely: Owen T., Bennet, Mildred, Janet, Dean, J. C. and Lillian.

Brother Young confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized the third Saturday in May, 1947. He placed his membership with the Bent Branch Church of Regu-

lar Baptist where he remained a faithful and loving brother until death. I, the writer, remember the joyful days we have spent together. Brother Lay obeyed from the heart the form of doctrine which was delivered him. Now he has gone and left his companion and seven children, his brothers and sisters, along with the entire membership of the church. He will be missed in our community, but we feel he has made a happy exchange. It has become our duty toward his loved ones to hold up the precious standard of faith in Jesus who was the author and finisher of Brother Lay's faith. His body has been planted in the grove, but some sweet day Jesus will call and he will answer, then Brother Lay will say as Jesus did, I am he that was dead but am alive for evermore. Let us all be prepared for that day; it is surely coming, then we can all go home to live with Jesus and the Angels through eternal ages.

Written by your servant,

Elder Edwin May.

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 letters and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and order-

ly, 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 inspiration, that it has God for its Author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us and, therefore, is and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct and opinions shall be tried.

Article II. That there is one and only one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and the supreme ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressible, glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal relation

of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonious, offices in the great work of redemption.

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

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

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

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

Article VII. That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again, that regeneration consists in giving holy disposition to the mind and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation

by the power of the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the Glory of God.

Article VIII. That such only are real believers as endure to the end, that their 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 His 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 members 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 call-

ed 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 wilfully 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.

Names and Addresses of ORDAINED MINISTERS

TOMMY ADAIR-----Delbarton, W. Va.
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 J. H. BROWN-----Canada, Ky.
 WILLIS BLACKBURN-----Goody, Ky.
 LESLIE BLAIR-----Hunt, W. Va.
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 LEWIS MARCUM-----Turkey Creek, Ky.
 JEFF MAY-----Parsley, W. Va.
 EDWIN MAY-----Metro, Ky.
 CARLOS MEADOWS-----Sarah Ann, W. Va.

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 JONAH ESTER WILLIAMSON-----Varney, Ky.

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GEORGE HINKLE-----Sidney, Ky.
 RUDOLPH SESCO-----Piso, Ky.
 ORVILLE STANLEY-----Road Fork, Ky.
 CECIL SHEPPARD-----Lenore, W. Va.
 WILLARD BLAIR-----Lenore, W. Va.
 R. B. MAYNARD-----Heenon, Ky.
 CASEY WEST-----Turkey Creek, Ky.
 HARVEY LOWE-----Gulmore, Ky.

Names and Addresses of CLERKS

Mt. Pleasant-----W. H. Justice-----Box 529, Pikeville, Ky.
 Apple Orchard-----R. B. Maynard-----Heenon, Ky.
 Enon-----Logan Spencer-----Box 113, McCarr, Ky.
 Rebecca-----F. M. Preece-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
 Bent Branch-----Forrest Bevins-----Metro, Ky.
 Sardis-----Tommy Adair-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
 Big Branch-----J. L. Nichols-----Thomas, Ky.
 Mary Elizabeth-----George Fraley-----Hatfield, Ky.
 Bethany-----Ellis Davis-----Lenore, W. Va.
 Elk Fork-----Dewey Verratter-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
 Pilgrims Home-----Troy T. Francis-----Box 52, Williamson, W. Va.
 Salem-----A. M. Varney-----Road Fork, Ky.
 Sidney-----Clinton Howard-----Moree, Ky.
 Dix Fork-----Omar Williamson-----Canada, Ky.
 Narrows Branch-----Dock Scott-----Hardy, Ky.
 Leannah-----T. J. Robinson-----Moree, Ky.
 Buck Creek-----Shadle Pauley-----Beauty, Ky.
 Tabitha-----Comfort Gilman-----Barnabus, W. Va.
 Little Rosa-----Fay Scott-----Rt. 1, Box 220, Williamson, W. Va.
 Turkey Creek-----Julius Burgette-----Box 1020, Williamson, W. Va.
 Samaria-----Jeff May-----Parsley, W. Va.
 Rosa-----Dewey Cline-----Balsden, W. Va.
 Muncy Valley-----Strauther Adkins-----Pie, W. Va.
 Little Virgie-----Orville Justice-----Coleman, Ky.

STATISTICAL REPORT

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Churches and Delegates	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Restoration	Rec'd by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Excluded	Total Membership	Church Time	Church Contributions
Mt. Pleasant—Frank Collins, George Hinkle, James Scott.....	3	0	0	0	3	1	1	53	2	\$30.00
Apple Orchard—Willie Nichols, Stanford Maynard, R. B. Maynard.....	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	52	1	15.00
Enon—J. B. Anderson, Thomas Smith, Hi Keesee.....	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	18	1	10.00
Rebecca—Columbus Runyon, John Preece, F. M. Preece.....	15	0	5	0	0	1	1	87	2	20.00
Bent Branch—Forrest Bevins, Loyd Sesco, Cleve Bevins.....	8	0	0	0	0	6	1	71	3	20.00
Sardis—Tommy Adair, Albert Stepp, Wayne Herald.....	9	2	1	1	0	2	4	167	4	25.00
Big Branch—J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Landon McCoy.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	3	10.00
Mary Elizabeth—George Fraley, Thomas Fraley, Tommy Jackson.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	37	3	15.00
Bethany—Ellis Davis, Everett Hannah, Charles Hall.....	8	0	0	0	0	3	10	63	4	15.00

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Elk Fork—John Ward, Carlos Gibson, Dewey Vernatter.....	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	77	3	20.00
Pilgrims Home—Emmette Case, Marshall Williamson, Jonah Ester Williamson.....	14	0	0	0	3	8	3	190	4	40.00
Salem—B. H. Bevins, R. A. Damron, Leslie Blanton.....	12	2	0	1	2	2	7	161	1	35.00
Sidney—Willis Dials, Walker Scott.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	4	10.00
Dix Fork—Omar Williamson, Ernest Cochran, Charlie Johnson.....	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	1	30.00
Narrows Branch—Lewis Smith, J. W. McCoy, Mack Smith.....	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	70	4	30.00
Leannah—T. J. Robinson, C. B. Lowe, John Fraley.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2	10.00
Buck Creek—Pete Dials, Nathan Jude.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	3	5.00
Tabitha—Mont Ellis, Charlie Evans, Carlos Meadows.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	59	1	15.00
Little Rosa—Orville Runyon, Clarence McCoy, Fay Scott.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	2	10.00
Turkey Creek—Ken Varney, Jeff Staton, John Maynard.....	24	0	0	0	2	1	0	102	2	25.00
Samaria—Jeff May, W. H. May.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	3	10.00
Rosa—Tracy Hatfield, Johnny Cline, Uley Perry.....	13	0	0	0	2	1	2	112	3	25.00
Muncy Valley—Avery Hensley, Allen Adkins, Willard Adkins.....	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	3	20.00
Little Virgie—John Scott, Willie Stiltner, Orville Justice.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	19	3	15.00
TOTALS.....	141	18	6	2	16	33	35	1,616		\$460.00