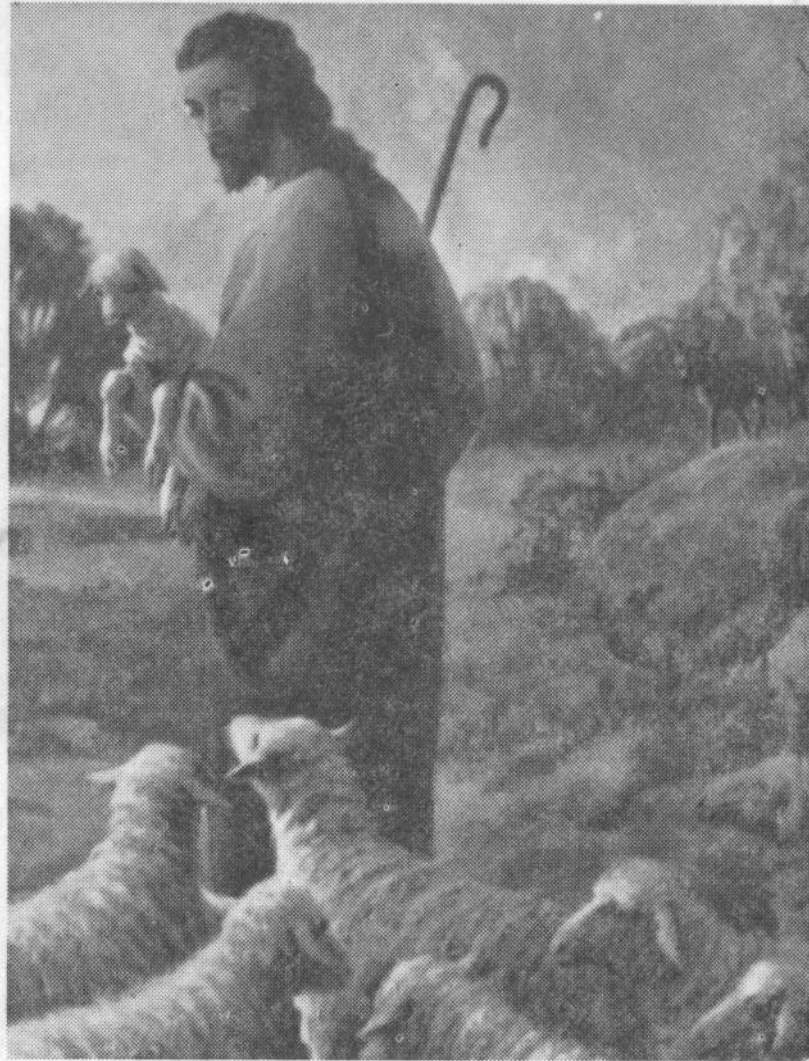


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FROM HIM.



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OF THE
SEVENTY - THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
Of Old Regular Baptist

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
In Session Assembled With

THE SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH
ROUTE 1, CITRA, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, and 12, 1965
Elder Edwin May - Moderator
Elder Willie White - Asst. Moderator
Elder Ellis Davis - Clerk
Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. - Asst. Clerk

P R O C E E D I N G S
OF THE
SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION

In session assembled with the Southern Home Church, September 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1965 at the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The service was introduced by Elder Wayne Herald followed by the introductory sermon by Elder Ross Cline. Text: 1 Samuel 17:29. What have I now done? Is there not a cause? Elder John Moore introduced at the house and led us in prayer.

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 Edwin May as Moderator, Elder Willie White Assistant Moderator, Elder Ellis Davis Clerk, and Brother Ralph W. E. Varney Jr., Assistant Clerk.
3. By motion and second, it is ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

4. At the request of the Moderator the Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.
5. Called for newly organized churches and received none.
6. Called for the letters from Sister Associations and received the following:

NEW SALEM—By the hands of Elder Mack McCloud, Elder Troy Hall.

UNION—By the hands of Elder Millis Roberts, Brother Jessie L. Williamson and Brother Dempsey Mullins.

PHILADELPHIA—By the hands of Elder John Moore, Elder Eales Cotton, Brother William Hughes, and Brother Otis Steel.

MUD RIVER—Delegated by letter.
NORTHERN NEW SALEM—By the hands of Elder Roy B. Akers, Elder Newton Vanderpool, and Elder Roy Hamilton.

FRIENDSHIP—By the hands of Brother Hiley Blankenship, Brother Alfred Blankenship, Brother Richard Keen, and Brother Wayne Bryant.

THORNTON UNION—By the hands of Elder Monroe Hubbard and Elder B. Blaine England. Seated the delegates and referred letter to Committee on arrangements. After

spend with them next year.

INDIAN BOTTOM—By the hands of Elder Alonzo Allen.

7. The foregoing letters were read, received and the delegates seated in council, being given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator.

8. Called for transient Ministers and members of our faith and order. Received the following: Elder John Henry Hensley, Brother K. H. Williamson, and Brother Ralph W. E. Varney Jr.

9. By motion and second, it was ordered that we correspond with the following associations: New Salem, Union, Philadelphia, Mud River, Northern New Salem, Friendship, Thornton Union and Indian Bottom.

10. Clerk appointed to write letters to corresponding associations.

11. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with Ministers and that peace be preserved around the stand as follows: Elder Earl Clay, Brother John S. Lowe, and Bro. Fred Lowe.

12. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting brethren as follows: Elder Earl Clay, Brother John S. Lowe, and Brother Fred Lowe.

13. Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday, consisting of one member from each church and the entire delegation of the Southern Home Church, which reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Elder Jeff May
Elder Roy B. Akers
Elder Eales Cotton

ASSOCIATION:

Sardis
Northern New Salem
Philadelphia

SATURDAY

Brother William Hughes
Elder B. Blaine England
Elder Newton Vanderpool
Elder Alonzo Allen

ASSOCIATION:

Philadelphia
Thornton Union
Northern New Salem
Indian Bottom

14. Committee on Arrangements appointed consisting of one delegate from each church, Moderator, Clerk and Delegates from our corresponding associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session.

Elder Harvey Lowe the association was adjourned until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing several old songs of Zion, service was introduced by Elder Eales Cotton followed by prayer by Elder Eales Cotton.

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 as follows: Bro. Trimble Maynard, Bro. Landon Taylor, and Bro. M. T. Chapman.

4. Called for Treasurer to report, who reported as follows:
Total on hand for the year ending

September 13, 1964	\$632.00
Paid out for printing of minutes	\$493.00
Secretary's and Clerk's fee	\$ 85.00
Expenses	\$ 25.00
Total paid out	\$603.00
Balance on hands September 10, 1965	\$ 89.00
Received from churches this year	\$555.00
Received from pictures	\$100.00
Total received	\$655.00
Balance on hands September 12, 1965	\$744.00

5. By motion and second, it is ordered that Elder Ellis Davis be appointed Secretary and Treasurer and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his service.

6. By motion and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes and have 3000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his service.

7. Appointed the same committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday which reported as follows:

SATURDAY

Elder J. L. Nichols
Elder J. G. Thornsbury
Elder Clyde Brown

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SUNDAY

Elder John Henry Hensley
Elder Tracy Hatfield
Elder Tommy Adair
Elder Edwin May

ASSOCIATION

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8. By motion and second, it is ordered that our next Association be held with the Salem Church, Goody, Pike

County, Kentucky, on Route 119, one mile from Williamson, West Virginia going toward Pikeville, Kentucky.

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

NEW SALEM—Will be held with Stone Coal Church, Garrett, Floyd County, Kentucky. Due to the change in time our delegates will be chosen at our next association which comes before the New Salem Association.

UNION—Will be held with the Hurricane Church at Wise, Wise County, Virginia. Elders Jeff May, Tracy Hatfield, Willie White, Bros. Mike Sheppard, Marshal Williamson, Donny Lowe, Alson Thornsburg, Willard Young, Willie Stiltner, T. R. Bogar, Jimmy Dealey, and Kenneth Thornsburg. Letter in the hands of Edwin May.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM—Will be held with the Little Zion Church Romeo, Michigan. Elders Tommy Adair, Edwin May, Emmett Case, J. G. Thornsburg, Bros. Earl D. West, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsburg, and Kenneth Thornsburg. Letter in the hands of Elder Lyrod Sisco.

PHILADELPHIA—Will be held with the Little Rosa Church Greenup, Greenup County, Kentucky. Elders Jeff May, Willie White, Ellis Davis, H. C. Maynard, Tracy Hatfield, and Edwin May. Brothers Mike Sheppard, Marshal Williamson, Donny Lowe, George Fraley, and Landon Taylor. Letter in the hands of Elder J. G. Thornsburg.

THORNTON UNION—Will be held with the Little Rock Church at Koma, Letcher County, Kentucky. Elders B. H. Bevins, and Edwin May. Brothers Earl D. West and Jim Bevins. Letter in the hands of Brother Floyd Morrison.

MUD RIVER—Will be held with the Mt. Zion Church at Pecks Mills, Logan County, West Virginia. Elders Jeff May, W. H. May, and Tracy Hatfield. Brothers Joe Robinett, Sherman May, Jimmy Dealey. Letter in the hands of Bro. Ersel Prince.

FRIENDSHIP—Will be held with the Friendship Church at Saulsville, Wyoming County, West Virginia. Elders Johnny Cline, and H. C. Maynard. Brothers. Bill Williams, Mack Smith. Letter in the hands of Elder Tracy Hatfield.

INDIAN BOTTOM—Will be held with the New Home Church at Leboon, Knott County, Kentucky. Elder J. G. Thornsburg. Brothers James Brown, Prosper Maynard, and Burl Thornsburg. Letter in the hands of Elder Cyde Brown.

10. By motion and second we go back to 1923 Minute and carry this order which reads as follows: We advise the churches in this Union not to receive or retain any one in their fellowship who belongs to any secret order.

11. By request of the delegates of the Turkey Creek

Church, Saem Church, and Buck Creek Church withdrew their requests.

12. The delegates of the Bent Branch Church and Mt. Pleasant Church agreed to abide by the number 10 order and rid themselves of Secret Orders. Motion and second to receive this agreement and to have mercy on these two churches.

13. By motion and second the association granted the request of the Elk Fork delegate to give them back their request. (Written by Brother Ralph W. E. Varney Jr.)

14. By motion and second the association granted the Southern Home Church their request to remove Elder Hiram Young's name from the Minute and publish him in disorder.

15. The Big Branch delegates withdrew their request.

16. In answer to the query from Rosa Church and Mary Elizabeth Church the Association by regular move and second said that if a Sister has cut her hair she should be asked to let it grow out; if she fails to do so and cuts her hair again, she will be excluded

17. By motion and second, it is ordered that request for Union and Memorial Meetings be published in our Minutes.

18. By motion and second the association agreed to reprint item 7 in our 1960 Minutes which reads as follows: Brethren called in Union meetings and Association last year made their reports, which were received, failures excused and they were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.

19. By motion and second, it is ordered that the obituaries of our deceased Brothers and Sisters that are in good standing with the church at the time of death be printed in our minutes. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association or within ten days thereafter.

20. By motion and second, it is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Association not to marry people into adultery, where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

21. Shall we receive into our fellowship men or women having more than one wife or husband? **ANSWER:** We advise the Churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companion for the cause of fornication. Such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same.

22. By motion and second, it is ordered that Elder Isam Hannah preach the introductory sermon at our next Association and Elder Johnny Cline be his alternate.

23. By motion and second, it is ordered that we tender our thanks to the Southern Home Church, Ferguson Lumber Company, Harris Funeral Home, Roberts Funeral Home, Friends, Relatives and Community at large.

24. By motion and second, it is ordered that the Minutes be read, approved and signed by the Moderators and Clerks.
25. By motion and second, it is ordered that we be adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

This work done and signed by the Sardis Association:

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
 Elder Willie White, Assistant Moderator
 Elder Ellis Davis, Clerk
 Brother Ralph W. E. Varney Jr., Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY SERVICE

1. The Association was so far away many of the Brethrens had to leave Saturday evening but what stayed met with the Southern Home Church and after singing several hymns service was introduced by Elder J. L. Nichols of the Sardis Association. He also led the prayer.
2. Elder Tracy Hatfield of the Sardis Association followed the prayer preaching many wonderful things of God.
3. Elder Tommy Adair of the Sardis Association came to the stand and used for a text: Roman 8:18 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.
4. Elder Edwin May the Moderator of the Sardis Association came to the stand and made a short talk and brought the association to a close.

We want to thank God for his great mercy that he extended to the delegates to make that long and beautifully trip to Florida. We also want to thank the Southern Home Church and friends for the good care and wonderful association they gave us. May God bless every one of you until we meet again.

Service was closed by the way of singing and much rejoicing in the Lord. Dismissal called by Elder Earl Clay.
 Your Clerk,

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday at 4:00 P.M. Elders Edwin May and Wayne Herald.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday at 4:00 P.M. Elders Edwin May, Grover Adkins, and Parris Tackett.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Fon Bowling, Emmett Case, and Tracy Hatfield.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Grover Adkins, Edwin May, and Wayne Herald.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Edwin May, Lloyd SESCO, Jeff May, and Jonah E. Williamson.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion on Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Elders Wayne Herald, John Fouch, and Isam Hannah.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion on Saturday evening. Elders Eales Cotton, Edwin May, Jonah E. Williamson, and Ross Cline.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Willie Stanley, J. G. Thornsbury, Ernest Cochran, and Lloyd SESCO.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Johnnie Cline, Ross Cline, Milford Love, Wayne Herald and Ernest Cochran.

JULY

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday at 4:00 P.M. Elders Charley Evans, Grover Adkins, Eales Cotton, and Alonzo Allen.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Tracy Hatfield, J. G. Thornsbury, John Fouch, J. L. Nichols and H. C. Maynard.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Tracy Hatfield, Ross Cline, Jonah E. Williamson, and Ernest Cochran.

MT PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Lloyd SESCO, Grover Adkins, Herschell Huff, and Eales Cotton.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday starting at 1:00 o'clock. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Herschell

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Eales Cotton, Ira Adkins, Grover Adkins, and Edwin May.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion third Sunday in July. Elders Edwin May, Troy Nichols and Eales Cotton.

NARROWS BRANCH: Friday before fourth Saturday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Parris Tackett, Eales Cotton, Wayne Herald, Baxter Osborne, and L. E. Smith.

PILGRIM HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Union Meeting. All Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

AUGUST

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Edwin May, Willie Varney, Ross Cline, Cecil Evans, and Eales Cotton.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Isam Hannah, Eales Cotton, Ross Cline, Newton Vanderpool, and Herschell Huff.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Cecil Evans, Willie Varney, Charlie Evans, and Wayne Herald.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Wayne Herald, Willis Dials, and Ross Cline with the moderator attending.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Eales Cotton, Ross Cline, H. C. Maynard, W. H. May and Wiley Coffee.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Elders Jeff May, J. G. Thornsbury, Isom Hannah, Avery Lowe, George Woods and John Fouch.

PILGRIM HOME: Fourth Sunday. Elders Herschell Huff, Fon Bowling, Johnnie Cline and Newton Vanderpool.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MAY

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1966. Ministers called: Matt Justice, Emmett Case, Jonah E. Williamson, and N. A. England.

ing on Sunday nearest to May 30th, 1966. In the head of Long Branch. Ministers called: Avery Lowe, Ken Varney, Jonah E. Williamson, and L. E. Smith.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Pete McCoy and son, Jim Ratliff and family and others will be held on the Ratliff's Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday in May 1966. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran, Emmett Case, and Jonah E. Williamson.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday in May 1966 for all the Brethren and Sisters of the Tabitha Church that have departed this life and gone on. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Carlos Meadows, and Isam Hannah.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Jobe Blackburn May 30th, 1966. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Tracy Hatfield, Ross Cline and Willis Dials.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Branch Cemetery, Route 1, Delbarton, W. Va. on Sunday following the fourth Saturday in May 1966. Ministers called: Faye Scott, John Fouch, Charlie Evans, and Willie White.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1966. Ministers called: Jonah E. Williamson, Wiley Coffee, Ernest Cochran, and Wayne Herald.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased on the Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday in May 1966. Ministers called: Edwin May, Emmett Case, Wayne Herald, Ross Cline, and Ernest Cochran.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday in May 1966. Ministers called: Cecil Evans, Willie Varney, and Charlie Evans.

JUNE

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Sunday in June 1966. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother James and Sister Betty Gliman and others will be held on the third Sunday in June 1966 at the Cemetery where they are buried, just above the Elk Fork Church. Ministers called: Cecil Evans, Willie Varney, Eales Cotton, Jonah E. Williamson and John Fouch.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday in June 1966 at the Cline Cemetery. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday in June 1966. Ministers called: Herschell Huff, John M. Justice, and Faye Scott with moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder W. H. Hurley will be held at the Estrepp Cemetery on Duncan Fork of Trace Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday in June 1966. Ministers called: Gilbert Miller, Bert Hall, Ernest Breedlove, and John Fouch.

LEANNANAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Sister Esta M. Reed, Maridia M. Robinson and others on Sunday after the second Saturday in June 1966. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Jonah E. Williamson, Emmett Case, Wayne Herald and Willis Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Johnnie Nichols, Sr. and wife will be held on the fourth Sunday in June 1966. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran, and Edwin May.

JULY

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Sunday in July 1966 at the Justice Cemetery, Lando Mines, West Virginia. Ministers called: Willie White, Cecil Evans, Ellis Daves, and Eales Cotton. In memory of Sister Dolly Justice and her daughter Rebecca Vinson.

BUCK CREEK will hold a memorial meeting of Brother Jessie Maynard and others on the third Sunday in July 1966. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Willis Dials, and Milford Lowe.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in July 1966. Ministers called: Avery Lowe, Tommy Adair and B. H. Bevins.

LEANNANAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday in July 1966. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Willis Dials, Jonah E. Williamson, and Ernest Cochran.

(a) Memorial of Tom McCoy, Oscar Blackburn, Dike Blackburn and the infant baby of Ollie Phillips is to be preached first Sunday in September 1966. All of these are buried in the cemetery at the mouth of Wolf Creek. Ministers

called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Lloyd SESCO, and Fay Scott.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky on Sunday after the third Saturday in July 1966. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Edwin May, Willie Stanley, and Jonah E. Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Big Branch Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in July 1966. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Harvey Lowe, and J. L. Nichols.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Brother James White's home on Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek the third Saturday night and Sunday in July 1966. Ministers called: George Elkins, Carlos Gibson, John Fouch, and Ellis Davis.

AUGUST

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for Brother Mosey Dials and others near Inez, Kentucky August 31, 1966. Ministers called: Elders J. L. Nichols, Tracy Hatfield, and Edwin May.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Dillon Cemetery, three miles from Dingess, West Virginia, near the church house and across from Brother Everett Hannah's home, on the first Sunday in August 1966. Ministers called: Isam Hannah, Willis Dials, and Ross Cline.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in August 1966. Ministers called: Willie Stanley, Ross Cline, and Herschell Huff.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for Brother Andy Maynard and others on Sunday after the second Saturday in August 1966. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Emmett Case, Jonah E. Williamson, and Lloyd SESCO.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold its memorial meeting at the same time as the Union Meeting, the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1966. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, W. H. May, Ross Cline, H. C. Maynard and Wiley Coffee.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1966. Ministers called: N. A. England, Wayne Herald, W. H. May and Willie Stanley.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and other deceased members

called: H. C. Maynard, Jonah E. Williamson, Ellis Davis and Willie White.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Hi Maynard, Elder W. C. Hay, Elder M. J. Mounts and others on Sunday after the second Saturday in August 1966. Ministers called: The same ones in the Union Meeting.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday in August 1966. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, B. H. Bevins, Avery Lowe and Ernest Cochran.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of the Sidney Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August 1966. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Tracy Hatfield, Willis Dials and Milford Lowe.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased buried on the Lowe Cemetery, Pike County, Kentucky, on Sunday after the second Saturday in August 1966. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, Edwin May and Willis Dials.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery in the head of Marrowbone Creek, West Virginia, on the third Sunday in August 1966. Ministers called: Fay Scott, W. H. May, Isam Hannah and Jimmy Dealey.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Pfc. Edward McCoy and others will be held on the Henry Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in August 1966. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Edwin May, J. L. Nichols and Harvey Lowe.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Harrison McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday in August 1966. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Grover Adkins, and Emmett Case.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the first Saturday in August 1966. Ministers called: Jonah E. Williamson, Emmett Case, J. L. Nichols and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother John and Sister Melvine Allen, Rose Allen, Will Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Ellen Allen, grandchildren and others, will be held at the Hays Lowe Cemetery on the first Sunday in August 1966. Ministers called: Willie White, Willie Varney, and Cecil Evans. There will be dinner on the ground.

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SEPTEMBER

MEMORIAL MEETING on the Joe Taylor Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the first Saturday in September 1966. Ministers called: Edwin May, J. L. Nichols, and Ernest Cochran.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday in September 1966. Ministers called: Jonah E. Williamson, Grover Adkins, and Emmett Case.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Rosco McCoy and others will be held on the third Sunday in September 1966. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder W. H. Bowling, wife and family will be held at Tom Price School House, Pisco, Kentucky on the first Saturday and Sunday in September 1966. Ministers called: Ireland Harrison, Emmett Case, Edwin May.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Lackey Cemetery in the head of Marrowbone Creek, West Virginia, on the first Sunday in September 1966. Ministers called: Ceci Bevins, Willie Varney and Jeff May.

OCTOBER

MEMORIAL MEETING at the home of Okey Robinett, beginning October 2nd Saturday night and Sunday. Ministers called: John Fouch, Ellis Davis, Cecil Evans, Carlos Meadors Willie Varney and Edwin May.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in October 1966. Ministers called: B. H. Bevins and Wardie Craft.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial the second Saturday and Sunday in October 1966. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Charlie Johnson and Ken Varney.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday in October 1966. Ministers called: Johnny Hall, Emmett Case, and Jonah E. Williamson.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October 1966. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

The memorials that were not printed didn't come in, in time or was not turned in at all.

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By the request of the family and by the help of God I will try to write the obituary of a loving sister and a loving Mother, Sister Dixie Clara Scott Taylor.

She was born November 24, 1887. The daughter of the late Garfield and Engline Lowe Scott. She departed this life December 6, 1964.

Sister Dixie joined the Bent Branch Church September 9, 1951 and was baptized into the fellowship of the Bent Branch Church by Elder Emmett Case, Edwin May, where she always filled her seat.

She is survived by her husband Brother R. L. Taylor, four sons, Virgil, Guy, Tom and Junior. She leaves a host of friends with the church to mourn her death.

A precious one from our mist is gone, never no more to return and may we like David said, I know that it can not return but by Grace of God we can go to it or her.

May God's richest blessing be on the family.

Written by Brother Forrest Bevins.

JIMMIE STAFFORD

In my weakness I will try to write the obituary of my loving Mother, Mrs. Jimmie Blackburn Stafford. She was born September 6, 1887 to the union of John and Julie (Goosin) Blackburn. Mother lived to be 78 years of age, taking her membership with the Narrows Branch Regular Baptist Church by the hands of Elder Harrison Bevins July 1938 and Elder Bevins also officiated at her Funeral. Mother departed this life February 16, 1965 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital of South Williamson, Kentucky; but I feel

our loss is heaven's gain. She was married to John Stallion who preceded her in death, to this union was born six daughters and one son which included Mrs. Shirley Staton, Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. Myrtle Roberts, Mrs. Goldena McCoy and Clyde Stafford all of Burnwell, Kentucky; Mrs. Mary Hurley of Michigan; Mrs. Dorothy Corley of Arizona; and Mrs. Irene McCoy of Sprigg, W. Va. 30 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Mother came to my house as often as her health permitted to attend the Narrows Branch Regular Baptist Church. The many times that I have seen her rejoice at this little church has filled my heart and there is an empty place in my heart for my sweet mother when I come to church without her. Sadly missed by her daughter, Mrs. Shirley Staton and family.

ARMINDA VIRES



In sadness, I will attempt to write the obituary of my Grandmother, Arminda Vires.

Granny, as I always called her was born Feb. 15, 1877, in Pike Co. Ky., on Big Branch Fork of Brushy Creek near Thomas, Ky. and deceased this life April 22, 1965, making her stay on this earth 88 years, 2 months and 7 days. She was the daughter of the late Fountain B. Lowe, Sr. and Judy Staton Lowe.

She was united in marriage to James Vires of Johnson Co., Ky., November 15, 1894, who preceded her in death. To this union was born 7 children; five of them preceded her in death. Those living are; Kermit Vires, Varney, Ky. and Fountain Vires, Catlettsburg, Ky.

She also leaves to mourn her loss 30 Grandchildren, 65 Great Grandchildren, 7 Great Great Grandchildren and two brothers Prill Lowe, Varney, Ky. and George Lowe, Pilgrim Ky. besides a number of friends and relatives.

Granny joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized the third Saturday in August 1953 by the hands of Rev. Emmett Case and Harvey Lowe. She placed here membership with the Apple Orchard Church.

Now that Grammy is gone, there is a stillness in our home, a stillness I'd never known; an empty chair, an empty bed, but I know that she isn't dead only again some day around God's great Throne.

Written by one who loved her, Her Granddaughter,
Nell Ruth Vires

ALVIS MAYNARD

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my beloved father, Alvis Maynard.

He was born February 13, 1895 and departed this life May 31, 1965, making his stay on earth seventy years, three months and eighteen days.

He was married to Rachel Staten on March 12, 1919 and to this union was born six children, all whom are left alone with our mother to mourn his loss. They are: Lester Maynard and Orville Maynard of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Edith Fay Horn of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Francis Crum of Beauty, Kentucky; Mrs. Parry Jones of Big Stone Gap, Virginia; and Burley Maynard of Lovely, Kentucky. Four brothers, four sisters, twenty-one grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many friends and relatives to mourn dad's loss.

Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on June 1938 and was a faithful member of the Buck Creek Church and we believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

May his loved ones who are not prepared to meet Dad if you ever expect to see him again you will have to accept Jesus to be your Saviour because I humbly believe he is in Heaven.

Written by a son in hope of eternal life,
Burley Maynard

SISTER MONTANA HARRISON

By the request of Brother Ireland Harrison, I will try and write the obituary of his beloved Mother, Sister Montana Harrison.

She was born May 15, 1878 at White Post, Kentucky and

deceased this life September 7, 1965. Making her stay on earth 87 years, 4 months, and 8 days. She was married to the late William At. Harrison, who preceded her in death May 21, 1927. To this union was born 10 children, of whom two preceded her in death. This leaves 8 living, names as follows: Ireland Harrison of Chattaroy, W. Va.; Jerry Harrison of Matewan, W. Va.; Homer Harrison of Hardy, Kentucky; Donnie, Edward, Warren G. Harrison and Mrs. Mary Nicholas all of Borderland, Kentucky, and E. H. Harrison of Route 1, Kermit, W. Va. and two half sisters Mrs. Nella Smith of Nolan, W. Va. and Mrs. Myrtle Jackson of Chattaroy, W. Va. and 37 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She became a member of the Old Regular Baptist and took membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church. She was baptized in 1914 by the hand of Elder J. W. Smith.

Her son, Brother Ireland, said she was a faithful member, believed and trusted in the Lord. As David said, concerning Him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand that I should not be moved. Therefore did my heart rejoice and my tongue was glad more over also my flesh shall rest in hope. Acts: 2:25-26.

Now to all the children, Mother is gone but she is not forgotten. Try by the help of the Lord, to meet Mother over on the other shore, where there won't be no parting over there. Then we can sing and shout and praise the Lord for ever more. Now I may say to you all that have Christ in your life, continue on a little longer, for we are to near home to turn back now, and to you that don't have Christ, join yourselves to God, before it's everlasting too late. Jesus said, "If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it." St. John 14:14.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Lewis Marcum, Jonah E. Williamson, Earnest Cochran at the Mary Elizabeth Church, September 10, 1965.

I trust in the Lord, that I'll meet Sister Harrison again.

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life. Robert Robinson.

MARY (MAYNARD) STANLEY

It is with a sad heart that we attempt to write the obituary of our dear and loving mother, Mary Stanley whom we loved so well.

Mother was born September 14, 1883 and deceased this life on October 15, 1964, making her stay here 81 years, 1 month, and 1 day, where her loving disposition made life more enjoyable for all who knew her. She was the daughter of Andy and Polly Ann (Pinson) Maynard. She was married to Orison Stanley, Sr., on November 12, 1903 and to this union were born five children. Two preceded her in death as infants, leaving three to mourn her loss. They are: Aisie Pinson and Homer Stanley of Meta, Kentucky; and Claudie Cline of Piso, Kentucky. There are sixteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; two brothers, Trimble Maynard and Gordon Maynard, both of Meta, Kentucky; and two sisters, Flora Smith of Pikeville, Kentucky; and Maryland Lowe of Meta, Kentucky. She also leaves a host of friends, relatives, and brothers and sisters of the Pilgrims Home Church to mourn her loss.

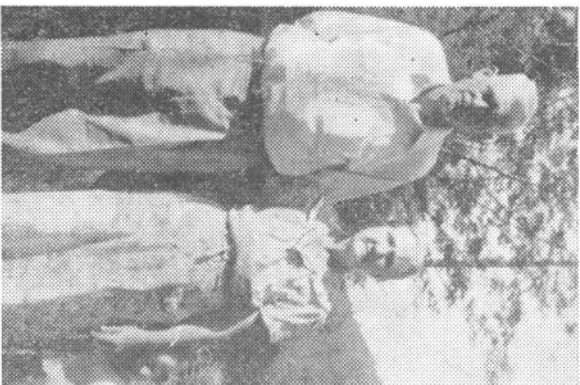
Mother became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church on May 23, 1920, and was baptized at the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins, taking her membership with the Pilgrims' Home Church, where she was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend, but due to bad health, Mother was unable to attend church for approximately two years. However, she never failed to sing and praise the Lord with all her heart. The last two months of her life, she would sing the good old hymns and pray the sweetest prayers. The last hour of her life she sang, prayed, and rejoiced. Her last song was:

I am drinking from the fountain
That never runs dry
O Father I love Jesus
I Love Him yes I do
O Father I love Jesus
and you can love Him too.

We believe that Mother meant it with all her heart and that she will be in that chosen number. The Bible tells us that "Many are called, but few are chosen" and Mother lived the life that makes us children rejoice for we believe that mother will be in that number when Jesus sounds his trumpet and calls his Angels home. We believe that Mother is at rest, just waiting the Resurrection, when the Lord comes on the Cloud of Glory and collects his jewels. We believe that Mother will be in that number where there will be no more sickness, pain or sorry, but all will be peace and happiness, where she can sing and praise His name for ever and ever.

Written by Her Children.

HI REED



Hazel Lowe of Ocala, Florida; Mae Daniels of Cinderella, W. Va.; Johnny and Billy Reed, Ida Muncey, Alice Webb, all of Turkey Creek, Ky.; and one foster daughter, Vicie Robenette of Varney, Ky. He had 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Hi Reed was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized September 10, 1960, by the hands of Elders L. G. Lowe and John Lowe. He placed his membership with the Turkey Creek Church, and was a faithful member as long as he was able. He was loved by the young as well as the old, and we believe he is resting in eternal peace under the altar of God, where his leg will never hurt him again.

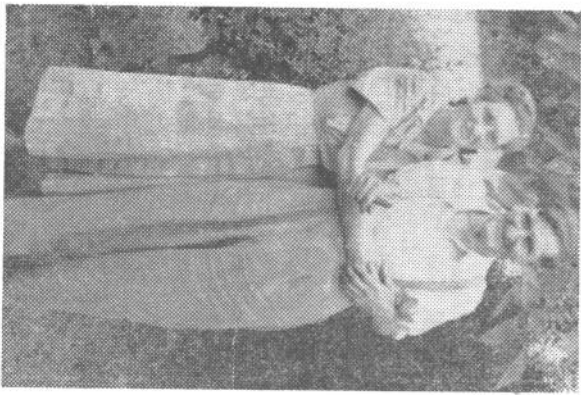
Let me say to his children, if you want to be with dad again you must do as your father did, repent of your sins while mercy is extended unto you. And to his darling wife and loving companion Wait a little longer and you can again be with him forever and eternity.

I would like to quote from St. Matthew, 18:1-5
(1) AT THE SAME TIME CAME THE DISCIPLES UNTO JESUS, SAYING, WHO IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN? (2) AND JESUS CALLED A LITTLE CHILD UNTO HIM, AND SET HIM IN THE MIDST OF THEM, (3) AND SAID, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, EXCEPT YE BE CONVERTED, AND BECOME AS LITTLE CHILDREN, YE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. (4) WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL HUM-

BLE HIMSELF AS THIS LITTLE CHILD THE SAME IS
GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. (5) AND
WHOSO SHALL RECEIVE ONE SUCH LITTLE CHILD IN
MY NAME RECEIVETH ME.

Written by his daughters, Hazel Lowe, and Alice Webb,
His son-in-law Fred Lowe and a close neighbor Maggie
Hardin.

CHARLES CONLEY



It is by request that I try to
write the obituary of Brother
Charles Conley.

He was born in Kentucky in
1883. He was the son of the
late Jim Conley and Rebecca
Whitt Conley. He was married
to Effie Stafford Conley who
preceded him in death. To this
union was born 6 girls and 3
boys. Namely: Dennie Conley
of Tittisville, Florida; Danny
Conley of Orlando, Florida,
Charles Conley of Williamson,
W. Va.; Madge Farley of Harly,
Kentucky, Edna Grave Blau-
kenship of Frankfort, Ky;
Mary Lou Mar of Williamson,
W. Va.; Charlene Hall of Hunt-
ington, W. Va. Two girls pre-
ceded him in death. Two broth-
ers, Julius Conley of Pikeville,
Kentucky, and Ula Conley of
Greasy Creek, Kentucky.

Brother Conley was a member of the Narrows Branch
Church and was baptized the fourth Sunday in August by
Elders Willie Stanley and Charlie Johnson, he also was a re-
tired miner.

He attended church regular when able and I feel when
God calls the sleeping dead from the grave he will answer
that call and go home to live for ever. We feel our loss is
Brother Conley's eternal gain.

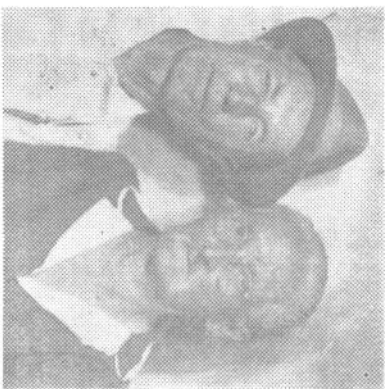
Written by Elder Willie Stanley

Note: If this obituary is not right don't blame the
clerk because I could not read half of the information turned
into me.

Ellis Davis, Clerk

It is with much sadness and by the help of the good Lord,
I will try in my weakness to write the obituary of Freeleon
Jones, my father in law.

F. MCELLOIN JONES



He was born December 23,
1839, deceased April 6, 1965,
making his stay here on earth
76 years, 3 months, and 16
days.

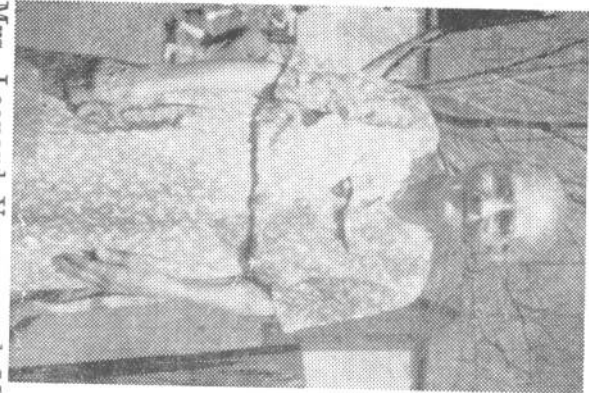
He was married to Gustana
Jude and to this union was
born 9 girls, one preceded him
in death. He is survived by his
wife, and the following children
to mourn his loss: Elsie Lowe,
Meta, Ky.; Victoria Cline,
Three Forks, Kentucky; Gertie
Lowe, Pilgrim, Kentucky; Mae
Marcum, Bertha Muncy, Norma Jean Marcum of Nolan, West
Virginia; Sadie Preece, Omar, W. Va.; Bessie Parsons, Pil-
grim, Kentucky.

Brother Freeleon joined the Old Regular Baptist Church
and was baptized by the hands of Elder Edwin May and
Johnnie Nichols, the second Saturday in August, 1964. He
placed his membership with the Leannah Church, where he
lived a faithful life until death.

Now I want to say to Ma, as I always loved to call her,
that Pa is gone from this troublesome world, his suffering
is all over, but his sweet company can never be forgotten. I
feel that our loss is heaven's gain. The scripture says, "Blessed
are they that die in the Lord ye saith the spirit they rest
from their labor and their works follows after them." I be-
lieve Pa is taking that sweet peaceful rest and there is
nothing that will disturb Brother Freeleon until God calls for
him then that Gabel will come back and unite that body, then
Pa will have a body that can't die no more.

Now to Ma, and the children, don't weep over Pa but
weep for yourself and your children. I want to say to all you
children that have made peace with God it won't be long until
you can meet daddy again and I want to say to Bessie if you
ever want to see Pa again you will have to repent of your
sins and be born again.

Written by one in hope of eternal life. Elder Milford
Lowe.



By the request of Brother Kelly Smith I will try to write an obituary of his wife, sister Minnie (Stanley) Smith, who departed this life June 5, 1965. Making her stay here on earth 79 years, and 2 days.

Sister Smith was a lifetime resident of Pike County, Kentucky. She was born at Canada, Kentucky on June 3, 1886. A daughter of the late George H. and Mary Stanley. She had resided at Hardy, Kentucky for the past 35 years and was a member of the Narrows Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist and a faithful member until death.

Surviving in addition to her husband are four daughters: Mrs. Leonard Varney and Mrs. Menda Lockard of Hardy, Kentucky; Mrs. Robert Sneed of Kansas, and Zona Smith of Huntington, West Virginia. Seven sons, Grayson Smith, Willie Smith and Joe Pauley Smith of Hardy, Kentucky; Ballard and George Smith of Florida; Louis H. Smith of Kansas and L. S. Smith of Dayton, Ohio, two brothers, Kelly Stanley of Hardy, Kentucky, and Dewey Stanley of South Williamson, Kentucky. Three sisters: Mrs. Johnnie Cochran, Mrs. Nance Cochran, and Mrs. Harrison Cochran all of Canada, Kentucky. 30 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Sister Smith will be sadly missed by the family, the church, and many friends but we believe sister Smith has gone to a better home. A home of Peace and Rest where parting will come no more. So we truly believe our loss here on earth will be heaven's eternal gain.

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life. Clyde Brown.

SISTER SUSIE ALLEN

It is in much weakness that I try to fulfill a request by the family of this beloved sister to write an obituary that would be comfort to the living.

Sister Allen was born May 15, 1897. The daughter of the George and Vicy Charles Keen. She departed this life June 8, 1964.



Sister Allen precessed a nope in Christ September 20, 1947 and was baptized by Elder Harold Edmonds and pledged her membership with the Bent Branch Church where she always fills her seat and enjoyed the fellowship of the brothers and sisters. Now her seat is vacant.

She leaves her husband, Mel Allen, one son Bilton Maynard, and one step-daughter, Polly Allen Keen and 7 grandchildren to mourn her absence.

May I the writer take the liberty to say that sister Allen's light was bright and safe to follow in her footsteps.

Written by a brother in hope. Forrest Bevins.

JAMES W. "BUDDY" YOUNG

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write an obituary of my loving father, James W. "Buddy" Young, who was born September 25, 1885, deceased this life February 14, 1965 making his stay on earth 79 years, 4 months, and 19 days. He was the son of John W. and Mary Ann (Williamson) Young. He was married to Wilda Davis on February 28, 1912, and to this union were born four children, three sons, Luther Young, Geoffrey Young, and Ezra Young, all living; and one daughter, Opal, who preceded him in death. He also leaves seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

His brothers are: Julius Young, Varney, Kentucky; W. A. Young, Varney, Kentucky; Marion Young, South Williamson Kentucky; and one half-brother Alfred Young of Varney, Kentucky. One brother, John B. Young preceded him in death. He has one sister, Emma Burris of South Williamson, Kentucky; and two half-sisters, Bertha Robinette of New York; and Bronice Robinette of Varney, Kentucky. One sister, Vada Young Burris, preceded him in death.

Daddy joined the Regular Baptist Church on September 30, 1956, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Emmett Case and Jonah Ester Williamson. He placed his membership with the Pilgrims' Home Church and was a faithful member and attended church as long as he was able. Daddy was a loving father and a friend to all who knew him. He leaves the Pilgrims' Home Church, his family, and a host of friends

DATA LOCATED ON THIS LOSS. WE FEEL DEEP GRIEF IN OUR hearts that our loss is Heaven's gain. If we expect to meet Daddy again, we will have to repent and follow in his footsteps.

Written by his son, Luther Young

JULIUS BURGETT



It is with much sadness and a heart that is heavy with loss that we attempt to write an obituary of our beloved father and step-father, Julius Burgett.

He was born August 9, 1891 at Pilgrim, Kentucky. A son of Gabe and Nannie (Muney) Burgett. He was married to Mamie Nelson, December 8, 1912 and to this union was born six children as follows: Three daughters, Mrs. Polly Thomas, Mrs. Bertha Scott of Turkey Creek, Kentucky, Mrs. Dolly Calahan of Detroit, Michigan, and two sons Wallace and J. C. both of Detroit, Michigan. His wife and one son, Watson preceded him in death.

He was baptized in 1930, with his membership at the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church. He was married the second time to Susan Smith on April 26, 1952. He also leaves his wife and the following step-children. Mrs. Odessia Spradlin of Nicholasville, Kentucky; Mrs. Birdie Wolford of Columbus, Ohio and J. M. Smith of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Myrtle Maynard and Jonah Smith, Jr. of Turkey Creek, Kentucky, and Mrs. Minnie A. Smith of Canada, Kentucky. He also leaves 15 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and many friends to mourn his loss.

"Papa" as most of the grandchildren called him, was a faithful christian until his death on December 24, 1964. He always read the Bible. He believed it, and he lived it daily.

I shall always remember what he said to us in the hospital. He said, "I have faith in the Doctors, but my faith is in a greater doctor, if it's his will that I will get well, then I will, if not then I am ready to go." How wonderful it would be if we could all truly say, "I am ready to go." But we cannot any of us say this unless we believe in Christ Jesus, unless we repent of our sins, and be baptized and live a life according to God's Holy Word.

Mother, brothers and sisters: We have lost a loving and devoted father, but we can all meet daddy again in the

Paradise or Heaven if we follow in daddy's footsteps, for his were following those of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior, who one day shall re-unite us all again, where there will be no more pain and sorrow, but all will be joy and happiness, and we will be given a white robe and crown to wear. Daddy will never know how much we miss him and think of all the good things he told us to do, to always live for the Lord and love one another. "Papa" was so good and kind. He always had a cheerful word for every one and his many deeds of kindness will always be remembered. Although his life held many hardships and physical pain, he did not complain. He possessed that inner-strength to bear his troubles and pain with grace and dignity that I feel comes only by having strong faith in God.

There will always be a vacant seat in the home and church that never can be filled, and he shall always be missed by his wife, children, grand-children and friends.

To all the family I wish to say that I love each and every one of you. May God bless and keep you in my prayer.

Written by his daughter, Mrs. Polly Thomas, and his step-daughter Alice Smith.

"I CAN FEEL YOUR PRESENCE THERE"

BY MINNIE ALICE SMITH
CANADA, KENTUCKY

When we gather around the family table,
There is always a vacant chair,
And even though you're not with us,
I can feel your presence there.

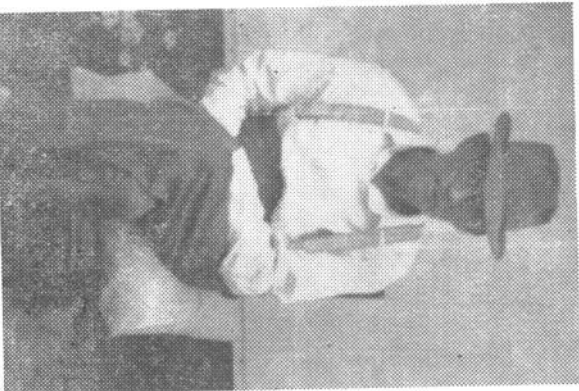
As I walk alone in a lonely garden,
I stop to touch a fragrant flower.
Then I know that you are with me,
For I can feel your presence there.

God called for you to live with him,
And his presence is everywhere.
I cannot see you, yet you are with me,
For I can feel your presence there.

You were a servant of the Lord,
A crown you've won in Heaven fair.
And I know you are with Jesus.
For I can feel your presence there.

Written in memory of Julius Burgett.
by Minnie Alice Smith.

ELDON U. MAYNARD



It is with great sadness I will try to write the obituary of my Grandfather, Eldon U. Maynard.

He was born August 16, 1897 and departed this life May 15, 1965. Making his stay here on earth 67 years, eight months, and 15 days. He was the son of Elder Heennon Maynard and Alice Lowe Maynard. He was married to Glaticce Stamper Lowe August 7, 1918 to this union was born four children, names as follows: Mrs. Martha Ann Nichols, McCombs, KY.; Mrs. Dora Griffy, Ocala, Florida; Eldon L. Maynard, Elster June Maynard, of Ocala, Florida. One step-daughter Mae Lowe Robinson, Citra, Florida. He is also survived by 7 great grandchildren and 13 grandchildren.

He was loved by every one that knew him. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church November 1, 1937, baptized by the hands of Elder Lark Lowe and Earnie Runyons and was ordained to the ministry November 1, 1944.

We have all the reasons to believe that papa is resting under the Alter of God, and so I say, Papa dear our homes are so lonesome, we do hope by God's great mercy that we can meet you some happy day.

Written by a grandchild, Sabert Nicholas

A BEAUTIFUL RIVER

By E. U. Maynard

There is a beautiful river over there flowing through the good land.

Water so clean and clear as Christals flows over it's golden sands.

Oh how I long to be, on that river where the tree of life is found.

All bordered with flowers oh heaven and green grass all round.

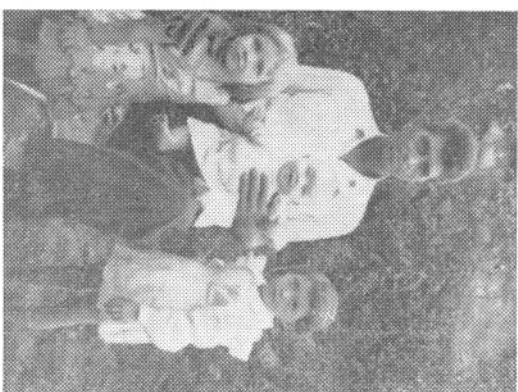
Oh that must be a wonderful heaven and to dwell in that happy land.

There I hope to see my Father and Mother and join that glorified band.

The tree of life on either side of it and in the midst the tree doth stand.

Oh how I want to join them over there and to shake my Mother's hand.

THOMAS ROY NICHOLAS



It is with a sad and heavy heart, as I sit and try to write the obituary of my beloved Father, Thomas Roy Nicholas. Dad was born January 10, 1912 at a little place on Brushy Creek, near Heennon, Kentucky, in Pike County. He was the son of James and Virgie Maynard Nicholas, and was married to Mary Harrison Nicholas who survives. He was the father of five children, three of whom are still living. They are as follows: John Thomas Nicholas of McCombs, Kentucky, and Estil Arnold Nichols of Columbus, Ohio and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Deskins of Borderland, Kentucky. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

Dad left this world March 6, 1965 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, Kentucky. Making his stay on earth 53 years, one month and some few days. He took membership with the Little Rosie Church of the Old Regular Baptist and was baptized December 24, 1964. He was baptized by the hands of Elder Ireland Harrison and Elder Fay Scott of Chattaroy, West Virginia.

He left a host of friends and relation to mourn his loss alone with seven brothers and sisters. Mr. Troy Nicholas of Pikeville, Kentucky, James Nicholas Jr. of Columbus, Ohio; Johnnie Nicholas of Heennon, Kentucky; Mrs. Oeila Lines, Gulnar, Kentucky, and Josephine Gibson of Gulnar, Kentucky; Mrs. Bill Brundell of Florida, and Mrs. Sue Rose, of Pikeville, Kentucky.

I know daddy is at rest now, and there is no suffering

nor pain over on God's shore. We hope by the help of the Lord that we will meet Daddy again, in that beautiful city where that we feel that daddy has gone to fill his seat.

I would like to say that I feel that daddy knew where he was going for when he took his last breath, he was looking from his hospital bed and was smiling as though he could see his heavenly home through faith, awaiting him over in God's Kingdom.

Now daddy is gone but is not forgotten. For the love that we have for daddy in our hearts, is bright as if he were still with us. So until that great and noble resurrection, we will just say farewell, hoping by our Lord's help that we will meet again.

Written by his daughter Mrs. Dorothy Deskins.

SARAH (WHITE) CURRY



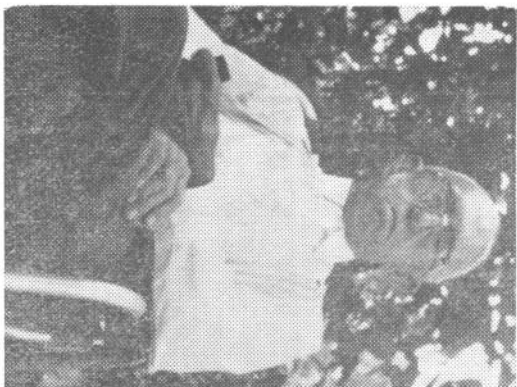
My sister Sarah was the daughter of Comfort and Angeline (Evans) White, and was born September 21, 1900. She deceased this life in February, 1962. She was married to Brady Curry, who survives, and was the mother of five children; three girls and two sons, four of whom live in Florida, one in South Carolina. The children's names are: Jack, Ronnie, Imogene, Lois and Aliene. She had several grandchildren and great grand children. Sister Sarah joined the Elk Fork Church very early in life, and was always so faithful to it. She would return here to be with us in our Memorial meetings, as well as other times. My sister was humble and loving, and to know her was to love her. She was always ready and willing to help those in need, in any way that she could. When my sister became too ill to return from Florida again, she would write and ask me to ask her sisters to pray for her. But to the end her faith in eternal life never wavered. Her brothers and sisters still living are: Wilburn B., and Wallace of Holden, West Virginia, Fred of Florida, Resa, Allie, Hazel and Effie of Delbarton, Rush, her youngest brother never returned from sea duty

while in the U. S. Navy in the year of 1942.

Written by her sister in hope of eternal life in our Blessed Saviour Christ our Lord.

Effie W. Tomblin

JAMES DAVID "JIM" BURRIS



With a sad heart and a lonely feeling, I will try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of my dear husband, James David Burris. He was the son of Lafe Burris and Margie Smith Burris, deceased. He was born September 1881, and passed away Tuesday morning, December 8, 1964 making his stay here on earth 83 years, 2 months, and 17 days. He was married to Emma Young in the year of 1902, on October 16th, and to this unit were born five children, four boys and one girl. One son, Raymond Burris, preceded him in death. He leaves his wife, the former Emma Young Burris, and the following children to mourn his loss: Bonnie Taylor, Clarksburg, West Virginia; Clayton Burris of South William, Kentucky; Floyd Burris of Clothier, West Virginia; and John Lafe Burris of Williamson, West Virginia. He leaves two brothers, Bud and Boyd Burris, both of Hatfield, Kentucky; and two sisters, Ibba Stanley of Turkey Creek and Miss Lizzie Burris of Sidney, Kentucky. He also leaves 12 grandchildren, all grown, and a number of great-grandchildren.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church, made his confession and was baptized on March 22, 1953 by the hands of Elders Harrison Bevins and Emmett Case. I believe that he lived a Christian life until death took him, taking fellowship with the Pilgrims' Home Church of Varney, Kentucky, and attending faithfully when able until his death, and seemed to be loved by all who knew him and his many friends here in South Williamson. I believe that Jim just fell asleep, to sleep until the Resurrection Day, when all will come out of the grave. He looked so peaceful when he left us. To his friends and children, all I can say is to prepare to meet him - I will be looking to see him when Jesus comes and brings his Saints with Him.

Written by his lonely wife, Emma Burris.

LACY RAY



I will try by the help of the good Lord to write the obituary of my dear husband, who passed away February 22, 1962. He was born August 10, 1898 at Varney, Kentucky, and spent his entire life at Varney. He was the son of Thomas and Nancy Robinette Ray. He was married to Kissiah Dorton Ray on December 23, 1915, and to this union were born 13 children, all living: six boys, Ben L. Ray, Amos Ray, Jack Ray,

Lacy Thomas Ray, Jessie Ray, all of Varney, Kentucky; and Russell Ray of Cleveland, Ohio; seven girls, Gusta Young of Varney, Kentucky; Gracie Charles, Nancy McKinney, Lenora Stags of Detroit, Michigan; Mary Ann Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio; Ollie Hinkle of Keen Mountain, Virginia; and Martha McCoy of Anthony, Florida. He also leaves 44 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and one brother, Perry Ray, to mourn his loss, as well as the entire membership of the Pillgrims' Home Church. He joined the church in 1950 on regular church time in January, and was a faithful member and attended as long as his health permitted. He was baptized by the hands of Elder Emmett Case and Willard Young. He was sick for two years and five months with heart trouble and cancer, but he bore his suffering with patience. He was in the hospital at Pikeville when he passed away and said to me "I see Angels" and told me to look and I did, and I told him I didn't see anything and he told me I wasn't looking. I have no doubt that he is now resting from all his labor. He was a laborer and a blacksmith. This old home is so lonely some without him. I am like some lonesome dove - I go along and sigh and mourn, but I hope by God's Great Mercy that I will be with him some sweet day.

Written by his brokenhearted wife,

Kissiah Ray

Oh Papa we miss you
Since you went away
Our hearts are so lonely
Both night and day.

I hope you are with Jesus
in Heaven today -
I hope to join you
some Sweet day.

You were chosen as a rose
(that never fades away)
So sad was our hearts
when he called you away.

When God took you
we didn't ask why
So Pape I have a hope
I will meet you in the Sweet by and by.

Written by his daughter
Mrs. Willard Young

REBECCA JANE HATFIELD



With much sadness we try to write the obituary of our dear Mother Mrs. Rebecca Jane Hatfield, who departed this life to be with Jesus on March 4, 1965.

She was born April 18, 1889 in Pike County. She was the daughter of John and Mary (McGuire) Phillips, who preceded her in death. She was married to the late John B. Hatfield. She was a member of the Salem Regular Baptist Church at Goody, Kentucky. Mother was baptized on December 12, 1913 and lived a godly life waiting for the hope of eternal life, which is the promise of all who believe in Jesus Christ.

Mother left nine sons: Sherman, Elmer, Burl, Clarence; John W.; Albin, Sonny, Harold, Teddy Hatfield and two daughters Ollie Mae and Dolly Elsie, two brothers, four sisters, and several grandchildren who sadly miss her. We feel Mother made her calling and election sure and that we will meet again where we'll never have to say good-bye.

Written by a son, Rev. Sonny A. Hatfield

RUSH AND GEORGIA HAGER SCOTT

It is with a sad heart and much weakness that I try to write the obituary of my beloved grandparents Rush Scott and Georgia Hager Scott. Grandma was born September 3, 1878 and deceased this life December 25, 1963. She was the

daughter of Dave and Martha Hager who preceded her in death. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church August 27, 1933.



Grandpa was the son of Floyd and Fannie Blackburn Scott, who preceded him in death. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the 1st Saturday in March 1959 and deceased this life June 6, 1964 at the age of 68. He was baptized by Elder Ed May and Elder Willie Stanley.

Left to morun their loss are three girls, Maggie Hall of Hardy, Ky.; Millie Brown of Caro, Michigan, and Myrtle Smith of Madison Heights, Michigan. There were also three sons, Dock Scott of Hardy, Ky., who preceded them in death; Clayton Scott of Dearborn, Michigan and James Scott of Hardy, Ky.

Grandma and Grandpa will be sadly missed by a host of relatives and friends. I feel that they are sleeping in Jesus, awaiting for that sweet day when he will come again and carry their souls home. I want to say to the children, don't weep for Mommy and Daddy but for ourselves and our children who are left to face the trials and tribulations of this life. May God have mercy on our souls and I pray that when that wonderful day comes, that we will be worthy of receiving a crown of glory so that we can go home and live with our loved ones but most of all with Jesus.

I miss my Grandparents but they are asleep now and the dead knoweth nothing but the living know that they must die and after death the judgement.

I am writing the following poem to the children of this wonderful father and mother, for I know that if they could speak to them, this is what they would say.

TO OUR CHILDREN

We'll meet you again my loved ones
 Far, Far above the skies
 Where there will be no heartaches
 And no more sad goodbyes
 We tried to teach you children
 The very best we knew

But God has released us now
 And we bid you all adieu

We know that you'll get lonesome
 To see Mommy and Daddy again
 But just put your trust in the Lord
 For he will always understand

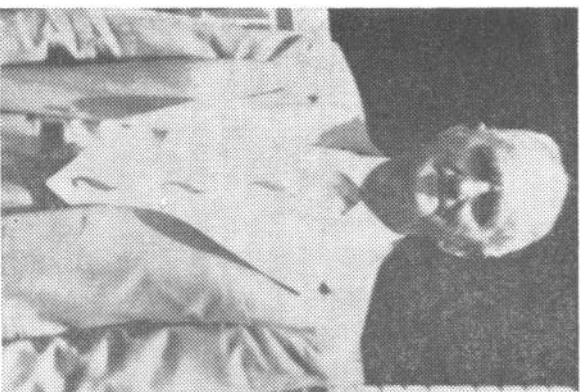
He promised he would guide us
 And wipe all tears from our eyes
 Then we can all sit down together
 With Jesus by our side

We're resting form our labors
 And we'll have to suffer no more
 Won't you prepare to meet us
 Over on the other shore

Written by one who loved them dearly, their granddaughter, Geraldine Scott Crigger

L. L. KEESSE

Brother Landon L. Keese was born March 18, 1876, departed this life March 23, 1965, making his stay here on earth 89 years and 6 days. The son of O. B. Keese and Margaret (Wade) Keese.



In 1906 he was married to Nancy Stafford, to this union was born six children: Moss Keese, Belfrey, Kentucky; Okey Keese, Charleston, West Virginia; Ray Keese, deceased; Mary Smith, Winchester, Kentucky; Vleie Whitt, Ashland, Kentucky; and Beatrice King, Williamson, West Virginia. His wife preceded him in death. Also surviving is one stepson, Elmer Queen of Elkhorn City, Kentucky.

In 1951 he was married to Sally Queen Keese, who survives, to mourn his loss with his children and many friends and Brothers and sisters of the many churches who had learned to love him. We hope our loss is his eternal gain.

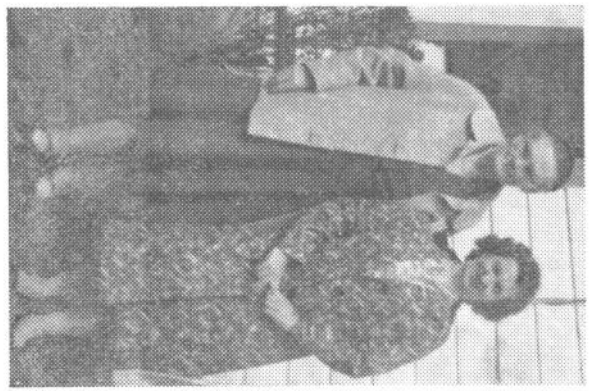
Brother Keese professed a hope in Jesus Christ October

2. 1954 and was baptized by Elders B. H. Bevins, Sr. and Wallace Maynard, and took his fellowship with the Church of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptist called Salem, and lived a true faithful member until death took him from this earth.

I want to say to his children and many friends that Jesus tasted death for you and prepared a way where by you can live with him after this troubled life is over and that way is repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and being born again and after this life is over in the resurrection we will be able to meet Brother Keese and inherit that Heavenly Home and ever be with the Lord.

Written by your humble Brother in hope of eternal life,
Elder B. H. Bevins, Sr.

Laura Blackburn



With a sad heart and many pleasant memories of the past, I will try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of my dear sister, Laura Blackburn, she was a daughter of Tom and Margaret McCoy. She was born September 25, 1899 and departed this life May 8, 1965, making her stay in this life 66 years, seven months and 13 days. She was married to Oscar Blackburn. To this union was born four children, two boys and two girls, namely Ollie Phillips of Williamson, W. Va.; Clarence Blackburn and Maggie Small of Columbus, Ohio; Donald Lee Blackburn stationed in Washington State. She had nine grandchildren and one brother and two sisters, namely Sherlie McCoy of Pilgrim, Kentucky; Tiny Robinson of Pilgrim and Velvie Rose of Chattaroy, W. Va. Besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss, she was a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of Chattaroy, West Virginia. She was always in her seat at church when she was able to get there.

She enjoyed talking with the brothers and sisters so much. The memory of good mothers, contributes more to peace on earth than all the laws of the land. No doubt, they

"... we are charmed by the angels of babes around Gods Throne. To deny a good mothers love is to neglect the cross of Jesus Christ. Yes, I believe Heavens Gate will stant a jar, when sister Laura's soul enters the Portals of Glory. God's Grace is sufficient, the Angels will sing the word of God being sown in her heart is now blooming in Heaven where there is no decaying flowers, but all joy and peace forever. I want to say to all her children if you want to see mother again, you will have to repent and be born again of the Divine Spirit of God. Please take heed and don't put off Salvation for death might find you in your sins as death finds you so shall judgement receive you. So think of what your mother has told you and lay it near your heart. Take heed to the light that shines in dark places until the day dawns and the day star arises in your heart; draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you; seek and you shall find knock and it shall be opened unto you; cleanse your hands; Purify your hearts if you do these you to can live forever.

Greetings to all the good brothers and sisters. Written for her children by a request.

Written in hope of Eternal Life.
By her sister, Velvie Rose

Allen Adkins



A delayed obituary of Brother Allen Adkins, who deceased this life December 15, 1964. He leaves to mourn his wife, Sister Grace (Lambert) Adkins and eight children. Brother Adkins fell into the path of the grim reaper of death and brought sadness upon his little home at Pie, West Virginia. Brother Adkins fulfilled the appointment of death. We are truly thankful that he found and lived a new life which the Lord said "Who so ever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Now I know that we can not place the destiny of anyone but we believe that Brother Adkins heard the call of faith and the testimony that he left with us gives us a hope that we can meet again on the crystal shores of time where no more death can leave its sorrow up on us. Now as we pen

his name in our record and history of the faith, I truly hope that the light that he carried will cast its beam into the path of the ones that he loved and the ones that are unsaved. So if anyone is in doubt of which path to walk they may see more clearer and exclaim as the great Psalmist did.

Teach me thy way oh Lord and lead me in a plain path so we the family and the church do not sorrow as others which have no hope. Sure we miss him. His faithful companion, Sister Adkins and children, miss him also. It is so lonely without him but a few more storms and the Lord will call the faithful to come home. So the children that might be unsaved will you not let the silver cord be lost. Will you hear the call of faith so the family circle will not be broken. Will you come to this great reunion, take heed while it is day. So in closing the Lord said be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life. I say these things because I know Brother Adkins would want me to because he loved his family.

Written for the family, by a brother in hope

Elder Mont Ellis

"Hello! Dad", What is heaven like?
Dad, I know there must be no darkness but all is light.
You know, Dad, just a while before you had to go
You saw a light and a city, what it looked like you
did not know,
I believe that Jesus made it so.

Dad now! you have given up this earth to live no more
I believe you know how heaven is.
A lot of times we use to talk, how heaven looked,
and where our souls went when Jesus took.
How it feels to be there I cannot yet say,
until Jesus takes my soul away.

I am so glad for my Dad today
When Jesus came and took you away.
You did say, I wanna go both my body and my soul.
But take my spirit back to God who gave
and let this body lay in the grave.
When the triumph has sounded and you have called,
Write my body and my soul, so I can walk the street
of gold.

Poem by Willard Adkins

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Brother Emsy B. Scott, the son of Harry and Sarah Ann Bevins Scott, was born May 23, 1873 and deceased this life on October 25, 1964, making his stay here 91 years, five months and one day.

Brother "Bee", as we loved to call him, married Sister Texie Ann Williamson on April 8, 1812 and they were not blessed to have any children, but they seemed to love every body and enjoyed a happy married life, until death took

Brother Bee.

Brother Bee became a member of the Old Mount Pleasant Church of Regular Baptist, being baptized at the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins August 29, 1936 and remained a faithful christian until the death angel took him from our midst.

He was ordained a Deacon in the Mount Pleasant Church on the second Saturday in June 1940, at the same time Bro. Frank Collins and myself were ordained Deacons. Now both of these faithful soldiers are gone and I am left for some cause. Sister Texie, I hope to join them when death closes my eyes and the resurrection brings our bodies forth out of the graves to live forever with Christ our Redeemer.

At the time of his death Brother Scott's membership was at the Old Bent Branch Church where he took it when the Mount Pleasant Church granted him a letter on November 14, 1959. He attended church there and at the Burning Spring Church when he was so feeble he was really not able to go. But he really enjoyed the preaching and the fellowship with the brothers and sisters.

Left to mourn his loss, besides his wife, Sister Texie A. Scott, are a half brother, Walter Scott of Coal Run, Kentucky and a great host of relatives and friends.

We feel that our loss is his eternal gain. We could say, like the song, (Slightly changed from the original)

"My brother is dead and gone to rest.
His sins were all forgiven.
He sailed on that ship of love
That anchors over in Heaven.

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His place on earth is vacant now.
It can't be filled no more;
But praise the Lord, we'll meet again
Just over on the shining shore."

Sister Texie, Walter and all those who loved Brother Bee, our prayer for you is that God will richly bless you in this life and happily welcome you home to Heaven when this life is ended.

Written by one he dearly loved,
Elder Harold Edmonds

SISTER LUCINDA (LUCY) GILMAN STACY



Sister Lucinda (Lucy) Gilman Stacy, the daughter of James and Betty Farley Gilman, was born May 4, 1904 at Delbarton, West Virginia, and deceased this life December 28, 1963, making her stay here 59 years, eight months and twenty four days.

Sister Lucy was married to James Stacy November 6, 1924, and to this union were born six children, two infants preceded her in death. Simon, Mosco, Billy Ray and Betty Ann Harrington all living.

She was a member of the Elk Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist, being baptized at the hands of Elder W. B. Estep June 6, 1921. She remained a faithful and loving member until death and during her later years sent many requests for the church to pray for her when she was too sick to attend.

Sister Lucy's presence at the Elk Fork Church is greatly missed, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain.

May I say to Sister Lucy's children, brothers, husband and many friends, if you ever expect to see her again, you will have to except Jesus to be your Saviour, because I humbly believe she is in Heaven.

Written by Elder Ellis Davis

ORA MCCOY BLACKBURN

Ora McCoy Blackburn was born March 14, 1884 in Pike County, Kentucky, deceased this life April, 1964, making her stay on earth 80 years and one month.

She was the daughter of Brother Tom and Belle Maynard McCoy. She was married to Dike Blackburn and to this union was born 9 children, which two of them preceded her in death. The children left to mourn her death are: Tommie and Lydia of Turkey Creek, Kentucky; Mrs. Alice Williamson of Pico, Kentucky; Mrs. Mary Belle Tiller, Pilgrim, Kentucky; Wendell and Virgil, address unknown; Mrs. Josephine Maynard of Michigan; 40 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren, one brother, Sherlin McCoy, Pilgrim, Kentucky; four sisters, Mrs. Velvie Rose, Chataroy, W. Va.; Mrs. Laura Blackburn, Williamson, W. Va.; Mrs. Stella Robinson, and Mrs. Tinnie Robinson, both of Pilgrim, Kentucky and a host of friends.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church several years ago and to the writer and all that knew her, she lived a christian life.

A word to her children, if you expect to meet mother, do as she has asked you many times, repent and live your life as mother did while she was here on earth.

I always think of Mother no matter where I roam. I always think of Mother though she is gone. I hope to meet her someday around the great throne.

Written by her own sister, also her sister in the church.
Tinie and Tom Robinson.

Here is a prayer written by Sister Ora McCoy Blackburn in her life time.

MOTHER'S PRAYER

May the God of Peace come in this home and cause there to be peace and kindness and love especially Tommy, Wendell, and Virgil who never ask to come Lord. Place your blessed hands on me and hold me up that I may continue. I pray Lord, Lord have mercy on me, my children, and my neighbor's children. Lord go with us to our grave and peace be with us forevermore.

Amen.

By the request of the family we will try to write the obituary of sister Mary Adams Smith.

She was born November 9, 1872, deceased December 17, 1964, her stay here on earth was 72 years, one month and 17 days. She was the daughter of Ben Adams and Ollie Stratton Adams.

We visited her many times, she always wanted me to sing and pray for her, she was a faithful member as long as she was able to go to church, sister Mary was afflicted for 15 years and was very patient with her sickness.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Walker Smith and two sons, Lee Smith and Agle Smith. Also a daughter Ollie Jane McCoy, two sisters, Birdie Dixon and Virgie Clevenger and one brother, Lundy Adams.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church the third Saturday in May 1946 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Johnnie Nicholas and Brother Harvey Lowe. She took membership with the Big Branch Church. She was a faithful member until her death.

We would like to say to her husband and children and grandchildren, you have lost a good mother and grandmother, if you ever expect to see her again you must be born again, not of corruptible seed but of an incorruptible by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever and we feel that our loss is heaven's gain, there is no doubt that she made a happy exchange, she has gone from this world of trouble where there won't be any sickness or pain, it will all be peace and love and joy to the children of God. Blessed are they that die in the Lord, herewith there is a crown laid up for them, not for them only but for them all that love the appearing of the Lord, the tongue is not able to say the many good things about sister Mary, so farewell.

A Precious one from us is gone, A voice we live is still
A place is vacant in our home that can never be filled.

Written by a brother and sister in hope. Elder Johnnie
Nichols and Sally McCoy.

From a long series of experiences, we, the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and upon their producing letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.
2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in the Union.
4. The Association, when convened, shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.
5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the members present.
6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and every Church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.
7. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches shall be taken up by the Association.
8. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.
9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Church with Minutes of the Association.
10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper, and send it by their delegates to the Association, and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.
11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association, shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.

12. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises, unless the same is dispensed with.
13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.
14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present.
15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the churches falling to represent themselves at any time in the Association, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent to transact any business which they see necessary, and they shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which shall violate the rules of the Association or diviate from the orthodox principles of religion; to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence, and glory.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practices.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the Saviour is needed for our redemption.
5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with Holy Spirit of promise, and none shall fall away and be lost.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST.
7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's Church on earth and the mode of IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.

8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour and that by the use of bread and the fruit of the vine, and feet washing should be kept up until his second coming by His believers.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel except such as regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the church.

11. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.

12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation, is erroneous and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

13. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and one another, and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the moderator until he is through.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no way comment on the person who has spoken, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association and only five minutes at a time.

8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term of appellation than that of "Brother".

10. The moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled. And he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided; then he may give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willing and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be removed by the Association as they think proper.

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 DIX FORK
 NARROWS BRANCH
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 TURKEY CREEK
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PSALM 23

- The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 3. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the ever.

