

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In Session with Leannah Church
Pilgrim, Kentucky

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, and 13, 1970

Elder Edwin May—Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald—Assistant Moderator
Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.—Clerk
Bro. James M. Ray—Assistant Clerk

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FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 1970

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, The Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Leannah Church, Pilgrim, Martin County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1970. Some of the Brethren and Sisters had arrived days early, anxiously awaiting the beginning of this old and beloved Association and to visit with their many friends and relatives in the area. Many memories and experiences of days gone by were told and re-lived. The love, devotion and good counsel of old Elders, Brethren and Sisters of the Leannah Church was recalled and shared with our people of today. This proves, beloved Brethren and Sisters, that our life lived for Jesus bears good fruit while we live and long after we are gone. Therefore, be of good spirit for today we sow the good seed of Jesus so that tomorrow we and our loved ones can reap the good fruit.

While singing a few beautiful songs in the old time way the many Brethren, Sisters and Friends gathered at the Stand where arrangements had been made for the preaching. We were blessed with an unusually large crowd for this first day and several were caught unaware by the early morning chill. The love of our last Association still lingered in our hearts as Elder Edwin May, our Moderator, came to the Stand and spoke a few words hoping the love and spirit of that Association would carry over to this one.

Elder Willie Stiltner opened the services about the hour of 9:30 a.m. by way of singing an old favorite song, "Will They Miss Me When I'm Gone." Brother Willie did not stand long, wanting to give the time to Elder Jeff May, but his words were well spoken and seasoned with love and understanding. Brother Willie then led in prayer.

Elder Jeff May preached the Introductory Sermon from his Text, Psalms 80:8, "Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it." Brother Jeff's words were well chosen and his speaking was slow so as to be well understood. The subject he chose is a deep one but he was well blessed to preach it out with understanding.

(11) By motion and second it was ordered that we correspond with the following Sister Associations: UNION, NEW SALEM, NORTHERN NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA, FRIENDSHIP and INDIAN BOT-TOM.

Correspondence with Thornton Union and Mud River Associations was not included in this motion because of questions to be taken up on Saturday.

(12) A Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren as follows:

Elder Clinton Howard
 Brother Bill Robinson
 Brother Clinton B. Lowe

(13) A Committee was appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one Delegate from each Church and the entire Leannah Church delegation. They reported as follows:

Friday Night	Association
Roy B. Akers	Northern New Salem
Wiley Coffee	New Salem
Mitchell Chaffins	New Salem
Saturday	Association
Luther Conn	New Salem
Banner Manns	New Salem
Delbert Sanders	Union
Hassel Estep	Friendship
Mitchell Chaffins	New Salem

(14) A Committee on Arrangements was appointed consisting of one Delegate from each Church of the Sardis Association, Moderators, Clerks and the entire Delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations to arrange the business for Saturday's session.

(15) On motion by Brother Clifford Maynard and second by Elder Lloyd Sescio the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 1970

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing many of the old time songs of Zion, Elder Ira Adkins of the Philadelphia Association opened the meeting with preaching and led in prayer. Business then proceeded as follows:

(1) Called the roll of Delegates and marked the absentees.

(2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and on regular move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.

(3) Appointed a Committee on Finance as follows:

Brother Landon Taylor
 Brother Uley Perry
 Brother Clifford Maynard
 Brother Calvin C. Bevins

This Committee reported \$766.00 received from the several Churches and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(4) Appointed the same Committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday. They reported as follows:

Saturday Night	Association
Wiley Coffee	New Salem
George Woods	Philadelphia
Wayne Carly	Northern New Salem
Sunday	Association
Carl Ray Tuttle	New Salem
Roy B. Akers	Northern New Salem
Ira Adkins	Philadelphia
Wayne Herald	Sardis

(5) Called for the Treasurer to report and, upon regular move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand September 14, 1969	\$1,289.70
Additional donation for 500 Minutes (extra cost)	103.50
Total available	\$1,393.20
Less paid out for 1969:	
Printing 4500 Minutes for 1969	\$931.50
Travel Expense	20.00
Mailing, Supply and Telephone Exp.	48.92
Total Paid Out	\$1,000.42
Balance on hand September 11, 1970	\$ 392.78

Add 1970 Receipts:

Donations from Churches	\$775.00
Received for Pictures	150.00
Donations from Others	3.00
Total 1970 Receipts	\$ 928.00

Balance on hand September 13, 1970	\$1,320.78
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(6) By motion and second it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1970 and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

(7) By motion and second it was ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, and that he have 4000 copies printed, and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his services. The Clerk is to determine the number of our Minutes to be sent with our Letter to corresponding Sister Associations and is to mail a copy of our Minutes to every Ordained Minister in our corresponding Sister Associations.

(8) The Circular Letter written by Elder Charlie Johnson was read by him and, on motion and second, was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(9) On motion by Elder Lewis Marcum and second by Brother Mike Sheppard, it was ordered that Elder Willie White prepare the Circular Letter for presentation at our next (1971) Association.

(10) A Request from Sardis Church and a similar Request from Bethany Church to change Article 5 of our Constitution and Article 2 of our Rules of Decorum to vote only for a Moderator and a Clerk as Officers of our Sardis Association was answered by a motion from Brother Floyd Williamson and a second by Elder Robert L. Robinson to reject their Request. Elder H. Jimmy Deeley filed an Objection and voting of the Delegates showed 51 in favor of the motion and 12 against it.

(11) The Thornton Union Association Letter referred to the Committee on Arrangements and made an Item to come before the Sardis Association received a lot of discussion. A motion by Elder J. G. Thornberry and second by Brother Uley Perry to drop Correspondence with Thornton Union Association, and not to Correspond with them until they clean up, met with an Objection from Elder B. H. Bevins. Voting of the Delegates showed 43 in favor of the motion and 1 against it.

(12) A Request from Southern Home Church asking if Thornton Union Association had taken any action toward Elder Bill Cox preaching unorthodox doctrine (as promised last year) was withdrawn by the Southern Home Delegates.

(13) A Request from the Union Association to investigate the Doctrine of Mud River Association brought about much discussion. In answer to the Request from Union Association, and on motion by Elder Charlie Johnson and second by Brother Uley Perry, the Sardis Association will drop Correspondence with the Mud River Association for advocating and preaching there is no Scripture to Sinners.

(14) Letters to our Corresponding Sister Associations were read by the Clerk and Delegates appointed to attend as follows:

UNION: When convened with the Ypsilanti Church, Ypsilanti, Wayne County, Michigan on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1970. **ELDERS:** Edwin May. **BROTHERS:** David Crigger, David Baisden, Mike Sheppard, Marshall Williamson and K. H. Williamson. Letter in the hands of Brother K. H. Williamson.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the Caney Creek Church, Caney Creek, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1970. **ELDERS:** Millis Roberts, Charlie Johnson, Hobert Graham, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, J. L. Nichols, B. H. Bevins, J. G. Thornberry, H. Jimmy Deeley, Tracy Hatfield, Ross Cline and Chester Belcher. **BROTHERS:** James Scott, Ted Boger, Jim Bevins, Frankie White, Newton Walters, Ralph Smith, Delbert Kazee, Mike Sheppard, Floyd Morris, Fred Bevins, Clifford Maynard, Joe Warrix, Uley Perry, K. H. Williamson and Floyd Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Charlie Johnson.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Memory Church, Sunman, Indiana on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1971. **ELDERS:** H. Jimmy Deeley, Willie Varney, Edwin May and Wayne Herald. **BROTHERS:** Clifford Maynard, David Baisden, Joe Warrix, Chester Dials, James Scott and Linzie Runyon. Letter in the hands of Brother Clifford Maynard.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the new Mt. Olive Church, East Tygart, Maloneon, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1971. **ELDERS:** J. G. Thornberry, H. Jimmy Deeley, Robert L. Robinson, Lewis Marcum, Tracy Hatfield, Willis Lowe, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Willie White and Ellis Davis. **BROTHERS:** Burlin Thornberry, Stewart Brown, Delbert Kazee, James Brown, Frankie White, Chester Dials, Joe Warrix and Marshall Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Willie White.

FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Bethany Church, Ikes Fork, Wyoming County, West Virginia on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1971. **ELDERS:** Steve Robinson, Jr., Lewis Marcum, Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornberry, Roosevelt Lowe and Willis Lowe. **BROTHERS:** Lindsey Vance, Delbert Kazee, Bill Williams, Frankie White, Landon Taylor, K. H. Williamson, Hi Young, Albert Stanley, Floyd Williamson and Joe Robinette. Letter in the hands of Elder J. G. Thornberry.

INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the Reynolds Fork Church, Brinkley, Knott County, Kentucky on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1971. **ELDERS:** Loyd Seco, Willie Stanley, Chester Belcher, Millis Roberts, Alson Thornbury, Tracy Hatfield and Wayne Herald. **BROTHERS:** Delbert Kazee, Clifford Maynard, Floyd Morris, James Scott, Fred Bevins, Marshall Williamson, Joe Warrix, Frankie White and Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder Tracy Hatfield.

(15) On Request from Pilgrim's Home Church, and by regular move and second, it is ordered that the Brother chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and his alternate, shall be chosen by a vote of the Delegates present.

(16) A Query from Dix Fork Church asking, "Is it right or wrong for the Sisters to go to the beauty shop and have their hair fixed up?" was sent back to them by regular move and second.

(17) 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.

(18) 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.

(19) In answer to the question, "Shall we receive into our fellowship men or women having more than one wife or husband?" the Association by regular move and second said, "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."

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

(21) By motion and second it is ordered that 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.

(22) By regular move and second it is ordered that we print the Obituary of Brother John P. Gibson in our Minutes.

(23) By regular move and second it is ordered that we not reprint Item 20 of our 1969 Minutes but keep it as an Order of the Association.

(24) Brethren called in Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings and in Associations last year made their reports which were received and their failures excused. Our Brethren did a good job of filling their appointments,

(25) A Request for the 1971 Sardis Association was received from Southern Home, Pilgrim's Home and Little Virgie Churches. By motion, second, objection and vote of 48 in favor of the motion and 11 against it, it is ordered that our next Association meeting be held with the Little Virgie Church beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1971.

Little Virgie Church is located at Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky on Upper Johns Creek. Travel Route 119 from Pikeville, Kentucky toward Williamson, West Virginia about 15 miles to Meta, Kentucky then turn right onto Route 194 about 10 miles to Kimper, Kentucky. Association signs will be posted to direct you.

(26) By motion and second it is ordered that the Sardis Association request all of our Churches, who can and want to, to send a donation to the Church who will host our next Association, Little Virgie Church.

(27) A Committee was appointed to take the vote of the Delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon, and his Alternate, at our 1971 Association as follows:

Elder Roy B. Akers, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hiram Adkins, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Clifford Colley, Philadelphia Association

This Committee reported the following and was discharged:
Elder Ross Cline to preach the Introductory Sermon.
Elder Lloyd SESCO to be his alternate.

(28) By regular move and second it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tender our heart-felt thank you to each and every member of the Leannah Church who worked and prayed all this last year to get ready for our Association; to the friends, relatives and members of other Church denominations in this beautiful and friendly community who pitched-in and helped feed and house the hundreds of Old Regular Baptist who came from far and near to attend our Association; to Sheriff Ray Fields, of Martin County, who devoted a lot of his time and effort, especially in directing traffic; and to the Funeral Homes who furnished shelters.

The abundance of food on the two long rows of tables just never did run out even though hundreds of people ate their fill from the delicious dishes of food. Beloved Sisters and friends whose kind and lovely hands prepared this delicious food, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

(29) On regular motion and second the Minutes were read, corrected and ordered to be signed by the Officers of this Association.

(30) On motion by Brother Clifford Maynard and second by Brother Floyd Williamson, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the time and place mentioned above. The Sardis Association then adjourned by way of prayer.

This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13, 1970

Early on this last day of our Association large numbers of our people began to arrive. There was much joy and thankful hearts because the Lord had once again blessed us with a good Association.

After singing several songs of Zion, services were introduced by Elder Carl Ray Tuttle, New Salem Association. He was wonderfully blessed to preach from his Text, Romans 13:1, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

After singing a song we were very ably led in prayer by Brother Ben Robinson.

According to the arrangements, Elder Roy B. Akers, Northern New Salem Association, was to follow the opening but was unable to be here.

Elder Ira Adkins, Philadelphia Association, came to the Stand and with much exhortation preached from his Text, Hebrews 10:5, "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me."

With much humbleness Elder Woodrow Pack, New Salem Association, came to the Stand and, amidst much shouting and rejoicing, sang a beautiful song, "An Alien from God."

Last in the Stand was our capable Assistant Moderator, Elder Wayne Herald, who preached from his Text, St. John 15:1, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." Brother Wayne did not want to use the time needed for his Text but was nevertheless blessed to preach a wonderful sermon.

No one responded to the announced open door of the Church and, after singing a wonderful song during which there was much rejoicing, dismissal was called by Elder Wayne Herald.

Thus ended the 78th annual session of the Sardis Association. While it was sad to take the parting hand, on behalf of the Delegates and Officers of the Sardis Association, I want to give God the honor and glory for giving us another good Association.

May God Bless the Sardis Association with a double portion of His love until we meet again.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association and everyone who may read this Circular Letter.

Being appointed in the 1969 Session to write a Letter for your approval or disapproval in the 1970 Session, I hope and trust to be guided and directed by the Spirit of the All-mighty God to write according to the will of heaven.

The subject that has rested in my mind for some time will be found in the first Chapter of Saint Luke, first verse, "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us."

Now, by the help of the All-Mighty, I would love first to prove by the Bible just who "us" is. We hear the Bible saying in the beginning, "Let us make man." That was God, the Father of us all, speaking to His son, Jesus Christ, the family of God in the beginning. Then "us" today are the true believers and obeyers in Christ Jesus that have truly repented of their sins and have been begotten of the Father, and went through a travel and born of Mother Jerusalem and adopted in the family of God, by grace and through faith. That is the only way to become a member of God's family that will live happily in heaven after this life is over.

Then "us" today believe that every one that has been begotten by the Father, and born of the Holy Spirit of God, is a Baptist of the old time faith. There are many today that say they are Baptist but deny it by their practice and doings. Then the "us" that I am speaking of today are the old time and not modern Baptist. We today believe that God the Father of us all has had a Church from the beginning of time and that He has watched over it and cared for it down to this present day, and will keep it as an apple of His eye until He sends His son after it to move out of a world of trouble and tribulation to the paradise of God.

Then we believe that every person that has been on this earth, or ever will be, is a child of God by creation, and that they could have, and can be, a child of God by the spiritual birth, if they would have and will give heed to the light of God and His low still voice and divine guidance that has appeared to every person that has ever been on this earth, or ever will be.

Then we believe that if the person dies before it knows to do good, then it is saved by grace and grace alone. But when he or she knows to do good and does not do it, they become to be a sinner in the sight of God and remain in that condition until they give heed to God's spirit and begin to repent, and God sets up a Godly Sorrow in their souls and minds and that sorrow works, and they suffer enough to satisfy God, then the spiritual birth takes place in their souls, or the inward man, then that person be-

comes an obedient creature to do and to keep the commandments of God and His Church. They will go home to their friends to tell them the good things God has done for them, to be buried with Christ in baptism to answer that good conscience because eternal life, or eternal salvation, is in their possessions and nothing that has ever been, nor nothing that ever will be, can or will separate them from that salvation or God's loving spirit. They have that desire to be buried with Christ in water baptism, not to get salvation and their sins washed away, but because their sins have been forgiven and they have salvation in their souls and a desire to live in the Church.

There are some today that say there was no Church until the day of Pentecost and, if there was it went out of existence in the Dark Ages. But I hear Jesus say long before the day of Pentecost that "thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then the Church has to be the greatest and strongest organization on earth because it was organized and set up by God. It has been tried in the fiery furnace and den of lions and never faltered.

The Bible speaking of and about one of God's great leaders of the Children of Israel, which was Moses, saying, "this is he, that was in the Church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us." Christ speaking to the members of the Church, long before the day of Pentecost, saying, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church." How could they have told it to the Church if there had been no Church? Then there had to be a Church long before some say there was.

Some say it takes the natural water to get in the Church but that is not believed among us. Some say there is no need to be baptized at all and that is not believed among us. Some believe in baptizing little children to make Christians but not us old Baptist. For we hear Jesus saying, "suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." For when Philip was preaching and they believed the thing concerning the kingdom of God they were baptized, both men and women. There is no scripture to justify baptizing little children.

Now to say a few words about the last ordinance that God set in His

Church and that is the taking of the bread in remembrance of His broken body, and the fruit of the vine in memory of His spilled blood that was shed on the cross for the benefit of everyone, and washing one another's feet to manifest our love for our Brothers and Sisters. The Bible teaches that when a person is borned of God's spirit they have a desire to do the things God said for them to do, and they get joy out of doing it. I am glad to be called an Old Regular Baptist. I am thankful for the image She bears. There is no other like Her. There will be a general resurrection of all the bodies in the last day and the souls and the bodies of the righteous will go in to ever lasting peace and happiness forever, and the souls and the bodies of the wicked will go in to ever lasting punishment.

So Brethren, let us manifest our love for and to one another that the world of mankind will know that we are the Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Your humble and unworthy servant,
Elder Charlie Johnson

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME: Friday night before the first Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Willie Varney, Ellis Davis, Willie White, Millis Roberts and H. Jimmy Deeley.

OKEECHOBEE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Dexter Church and Delbert Sanders.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, H. C. Maynard, Harold Edmonds and Moderator attending.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Alson Thornbury, Grover Adkins, Edward Runyon and Moderator attending.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Hershell Huff, James Gannon and Steve Robinson, Jr.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jeff May, Wayne Herald, Tracy Hatfield and Steve Robinson, Jr.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Jeff May, S. D. Hensley and Wayne Herald.

PILGRIM'S REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion on Sunday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Willie Siltner and Chester Belcher, with Moderators attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Edwin May, Roy B. Akers, Hiram Adkins, Isom Hannah and Tracy Hatfield.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., J. G. Thornberry, Wayne Herald and Willie Stanley.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Eales Cotton, Willie White and Wiley Coffee, with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

JULY

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: N. A. England, Ross Cline, Willie Varney, Isom Hannah and Grover Carey.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon, John Lowe, Willie Varney, Faye Scott and Tracy Hatfield.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Isom Hannah and J. L. Nichols.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Roy B. Akers, Carl Ray Tuttle and Wayne Herald.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Roosevelt Lowe, Jeff May and Faye Scott.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: James Gannon, Harold Edmonds, Eales Cotton, George Woods and Moderator attending.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. This is our Union Meeting. Our Communion is in August. Ministers called: Hassel Estep, Carl Ray Tuttle, Hurshell Hurley and Paris Tackett.

NARROWS BRANCH: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Claude Conn, Tracy Hatfield, Willis Lowe, Charlie Johnson, Chester Belcher, Ross Cline and James Gannon.

AUGUST

TIBITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Isom Hannah.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Isom Hannah, Willie White, Henry King and H. Jimmy Deeley.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Steve Robinson, Jr., Isom Hannah, Ellis Davis, Mont Ellis and Faye Scott.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Steve Robinson, Jr., Charlie Johnson and Ernal Ison.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Our Union Meeting is in July. Ministers called: Hurshell Hurley, Hassel Estep, Carl Ray Tuttle and Paris Tackett.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Eales Cotton, Edward Runyon, George Woods, H. Jimmy Deeley, Charlie Evans and Mitchell Chaffins.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: J. G. Thorberry, Jeff May, George Woods, Isom Hannah and Charlie Johnson.

PLGRIM'S HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Dexter Church, Carl Ray Tuttle, Luther Conn, Monroe Jones and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

MEMORIAL MEETING of Sister Victoria Smith will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Lloyd SESCO, Hershell Huff and Carl Ray Tuttle.

MAY

TIBITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Sunday for all the Brethren and Sisters of the Tibitha Church that have departed this life and gone on. Ministers called: Burbage Mullins, Edward Runyon, Mont Ellis and Steve Robinson, Jr.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased on the Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Willie White, Tracy Hatfield, Edwin May, Wayne Herald and John Lowe.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Ratliff Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols and Ernest Cochran.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Lewis Marcum and Burbage Mullins.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Harvey Chapman, Faye Scott, James Gannon and Clifford Maynard.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wiley Coffee, Willis Lowe, L. E. Smith, Mont Ellis, Charlie Johnson, H. Jimmy Deeley and James Gannon.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Brother Jobe Blackburn on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Steve Robinson, Jr., Ben Robinson, Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held the last Sunday on Chauncy Cemetery for the deceased members of Tibitha Church, Gillman family and Meadows family. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Jeff May, David Basdan and Charlie Evans.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on May 30th at 2:30 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the nearest Sunday to May 30th. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

JUNE

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Earl Clay, Earl Belcher, John Lowe, Monroe Ousley, Millis Roberts and Moderator attending.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Sisters Esta M. Reed, Matilda M. Robinson and others on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Faye Scott.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Brother Okie Robinette on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Isom Hannah, Charlie Evans, Ellis Davis, Willie Varney and Burbage Mullins.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John M. Justice, Grover Adkins and Kirby Ison.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Brother Ransom Chafins on the third Saturday night and Sunday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie White, Willard Blair, Ellis Davis and Willie Varney.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Brother James and Sister Betty Gillman and others on the third Saturday and Sunday at the Cemetery where they are buried, just above the Elk Fork Church. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Eales Cotton, Jeff May, Ross Cline and any others that will attend.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held in the head of Sycamore Creek on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, J. L. Nichols, Edwin May and Grover Adkins.

JULY

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Robert L. Robinson, Willis Lowe, L. E. Smith and all Regular Baptist Ministers that will come are invited. Dinner will be near by.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: John Lowe, Steve Robinson, Jr., Chester Belcher and Alison Thornbury.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, H. C. Maynard, Willie Stanley, Wayne Herald, Claude Conn and James Gannon.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith's Cemetery at Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on Sunday following the third Saturday. Ministers called: Carl Ray Tuttle, Hershell Huff, Grover Adkins and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING of J. M. Taylor and family, Flem Maynard and family will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Faye Scott and Jeff May.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Milstone or Adair Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Isom Hannah, Willie Varney and Steve Robinson, Jr.

AUGUST

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Willie White, Isom Hannah, Ellis Davis and Melvin Watts.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Grover Adkins and Hershell Huff.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hassel Estep, Wayne Herald, James Gannon and Steve Robinson, Jr.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Chester Belcher, George Woods and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Uncle George Lowe, Aunt Jane Lowe and Sam Staton will be held on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard, Robert L. Robinson and Roosevelt Lowe.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts and others on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called in Union Meeting will be used.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased buried in the Lowe Cemetery, in Pike County, on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Tracy Hatfield and Steve Robinson, Jr.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Willie Varney.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Dexter Church, James M. Chapman, Lloyd Ray and Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all other deceased members on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Clinton Howard, Roosevelt Lowe, Milford Lowe, Dexter Church and Willis Lowe.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: W. H. May, Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Jeff May and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Harrison McCoy, Richard Maynard and Granddaughters, and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe and J. L. Nichols.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the same time as the Union Meeting, the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Johnny Cline and Charlie Evans.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of the Sidney Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Milford Lowe, Isom Hannah and Wiley Coffee.

MEMORIAL MEETING of P.F.C. Edward McCoy and others will be held on the Henry Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran, Harvey Lowe and H. Jimmy Deeley.

SEPTEMBER

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Jeff May, Willie Varney and H. Jimmy Deeley.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Tom McCoy and all the deceased that are buried in the Buck Branch Cemetery, near the mouth of Wolf Creek, will be held the first Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Faye Scott, Willis Lowe, Robert L. Robinson and Steve Robinson, Jr.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder W. H. Bowling, wife and family will be held at the Pilgrim's Rest Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Loyd SESCO, Ellis Davis and Alson Thornbury.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Clinton Howard, Roosevelt Lowe and Dexter Church.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Roscoe McCoy and others will be held at the home of Oscar McCoy on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Edwin May.

OCTOBER

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday for all of the deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Wayne Herald and Mitchell Chaffins.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Chester Belcher, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald and our Moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Mt. Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Roy B. Akers, Dexter Church, Charles Keese and Edwin May.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased buried in the Scott Cemetery in the head of Finley Fork on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Ernest Cochran and J. L. Nichols.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Troy Nichols, Hassel Estep and Eales Cotton.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church House for their deceased members, and also for the deceased buried in the Maynard graveyard at Warfield, Kentucky, on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Harold Edmonds, Wayne Herald, Hiram Adkins and Clifford Maynard. There will be dinner on the ground.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Delbert Sanders, Grover Adkins, Perry Jones, Jethro Hampton and Moderator attending.

Obituaries

ELDER ANDY WRIGHT



It's with a deep feeling of unworthiness that I attempt to comply with the request of Sister Maxie Wright to write the Obituary of her late husband, Elder Andy Wright. He was the son of Elhanarr and Janie Hubbard Wright. He was born November 4, 1876 and deceased this life October 10, 1969. He was blessed to spend 93 years on earth, the Lord's foot stool, before surrendering to the inevitable summons of death.

In early life Brother Wright got into trouble on account of his sins. His trouble was so great that it brought deep sorrow to his soul and the only way that his sorrow could be turned into joy was to seek the mercies of the Lord. When he had fully repented of his every sin, he found safety in the Lord. Soon after deliverance from sin, he went home and told the Brethren of the Old Bethel Church, of the New Salem Association, on Right Beaver Creek what great things the Lord had done for his soul. He was baptized into the fellowship of the Old Bethel Church by Elder Alex Allen.

Brother Wright felt the call to the ministry of Jesus Christ and, in obedience to that call, he went forth declaring that life and salvation was of the Lord, and in order to obtain life, that the Lord required repentance at the hands of every man and woman whose soul was behind the prison walls of sin.

The writer was not acquainted with the subject of this Obituary but was informed by Brethren held in high esteem that Brother Wright was a valued-soldier of the Cross; dedicated to the strengthening and preservation of the visible kingdom believed in by the army of the Lord, and that he died in the full triumph of the faith that was once delivered unto the Saints of Jerusalem.

The writer also learned, that after the infirmities of age laid hold on his failing body, that Elder Tracy Hatfield made many visits to his home to speak comforting words, and to preach the doctrine that Brother Wright loved so well. Brother Hatfield said he had known but few men who loved to hear sound doctrine, and who enjoyed old time singing, any more than did Brother Wright. His request was that Brother Hatfield conduct his funeral.

The County in which he lived has lost a valuable citizen, the community has lost a friendly neighbor, the Church has lost a defender of the faith, and his wife has lost the companionship of a faithful husband. But we believe Heaven has gained another jewel. In closing may I say that in spite of the suffering and troubles, we earthly mortals must endure, Heaven will surely be worth it all!

Humbly yours,
Elder Roy B. Akers

RUTH LOUISE RUNYON



It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write the Obituary of my loving Mother who passed away June 15, 1970. She was the late daughter of Marion and Judy Harden.

She was born June 20, 1877. She was a member of the United Baptist Church for many years. She went to the Old Regular Baptist Church about 20 years ago. She lived a faithful Christian life for many years.

She was the wife of Harrison Runyon, who preceded her in death, and to this union 11 children were born, four of which preceded her in death.

Survivors are as follows: Nick Runyon of Gloucester, Ohio; Marion Runyon of Athen, Ohio; Binnie Runyon of Kermit, W. Va.; Julio Marcum of Ewington, Ohio; Minnie Marcum of Kermit, W. Va.; Tishie Dawson of Kermit, W. Va.; Ruth Godamaskie of Detroit, Michigan; and one sister, Georgie Maynard of Huntington, W. Va.

She leaves 40 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. But I know our loss is Heaven's gain.

I miss my dear Mother. I believe with all my heart she is resting in peace with God and some day I will be with her where no more parting will come, there will be no more tears, no sorrow, nor trouble, but all will be peace and happiness.

Written by her daughter,
Tishie Dawson

MORDECA MAYNARD

Mordeca Maynard, age 91, of Route 1, Delbarton, W. Va. died Sunday in a Williamson Hospital. Funeral services were on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Delbarton Regular Baptist Church of which he was a member.

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Surviving are three sons: John Maynard of Rawl, W. Va.; Woodrow Maynard of McCarr, Ky.; and Jeeze Maynard of Merrimac, W. Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Mullins of Delbarton, W. Va.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

ELDER CARLOS MEADOWS

It's with sadness that I try to write the Obituary of my beloved father, Elder Carlos Meadows, who deceased this life September 22, 1969, making his stay here on earth 62 years, 6 months and 12 days. He was born March 10, 1907, the son of the late James and Sarah Meadows.

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Sisters of the Church whom he dearly loved, to mourn his loss. Daddy joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized August 26, 1934, and was ordained to preach the gospel the first Saturday in April 1949. He was a faithful member of Tabitha Church where he placed his membership 35 years ago.

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Written by his daughter,
Iva Owens

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She also is survived by the following: two brothers, Jim Williamson of Williamson, West Virginia and Emzy Williamson of Piso, Kentucky; one sister, Louise Robinette of Hardy, Kentucky; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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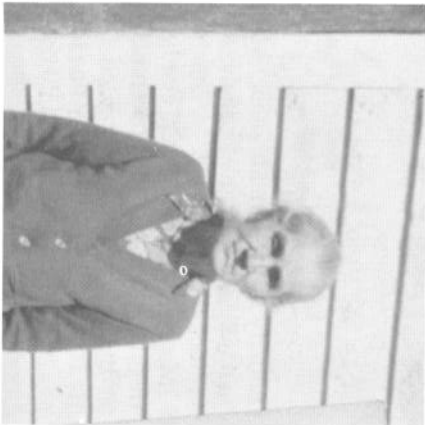
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Lewis Smith and placed her membership with the Narrows Branch Regular Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member while she was able to attend church.

Now Ma is gone and children and grandchildren, if you ever want to see Mother and Ma again, get forgiveness of your sins and meet her around the Great Throne.

Written by one of her granddaughters
Who loved her so
Mrs. Jimmy Bevins

ANICE ELKINS



In much weakness and by the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of Sister Anice Elkins. She was the daughter of Hillard and June Fields. She was united in marriage to Bob Elkins and to this union 3 sons were born: Dewey Elkins, Adrian Elkins, and Chester Elkins of McCombs, Ky.

She was born February 10, 1887 and died March 30, 1970, making her stay here on earth 83 years, 1 month, and 20 days.

Sister Anice joined the Apple Orchard Church the first Sunday in July 1951 and was baptized by the hand of Elder J. R. Coleman. She was a faithful member until she became disabled to attend.

Sister Anice leaves to mourn her passing a good husband; 3 sons; one sister, Vastic Taylor; one brother, W. Fields; and many friends and relatives.

I feel the Church has lost a good member and the children a good mother, and Uncle Bob a faithful companion. I don't know how many grandchildren she had.

I want to say to them and to the family, don't weep for Mother and Grandmother, but rather weep for yourself and for your children, because I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

I want to say to Uncle Bob, I hope you will meet Sister Anice in Heaven, where there will be no more sad parting but all will be peace, love and joy forever.

So I want to say farewell to Uncle Bob and the children; Prepare to meet God in Peace.

Written by one that loves you all,
Elder J. L. Nicholas

WILLIE SMITH

I will try in humbleness to write the Obituary of my dear Brother, Willie Smith, who departed this life early Saturday morning, May 23, 1970. He was baptized two weeks before he died. We miss him so much. Papa seems so lost now because they were a close father and son. But I believe he is with his Heavenly Father now where our dear Mother and Sister have waited for him to join them around God's beautiful throne.



He leaves six brothers and four sisters and our dear Dad to shape our lives pleasing to God to meet him again. Just a little longer, just a little while until we all join hands as when we were children.

Willie, we all miss you and love you very much.

Lovingly written by his sister,
Menda

REBECCA MILLS

By the request of a son, Lacy Mills, I will try by the help of God to write the Obituary of Sister Rebecca Mills, the daughter of Jim and Millie Gibson.

She was born October 26, 1879 and died August 30, 1970, making her stay here on earth 91 years, 10 months and 27 days.

She was married to John Mills and to this union two sons were born, Lacy Mills of Louisa, Ky. and Kelly Mills of Pasdine, Maryland. She also leaves to mourn her loss 20 grandchildren and 50 great-grandchildren.

Sister Rebecca was a member of the Big Branch Church for many years.

I want to say to the children and to the grandchildren to choose the good part while you have life and opportunity. I feel your mother and your grandmother has lived an humble life. The last time I talked with her she told me she was just waiting for the Lord to come and take her home.

I believe that she has made a happy exchange from a world of trouble to a home of rest. The tongue is not able to tell the good things of mother. If you want to see Mother again you must recognize God as your personal Saviour. God is the one that saves men and women from their sins. The Bible says, "Except you repent you shall all likewise perish."

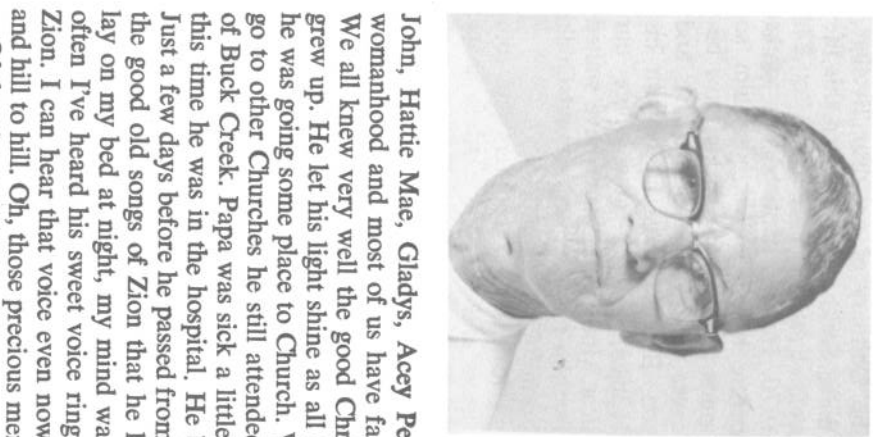
Children, I know your home is lonesome without Mother, but I believe that your loss is Heaven's gain.

May God Bless you all is my prayer.

Written by one in hope of Eternal Life,
Elder J. L. Nicholas

PETE DIALS

It is with a sad heart but with the help of God that I write the Obituary of our dear father, Pete Dials. Papa, as his children all called him, was born May 6, 1889. He died on October 16, 1969 in Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, Kentucky, making his stay on earth 80 years, 5 months and 10 days.



He was united in marriage to Wilda Pauley August 11, 1908, and to this union was born twelve children, six boys and six girls. One little girl died in infancy. The remaining children — Oma, Ellis, Nona, Jerome, Mary Ellen, Burgess, John, Hattie Mae, Gladys, Acey Pete, and Elmer, grew up to man and womanhood and most of us have families and grandchildren of our own. We all knew very well the good Christian life Papa lived before us as we grew up. He let his light shine as all Christians do. As long as he was able he was going some place to Church. When his health did not permit him to go to other Churches he still attended his home Church at the Right Fork of Buck Creek. Papa was sick a little more than three months and most of this time he was in the hospital. He bore his sickness with much patience. Just a few days before he passed from this life, he faintly sang and hummed the good old songs of Zion that he loved to sing so well. Sometimes as I lay on my bed at night, my mind wanders back to my childhood days. So often I've heard his sweet voice ring out as he sang those sweet songs of Zion. I can hear that voice even now as it seems to ring from tree to tree and hill to hill. Oh, those precious memories how they linger.

Of the eleven children, Jerome preceded Papa in death on July 28, 1966. Oh, how we were saddened to see Jerome go. But Jerome made his peace with God and joined the Regular Baptist Church before he died. There are five girls and five boys, 38 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren left to mourn the loss of Papa along with a host of relatives and friends, and our dear sweet mother who was so dear to him and who loved him so much. Papa and Jerome's troubles are over now and I believe they are resting somewhere waiting for the Resurrection. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain. The Church has lost a faithful member and the children a loving father. As the song goes, "One by one their seats are empty, one by one they went away. Now our family circle here is broken, Will it be complete someday?" I want to say to my brothers and sisters who haven't met God in the pardon and remission of their sins — If you expect to see Papa again, you will have to repent of your sins and live for Jesus. Papa is waiting for our coming. I pray the circle won't be broken over there. I ask all of you who

know the worth of prayer to remember me. Also remember our dear Mother and Gladys in their lonesome hours. We are all that Mama has to look to. Let's give her flowers while she lives. Gladys, I can never forget how you've labored, taking good care of Mama, and Papa, and Ellis. I know Mama and Ellis are not well. Trust in God who is able to help you bear your burdens. Remember the good advice they've given you. May God help us to live together and pray for one another. There is nothing here but trouble. I feel in my heart that I will meet Papa again where there will be no more sickness, sorrow, nor pain. I hope the good Lord will bless each and every one of His children and cause them to fill Papa's place in the old Church where he loved to go so well.

Written by his daughter,
In hope of eternal life,
Nona D. Mills

LEWIS HALL

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the Obituary of my beloved husband, Lewis Hall.

He was born at Myrtle, W. Va. on July 25, 1885. He deceased this life Wednesday, August 13, 1969, making his stay here on earth 84 years and 19 days.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Mary Hall; three daughters; Mrs. Carolyn Douglas, Lenore, W. Va., Mrs. Mary Ellen Marcum of Rita, W. Va. and Mrs. Lenora Clayton of Sharples, W. Va.; three sons: William, Albert Lee, and Comfort Hall of Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.; three sisters: Mrs. Minnie Dempsey of Rt. 1, Williamson, W. Va.; Mrs. Cindy Hall of Gallipolis, Ohio, and Mrs. Susie Smith of Baltimore, Maryland. Deceased are five children, Angelime Runyon of Lenore and the other four not known; one sister, Laura Reynolds of Rt. 1, Williamson, W. Va.; and four brothers, Alex, Noah, John, and Comfort Hall.

He became a member of the Rebecca Regular Baptist Church in July 1949, served as a Deacon for many years and lived a faithful life as long as he lived here on earth.

He leaves 34 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren, a host of Brothers, Sisters of the Bethany Church where he had his membership at death and many friends to mourn his loss, but I believe he has gone to Heaven and if his children ever expect to see him again they will have to repent of their sins and live for Jesus like he did.

Written by his wife,
Mary Hall

HENRY THOMAS VARNEY

It is with a great sadness and an aching heart that I try to write the Obituary of our husband and father, Henry Thomas Varney. He was born August 27, 1893 in Pike County, Ky. and departed this life on November 13, 1969. He was the son of the late Alex and Hattie Coleman Varney.

He was united in marriage to Quinnie Runyon and to this union was born ten children, three sons and seven daughters: Ballard, Bobby Gene, Bill, Rita Ann, Hazel, Hattie, Sally, Ethel Grace, Peggy Dean and Edna Marie. There are 44 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren. He also has four brothers and two sisters to mourn his loss.

He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church of Turkey Creek, Ky. He was baptized by the hands of Elder Grover Adkins and Elder Lewis Marcum.

Henry will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends but I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain, and we are all looking forward to being with him again.

To my children, if you want to see Daddy again you can by the grace of God. As your Daddy would tell you, "Come taste of the Lord, He is good." Yes, you must accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, just as your Daddy did. Daddy is asleep in Christ Jesus.

May God bless and save us all is my prayer.

Written by his wife, in hope of Eternal Life,
Quinnie Varney

ANNIS HARRIS BEVINS

In writing the Obituary of my beloved Grandmother I am sure you all know the sadness and loss we feel, but we thank God for the wonderful years we shared with her.

She was born in Cooper, Texas on July 28, 1884, the daughter of John O. and Artie (Tarter) Harris. She deceased this life in October 1969. She was united in marriage to G. C. Bevins in 1914, and to this marriage was born four children: two daughters, Mrs. Ester Hopkins, Jr. of Goody, Ky., and Mrs. Donald Rowe of Meta, Ky.; and two sons, Ollie and Tom Bevins of Meta, Ky.



She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Wickers and Miss Elizabeth Harris, and two brothers, B. N. and Bill Harris, all of Prestonsburg, Ky.; twelve grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Grandmother joined the Regular Baptist Church in 1950. She was baptized by Elders Harrison Bevins and Ed May. She chose to be baptized in the creek in front of her home at Meta, Ky. She was very ill at the time, unable to get out of bed, but they carried her to the creek to baptize her. Then God was her strength to get well.

I think a person's life is their testimony to God, and my Grandmother surely lived as God would have wanted her to. She was truly a wonderful person. She lived a long, good life but with much suffering in the last few years. I am contented to know that she is with God and at peace. I pray I can be half that person.

Written by her granddaughter,
Rosemary (Hopkins) Wilhite

PAUL S. ALLEY

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write the Obituary of our beloved father, Paul Alley. He was born January 25, 1890 to the late Thomas and Mary Ellen (Pauley) Alley. He departed this life March 3, 1970 making his stay on earth 80 years, 1 month and 9 days.

He was married to Dixie (Cline) Alley October 4, 1910 and to this union was born seven children. Elmer Alley and two infant sons preceded him in death. He has four daughters which are: Maxie Wright of Dayton, Ohio; Hazel Stone of Kimper, Kentucky; Wanda Hall of Pikeville, Kentucky; and Mabel Branham of Columbus, Ohio, still living to mourn his loss.

He had one brother and one sister that preceded him in death, and four half-sisters and five half-brothers. Only two half-sisters are still living from this family which are, Lena Thompson Ray of Coal Run, Kentucky and Jettie Thompson Charles of Raecoon, Kentucky.

He was a member of the Pilgrim's Rest Regular Baptist Church of Piso, Kentucky. He was baptized May 25, 1969.

To the children, if you ever expect to see Daddy again you must repent and live for Jesus Christ, our Saviour, as Daddy did.

Written by his granddaughter,
in hope of Eternal Life,
Brenda Ann Alley Pirson



CLELL CAINES

With much sadness we attempt to write the Obituary of our father, Clell Caines. He was the son of the late R. L. and Jane (Young) Caines. He was born March 8, 1906 at Piso, Kentucky and departed this life January 2, 1970, making his stay here on earth 64 years, 10 months, and 23 days.

He became a member of the Pilgrim's Home Church and later came with the arm to make up the Pilgrim's Rest Church of Old Regular Baptist, being baptized March 10, 1968, by the hands of Elders Edwin May and Millis Roberts.

He was united in marriage to Nora (Chaffn) Caines on March 14, 1935. To this union six children were born. The oldest son, R. L. Caines, preceded him in death.

He leaves his wife, four sons, one daughter, four grandchildren and two sisters to mourn his loss. The sons are: Johnny, Rell, Quincy and Carl, all of Piso, Ky.; the daughter is Mrs. Jan Goff of Pikeville, Ky.; and the two sisters are: Mrs. Lizzie Maynard and Mrs. June Ratliff, both of Piso, Ky. We have lost a wonderful Dad and a good friend.

Written by the family

HESTER VARNEY

With much sadness I will try to write the Obituary of my dear Mother, Hester Varney.

Mother was born March 8, 1894 in Wayne County, W. Va., and deceased this life on December 24, 1969, being blessed to live 75 years, 9 months, and 16 days on this earth.

She was the wife of the late J. F. Varney of Turkey Creek, Ky. and the mother of three children, two sons and one daughter; Alvin M. Varney of De Leon Springs, Florida; Mrs. Francis Johnson of Milan, Ohio; and James Varney of Ocala, Florida. She also leaves 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church many years ago. She and Daddy were baptized together, and had her membership at the Old Regular Baptist Church of Turkey Creek, Ky.

God blessed us with a wonderful Mother, and I loved her very much, but with my hope in Christ and by the Grace of God, I know I will see her again someday.

Written by a son, in Hope of Eternal Life
James Varney

MRS. VICTORIA SMITH

A long and useful life ended when Mrs. Victoria Smith succumbed Saturday night, April 4, 1970, in the Appalachian Regional Hospital after an illness of two weeks. When she departed this life, her stay on earth had been 85 years, 11 months and 19 days.

She was the tenth and youngest child of the late William Street and Martha Rasnake Street. She was born April 16, 1884, at Card, Buchanan County, Virginia.

She was united in marriage to the late William Patrick (Pat) Smith on August 23, 1900. They were blessed to live together for sixty-one years, one month and one day.



To this union was born ten children, nine girls and one boy. They are as follows: Octavia Thacker of Belfry, Ky.; Grace Smith, Gertrude Thacker, John J. (Chick) Smith, Mary Thornbury, and Flossie Blackburn, all of Canada, Ky.; Hazel Edmonds and Maxie Laferty of Sidney, Ky.; Ethel Layne of Betsey Layne, Ky.; and Tina Bevins of London, Ky.

She is also survived by twenty-five grandchildren, thirty-six great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on September 24, 1961. Her father, mother, seven sisters, two brothers, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren preceded her in death. She leaves several nieces and nephews in Virginia and surrounding areas.

She came to Pike County as a bride in 1900. She resided in the Big Creek area for sixty-nine years. She became a member of the Mount Pleasant Regular Baptist Church in June of 1938. She remained an active and faithful member until death.

Being blessed with a brilliant memory, she served as a resource person for Pike County until stricken ill on March 21, 1970. She was a guiding light to all who knew her.

Her mourning children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will always remember her love, her guidance, her youthfulness and her zest for life. We are comforted with our belief that our loss is her Heavenly gain.

Written by a devoted daughter,
Maxie S. Laferty

CAUDILL WILLIAMSON

It is with much sadness that I try to write the Obituary of my father-in-law, Caudill Williamson.

He was born October 13, 1880 and deceased this life January 2, 1970 making his life span 89 years, 2 months and 20 days.

He was the son of the late John B. and Nancy Keese Williamson.

Grandpa was united in marriage to Vicie Jane Francis Williamson on February 15, 1898 and to this union was born seven children. Leonard died in infancy. Father, Mother, wife and two sons, John B. and Jonah Ester, preceded him in death.

Children still living are three sons: Marshall, George and K. H. (or Hi) Williamson all of Varney, Kentucky; and two daughters: Cordella Stanley, Pontiac, Michigan; and Vada Muncy of Varney, Kentucky.

He leaves 49 grandchildren and Fayette, who preceded him in death made the 50th grandchild. He leaves 86 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren. He had three sisters: Mintie, Jane and Artie, all deceased.

He was a member of this old time faith of Regular Baptist since 1919 and took membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church. There he lived and served as a Deacon and was faithful to his duty in that Church. He always visited the Associations and Sister Churches. He was well known through this land and country, far and near.

To the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church, we have lost a good Daddy, grandpa and a wonderful Brother. I believe he has just made a happy exchange from this world of trouble to a home over yonder. Grandpa suffered for the last thirteen months he lived but was like Job, he took his suffering with much patience and quoted the Scriptures until the end. Our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

So children, let's live in love and the way Grandpa and Grandma would have us do, and how Jesus says for us to love one another.

George, you were so good to take care of your Daddy. So prepare to meet him in that life. When Jesus comes riding on the clouds of glory you can go home with him. That would be what Grandpa would love for you to do.

I want to thank George and Eula for helping so faithful with Grandpa and thank my mother, Fanny Hale, for standing by so faithful. I want to



thank anyone that helped in any way. The Lord will reward you for what you do for the sick.

So I hope to shake hands with you, Grandpa, as I dreamed I did, in Heaven some sweet day.

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep you is my Prayer.

Written by his daughter-in-law,
and in hope of Eternal Life,
Sophia Williamson

ERMAL DOTSON WILLIAMS

Mrs. Ermal Dotson Williams was born September 16, 1905 in Argo, Kentucky. She was the only daughter of James Eliza and Rosa Blankenship Dotson. She was laid to rest by our Lord on Sunday, August 9, 1970 at 8:05 P.M., at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, Kentucky.

Most of her childhood was spent in Buchanan County, Virginia. In 1925 she married Bill Williams and they moved to West Virginia, then to Hardy, Kentucky where she lived for thirty-eight years. Many of these years she and her husband, Bill, were in the grocery business where she loved to be with people.

Mother had a great interest in her five children, three boys and two girls. She believed that Christ's way was the only way and to live by the Golden Rule was the best way of life. These two principals she taught to her children and each of them have already accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

Mother always had a love for flowers which she grew summer and winter. She was a member of the Narrows Branch Regular Baptist Church, and was baptized on the fourth Sunday of July 1934.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Williams; two sons: Billy Williams, Jr. of Columbus, Ohio; and Wayland Ray Williams of Knoxville, Tennessee; two daughters: Mrs. Ruby Varney of Lancaster, Ohio; and Mrs. Berniece Hunt of Hardy, Kentucky; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She will be missed by her husband and her children, and all those who knew her. She was my best friend. I am sure that she is now at home with the Lord.

Written by her loving son,
Wayland



ALICE LOUISA MULLINS



Sister Alice Louisa Mullins, the daughter of the late James Morris and Jane Blackburn Morris, was born in Pike County, Kentucky on October 3, 1883 and deceased this life on Monday, January 5, 1970 at about 11:50 P.M., making her stay here 86 years, 3 months and 2 days.

Sister Alice was married to Preston Mullins, who preceded her in death, as did four of their children, Emmitt, Mary, Raymond and Ver-nia.

Sister Alice became a member of the Dix Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist, being baptized October 13, 1928, at the hands of Elders Matt Justice and Jonah Bevins. She was a loyal and faithful member until death took her from our midst.

Survivors include five sons: Alvin Mullins, Fayette Mullins and Troy Mullins, all of Sidney, Kentucky; Medford Mullins of Belfry, Kentucky; and Walter Burgess Mullins of Columbus, Ohio; five daughters: Mrs. Doris Runyon of Sidney, Kentucky; Mrs. Erna Graham of Beckley, W. Va.; Mrs. Edith Sommers of Pontiac, Michigan; Mrs. Mae Smith of Brighton, Michigan; and Mrs. Vada Griffey of Indianapolis, Indiana; 36 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, besides a great host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn her loss.

But we hope that our loss is her eternal gain. Yes, children, those of us who are left will certainly miss the kindly smile and precious love of this good mother, but where Sister Alice has gone the dead in Christ will not miss us if we fail to get there. All will be peace, joy and happiness in Heaven forever and ever for those who seek Christ while He may be found, and confess His name before this sinful generation.

Sister Alice was a good mother to her children, a faithful wife to her husband, a loyal member of the Church, and a wonderful friend to all who knew her.

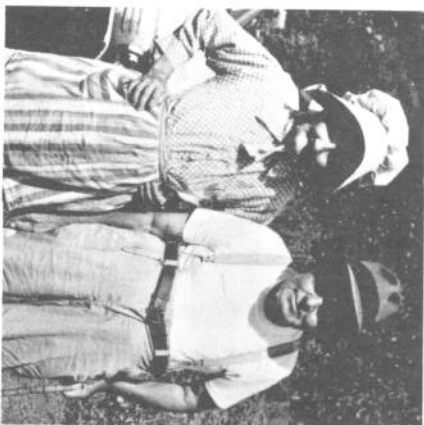
Christ was speaking to his disciples when he said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

From the life that Sister Alice lived, we are made to believe that she believed in Christ to the saving of her soul and that she will live in Heaven so bright and fair. Children, Mother wants you to meet her over there.

Our prayer for all of you is that you will have the joy of living a Christian life in this world and that God will richly bless and save every one of you so that you may live with your good mother in Heaven forever and ever.

Written as requested, by one she dearly loved,
Elder Harold Edmonds

WILLIAM H. MAYNARD



It is with sadness and an aching heart that it has now become my duty to attempt to write an Obituary of my Grandfather, William H. Maynard, who passed away on July 16, 1969, at the age of 82.

He was the son of the late Jessie and Patty (Jude) Maynard. He was married to Roxie (Blackburn) Maynard who preceded him in death.

To this union was born eleven children, five sons: Jessie of New Haven, W. Va.; Virgil of Columbus, Ohio; Jasper of Pilgrim, Ky.; and Alice and Wade who preceded him death; six daughters: Ruby Howell and Oretta Cline, both of Threeforks, Ky.; Lassie Fletcher and Ernestine Hall, of Inez, Ky.; Ollie Preece, of Pilgrim, Ky.; and Justine Hannah, of Columbus, Ohio.

Bill Maynard became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church being baptized at the hand of Elder Bill Jude on the 4th Saturday in May 1938. He remained a faithful Christian until death. Grandfather was loved by all who knew him.

There are 40 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

So I would like to say, my dear Grandfather, I realize our lives will never be the same because we miss him so much, but I believe he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and when He calls for the sleeping dead that He will call for your mother and children and take them home with the redeemed of the Lord. So if you want to meet Grandfather again fall out with the wages of sin and turn to the Lord while you have life. He won't turn you away if you will ask Him in faith. Children, if we want to see Grandfather again we can, by the grace of God. You must accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour just as Grandfather did if ever you want to see and live with him again. May God bless us all.

Written by one who loved him,
his granddaughter,
Ernestine Howell

YANTUS (HEN斯LEY) SCOTT

It is with love in my heart and with the help of God that I will attempt to write the Obituary of my beloved mother, Yantus (Hensley) Scott.

She was born February 8, 1908 and deceased this life February 16, 1970. She was the daughter of Clayburn and Dolly (Evans) Justice.

She was married to Stanley Hensley (deceased) on April 8, 1924 and to this union was born nine children: William C., Harold Ray, Earl and Ernest (all are deceased); Stanley Hensley, Jr. and Lola Fay Napier of Shelby, Ohio; Ethelene Neal of Oceana, West Virginia; Clara Mae Sawyers of Ragland, West Virginia; and Ruth Lowe of Anthony, Florida. In addition to her children, she leaves the following brothers and sisters: Julius and Oliver Justice of Columbus, Ohio; Andy Justice of Caney, West Virginia; Henry Justice of Wayne, West Virginia; and Parlee Varney and Vicie White of Ragland, West Virginia.

Mom joined the Regular Baptist Church June 12, 1926 at the age of eighteen and placed her membership at Sardis. She was baptized by Elder Acie Evans.

She was married to Julius Scott on December 21, 1962.

Mom will be missed by her children, friends, and the Church, but I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. No one on earth knows how much I miss Mom. She was always willing to listen to my problems and willing to help if she could. She set a good example before her children if they would only take heed. Mom had many heartaches and disappointments in her life, but I feel that her troubles are over. I believe God showed me in a dream one night before we learned of her disease that He was going to take my mother. I had to stand by and watch that dreadful disease destroy her body, yet she endured it with patience. Children should be thankful if they have a mother to take care of them and love them. Give Mother your flowers while she lives because after she's gone she won't know anything about it. Many times when I was sick the touch of her hand on my head would be so comforting.

She told me that she didn't believe she could stand to see one of her children die in sin. I want to say to my brother and sisters, if you expect to see Mom again you will have to repent of your sins. She can't come back to us, but by the grace of God we can go to her. I believe that by the grace of God I will meet Mom someday where we will never separate again. I



have always dreaded to see the day come that she would have to leave me. Many times she has told me that before she died she would like for me to find a good man and get married. I believe her wish has been fulfilled.

The old home is lonesome now without a trace of Mom's footsteps anywhere, but someday I believe I'll meet her on that cloud of glory when Jesus comes to take His children home. Won't that be a beautiful sight?

Written by her baby daughter and one who loved her very much,
Mrs. Ruth Lowe

ERNEST HENSLEY

It is with a loving heart that I shall try to write the Obituary of my brother, Ernest Hensley.

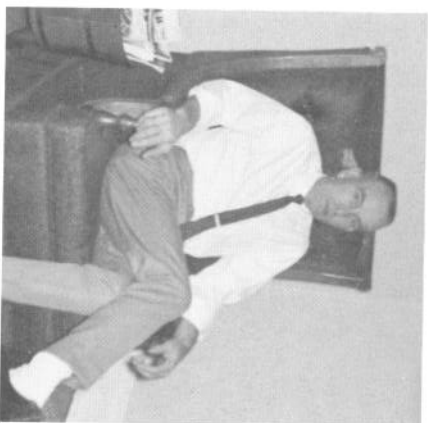
He was born November 1, 1927 to Stanley and Yantus (Justice) Hensley. He deceased this life November 20, 1969. He was married to Billie Jean Napier July 3, 1952. He leaves the following children to mourn his loss: Linda Carol, Sharon Kaye, Danny Ray and Teresa Ann of Shelby, Ohio. One daughter, his father and three brothers preceded him in death.

In addition to his children he leaves the following brother and sisters: Stanley Hensley, Jr. and Lola Fay Napier of Shelby, Ohio; Ethelene Neal of Oceana, West Virginia; Clara Mae Sawyers of Ragland, West Virginia; and Ruth Lowe of Anthony, Florida.

Ernest joined the Regular Baptist Church April 27, 1958 and placed his membership at Sardis. He was baptized by Elders Johnny Adair and Willie Varney.

I would like to say to Billie and the children, weep not for Ernest because I believe he exchanged a world of trouble for peace and happiness. Billie has lost a good husband, the children have lost a good father and I have lost a good brother. Press on Billie, it won't be very long until you can see Ernest again by the grace of God. Whenever you feel lonesome just call upon the Lord for help, in faith believing, and He will help you bear your burdens. Children be good to your Mother and remember Daddy's good counsel and someday if you repent you can meet Daddy in Heaven where God will wipe all tears from your eyes

Written by his baby sister,
Mrs. Ruth Lowe



THOMAS SMITH



With the help of the good Lord, I'll attempt to write the Obituary of my dear grandfather, Thomas Smith. Grandpa was born December 7, 1882, in Pike County, Kentucky. He departed this life October 26, 1969 after a long illness, making his stay on earth 86 years, 10 months and 12 days.

He was married to Grace (Stanley) Smith and to this union was born eleven children, ten boys and one girl. Two sons preceded him in death. Those surviving are as follows: Cullen, Verlin, Raymond, Everette and Thomas, Jr., all of Canada, Ky.; Harold of Huddy, Ky.; Virgil of Columbus, Ohio; and Willie of Hardy, Ky. The daughter, Mrs. Ethel (Madge) McCoon of Omar, W. Va.

He also leaves besides his widow and children, one brother, John Mack Smith of Canada, Ky., one sister, Mrs. Betty Chapman of Pimmsfork, Ky., and four half-sisters: Mrs. Delphia Bowers of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. Cordia Tomlinson of Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Mary Stanley of Pimmsfork, Ky.; and Mrs. Josie Mooney of Matewan. He also leaves 46 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We believe that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Grandpa joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in August 1945 and was baptized by the hands of Elder J. G. Thorsbury and Elder Harold Edmonds. He placed his membership with the Dix's Fork Church and was ordained a Deacon. He always filled his seat in the Church until he had a stroke and was then unable to attend. He would always ask about the services and who the preachers were. He loved to hear good singing and preaching. I can remember when he was able he would come across the hill behind our house and go to Church with us. Then after we had dinner us children would watch him go back across the hill to his home. That's the way we want to remember him, well and able to go and not have to use a wheelchair. We loved to have him and Grandma come into our home. He was a true and faithful member until God called him away. I believe with all my heart that Grandpa ran his race on this earth and will be rewarded in Heaven with Jesus and His Holy Angels.

Grandpa was a crippled man most of his life, but I believe that on the Judgment Day when Jesus calls his name, he will arise and walk as a new man. He set a good example for his children to go by. So to those who haven't made their peace call with God, take up the same cross Daddy did

and follow his footsteps. For as we all read in the Holy Bible there's a better place awaiting when this life is over, if we have walked the straight and narrow path.

Written by his granddaughter,
Mrs. Nita Jean (Smith) West

CLARENCE H. GRUBB



By the help of God I will try to write the Obituary of my darling husband, Clarence H. Grubb. He was a wonderful husband and the sweetest father anyone could have.

My husband was born on February 13, 1930 and left this world of pain and sorrow on December 26, 1969, making his stay here 39 years, 10 months and 13 days. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1958 and placed his membership with the Sardis Church at Delbarton, W. Va., where he remained a member until his death.

I am in a lot of sorrow and pain and so are the children but by the help of God we will make it. In addition to his wife he left three sons: Carlos, Melvin and David; and one little daughter, Brenda, all at home; his mother and father, Rebecca and Carlos Grubb of Ravenswood, W. Va.; and one sister, Maudie Mahorn, also of Ravenswood. He leaves four half-brothers and one half-sister: Nancy Rowlands of West Wyoming, Pennsylvania; Elder Tommy Adair and Johnny Adair of Ocala, Florida; George Adair of Norwalk, California; and Henry Adair of Sacramento, California.

My darling suffered for the past three years but I believe that he is with God where he is so happy, where there will be no more punishing nor sorrow. I believe our loss is God's will because he knew how much my darling suffered. I could go on but God and all that knew him knows what a good man he was. Our home is empty without you, Honey, but sleep on and I hope me and the children will meet you in Heaven some sweet day. May God Bless us all.

Written by his wife,
Mrs. Clarence H. Grubb

LOLA (BEVINS) PAULEY



Sister Lola (Bevins) Pauley, age 64, was born January 17, 1906, the daughter of the late Elder Jonah and Ella (Harris) Bevins. She departed this life to be with Christ on September 3, 1970, and her spirit is awaiting the resurrection of her body from the grave.

She was married September 14, 1922, to Oscar T. Pauley, who survives, of Sidney, Kentucky and to this union was born two sons: Glen Alvin Pauley, who preceded her in death on July 1, 1970; and John Henry Pauley of Barbourville, West Virginia. Also, five grandchildren: Oscar and Stephen Pauley of South Charleston, West Virginia; and Cheryl, Dean and John Michael Pauley, of Barbourville, West Virginia.

In addition to her husband, sons and grandchildren who mourn her loss, are three sisters: Mrs. Carson Fairchild, Jackson, Ohio; Mrs. Robert Kelsey, Williamson, West Virginia; and Mrs. Chester Combs, of Goody, Kentucky; two brothers: Ester Marvin Bevins and Quentin R. Bevins, both of South Williamson, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by Brothers Clyde and Okey Bevins.

Sister Lola professed a hope in Christ and was baptized March 5, 1939 by Elders Jonah and Harrison Bevins, and was received into the membership of the Salem Church, where she received enlightenment and encouragement in the association with other Christians, members of the family of God, living for the Church growth and development, she was a faithful member and occupied her place there until Christ called her home. Her prayers to Christ were answered in that He satisfied her early in life with His mercy, that she could rejoice and be glad all of her days.

To her loved ones who have not committed their life to Christ, Jesus said: "Except ye be converted, and become as little children ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

God will hear you the moment you humbly pray for mercy and give you salvation. Through His Spirit He will give you strength to overcome temptation so that you can live for Him.

To her family and many friends in Christ, we can receive comfort in that the Lord giveth and He taketh away, we cannot bring her back, but by the Grace of God we can join her when Christ comes to receive His own unto Himself.

Written by her nephew,
Brother Calvin C. Bevins

JOHN P. GIBSON



It is with much sadness that I write an Obituary of Brother John P. Gibson. He was born November 7, 1882 and departed this life May 16, 1970 making his life here on earth 87 years, 6 months and 9 days. He was the son of the late John and Mary Perry Gibson.

He was united in marriage to Lina Francis Gibson and to this union was born 5 children. Father, Mother, wife, and four children preceded him in death. He has one daughter living, Mary Ellen Blevins; and ten grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; nieces; nephews; and the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church to mourn the loss of this dear one. He was married the second time to Vita Kelley Gibson. To this union was born no children. Vita is still alone, with the Little Ida Church, to mourn the loss of a Brother in Christ. But we hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

He was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church some several years ago and later went to the Little Ida Church by Letter and there lived a faithful member until death. He was always good to fill his seat in the old Church when he was able to go.

To the grandchildren, friends, and neighbors, prepare to meet Uncle John and most of all our Saviour, while you have life and opportunity because after death there is no repentance.

Uncle John's spirit has gone back to God who gave it and his body moulding back to the dust from which it came. If Uncle John was not mistaken his spirit is happily housed around the throne of God. When God says that times shall be no more, Jesus with ten thousand of His angels will bring that spirit back to reunite with Uncle John's body and he will get up and meet with the Lord in the air, to evermore be with Him.

Uncle John had one brother, William (Bill) Gibson and 6 sisters, as follows: Mrs. Jane Maynard Stanley, better known as Mother Hooby; Mrs. Pauley Ann Vanover; Mrs. Ellen Lawson; Mrs. Lusinda Hale Caines; and Mrs. Nancy Francis. All brothers and sisters are deceased.

May the Good Lord bless and keep each and every one is my prayer.

Written by his niece,
Sophia Williamson

EVERETT HANNAH

It is with an aching heart and much sadness that I will attempt to write the Obituary of my ever-loving father, Everett Hannah.

Daddy was born March 24, 1922, in Mingo County and deceased this life on November 4, 1969, making his life here on earth 47 years, 7 months, and 10 days. He was the son of the late Isaac Hannah and Rose Dillon Hannah. He married the former Cora Messer on October 18, 1939 and to this union God blessed them with 10 children: six sons, one of which, Billy Ike, pre-ceeded him in death on January 18,



1948. Surviving sons include: Everett Leland, Phillip Lyle, Edgar Darrell, Christopher Lane, and John Clinton. His four daughters include: Mrs. Elicana Hall, Carol, Merle, and Stella.

Daddy was a retired coal miner and spent the last four years of his life with silicosis which eventually caused his death. He was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church at Bethany in April of 1948. He was ordained a Deacon on August 23, 1952. His life centered around the Church where he remained a faithful member and a reliable worker until his death.

Daddy was a wonderful husband, a loving father, and a good provider. He had so many good qualities that I couldn't begin to mention them all. One was his winning ways. Daddy had many, many friends and I know this is due to the fact that he was a friend to all. He was an humble person and very unselfish — he always put others before himself; he was always willing to help his fellow man.

Daddy had a special quality when it came to being a father. He could discipline his children with the greatest of ease. He gained our respect when we were small, and we actually appreciated his authority as we grew older.

Daddy's death left us all heart broken, for he was the best friend we had. Home will never be like it once was; but we are a close family, thanks to our parents. I think our grief could be a little selfish; it's our loss and not Daddy's. We have no doubts whatsoever that he is happy with God today. We lost our daddy, but there is a part of him that we will never have to give up, and that is the love and kindness he gave to us as a friend and the shining example he set for us to follow as a father. In our eyes, God blessed us with the greatest Dad ever; and even though we will always miss him dearly, we are happy for him because we know he is with the one he loved most, Jesus Christ.

Written at the request of the family,
by his daughter, Carol

JAMES BALLARD (RABBIT) BLACKBURN



Brother James Ballard (Rabbit) Blackburn, son of the late Paris and Leona Smith Blackburn, was born March 3, 1893 in Pike County, Kentucky. His sweet soul returned to God who gave it about 11:00 p.m., Sunday, January 4, 1970, making his stay on earth 76 years, 10 months and 1 day. His happy disposition endeared him to everyone that knew him. Brother Rabbit, as we all loved to call him, was married to Mazie Smith Blackburn, in the year of our Lord, April 24, 1913, who survives.

Brother Ballard found the Lord precious to his never dying soul and became a member of the Dix Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist the first Sunday in November 1939. He was baptized by Elders James G. Thornsbury and Henry C. Maynard. He was a faithful member until death took him from our midst. He always filled his seat in the Church when he was able and he always wanted peace in the Church and among the Brethren.

Left to mourn the loss of this good Brother, with Sister Mazie, are ten children, three boys and seven girls: Willie C. Blackburn and Wayne Blackburn both of Sidney, Ky.; Paris Blackburn of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. George (Sylvia) Smith, Mrs. Vernon (Darlene) Crigger, Mrs. Coda (Leona) Stanley, Mrs. Ernal (Dollie) Deskins, all of Sidney, Ky.; Mrs. Rush (Arminda) Stanley of Greenup, Ky.; Mrs. Ralph (Jean) Williamson of Baltimore, Md.; and Mrs. Donald (Yvonne) Coleman of Columbus, Ohio.

He is also survived by one brother, Roy Blackburn of Canada, Ky. and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Elswick Williamson of Toler, Ky. and Mrs. Edna Elswick of Canada, Ky. He was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence Blackburn, and two sisters, Polly and Martha Blackburn. He is survived by twenty-five grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren. But we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

We believe that Brother Ballard fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, where there will be no more death, no more sorrow, no more pain, no shadowed valleys, no darkened rooms, no weeping and crying, but where it will be peace and joy. And that happy smile that he always met us with and his Brotherly handshake we will see again when we join Brother Ballard in that land of paradise around the throne of God with all the redeemed children of the Lord. Let me say this to Brother Ballard's children and friends,

you can meet Brother Ballard around the throne of God, where it will be one big happy family again, but only through the love and mercy of God. Let me say to you who have not made your peace calling sure with God, to take heed to the light and the low still voice while you have life and opportunity. So, not farewell Brother Ballard, but goodbye for a while. May God richly bless and save us all is my prayer.

Written by your unworthy servant,
Elder Charlie Johnson

FANNIE CLINE



With much sadness I will try to write the Obituary of my dear companion. She was the daughter of Mose and Sarah Smith Cline. She was born October 17, 1907 and deceased this life March 31, 1970, making her stay here on earth 62 years, 5 months and 24 days. She was in very ill health for over a year, but she bore her sickness very patiently. She was a true servant of the Lord for about 20 years. She told me that she was not afraid to die. She said, "My God won't turn me away. I have a better home to go to." She was baptized by the hands of Elder Floyd Cline and Elder Leslie Blair the 3rd Sunday in July, 1950. She took her membership with the Rosa Church at Baisden, West Virginia.

When she was able to work she loved to take care of the Church. I believe her loss here on earth is Heaven's gain. We were united in matrimony May 2, 1928. To this union was born five children: Wetzel of Indianapolis, Indiana; Jonathan, Harold and Bernice all of Baisden, West Virginia; and one son, Rayburn, preceded her in death February 20, 1963. If the children ever see Mother again, they will have to repent of their sins and live the life that Mother did. She was a strong and earnest believer in the prayers of the Church. She told me the prayers of Rosa Church were heard and the Lord let her come home from the hospital. She called for Brother Ross Cline one morning about 2:00 A.M. to come and hold prayer with her at home. Brother Ross came and was wonderfully blessed.

May the Lord bless the family of God.

Written by her husband, James Cline

THOMAS J. SMITH

It is with much sadness that we write the Obituary of our loving husband and brother, Thomas J. Smith.



He was born to Floyd and Pricy Bevins Smith on October 18, 1902 and deceased this life October 21, 1969, making his stay on earth 67 years and 3 days. He was united in marriage to Mary Robinson, who is deceased, in 1935 and to this union was born 2 children, Kenneth Jack Smith and Shirley Ann Davidson. He was also married to Creta Lowe who is also deceased. He was united in marriage to Victoria Elkins Smith on August 7, 1963, who survives. Other survivors include one sister, Mrs. Ruth Varney and two step-children, Quinton Elkins and Betty Page. He was loved by all who knew him because of his smiling face, his kindness and his willingness to help his friends and neighbors.

Children, if you want to see Daddy again, you can by the Grace of God. You must be born again and walk in that straight and narrow path, as Daddy did. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife and sister,
in hope of eternal life,
Victoria Smith and Ruth Varney

JANE (COLLINS) PAULEY

Sister Jane (Collins) Pauley, the daughter of William Collins and Sarah Jane Phillips Collins, was born December 8, 1876 and deceased this life October 12, 1969, making her stay here 92 years, 10 months and 4 days.

Sister Pauley was married to Thomas H. Pauley on April 2, 1897, and to this union was born four children, two sons and two daughters. One son, Johnie C. Pauley, and one daughter, Daisy Pauley Blackburn, preceded her in death.

She became a member of the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church, being baptized on October 9, 1949 at the hands of Elders Jonah Bevins and Harold Edmonds.

Survivors include one son, Randolph Pauley, and one daughter, Zetta G. Parks, 6 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a great host of relatives and friends, who are left to mourn her loss.

But we hope that our loss is her eternal gain. We hear the scriptures saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

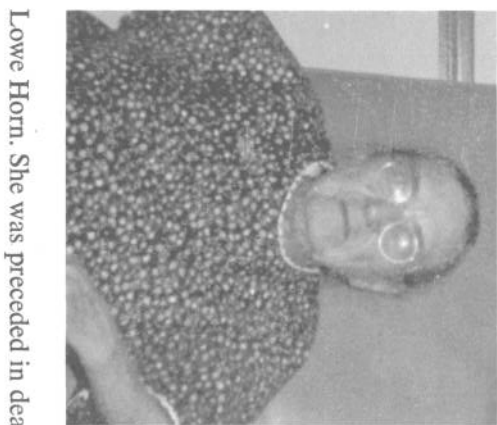
To Randolph, Zetta, the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends, may we say, "Sister Jane's soul has returned to God who gave it and her body is only waiting for the Resurrection to come forth and be fashioned like unto His most glorious body, and soul and body will live in Heaven with God and Christ forever where no sorrow can ever come, but all will be peace, joy and happiness forever."

May God richly bless all of us and let us live with Him in Heaven forever, is my prayer in Jesus' holy name.

Written as requested by the family,
Elder Harold Edmonds

NANCY GENEVA (PAULEY) LOWE

It is with a sad and aching heart that I try to write this Obituary of my dearly beloved Mother, Nancy Geneva (Pauley) Lowe. She was born March 18, 1884 at Sidney, Ky. and departed this life May 27, 1970, making her stay here on earth 86 years, 2 months and 9 days.



She was the daughter of Shadle Pauley and Milinda Morris Pauley. She was married to Alexander Varney Lowe on October 29, 1917 and to this union was born two children, a son, Floyd Lowe, born January 17, 1919 and died November 3, 1919, and a daughter, Helen Jo Lowe Horn. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Mother was a member of the Salem Regular Baptist Church at Goody, Ky. where she attended regularly until her health would not permit her to go.

We feel that our loss is her eternal gain. We believe that Mother obeyed the small still voice of Jesus when He said, "Come unto me, All ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

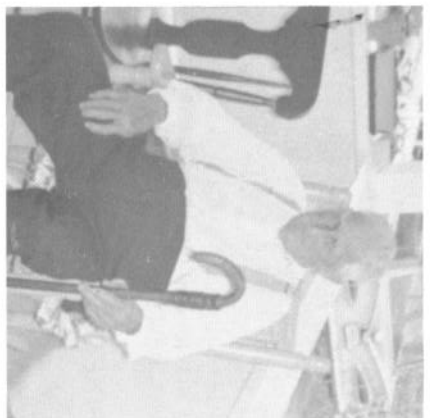
Written by her daughter,
Helen Horn, Grundy, Va.

GEORGE RUNYON

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write an Obituary of dear old Daddy, George Runyon. He was born September 8, 1873. He was married to Sarah Collins in 1894 and to this union 11 children were born.

He was baptized into the Regular Baptist Church September 27, 1924 at the Pilgrims Home Church and was a faithful member in the Church until death.

Dear old Dad departed this life March 16, 1970, making his stay upon this earth 96 years 6 months and 8 days.



He was blessed with good health up to his last year. I know we will miss Daddy but we believe he is resting in the paradise of God.

So I will say to the rest of the children, weep not for Dad, but weep for yourself and your children. Daddy is gone but not forgotten.

Written by his daughter,
Mary Maynard

NICHOLAS RUNYON

With the help of the Lord and a sad heart, I will try to write the Obituary of my father, Nicholas Runyon, whom we all called Poppy, and loved dearly. Poppy was born January 22, 1878 in Kentucky, the son of the late Alex and Beddie (Hatfield) Runyon. Poppy passed away at the age of 92 years, 1 month and 18 days. He was united in marriage to Letty Estep on March 31, 1909. To this union twelve children were born, six boys, six girls. Polly preceded him in death. Mother and eleven children were left to mourn his



death, they are as follows: Ollie, Leota, Kenny, Edward, Nicholas, Jr., Don, Novella, Mable, Isom, Alex, and Nellie. He also leaves sixty-three

grandchildren, eighty great-grandchildren, one brother, Kenny Runyon, and a half-sister, Gladys Starr.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. He told us before he went to rest that, "He was ready to go, but he hated to leave us."

Poppy was a member of the Rebecca Church for sixty years, a faithful servant as long as he was able to go. He was a Deacon for many years. Poppy was loved by everyone that knew him. I have a great hope and believe I'll meet him again some day.

Written by his son and daughter-in-law,
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Runyon

LILBURN ROBINETTE

It is with much sadness and a feeling of unworthiness that I attempt to fulfill the request of the family in writing the Obituary of a very dear friend of mine, from my youth, and a Brother in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Brother Lilburn Robinette.

Brother Lilburn Robinette, the son of the late William Robinette and Mintie (Hinkle) Robinette, was born August 10, 1892, and deceased this life January 11, 1970, making his stay here on earth 77 years, 5 months, and 1 day.

Brother Lilburn Robinette was united in marriage to Sister Fannie (Stanley) Robinette. To this union ten children were born. Three sons: Edward, Clayton and Bennett Robinette, and one daughter, Edna Young, preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Tobie Robinette, Lee Robinette, and Marvin Robinette, and one sister, Inez Thompson.

Brother Lilburn leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sister Fannie Robinette, two sons, Landon Robinette of Varney, Kentucky and Clinton Robinette of Justiceville, Kentucky; four daughters, Mrs. Leda Young, Mrs. Minnie Victoria Walters, and Mrs. Ernestine England, all of Pontiac, Michigan, and Mrs. Maxine Davis of Ft. Meade, Maryland; five adopted children, Verlin Robinette of Varney, Kentucky, Freddie Robinette and Larry Robinette, and Mrs. Brenda Lou Wilson, all of Pontiac, Michigan, and Miss Reba Gay Robinette of Varney, Kentucky; three brothers, John Robinette, Fred Robinette, and Eldon Robinette, all of Pontiac, Michigan; a sister, Mrs. Eulah Williamson, of Varney, Kentucky; 23 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Brother Lilburn professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church on April 14, 1968 at the hands of Elders Jonah E. Williamson and Millis Roberts.

Brother Lilburn was paralyzed the last two years of his life and was unable to fill his seat in the Church. Several times services were held in the home and Brother Lilburn seemed to enjoy and rejoice in our Saviour's Love.

To his children, who were exceedingly good to him, I want to say, "Weep not for Brother Lilburn, but rather weep for yourselves and your children." I feel that Brother Lilburn's soul has returned to God, who gave it, and his body is resting in hope of the Resurrection. In that day both soul and body will live Eternally with God and Christ Jesus, and all will be peace, joy, and happiness.

May God bless and save us all.

A Brother in Christ,
James M. Ray

JOHN MAYNARD

He was born May 8, 1904 at Henon, Kentucky and departed this life May 5, 1970. John was a son of Robinson Maynard and Rebecca Lowe Maynard. He was united in marriage to Annie Bevins Maynard, August 24, 1924.

From this union four sons and four daughters survive. The sons being James, Gene, Paul and Billy Maynard; and the daughters being Alene Malone, Alice Stanley, Rebecca Hess and Sylvia Lynch.

Annie preceded him in death and he later married Octavia Charles Maynard. He leaves his wife, children, twenty-two grandchildren, one sister, three half-brothers, and three half-sisters to mourn his passing.

He made a confession and was baptized into the membership of the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church some thirty years ago. He was ordained a Deacon and served as Clerk until death.

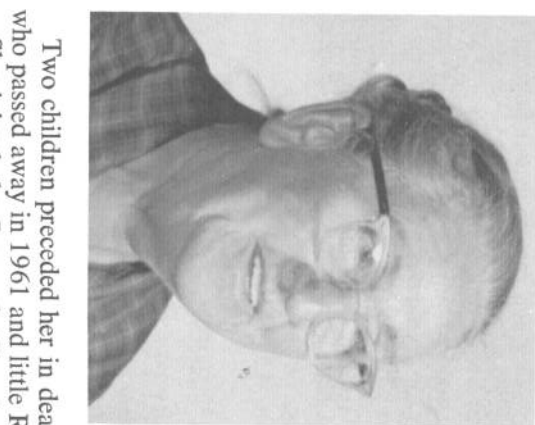
He will also be missed by the entire membership of the Bent Branch Church and the community of Meta, Kentucky.

Your servant,
Elder Edwin May

VIRGIE MUNCY

Virgie Muncy was born June 27, 1894 and deceased this life September 30, 1970, making her stay on earth 76 years, 3 months and 3 days.

She was the daughter of E. F. Fields and Rebecca (Maynard) Fields, and married Elijah Muncy on May 13, 1910. She was the mother of seven children: Elder Homer Muncy and Mrs. Ovie Moore of Pilgrim, Ky.; and Mrs. Rebecca Moore, Mrs. Elma Fannin and Mrs. Alice Pack of Beauty, Ky. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.



Two children preceded her in death. They were Mrs. Pearl Blankenship who passed away in 1961 and little Ruby Muncy who passed away in 1929. She joined the Leannah Church in 1930, and was baptized by Elder A. J. Case. She lived a real good Christian life from that time on.

In my funeral I request Brother Milford Lowe to introduce and hold prayer; Brother Edwin May to preach; and Brother Wayne Herald to preach and close the Services.

This Obituary was written by Sister Virgie Muncy some years ago and was left with a daughter to be read at her death.

Virgie Muncy

CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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 to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 2. In the Letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by Letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 4. The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 7. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

ARTICLE 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Church with Minutes of the Association.

ARTICLE 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 to 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 12. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with.

ARTICLE 13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the union, if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 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 failing 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 violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and 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

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 2. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are we saved through faith.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as regularly obtained 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 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

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

ARTICLE 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect 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.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 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 Decorum.

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

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the Decorum shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAME	ADDRESS
Adair, Tommy	1034 N.E. 28th St., Ocala Fla.
Belcher, Chester	Meta, Ky.
Bevins, B. H.	Rt. 1, Box 7a, Williamson, W. Va.
Blair, Lesly	Hunt, W. Va.
Brown, Claude	Sidney, Ky.
Brown, Clyde	Sidney, Ky.
Carey, Grover	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Clay, Earl W.	905 S. Park St., Ockeechobee, Fla.
Cline, Johnny	Baisden, W. Va.
Cline, Ross	Baisden, W. Va.
Cochran, Ernest	Sidney, Ky.
Conley, Bill	Omar, W. Va.
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Deeley, H. Jimmy	Rt. 1, Box 9-A, Delbarton, W. Va.
Dials, Burgess	Box 625, St. Albans, W. Va.
Dials, Willis	Pilgrim, Ky.
Edmonds, Harold	Box 31, Sidney, Ky.
Ellis, Mont	Rt. 2, Box 143, Delbarton, W. Va.
Evans, Charley	Box 222, Sirtat, W. Va.
Frale, S. B.	Rt. 2, Box 30, Hatfield, Ky.
Gibson, Carlos	Box 201, Scarbro, W. Va.
Glandon, Ted	Baisden, W. Va.
Graham, Hobert	1286 Lower Valley Pike, Medway, Ohio
Hannah, Isom	Cyclone, W. Va.
Harrison, Ireland	Chatteroy, W. Va.
Hatfield, Tracy	Hampden, W. Va.
Hay, Maynard	Naughtatuck, W. Va.
Hensley, Samuel D.	Pie, W. Va.
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Howard, Clinton	Pilgrim, Ky.
Hughes, Willie	Ashland, Ky.
Johnson, Charlie	Sidney, Ky.
Jude, Harrison	Loura, Ky.
Jude, Nahan	Burnwell, Ky.
Lowe, Harvey	McCombs, Ky.
Lowe, John	Anthony, Fla.
Lowe, Milford	Pilgrim, Ky.
Lowe, Roosevelt	Goody, Ky.
Lowe, Willis	Box 85, Turkey Creek, Ky.
Marcum, Lewis	Box 2389, Williamson, W. Va.
May, Edwin	Rt. 4, Box 85, Abingdon, Va.
May, Jeff	Dingess, W. Va.
May, W. H.	Dingess, W. Va.
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Runyon, Edward	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Scott, Faye	Rt. 1, Box 220, Williamson, W. Va.
Sesco, Lloyd	Meta, Ky.
Sheppard, A. A.	Holden, W. Va.
Stanley, Willie	Rt. 3, Box 41, Hardy, Ky.
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Swanson, L. C.	3303 Olivet St., N.W., Roanoke, Va.
Thornberry, J. G.	Sidney, Ky.
Thornbury, Alson	Kimper, Ky.
Varney, Willie	Ragland, W. Va.
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White, Willie	Lenore, W. Va.
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LIBERATED BRETHREN

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Blair, Willard	Lenore, W. Va.
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Hay, Edwin	Huntsville, Ala.
Jenkins, James	Box 80, Holden, W. Va.
Maynard, Clifford R.	Meta, Ky.
Sheppard, Mike	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Williams, David	Goody, Ky.

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Elder Edwin May, Moderator	Rt. 4, Box 85, Abingdon, Va.
Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator	Box 586, Kernit, W. Va.
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk	Box 746, Pikeville, Ky.
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk	Box 132, Varney, Ky.

CHURCH DELEGATES TO THE 1970 SARDIS ASSOCIATION

MT. PLEASANT: T. R. Boger, Monroe Smith, James Scott.
 APPLE ORCHARD: Van Maynard, Willie Nichols, Cleston Robinson.
 ENON: Pete Maynard, Jack Farley, James Spencer.
 REBECCA: Edward Runyon, Mike Sheppard, Howard Gillman.
 BENT BRANCH: Lloyd SESCO, Fred Bevins, Clifford Maynard.
 SARDIS: Willie Varney, Steve Robinson, Jr., H. Jimmy Deeley.
 BIG BRANCH: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Landon Taylor.
 MARY ELIZABETH: S. B. Fraley, Rell Maynard, Alex Edminston.
 BETHANY: Willie White, Isom Hannah, Ellis Davis.
 ELK FORK: Grover Carey, Andrew Maynard, James Jenkins.
 PILGRIM'S HOME: Joe Warrix, K. H. Williamson, Millis Roberts.
 SALEM: B. H. Bevins, Roosevelt Lowe, Floyd Morris.
 SIDNEY: Bascom Maynard, Jobe Blackburn, L. C. Marcum.
 DIX FORK: J. G. Thornberry, Charlie Johnson, James Brown.
 NARROWS BRANCH: Kelly Stanley, Willie Stanley, Leonard Varney.
 LEANNANAH: Milford Lowe, Tom Robinson, John Fraley.
 BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazee, Chester Dials, Johnny Cline.
 TIBITHA: Charley Evans, Joe Robinette, Dana Gillman.
 LITTLE ROSA: Faye Scott, Robert L. Robinson, Lacy Marcum.
 TURKEY CREEK: Willie Blackburn, Floyd Williamson, Willis Lowe.
 SAMARIA: Leslie Vance, Sherman May, Frankie White.
 ROSA: Ross Cline, Tracy Hatfield, Uley Perry.
 MUNCY VALLEY: Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis, Avery Hensley.
 LITTLE VIRGIE: John Scott, Chester Belcher, Alson Thornbury.
 SOUTHERN HOME: Tommy Adair, Hiram Young, Ersel Young.
 PILGRIM'S REST: Willie Stanley, Gordon Maynard, Leroy Stanley.
 OKEECHOBEE: Dorsey Hollon, G. W. Clay, Mosco Gillman.

CHURCH	MODERATOR	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CHURCH CONTRIBUTION	CHURCH TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	36	\$30.00	2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	44	\$25.00	1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$15.00	1	June
REBECCA	Jeff May	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	64	\$35.00	2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	B. H. Bevins	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	75	\$50.00	3	Aug.
SARDIS	Willie Varney	9	1	0	0	1	2	2	105	\$40.00	4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	37	\$30.00	3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Charlie Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	45	\$25.00	3	July
BETHANY	Willie White	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	45	\$20.00	4	Aug.
ELK FORK	Faye Scott	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	\$25.00	3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Wayne Herald	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	159	\$50.00	4	Aug.
SALEM	Charlie Johnson	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	95	\$50.00	1	May
SIDNEY	Lewis Marcum	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	29	\$25.00	4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	77	\$50.00	1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Roosevelt Lowe	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	71	\$30.00	4	July
LEANNAH	Roosevelt Lowe	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	\$25.00	2	July
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	39	\$20.00	3	June
TIBITHA	Willie Varney	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	43	\$25.00	1	Aug.
LITTLE ROSA	B. H. Bevins	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	23	\$20.00	2	June
TURKEY CREEK	Charlie Johnson	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	73	\$40.00	2	May
SAMARIA	Jeff May	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	\$25.00	1	July
ROSA	Johnny Cline	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	105	\$35.00	3	July
MUNCY VALLEY	Willie Varney	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$10.00	2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd Sesco	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	14	\$20.00	4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	27	\$25.00	1	April
PILGRIM'S REST	Edwin May	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	15	\$20.00	2	June
OKEECHOBEE	Earl W. Clay	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	\$10.00	2	April
TOTALS		56	11	0	2	4	35	10	1396	\$775.00		

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