

MINUTES  
OF THE  
EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION  
OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST  
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In Session with Turkey Creek Church  
Turkey Creek, Kentucky  
September 8, 9 and 10, 1972

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 8, 1972**

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, The Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Turkey Creek Church, Turkey Creek, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1972.

As we sang many old time songs in the good old fashioned way that spiritually stirs the soul and fills the heart with love, the many Brethren, Sisters and friends from far and near gathered at the Turkey Creek School House where arrangements had been made for the preaching.

Our capable Moderator, Elder Edwin May, came to the Stand and spoke a few words of welcome to the many Brethren, Sisters, and friends.

Elder Wayne Herald opened the Services about the hour of 10:00 a.m. and was very well blessed to preach for a few minutes of time.

Elder Mitchell Chaffins of the New Salem Association led in prayer.

Elder Isom Hannah preached the Introductory Sermon from his Text: 1st. Timothy 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." Brother Hannah was blessed to cover his subject.

The Sardis Association Delegates and a large delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Church where arrangements had been made for the work of our Sardis Association. As is our custom, the many Brethren, Sisters, and friends remained at the stands where arrangements had been made for the preaching.

Elder Bruce Mullins of the Union Association introduced the services at the House and Elder Grover Adkins of the New Salem Association led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, Moderator of the Sardis Association, spoke a few words asking the Delegates to remember Brother Isom Hannah's admonishment in his Introductory Sermon to "Take heed unto thyself."

He then appointed a Committee on Finance to receive the contribution sent to the Association by the several Churches as follows:

Brother Uley Perry  
Brother Landon Taylor  
Brother John Scott

(2) The Moderator then called for the Letters from the several Churches of the Sardis Association to be handed in to the Clerk. The Letter from the Turkey Creek Church was read by the Clerk and, upon motion by Brother Floyd Williamson and second by Elder Ernest Cochran, all Letters were received, the Delegates seated, and Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(3) The Finance Committee reported \$850.00 received from the several Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(4) The Sardis Association then completed its organization by electing the following Officers to serve for the coming year:

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

(5) By motion and second it is ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during the setting of the Association.

(6) Committee appointed to see that the Stand be supplied with Ministers and that peace be preserved around the Stand as follows:

Brother Leroy Reed  
Brother Lonzie Thomas  
Brother Clayton Burris

(7) On motion by Elder H. Jimmy Deeley and second by Elder Ellis Davis the Sardis Association Constitution was read by the Clerk.

(8) Called for newly organized Churches or other Churches of our same faith and order desiring to take up fellowship with the Sardis Association and none responded.

(9) Called for the Letters from our corresponding Sister Associations and received the following:

*UNION*: Represented by the following Delegates: L. H. Stilther, Lonnie Mounts, Dorrie Adkins, Orbin May, Dallas Ramsey, Thruston Bowman, N. A. England, Earl Belcher, Francis Hubbard, Fon Bowling, Perry Vance, John M. Justice, John C. Lane, John M. Mullins, Paul McClannahan, Fred Rowe, Herman West, Bill Baker, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Walter Lowe, Hamilton Blewins, Dewey Sexton, Theodore M. Looney, Jerry Deel and Theodore Looney.

*NEW SALEM*: Represented by the following Delegates: Billy Day, Wiley Coffee, Willie Hughes, Clifford Williams, Sollie Kiser, Jink Ray, Hatler Kiser, Perry Tackett, Mitchell Chaffins, Millis Roberts, Allen Pitts, Banner Mann, Omery Compton, John C. Huff, Woodrow Dye, Luther Conn, Grover Adkins, Jay Lee Little, Wendell Hamilton, E. J. Little, Eddie Tackett and Hershell Huff.

*NORTHERN NEW SALEM*: Represented by the following Delegates: Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Paris Tackett, Joshua Hicks, Virgil Fields, Chuck Keese, Stoney Blackburn, Harrison Runyon, Raymond Gillman, Hiram Adkins and Buddy W. Carty.

*PHILADELPHIA*: Represented by the following Delegates: Ira Adkins, Henry Barney, Eales Cotton, L. W. Woods, George Woods, Perry Johnson, Ira Stepp, Walter Morrison, David Gillman, Rush Stanley, Tom Barney, George Fraley, Virgil Burnett and Paul Morrison.

*FRIENDSHIP*: Represented by the following Delegates: Hassel Estep, Claude Conn, George Hopson, Jesse Mullins, George Vance, Cecil Whit, Leonard Coleman, Ules Hagerman, Billy Joe May, George Endicott, Wayne Bryant, Harvey Mullins, Hobert Blankenship, Edgar Blankenship, Orville Street, Robert Mullins, Hassel Stacy, Clyde Hagy, Josh Justus, Jr., Jessie Robinette, Delbert Justus, Lennel Cline, Lacy Justus, Richard Keene, Kermit Henson and Henry Stacy.

*INDIAN BOTTOM*: Represented by the following Delegates: Kirby Isom, Nelson Seals, Clark Hays, McKinley McIntash, Manis Isom and Carl Back.

(10) The foregoing Letters were read and by regular move and second were received and the Delegates seated with us in Council, being given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator.

(11) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and members of our faith and order and received the following:

Steve Robinson, Jr. David Baisden  
Willie White H. C. Maynard

**SATURDAY**  
**September 9, 1972**

Johnny Maynard	Clifford Maynard
Andrew Maynard	Tracy Hatfield
David Crigger	Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
Marshall Williamson	Donnie Lowe, Sr.
James Gannon	Roosevelt Lowe
Hobert Grayham	James M. Ray
Hayden Hannah	Claude Brown
Berlin Thornsbury	Charlie Johnson

(12) By motion and second it is ordered that we correspond with the following Sister Associations: UNION, NEW SALEM, NORTHERN NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA, FRIENDSHIP and INDIAN BOTTOM.

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

Brother Leroy Reed  
Brother Lonzie Thomas  
Brother Clayton Burris

(14) Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one Delegate from each Church and the entire Turkey Creek Church Delegation. They reported as follows:

<b>FRIDAY NIGHT</b>	<b>ASSOCIATION</b>
Elder Joshua Hicks	Northern New Salem
Elder Claude Conn	Friendship
Elder Hershell Huff	New Salem
Elder Roy B. Akers	Northern New Salem
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>ASSOCIATION</b>
Elder Ira Adkins	Philadelphia
Elder Baxter Osborne	Northern New Salem
Elder Fon Bowling	Union
Elder Grover Adkins	New Salem

(15) Committee on Arrangements 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.

(16) On motion by Elder H. Jimmy Deeley and second by Brother Floyd Williamson the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing many old time songs of Zion, Elder Earl Belcher of the Union Association opened the session 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 the same Committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday. They reported as follows:

<b>SATURDAY NIGHT</b>	<b>ASSOCIATION</b>
Elder John Lowe	Sardis
Elder Wiley Coffee	New Salem
Elder Grover Adkins	New Salem
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ASSOCIATION</b>
Elder Hiram Adkins	Northern New Salem
Elder Paris Tackett	Northern New Salem
Elder Edwin May	Sardis

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

Balance on hand September 12, 1971	\$1,152.24
Add: Additional money received for pictures	15.00
Other donation	108.70
Total money available	<u>\$1,275.94</u>
Less paid out for 1971:	
Printing 4500 Minutes for 1971	\$1,178.79
Printing 100 Church Form Letters	32.15
Obituary refund	5.00
Stamps for mailing Minutes	60.00
Total paid out for 1971	<u>\$1,275.94</u>
Balance on hand September 8, 1972	\$ none
Add 1972 Receipts:	
Donations from the Churches	\$850.00
Received for Pictures	115.00
Donation at the House	241.00
Other Donations	15.00
Total Receipts for 1972	<u>\$1,221.00</u>
Balance on hand September 10, 1972	<u>\$1,221.00</u>

(5) By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1972 and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

(6) By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes; that he have 4,000 copies printed; and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his services.

(7) By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk 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 Steve Robinson, Jr. was read by him and, on motion and second, was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(9) On Motion by Brother James Vanhoose and second by Elder Robert L. Robinson it is ordered that Elder Lloyd SESCO prepare the Circular Letter for presentation at our next (1973) Association.

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

**UNION:** When convened with the Frozen Creek Church, Raccoon, Pike County, Ky. on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1972: **ELDERS:** Clifford Maynard, Willis Lowe, Alson Thornsbury, Henry C. Maynard, Charlie Evans, Willie Stiltner, Harvey Lowe, Lloyd SESCO, James Gannon, Tracy Hatfield, Mont Ellis, Ernest Cochran, Chester Belcher, Willie Stanley, Ellis Davis, Willie White, Steve Robinson, Jr., Faye Scott, Wayne Herald and Edwin May. **BROTHERS:** John Scott, Dewey Stiltner, Floyd Williamson, Cashier Blackburn, K. H. Williamson, Troy Walters, Sterl Smith, Fred Bevins, Willie Nichols, Mike Sheppard, Cody Stanley, Donnie Lowe, Willard Young, Ted Blackburn, Joe Warrix, Stewart Brown, Van Pinson, Larry May, Ben Curry, Homer Collins, Calvin Bevins, Floyd Morris, Gordon Maynard, Mike Young, Russell Thacker, Walker Scott, Delbert Kazez, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. and James M. Ray. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

**NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Old Beaver Church, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky. on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1972: **ELDERS:** Burgess Dials, Clifford Maynard, Berlin Thornsbury, Claude Brown, Ernest Cochran, Tracy Hatfield, Ross Cline, James Gannon, Johnnie Cline, Harvey Lowe, H. Jimmy Deeley, Willie Varney, Steve Robinson, Jr., Edwin May and Wayne Herald. **BROTHERS:** Troy Walters, Mike Young, Monroe Ousley, Stewart Brown, Cashier Blackburn, Cody Stanley, Prosper Maynard, Uley Perry, Mike Sheppard, Chester Combs, Floyd Morris, Jim Bevins, Fred Bevins, Delbert

Kazez, Joe Warrix, Donnie Lowe, Ted Blackburn, Larry May, and James M. Ray. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1973: **ELDERS:** Clifford Maynard, Willis Lowe, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Claude Brown, Berlin Thornsbury, J. L. Nichols, Ross Cline, James Gannon, Hobert Graham, Burgess Dials, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsbury, Mont Ellis, Willie Stanley, Chester Belcher, Tommy Adair, Willie Varney, Johnnie Cline, H. Jimmy Deeley, Tommy Ellis and Tracy Hatfield. **BROTHERS:** Cashier Blackburn, Russell Thacker, Cody Stanley, Julius Cochran, David Baisden, Bill Cochran, Uley Perry, Joe Warrix, Chester Combs, Chester Dials, W. H. Hale, Stewart Brown, Chalmer Marcum, Mike Young, Troy Walters, Mike Sheppard, Delbert Kazez and Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

**PHILADELPHIA:** When convened with the South Fork Church, at Melrose, Worthington, Ky. on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1973: **ELDERS:** Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, Henry C. Maynard, Willie White, Ellis Davis, S. B. Fraley, Billy Brumfield, Willis Lowe, Clyde Brown, Willie Stanley, H. Jimmy Deeley, Tracy Hatfield, James Gannon, Burgess Dials, Berlin Thornsbury, Hobert Graham, David Crigger, Chester Belcher, Faye Scott and Robert L. Robinson. **BROTHERS:** Cody Stanley, Cashier Blackburn, Julius Cochran, David Baisden, Prosper Maynard, Charles Hall, Delbert Kazez, James Vanhoose, Tom Fraley, Hayden Hannah, Chalmer Marcum, Donnie Lowe, Stewart Brown, Uley Perry and Lacy Marcum. Letter in the hand of Elder Willie White.

**FRIENDSHIP:** When convened with the Little Dove Church, Gesser Fork Road, Hurley, Va. on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1973: **ELDERS:** Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Charley Evans, Steve Robinson, Jr., Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis, Ross Cline, Johnnie Cline, Berlin Thornsbury, Willis Lowe, Henry C. Maynard, James Gannon, Chester Belcher, Claude Brown and Tracy Hatfield. **BROTHERS:** Mike Sheppard, Uley Perry, Cashier Blackburn, Stewart Brown, Prosper Maynard, Russell Thacker, Hayden Hannah, Joe Robinette and Floyd Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbury.

**INDIAN BOTTOM:** When convened with the Little Dove Church, Sassafras, Knott County, Ky. on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1973: **ELDERS:** Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Clifford Maynard, Lloyd SESCO, Claude Brown, H. Jimmy Deeley, Willie Stanley and Tracy Hatfield. **BROTHERS:** Joe Warrix, Fred Bevins, Troy Walters, Delbert Kazez, Jim Scott and Larry May. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.



(11) Called for the Tent Committee to report and, on motion and second, received the following report:

Minutes of Tent Committee Meeting  
 Samaria Church, Marrowbone Creek, Pike Co., Ky.  
 October 23, 1971

Met with Tent Committees of Union Association and New Salem Association for purpose of buying a 1/3 interest and ownership in the Tent now owned equally by these two Associations. Representatives were: UNION ASSOCIATION: Fon Bowling, Bill Brown, Corbet Rose, John M. Mullins and Delbert Sanders; NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION: Grover Adkins and Amos Newsome; and SARDIS ASSOCIATION: Joe Warrix, Edwin May, Clifford Maynard and Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Brother Fon Bowling stood as Moderator.

(A) Determined that the cost of the tent, trailer and other equipment was \$2800.00 and agreed that a price of \$800.00 would represent a fair price for a full 1/3 interest and ownership since no rental was to be paid for Sardis Association use in 1971.

(B) The Sardis Association agreed to pay \$100.00 to Union and \$100.00 to New Salem today and pay to the Chairmen listed below the balance of \$600.00 by January 1, 1972, if possible, at \$300.00 to Union and \$300.00 to New Salem.

(C) Each Tent Committee selected a Chairman who is to be contacted on all matters concerning the tent and he will in turn contact each member of his own Tent Committee: UNION ASSOCIATION: John M. Mullins, Rt. 11, Kingsport, Tennessee 37663; NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION: Grover Adkins, Fords Branch, Ky. 41501; and SARDIS ASSOCIATION: Clifford Maynard, Meta, Ky. 41501.

(D) The Sardis Association Delegates selected Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. as Secretary-Treasurer of their Tent Committee.

(E) John M. Mullins, Union Tent Committee, presented a written Sales Contract for a 1/2 interest and ownership in the tent and equipment to the New Salem Tent Committee for their signature. After reading the Sales Contract and after it was signed by both Union and New Salem Tent Committees, it was agreed the Sardis Association Tent Committee would also sign the Sales Contract and Brother John M. Mullins would prepare an attachment or supplemental contract setting out that Sardis agrees to the same terms, but changing the ownership of the tent and equipment to show a 1/3 interest to each Association—Union, New Salem and Sardis. A copy of both documents to be furnished each Tent Committee.

(F) Not written into the Contract but agreed to by all three Committees are the following:

(i) Two Brethren, Bill Brown, Route 1, Box 10, Jenkins, Ky. and Corbet Rose, Box 154, Pound, Va., will be responsible for the tent from the time it leaves the storage point at Brother Amos Newsome's and will: (1) Approve the truck or other means of transporting the tent and trailer; (2) come to the proposed tent site well in advance of the time set to erect the tent and direct grounds preparation; (3) supervise and direct the erection, care and taking down of the tent; and (4) supervise all repair, cleaning, treatment, etc. of the tent.

(ii) The Association using the tent will: (1) pay Brother Bill and Brother Corbet for their services; (2) furnish all necessary labor to handle setting up and taking down of the tent; (3) provide the means of transporting the tent from its storage site to the place it is to be used and return to its storage place; and (4) provide 24 hour watchman or protection for the tent, trailer and equipment while it is in use.

(G) Sardis Tent Committee agreed to advise the Churches in our Association using the tent to get insurance to cover liability (personal and property), and vandalism not covered by insurance already provided or to be provided by the three Tent Committees.

(H) It was agreed that all repair, insurance, care, etc. necessary for the tent, trailer and equipment would be paid for equally by the three Tent Committees.

(12) Called for Tent Committee Treasurer to report and, upon motion and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand September 10, 1971	_____	\$	none
Donated by Congregation September 13, 1971	_____		233.48
Donated by Churches (see Statistical Table)	_____		607.00
Donation from: Sister Stollings	_____		5.00
Irvin Lowe	_____		25.00
Rebecca Moore	_____		5.00
Alice Pack	_____		5.00
Garnet Pauley	_____		5.00
Willie Nichols	_____		5.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1971	_____		\$890.48
Less paid out for 1971:			
Union Association for 1/3 interest	_____		\$400.00
New Salem Association for 1/3 interest	_____		400.00
Paid Tent workmen for 1971 Association	_____		20.00
Total paid out for 1971	_____		\$820.00
Balance on hand September 8, 1972	_____		\$ 70.48
Add: 1/3 of Northern New Salem 1972 rent	_____		\$ 50.00
Balance	_____		\$120.48
Less: 1/3 of 1972 Tent Expense	_____		\$ 99.25
Balance on hand September 9, 1972	_____		\$ 21.23

(13) On motion and second appointed a Tent Committee as follows:

Elder Clifford Maynard, Chairman  
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer  
Elder Edwin May  
Brother Joe Warrick  
Brother James M. Ray

(14) On motion and second it is ordered that Sardis Association Tent Committee meet with the other Tent Committees to negotiate sale of interest in the tent to Northern New Salem Association.

(15) All three Delegates from the Sardis Church agreed to take back their request to drop Elk Fork Church from fellowship for having members belonging to Secret Orders, after being advised the Sisters involved had gotten their Letters and were no longer members of the Elk Fork Church.

(16) Request from Bethany Church to drop Elk Fork Church from fellowship for having members belonging to Secret Orders met with a move and second to send the request back to the Bethany Church. Objection was filed by Elder Ellis Davis. Motion was passed by 57 to 8 vote of the Delegates.

(17) Request from Bethany Church to drop Salem Church and Turkey Creek Church from fellowship because they violated the Secret Order rule of the Association by allowing Elder Charlie Johnson to serve them as Moderator while he belongs to Secret Orders was taken back by all three Delegates from Bethany Church, after Elder Charlie Johnson stated he would resign as Moderator of Salem Church and Turkey Creek Church at their next meeting time in order to bring about peace in the Sardis Association.

(18) Brother Jim Bevins moved to drop Item 11 of our 1962 minute concerning Secret Orders. Second by Brother Calvin Bevins. The Moderator, Elder Edwin May, determined this move and second to be out of order. By vote of 61 to 0 the Delegates upheld the Moderator and determined the move out of order.

(19) A request from Sardis Church to reprint Item 10 of our 1964 Minute concerning Secret Orders met with a move by Brother Uley Perry and second by Brother Tommy Smith to return the request to them.

(20) Request from Elk Fork Church to stop Bethany Church from sending Committees and causing disturbance and confusion was withdrawn by all three Delegates from Elk Fork Church.

(21) Request from Okeechobee Church to publish Elders Dorsey Halland and Earl W. Clay in disorder and remove their names from the list of ordained ministers, for taking their membership to a Church not in fellowship with Sardis Association, was granted by motion and second. Therefore, Dorsey Halland and Earl W. Clay are not preaching under the patronage of the Okeechobee Church nor of the Sardis Association.

(22) 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.

(23) 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.

(24) 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."

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

(26) 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.

(27) Brethren called in Union, Communion, Memorial Meetings and Associations last year made their reports which were received and their failures excused.

(28) A request for the 1973 Sardis Association was received from the Dix Fork Church and Rebecca Church. By motion and second it is ordered that our next Association Meeting be held with the Rebecca Church beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1973. The Rebecca Church is located near Belo, W. Va. Take Route 52 from Williamson, W. Va. to Naugatuck, W. Va. and then take Route 65 to Belo, W. Va. Turn left at Belo and go up Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek to end of new 4-lane road. Then take Old Road to Church—about 10 miles. Signs will be at Belo and end of 4-lane road.

(29) By motion and second it is ordered that the Sardis Association request all of our Churches, who can and want to, to send help to the Church who will host our next Association, The Rebecca Church.

(30) A Committee was appointed to take the vote of the Delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon, and his alternate, at our 1973 Association as follows:

Brother John M. Mullins, Union Association  
Elder Hiram Adkins, Northern New Salem Association  
Brother Walter Morrison, Philadelphia Association

This committee reported the following and was discharged:

Elder Wayne Herald to preach Introductory Sermon.  
Elder Tommy Adair to be his alternate.

(31) By regular move and second it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tender our sincere "Thank You" to each and every member of the Turkey Creek Church; to the many other Brethren and Sisters and friends who worked so hard to make this Association a success; to the Pike County Sheriff, Charles Keese, and his Deputies; to the Pike County Board of Education and Forest D. Tackett, Principal at Turkey Creek School, for use of the school and lunch room; to the cooks and many Sisters who prepared food for all three days; the Funeral Homes who furnished chairs; and to all others too numerous to mention who helped take care of our Association. To each and everyone of you we say "Thank You" and pray that God will richly reward you for your kindness and untiring labor.

(32) The minutes were read by the Clerk and, on motion by Elder Robert L. Robinson and second by Brother Floyd Williamson, were ordered to be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(33) On motion by Brother Floyd Williamson and second by Brother James VanHoose, 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 10, 1972

A very large and orderly congregation of Brothers, Sisters and respectable friends met at the Turkey Creek School. After singing many Old time songs of Zion service was introduced by Elder John P. Church of the Union Association. Brother Church was wonderfully blessed to preach about God's great Love and tender care of His Children. At the end of his discourse he called for a song: "Young People All, In Blooming Days."

We were ably led in prayer by Elder Woodrow Pack of the New Salem Association.

Elder Paris Tackett of the Northern New Salem Association filled the stand and was wonderfully blessed to preach from his text Genesis 49:10 which reads as follows: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Our beloved and very capable Moderator, Elder Edwin May, came to the Stand to preach and close this the Eightieth Session of the Sardis Association. In humbleness and obedient to God, Brother Ed was wonderfully blessed to preach from his subject: "Do you love the Lord?" At the end of his sermon he announced an open door to the Church and called for a song: "In The Good Old Fashioned Way."

Dismission was called by Elder Roy B. Akers of the Northern New Salem Association.

We feel that the fore-going Brethren were blessed by God's great Spirit to preach Jesus Christ to be the way from Earth to Glory. On behalf of the Delegates and Officers of the Sardis Association we want to thank God for the innumerable blessings He showered down upon us during this Association.

Our prayer is May God Bless the Sardis Association, and may we everly keep our eyes on Christ, Our Lord.

Your Clerks



## CIRCULAR LETTER

Dearly Beloved Brethren of the Sardis Association:

Being chosen last year to prepare the circular letter for 1972, I have devoted much time to prayer and meditation, desiring God's divine guidance that this letter may meet the approval of the brethren and also be approved of Him.

I have chosen to use Romans 6:23 for my subject: "the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." According to the scriptures it is adult people who have transgressed God's laws that are called sinners, and are dead while they live. In order for them to receive the gift of God, or *eternal life*, they must be borned again. They must repent and die dead to the love of sin and be made alive in Jesus Christ.

Eph. 2:8 says, "By grace are ye saved through faith and its not of yourselves it is the *gift of God*." So the gift of God is *eternal life* through Christ who offered His body up on the tree of the cross to make it possible unto all men upon the terms of the gospel. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting (or *eternal*) life." So we see that eternal life is in Jesus. In order to receive it we must go to Jesus in faith believing. For the scriptures say in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." So we must seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near, for He willith not in the death of any, but would that all men come to repentance, and receive the *gift of God* or *eternal life*.

Heb. 11:6 says they that come to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, for without faith it's impossible to please Him. Romans 10:8 and 9 says, "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou wilt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

For by grace are ye saved through faith, and it's not of yourselves: it's the gift of God. We see the grace of God as an unmerited, or undeserved, or unearned gift that God made possible to mankind through the death of His only begotten son on the cross. And the scriptures teach that this same grace has appeared unto all men, and they are free to accept it upon the terms of the gospel or otherwise they can reject it. But to the dead sinner that Jesus spoke of in St. John 5:25, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when

the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." According to the scriptures, sinners are called and begotten by the word of God, and commanded to cleanse your hand ye sinner, purify your heart ye doubleminded.

A sinner must quit his sinning before he can call upon God with an honest heart. Then, when the sinner becomes honest and sincere, he begins a travel from nature to grace. According to the scriptures, it is a way of mourning, of sorrow, and death at the end of that travel; how long or how short it may be depends on the individual—how humble and sincere he is. Then there is a birth. And the sorrow and anguish is forgotten for joy. So this is when God speaks peace to that soul, borns it again of an uncorruptable seed which liveth and abideth forever, and receives eternal life—the *gift of God*—in the soul. And from that time on is delivered and saved and will finally persevere through grace to glory, and shall never fall away or be lost.

So now we see we don't wait until death to receive eternal life in the soul. But in order for both soul and body to receive eternal life the body has to have a change from a natural to a spiritual. So I believe there is some knowledge of salvation as the scriptures teach. We know we've passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. I John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know ye have eternal life." All these things make us feel we are the children of God and heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, and that our inheritance and treasures are in heaven.

Eph. 2:10 says we are God's "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God before hath ordained that we should walk in them." So we see salvation will produce good works, but not works for salvation.

All the things above mentioned take place before water baptism, for water baptism alone cannot and will not save any one but the same spirit that we receive in the new birth will prompt us to desire it and to be willing to be buried with Christ in baptism—not putting away the filth of the flesh, but answering that good conscience, that only a borned again Christian can manifest. Seeing we have put off the old man with his evil deeds and have put on the new man which is Christ Jesus who promised never to leave us or forsake us, but will be with us through the sixth trouble and forsake us not in the seventh.

So, Brethren, in closing this letter, let us pray to God to keep us humble and sincere and always be ready to give the reason of the hope that is within us. Pray that His peace will abound that we may live peaceably as much as possible with all men; that our lives may give

off the rays of light that might reach the path of some sinner; and that they may see our good works and glorify the Father. So, Brethren, farewell, hoping this letter will be accepted to be printed in the minutes.

Your servant in Christ,  
Elder Steve Robinson, Jr.

## UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

### APRIL

**SOUTHERN HOME:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: H. Jimmy Deeley, Stanford Branham, Isom Hannah, David Baisden, Monroe Ousley, S. D. Hensley, Earl Belcher, Julius Lester, Claude Conn and Moderator attending.

**OKECHOBBEE:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ross Cline, Johnie Cline, Ellis Amburgey, Ellis Davis, Mike Sheppard, H. Jimmy Deeley and all Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

### MAY

**SALEM:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May and Grover Adkins.

**TURKEY CREEK:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, Edward Runyon, Harold Edmonds and Wayne Herald.

### JUNE

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin May, Alson Thornsbury, Clifford Maynard and Moderator attending.

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

**LITTLE ROSA:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jeff May, James Gannon, Tracy Hatfield and Alson Thornsbury.

**MUNCY VALLEY:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Claude Brown, Charley Evans and Hershell Huff.

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, James M. Chapman, Lloyd Seco and Moderators attending.

**BUCK CREEK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Edwin May, Roy B. Akers, Hiram Adkins, Banner Mann, Tracy Hatfield and Milford Lowe.

**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald, Tommy Ellis and James Gannon.

**SIDNEY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Edward Runyon and Tracy Hatfield.

## JULY

**DIX FORK:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: N. A. England, Mitchell Chaffins, Eddie Tackett and Sollie Kieser.

**SAMARIA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Baisden, Faye Scott, Willie Varney, Lewis Marcum and Charley Evans.

**LEANNAH:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Ernest Cochran, Dave Williams, Faye Scott and Roosevelt Lowe.

**MT. PLEASANT:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Edwin May, Wayne Herald and Steve Robinson, Jr.

**BIG BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Burgess Dials, Alson Thornsberry and Andrew Maynard.

**MARY ELIZABETH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Harold Edmonds, H. Jimmy Deeley, Grover Adkins, Faye Scott, Clinton Howard and Moderator attending.

**ROSA:** Third Saturday and Sunday. This is our Union Meeting. Our Communion is in August. Ministers called: Edwin May, Carl Ray Tuttle, Hershell Huff and Willie White.

**NARROWS BRANCH:** Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Claude Conn, Tracy Hatfield, Willis Lowe, David Crigger, James Gannon, H. Jimmy Deeley and Moderator attending.

## AUGUST

**TIBITHA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Claude Brown, Ellis Davis, Jeff May and Ison Hannah.

**REBECCA:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Ison Hannah, Henry King, Willie Varney and Ellis Davis.

**ELK FORK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Tommy Ellis, Robert L. Robinson and Berlin Thornsberry.

**BENT BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Kirby Ison, John M. Justice, Hershell Huff and Ross Cline.

**ROSA:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Our Union Meeting is in July. Ministers called: Edwin May, Carl Ray Tuttle, Hershell Huff and Willie White.

**BETHANY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called, Johnie Cline, Eales Cotton, George Woods, H. Jimmy Deeley and Ross Cline.

**SARDIS:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jeff May, George Woods, Ison Hannah and Berlin Thornsberry.

**PILGRIM'S HOME:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Clifford Maynard and Grover Adkins.

## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

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## 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: Clifford Maynard, Harvey Chapman, Edwin May, Hershell Huff and Moderator attending.

## MAY

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting for Matilda M. Robinson, Esta M. Reed, Pery Samie and Diewy Cline, sons of Bonnie and Narmie Cline and infant children on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr., Faye Scott and Roosevelt Lowe.

**MEMORIAL** of the Ratliff family, Pete McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran and Chester Belcher.

**ELK FORK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsbury and Chester Belcher.

**LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbury, Jethro Hampton, Robert L. Robinson and Clifford Maynard.

**NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, James Gannon, Wayne Herald, Harvey Chapman, Claude Conn and Edwin May.

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

**SARDIS CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on May 30th at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: H. Jimmy Deeley, Andrew Maynard and Joe Evans.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Cochran Cemetery for the deceased John H. Cochran, Harrison Cochran, Elowis Cochran and others on the last Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Harvey Chapman and others.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Dinner will be served near by.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Brown Cemetery where Elder J. H. Brown and Family are buried at 4:00 p.m. on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

## JUNE

**SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday for all members of Southern Home Church.

Ministers called: Lassie Edwards, Stanford Branham, Alford Fields and Moderator attending.

**TIBITHA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for the deceased members of the Tibitha Church, Gillman family and Meadows family on the regular meeting time. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Edward Runyon, Tommy Ellis and Andrew Maynard.

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

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the home of Brother Okie Robinette on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Edward Runyon, Ison Hannah, Charley Evans, Willie Varney and Millis Roberts.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Scott Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols and Moderator of Big Branch Church.

**BENT BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Wayne Herald and Moderator attending.

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

**ELK FORK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Gillman Cemetery just above the Elk Fork Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Willie Varney, Johnnie Newsome and Joe Curry.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held in the head of Sycamore Creek at the Lowe Cemetery for Johnnie Nichols, Sr., his wife and all others at that Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols and Roosevelt Lowe.

## 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: Wayne Herald, Willis Lowe, Robert L. Robinson and all Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Dinner will be served near by.



**MEMORIAL MEETING** of the Taylor family will be held at the Apple Orchard Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Edwin May, Monroe Jones and Wayne Herald.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Dike Williamson will be held at the home of Brother Emzy Williamson on the first Sunday. Ministers called: James M. Chapman, James Gannon, Carl Ray Tuttle, James Tackett and David Crigger.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr, Chester Belcher, Alson Thornsberry and Moderator attending.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held for all the deceased on Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Ky. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willie Stanley, H. C. Maynard, Claude Brown, James Gannon, Alson Thornsberry and Grover Adkins.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Smith's Cemetery on Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on Sunday following the third Saturday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Wayne Herald and Edwin May.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of J. M. Taylor and family, FLEM Maynard and family will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Burgess Dials, Hershel Huff and Alson Thornsberry.

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

## AUGUST

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Dillon Cemetery near the Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr, Isom Hannah and Melvin Watts.

**ENON CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hershel Huff, Willie Stiltner and Faye Scott.

**DIX FORK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jethro Hampton, Ira Adkins, Edwin May and Clifford Maynard.

**APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the first Saturday for all deceased members of the Apple Orchard Church. Ministers called: Roy Hudson, Clarence Owens, J. L. Nichols, Edward Runyon and Moderator attending.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Uncle George Lowe, Aunt Jane Lowe, Sam Staton and Joseph Staton will be held on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Robert L. Robinson, Roosevelt Lowe and Isom Hannah.

**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 on the Lowe Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Steve Robinson, Jr, Roosevelt Lowe and Ernest Cochran.

**LITTLE ROSA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: David Crigger, Isom Hannah, Charlie Evans and Willie Stiltner.

**PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Grover Adkins, Willie Stiltner and Moderators attending.

**MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all other deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Harold Edmonds and all other Regular Baptist Ministers.

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

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of the McCoy family, Richard Maynard and his Granddaughter will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Berlin Thornsberry and Ernest Cochran.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting for Sister Rachell Stacy in the head of Little Rock Castle on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Nathan Jude, Lewis Marcum, Clinton Howard, Milford Lowe, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Ben Robinson.

**BETHANY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the same time as the Union Meeting, the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Same as in the Union Meeting.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of the Sidney Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Alson Thornsberry, Chester Belcher and Mont Ellis.

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

## SEPTEMBER

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Jeff May, Willie Varney, David Baisden and Joe Evans.

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

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Bro. Tom McCoy, Bro. Dike and Ora Blackburn, Oscar and Laura Blackburn, Worlie McCoy and others on the Buck Branch Cemetery, near the mouth of Wolf Creek, on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Faye Scott, Willis Lowe, Robert L. Robinson, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Ben Robinson.

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

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson and others on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, James Gannon and Grover Adkins.

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

## OCTOBER

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday for all the deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May and Charlie Johnson.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Willis Lowe and Andrew Maynard.

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: Kirby Ison, Ermal Ison, Carl Ray Tuttle and Tracy Hatfield.

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

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

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, Ky., on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Hiram Adkins, Harold Edmonds, Edwin May and Moderator attending. There will be dinner on the ground.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Clifford Maynard and Grover Adkins.

## Obituaries

### WILLIAM AMOS YOUNG



William Amos Young, born July 29, 1889, departed this life August 16, 1972, at the age of 83 years and 18 days. He was born in Pike County, the son of the late John W. and Mary Ann Williamson Young, and spent his entire life in this area. He is survived by five sons: William P., Emery, Reaford, Raymond and Condor Young; one daughter, Mrs. Lola Y. Thompson; one brother, Marion Young; one half-brother, Alfred Young; two half-sisters: Mrs. Bronis Robinette and Mrs. Bertha Robinette; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Young was blessed with a long and useful life. His working years were spent as a farmer. He grew up, lived and labored with many who were pioneers in this section and who have long ago gone to their rest while he remained here to carry out the obligations the Master bestowed upon him.

For 22 years he was a member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church and he loved to refresh his soul by worshipping God in His house. His Christian character was reflected in his daily living. Now, a seat in that Church has been made vacant for God has called His child to his reward.

His heart was yet wounded over the loss of his wife, Stella Davis Young, who preceded him in death 18 months ago after sharing with him life's joys and sorrows for more than 55 years.

#### The Family

### EMMA STANLEY

By the help of the good Lord I will try to write the Obituary of my dear Aunt Emma Stanley. Aunt Emma was born July 11, 1895 and deceased this life December 29, 1971. She was the daughter of

the late William and Liddie Stollings. She was married to Okey Stanley who preceded her in death in 1961.

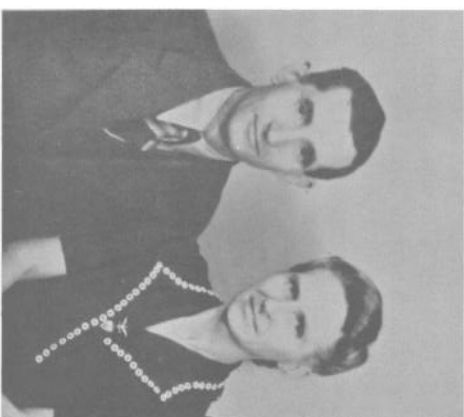
Having no children she leaves the following brothers and sisters to mourn her loss: Hi Stollings, Hardy, Ky.; Ken Stollings, Williamson, W. Va.; Lizzie Brookcart, Hardy, Ky.; and Cora Keese, Orlando, Fla. Three sisters and three brothers preceded her in death.

Aunt Emma belonged to the Regular Baptist Church for several years. The old home place is now vacant but there are sweet memories of her that I will treasure in my heart. I believe she is at rest. Aunt Emma had her affliction in this life but there will be no sickness in Heaven.

The family misses her very much but I believe she would say to them, don't weep for me but fall out with sin and prepare yourselves to meet God in peace.

Written by her Niece,  
who misses her very much,  
Doris Wellman

### HARVEY AND OLLIE (PINSON) MAY



It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write the Obituary of my dear brother and sister-in-law, Harvey and Ollie (Pinson) May, whom I loved very much. James Harvey May was born December 1, 1899 and departed this life November 18, 1970. He was the son of Elijah May and Caroline (Brown) May. Ollie (Pinson) May was born October 1, 1902 and departed this life July 27, 1971. She was the daughter of John and Martella (Smith) Pinson. They were married April 14, 1922 and to this union was born two sons. One infant son preceded them in death. The other son left to mourn their loss is Charles E. May, Huddy, Ky.; two grandchildren, Charles Dugles and Delera May; and two great-grandchildren.

Ollie also leaves one sister and five brothers to mourn her loss: Sallie Moon, Huddy, Ky.; Wilson and Miliam Pinson, Sharondale, Ky.; Rell and Thomas Pinson, Sidney, Ky.; and Van Pinson, Brushy, Ky.

Harvey also leaves to mourn his loss three brothers and four sisters: Alabama Williamson, Pricy Varney and Thomas May, Canada, Ky.; Daniel May, Joe May and Lizzie Biltiter, Sidney, Ky.; and Anna May, Columbus, Ohio.

They both joined the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church and were baptized the second Sunday in April 1945. They both lived a good Christian life and they attended Church as long as they were able. We all have missed a good Brother and Sister, their son has missed a good mother and father, and their grandchildren have missed a good grandfather and grandmother. But I believe our loss is heaven's gain and, by the grace of God, I hope to meet you both again some sweet day.

Written by his Sisters,  
Pricy Varney and Anna May

#### JOSEPH M. BOGAR



It is with a sad heart that I try to write the Obituary of my beloved father-in-law, Joseph M. Bogar. Joe was born June 9, 1893 and left this world to live with Jesus July 21, 1972, making his stay on earth 79 years, 1 month and 12 days. He was the son of the late Thomas and Ky May Bogar. He was married to Lottie Hankins December 4, 1912. He leaves to mourn his loss three sons: Wilmer, Carl and Carlos; three daughters-in-law; and four grandchildren.

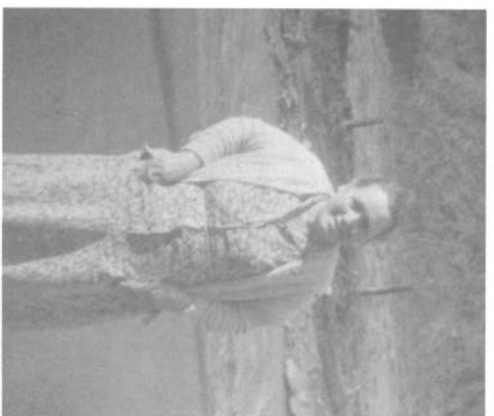
Joe joined the Old Regular Baptist Church November 22, 1964 and was baptized by Elder H. C. Maynard. I feel the Narrows Branch Church has lost a good member. If we want to meet Dad again we will have to live our lives for Jesus and be born again.

Joe was sick a long time but he was always so patient and humble. I was with Joe when he died and I thank God that He let him die peaceful. I believe that Joe's soul is resting under the throne of God waiting for the day that the Lord will come after His children to take them home. I hope to meet Joe again some sweet day when we can leave this world of troubles and go home to live with Jesus.

So children, those who have not made peace with God must do so if you want to meet Dad again.

Written by his daughter-in-law and Sister in Hope,  
Janice Bogar

#### OCIE GLANDEN LEE



It is with a sad heart that I will try and write the Obituary of my beloved sister, Ocie Lee, age 58. Ocie was born June 7, 1912 at Gilbert Creek and departed this life on August 31, 1970. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Susie Glenden who preceded her in death. A sister also preceded her in death.

Ocie was married on October 17, 1931 to the late Arnold Lee who has also preceded her in death. The Minister who performed the ceremony was Perry Cline. To this marriage one child was born, a daughter, Roberta.

Ocie was very faithful to her Church and she was very well liked by everyone. She never let on that she was sick and was always smiling and no one knew what she was really going through.

We will always remember Ocie and hope to meet her some sweet day on God's great eternal shore.

Written by her brother,  
Fred Glenden

#### SUSIE PERRY GLANDEN



It is by request of the family that I write the Obituary of our beloved Mother, Susie Perry Glenden, age 82. She was born April 2, 1890 the daughter of Floyd and Polly Perry. She was married to John Henry Glenden, who preceded her in death, and to them 12 children were born, 4 boys and 8 girls. Two daughters preceded her in death, Ocie Lee and Ethel Cline.

She confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the Rosa Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1933. She lived a good Christian and clean life and was very faithful to her Church. But Mom got so she could not even hear the Preachers.

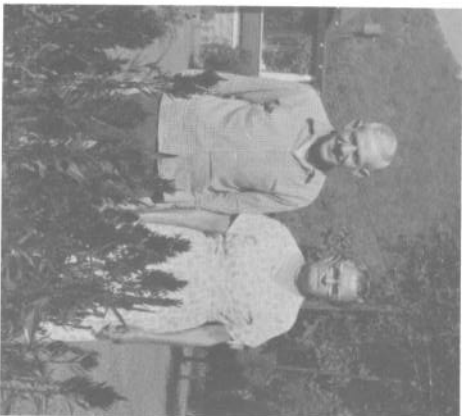


She was a very hard working Mother. They would go to the fields and work hard for their 12 kids. Some of the kids were very small when Dad died but she kept us together. She is so sadly missed by all of her loved ones. Mom bore her sickness with patience but on April 22, 1971 God called her to His great eternal shore. We have great hopes that she is resting now in His presence and on that great morning when the trumpet of God shall sound, I will be looking to see Mom come forth with her glorified body.

Children, lets live good then we can be in that great number some fine morning and then we will never part anymore.

Written by her son, Fred Glenden  
and her Sister, Mertie Cline

### HARRISON COCHRAN



It is with a sad heart that I will try and write the Obituary of my late dear husband, Harrison Cochran. He was born November 26, 1894 and left this world February 11, 1972, making his stay here on earth 77 years, 2 months and 15 days. He was the son of Nathan and Nancy Jane (May) Cochran.

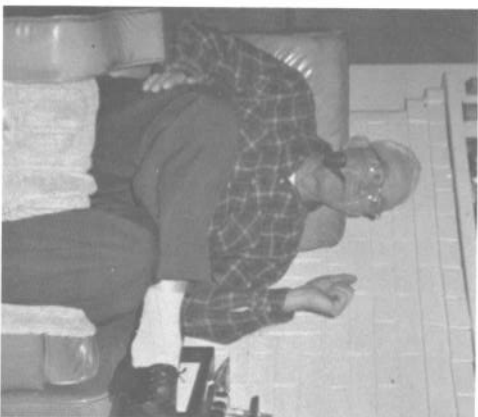
He was married to Maggie Stanley Cochran and to this union was born 8 children, six boys and two girls: Marvin, Charlie and Billy, Huddy, Ky.; Clifton Cochran, Sidney, Ky.; Herman Cochran, Beltry, Ky.; Bobby Cochran, Pineville, W. Va.; Mrs. Otis (Hazel) Pope, Huddy, Ky.; and Mrs. Franklin (Ruby) Trout, Ypsilanti, Mich. He leaves 18 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; a brother, Hervey Cochran, Forest Hills, Ky.; and two sisters, Mrs. Susan Williamson, Sidney, Ky. and Mrs. Sarah Owens, Grundy, Va. He is sadly missed by all his Brothers and Sisters of the Old Regular Baptist Church and by all his friends who were so kind to him.

Harrison joined the Regular Baptist Church at Mt. Pleasant on the regular meeting time, the second Saturday and Sunday, in July 1944 and was baptized by Elder J. G. Thornsbury. He had a stroke of paralysis in November 1967 and was not able from then on to attend Church much but went when he could.

Sadly missed by wife, children, grandchildren and by many friends and relatives that knew him. You are not forgotten loved one, you will never be. As long as life and memory last I will remember you. Our hearts are grieved and as time goes by we will miss you more, your loving smile and gentle face. No one can fill your vacant place.

Written by his wife,  
Maggie

### FRED HATFIELD



By the help of the Lord and with much weakness and humble heart, I will try to write the Obituary of our beloved Brother, Fred Hatfield. He was born November 15, 1901 and departed this life July 2, 1972, making his stay on earth 70 years, 7 months and 17 days. Brother Fred was married to Hazel Thompson Hatfield and to this union was born 3 sons and 2 daughters: George Hatfield, Ravenswood, W. Va.; Herbert Hatfield, Carson, Calif.; Freddie Hatfield, Metamora, Mich.; Mrs. Virginia Mounts, Chattaroy, W. Va.; and Faye Price, Williamson, W. Va.; Brother Fred leaves besides his wife and children, many friends and relations and many Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus to mourn his loss but we feel his loss is Heaven's gain.

Brother Fred made peace with God and was baptized January 13, 1963 under the hands of Elders B. H. Bevins and Ireland Harrison. He was a faithful and devoted member until illness became so great that it made him unable to attend Church like he would if he was able. He wanted membership with the Little Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist and was faithful and regular to attend Church. He was a firm believer in the Old Regular Baptist and devoted a great deal of his time and support to the Church. But God saw fit to call him and thus saith the scriptures, his body is sleeping and mouldering back to the dust, but God will call that soul and at the Resurrection when God calls for His children, I believe Brother Fred will be in that number and will go home shouting the praise of God where there won't be anymore sickness but it will be peace, joy and love forever.

I may say to his companion who is left behind, just wait patiently and trust in God and some day He will call and then you can meet your dear companion in the air forever to be with the Lord. I wish to say to his Children, if there should be one that is on the outside of the Ark of Safety, call upon Him while you have life and opportunity and be prepared to meet Daddy again where the family circle once again will be complete.

In my final words I would like to say the family has lost a good Daddy here on earth and the Church has lost a faithful soldier. By the mercies of God, we trust that we will meet Brother Fred again around the Great White Throne where we can live together forevermore. May God richly bless and save you that are unsaved is my prayer in Christ Jesus.

Written by a Brother in Hope of  
Eternal Life,  
Elder Robert L. Robinson



#### WARD CLINE

With the help of God, I will attempt to write an Obituary of my beloved Father, Brother Ward Cline. He was born May 8, 1889 at Baisden, W. Va. and deceased this life May 12, 1972. He was married to Arizona Cline, who preceded him in death. He leaves behind three children and many friends to mourn his death.

He joined the Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist on September 16, 1950 and was a faithful member, attending Church many times when he was not really able. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

If my Hope is real, I think I will meet him again someday in the beautiful mansion God has promised those who love and serve Him.

Written by his Son,  
Leslie Cline

#### WILLIE SESCO

With a loving memory, but a very sad heart, I will attempt to write the obituary of my father, Willie SESCO. He was born in Pike County, Ky., December 22, 1896, and he died September 7, 1971, making him 74 years, 8 months, and 16 days old. He was the son of the late Patrick and Ruthie Bowling SESCO.



Daddy accepted Jesus Christ as his personal saviour and joined the Regular Baptist Church 23 years ago. He was baptized by the hands of Elders Harold Edmonds and Edwin May and placed his membership with the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until God called him from us. Daddy served the Church very faithfully as long as his health permitted him to do so. He loved going to Church and worshipping God. For just about as long as I can remember, God and the Bible was the most of what he talked about. I guess his happiest moments were when some of the Brothers from the Church would come in and talk with him when he was on his bed of affliction. He would be so sick he would say very little until someone from the Church would come and it seemed like he regained life and strength from talking about God.

He married Annie Stanley on January 6, 1922, to whom he was a very loyal and faithful husband for 49 years. To this union was born 13 children, eight left to mourn the passing of Daddy, and five preceded him in death as infants.

Those living are five daughters: Mrs. Ethel Jackson, Kenova, W. Va.; Mrs. Exie Kendrick and Mrs. Bronise Brown, both of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Vernice Johns, Otter Creek, Fla.; and Mrs. Nettie Postell, Lincoln Park, Michigan. Also surviving are three sons: Elder Lloyd SESCO and Billy Gene SESCO of Meta, Ky. and Chester SESCO of Florida.

He leaves 23 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He also leaves two brothers: Mr. Merion SESCO, Chatteroy, W. Va.; Mr. Westle SESCO, New Camp, Ky.; and five sisters: Mrs. Victoria Maynard, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Mrs. Bonnie Hamilton, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Cynthia Ray, Varney, Ky.; Mrs. Myrtle Howard, Marion, Ohio; and Mrs. Lassie Parson, Pisco, Ky.

With his lonely widow, children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters left to mourn his passing is a host of friends and the entire membership of the Bent Branch Church. But I believe with all my heart that Daddy is resting, just sleeping, just waiting, for Jesus to come again. I believe with our great loss Heaven has gained an angel.

I would like to say to anyone who is still blessed to have a mother or father, please don't put off showing and telling them of your love. You don't realize what a great blessing it is to have them until they are called from you. I thank God that He has been so kind to have left me with a mother. With the loss of Daddy, I find just how sweet, loving, and how much it means to me just to have her with me. I say to my brothers and sisters, let us all love and cherish her so that maybe with the help of God we can help to make her days left here without Daddy happy. She too is living for Jesus and waiting to meet Him and Daddy. Let us all join hands and pray together that some day we can all go see Daddy. I ask for the prayers of everyone for me.

Written by his youngest daughter, and one of those that loved him, Mrs. Nettie Postell

#### GEORGE H. MAYNARD



By the help of the Lord, Jesus Christ, I will try to write an Obituary of my beloved husband, George H. Maynard. George was born May 13, 1927 at Sidney, Ky. and deceased this life May 10, 1971 in Doctors Hospital, Columbus, Ohio making his stay on earth 43 years, 11 months and 27 days. He was the son of the late Richard and Sarah Ann Maynard. His father preceded him in death 30 some years ago.

He was married March 7, 1953 to Vicky Varney and to this union was born five children, 2 sons and 3 daughters: Percilla Lee, Rhonda Karol, Saundra Maydene, George Thomas and Timothy Dale, all at home in Belleview, Fla. In addition to our five children, he leaves one daughter by a previous marriage, Nokie Louise Maynard, Elgin, Ill. Other than his wife and six children, left to mourn his loss are 5 sisters and 2 brothers, whom he loved so much: Mrs. Cora Evans, Mrs. Sally Cochran, Mrs. Helen Pinson, all

of Belleview, Fla.; Mrs. Truley Mullins, Sidney, Ky.; Mrs. Flora Williamson, Huddy, Ky.; and Prosper Maynard and Luther Maynard, Sidney, Ky. We all miss George so much but we have hopes of meeting him again some sweet day.

George was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Dix Fork. He was baptized the fourth Sunday in March 1964 by Elders Hiram Adkins and Paris Tackett. George spent his last seven years as a true and faithful Christian. He went to Church most of his time in the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio since he lived his last 15 years in and around Columbus. He leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss.

I believe George is not dead, he is only sleeping, patiently waiting for Jesus to come.

Written by his Wife, Vicky, his Children  
Brothers and Sisters

#### JOE BUD BURRIS



With the help of God, I will try to write the Obituary of my dear departed Father, Joe Bud Burris. Dad was born March 10, 1887 in Pike County, Ky. the son of the late Lafe and Margie (Smith) Burris. Dad departed this life August 30, 1972 making his stay on earth 85 years, 5 months and 20 days.

Dad was united in marriage to Vada (Young) Burris and to this union was born four daughters: Mrs. Maxine Young, Mrs. Hattie Bevins, Mrs. Lokie Robinette and Mrs. Luna Bevins, all of Hatfield. Vada preceded Dad in death and he was later united in marriage to Mary (Walters) Burris and to this union was born one son, Joseph Virgil Burris. Dad has two brothers who preceded him in death: J. D. Burris, South Williamson and Boyd Burris, Hatfield. There is one surviving sister, Mrs. Edda Stanley, Turkey Creek; 13 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Dad professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church some twenty years ago. Dad was a

faithful member until the death angel took him away. Dad always attended Church until sickness kept him from filling his seat.

Daddy, there's a space in this old home that can never be filled and we all miss you very much but we know that you have a better home. Children, if we want to ever see Dad again and go to that Glory Land he always talked about, we will have to get on that same road that Daddy followed.

Written by his Son,  
Joseph V. Burris

#### LETA ESTEPP RUNYON



Born August 22, 1892 and deceased April 12, 1972 at the age of 80. She was the daughter of Polly and Rhodes Estopp. Her husband, Nicholas Runyon, predeceased her in death. She leaves 6 daughters and 6 sons: Mrs. Ollie Ooten, Mrs. Leotia Hall, Mrs. Novella Green, Mrs. Mable Gilman and Mrs. Nellie Mounts, all of Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.; one daughter, Polly Runyon, predeceased her in death; Kenny, Don, Ison, Nicholas, Jr. and Elder Edward Runyon, all of Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.; and Alex Runyon of Sharples. There were 61 grandchildren and 93 great-grandchildren. She leaves one brother, Edward Estopp, Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va. and four sisters: Mrs. Ella Deskins, Mrs. Leotia Gullett, Mrs. Alice Mann, all of Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.; and Mrs. Mary Runyon of Holden; one half-sister, Mrs. Rosella Canten, Lenore, W. Va.

We the family hope to see Mommy again in Heaven where God shall wipe away all tears and there shall be no more death, no sorrow, no crying, neither shall there be any pain for all things are passed away (Rev. 21:4). Mommy was a member of the Rebecca Church for sixty-two years. She was a good wife and a good Mother to all who knew her. We will see Mommy and Pops in Heaven some day.

Sadly missed by the Family,  
Written by her Daughter and Son-in-law,  
Mr. and Mrs. Noah Eugene Mounts

#### LENDEN B. CLINE



Lenden B. Cline was born Feb. 27, 1923 and died Jan. 3, 1972. He was 47 years old. He belonged to the Rosa Regular Baptist Church for 10½ years. It's very hard for me to write this because there are no words that can express how much we miss him. Dad had very many friends and I'm sure he is greatly missed by all of them. To know that I can't go see Dad and talk to him ever again is so hard for me to accept. I could always talk to Dad so easily about anything. The only consolation I have is believing that Dad is in a much greater place, where he isn't sick and can see good and is now very happy. Knowing that I realize that my missing him is so selfish on my part because I can still hear him say, "Don't waste your tears on me, Linda." But Dad it's so hard not to, I miss you and love you so much.

Linda Nagy

#### RAS SMITH



It is with much sadness and loneliness that I try to write this obituary of my beloved husband, Ras Smith.

He was born at Varney, Kentucky on November 5, 1899 and departed this life February 29, 1972 at the age of 72 years, 3 months and 24 days.

He was the son of Uncle Will Smith, as he was called, and Mary (Hinkle) Smith.

In 1950 he was united in marriage to Bertha Layne Smith. He is survived by four step-children: Mrs. David Freeman, Westland, Michigan; Mrs. Deanna Hayes, Trenton, Michigan; Mr. Charles E. Smith of Chicago; and one step-daughter by a former marriage, Mrs.



Eloise Felix of Maryland. Two surviving sisters are: Mrs. Henry Ray, Sidney, Kentucky; Miss Maxine Smith, Sidney, Kentucky; and a brother, J. B. Smith, Hardy Kentucky. Two sisters and two brothers preceded him in death: Maggie Smith and Marinda Blankenship, Phenis Smith and Homer Smith. He leaves to mourn his passing a host of friends and relatives and the entire membership of the Old Pilgrim's Home Church.

He professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church on February 12, 1956. He was a faithful member of the Church and he filled his seat as long as he lived.

He was a loving and kind person to all who knew him. He will be missed by the Church and most of all me, his devoted wife, who tried so hard to keep him here with her. I want to say to all the family and children, he is just away waiting until that great day of the Resurrection of the Dead. We can join him in that morning around the throne of God to live with him and the Lord forever.

So be good and live for Jesus so we can all be together in Heaven where we won't die any more, and our bodies will be forever free from pain.

Written by his wife,  
Bertha Smith

#### HERMAN H. MARCUM



It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of Brother Herman H. Marcum, who passed away from this life June 19, 1972 at his home after a long illness. He was born in Johnson County, Kentucky April 5, 1926, the son of the late Joshua and Mola Ethel Mullins Marcum. He lived on Dry Branch of Johns Creek at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his passing, four brothers: James Harrison Marcum, Hardy, Kentucky; Jerry Jacob Marcum, Johns Creek; William Hansel Marcum, Varney, W. Va.; and Allen Marcum, Pikeville, Kentucky. He also leaves one sister, Clara Belle Lowe, Rising Sun, Maryland and a host of nieces and nephews and friends. Brother Herman joined the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church and was

baptized by Elders Lloyd Sesco and Ernest Cochran and was a faithful member until sickness prevented him from attending.

I believe Brother Herman is resting from all his labor, just waiting on the time for the Lord to come and call him from the grave to go to be with Jesus in both soul and body.

Written by an unworthy servant,  
Elder Lloyd Sesco

#### JAMES JACKSON CAINES and LOU EMMA FRANCIS CAINES



These are the obituaries of James Jackson (Jack) Caines and Lou Emma Francis Caines.

James Jackson Caines was born February 20, 1882 at Piso, Kentucky and died September 28, 1971. He was 89 years, 7 months, and 8 days old. He was the son of James Caines and Sarah Francis Caines. He joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder W. H. Boling the 4th Saturday in March, 1923. He became a member of the Pilgrim Home Church of Varney, Kentucky and remained a faithful member all these years. He was a farmer, a timberman, a miner, and a country dentist.

Lou Emma Francis Caines was born July 16, 1889 and died September 19, 1972. She was 83 years, 2 months, and 3 days old. She was the daughter of E. L. Francis and Mary Robinson Francis. She joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Frank Hopkins June 23, 1923. She became a member of the Pilgrim Home Church of Varney, Kentucky and remained a faithful member all these years.

On November 2, 1905 James Jackson Caines and Lou Emma Francis Caines were married. They had 11 children, 5 sons and 6 daughters. Three sons, Walter, Jackie and Bruce preceded them in death. They leave behind to mourn their loss 2 sons: Bernard Caines, South Williamson, Kentucky and Willard Caines, Nitro, West Virginia; 6 daughters: Goldie Robinette, Varney, Kentucky; Lakie Belcher and Beulah Robinette, both of Pikeville, Kentucky; Essie Charles, Meta,

Kentucky; Ida Janet Young, Charleston, West Virginia; and Charlotte Burnette, Ypsilanti, Michigan. They had 33 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren.

Lou Emma Caines was a kind and gentle woman and we as mankind must know that the love of a mother is the strongest bond between Earth and Heaven. She never lost faith in her family or God.

Jack Caines was a wise and honest man. He never wanted too much during his lifetime but what he wanted he got it honestly.

They loved their family and they knew it. They loved their fellow-man and they loved the Lord. Lou Emma Caines and Jack Caines will be remembered all the days of our lives. Now they belong to the ages . . . and to God.

#### The Family

### FLOSSIE SURBER BLANKENSHIP



In much sorrow and with the help of our dear Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved Aunt, Flossie Blankenship.

She was the youngest of 10 children born to Charles A. and Sally Hopkins Surber. She was born April 3, 1913 at Isaban, W. Va. and departed this life Feb. 27, 1972, making her stay here 58 years, 10 months and 24 days.

She leaves one brother, George Surber, Hampden, W. Va.; and two sisters: Hattie Cline, Mohawk, W. Va. and Beulah Thompson, Pine Mountain Valley, Ga.

She was afflicted with crippling arthritis and had been confined to her bed for several years. She couldn't get to the church house so she sent for the Regular Baptist Elders to come to her. Church was held at her home July 5, 1969. She told of her hope in Christ and joined the Old Regular Baptists that day, placing her membership with the Rosa Baptist Church, Baisden, W. Va. She was baptized by the hands of Elders Johnny Cline, Ross Cline, Ted Glandon and Deacon Howard Sammons.

Her faith and hope were so strong. I never heard her complain of her suffering, of which she had much. She accepted, with great humility, the cross she had to bear.

Flossie never had any children of her own but was a mother to me and her other nieces and nephews. I miss her so much, yet I'm so happy for her. She has the white robe we all long for so much.

She couldn't attend the regular meetings of her Church but the Elders and members were faithful in going to her when she wanted Church at her home.

To her brother, sisters, nephews and nieces, I want to say she's at rest now in the arms of Jesus. You, too, can make Heaven your Eternal Home by forsaking all sin and accepting the hand of mercy that is stretched out to you.

Sadly missed by,  
Edith Cline

### DEWEY CLINE



With much sadness I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear Brother, Dewey Cline. He was born to Elder Floyd and Virgie (Davis) Cline December 4, 1908 and deceased this life September 26, 1971. His stay on earth was 62 years, 9 months and 22 days. He was married to Ethel (Lane) Cline November 13, 1931 and to this union was born 5 children, 3 girls and 2 boys. One son, Arthur, preceded him in death. Still living are: Roy Rogers Cline, Gilbert, W. Va.; Juanita Cline and Patricia Stanley both of Baisden, W. Va.; and Drema Murphy, New Richmond, W. Va. He also leaves 13 grandchildren, 6 brothers and 7 sisters to mourn his loss. He was a retired coal miner.

He joined the Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist July 18, 1942 and served as Deacon and Clerk of the Church. He was a very faithful member, his home was always open to the Church and others who came to visit him. He is missed very much by the Rosa Church and I'm sure he is missed by members of other Old Regular Baptist Churches. But I believe with all by heart that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Just a few words of advice to his children, Daddy is gone never to be with you again on earth. Remember the life he lived before you while on earth. If you want to meet Daddy again you will have to repent of your sins and walk in the path of Jesus, for I feel he walked in this Righteous path.

Written by his unworthy brother in hope  
and brother in the flesh,  
Elder Johnie Cline

#### DELLA MAYNARD RAY



It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my loving niece, Della Maynard Ray, of Meta, Ky. She was the daughter of George and Artie Williamson Maynard.

She was united in marriage to Robert Ray and to their union was born five children, two sons and three daughters: Gwin Ray, Justiceville, Garland Ray, Route 1, Pikeville; Sylvia Spears, Route 1, Shelbyana; Priscilla Trent, Arlington, Va.; Marcella Stanley, Meta, Ky. Five brothers, Christopher, George and Johnny preceded her in death; Craft and Arthur Maynard, both of McCombs, Ky.; four sisters: Mary Stanley, Piso, Ky.; Alice Murphy, Meta, Ky.; Nancy Elkins, Wyondotte, Mich.; and Condee Runyon, Ocala, Florida. She was born April 13, 1907 and departed this life October 22, 1971, making her stay on earth 64 years, 6 months, and 8 days. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

I want to say to Bob and the Children, you have lost a faithful companion and a loving mother. 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, so I hope you all will meet mother in Heaven, where there will be no more parting, but all will be peace, love, and joy forever.

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

May God bless you is my prayer  
Written by your uncle,  
T. H. Maynard

#### A. M. VARNEY



He was born December 20, 1879 at Road Fork (now Forest Hills), Pike County, Kentucky the son of Asa H. Varney and Nancy Ellen (West) Varney who were members of the earliest families to settle in this part of Kentucky.

"Uncle Matt," as he was so widely and affectionately known, deceased this life June 19, 1972 after suffering a stroke on June 7, 1972 from which he never regained consciousness.

He was united in marriage to Mary Magdalene Rutherford, the daughter of Joseph Rutherford and Virginia (Slater) Rutherford, on October 11, 1900. Except for a two year stay in Pulaski County, Kentucky, they spent their entire life at Forest Hills, Kentucky. She preceded him in death just over a year ago on February 2, 1971. Today they will be once again united to remain side-by-side in death as they were in life.

To this union six children were born: Mrs. Lotus E. Williamson, Ferd H. Varney, E. Harold Varney, Ralph W. E. Varney, Sr., W. York Varney and Russell L. Varney. Two sons preceded him in death, Ferd H. Varney and Russell L. Varney.

There were 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Two grandchildren, June Williamson Smith and Paul L. (Sonny) Varney, and one great-grandchild, David L. Williamson, preceded him in death.

Out of 11 brothers and sisters, Uncle Matt has one surviving brother, C. B. Varney, and two surviving sisters, Mrs. Agnes Blackburn and Mrs. Bertha Wilson, all of Forest Hills, Kentucky.

Uncle Matt became a member of the Salem Regular Baptist Church in 1928 where he remained a faithful and active member. He served the Salem Church as a Deacon, as a Trustee and for over 30 years was their Clerk. In each of these offices he prayerfully fulfilled his duties to the up-building of God's Church and to bring about peace, harmony and fellowship among the Brethren. Slow to the point of being painful yet steadily moving onward and upward toward the solid ground of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He wanted each move of the Salem Church to be firmly and safely planted in that ground where it could grow and be nurtured by "thus sayeth the word of God."

If judged by today's standards of education, he was an unlearned man. If judged by stature, he was small man. But we, the Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren, say unto you—he was the most educated man we ever talked with; the most learned man we ever reasoned with, and the biggest man we ever met. We thank God for giving us to him and we are indeed proud to be called his posterity.

#### The Grandchildren

### BERTHA CANADA ROBINETTE

Bertha Canada Robinette, born July 7, 1901, departed this life August 30, 1972 at the age of 71 years, 1 month and 23 days. She was born in Pike County, the daughter of the late Robert and Charity Smith Canada, and spent her entire life in this area. Her husband, Elbert Robinette, preceded her in death less than a year ago.

She leaves to mourn her passing three sons: Earl, Roland and Joe Robinette; six daughters: Mrs. Elzie Sesco, Mrs. Almeda Johnson, Mrs. Allie Mae Walters, Mrs. Lucille McCoy, Mrs. Eunice McCoy and Mrs. Lizzie Blackburn; two sisters: Mrs. Vicie Robinette and Mrs. Eunice Robinette; 30 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Pike County has been made a better place in which to live because this wonderful wife, mother and neighbor passed this way. Her friendly smile and good deeds endeared her to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She was a faithful and devout member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church. She joined this Church and was baptized 38 years ago on August 16, 1934.

Her tender loving concern for her children tells us that she was saying, "children, please live your life as I have lived mine and when life has passed, you shall meet sweet Jesus."

Written by her son and daughter-in-law  
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Robinette

### HOMER ROBINETTE

It is with much sadness that I will try, by the help of God, to write an obituary of Brother Homer Robinette.

He was born March 28, 1910 and deceased this life August 13, 1972 about 8:30 p.m., making his stay on earth 62 years, 4 months and 10 days at death. He was the son of the late Jeff and Mary Stanley Robinette.

He was united in marriage to Sister Flossie Blackburn Robinette August 12, 1939. To them were born two children: Ralph Robinette, Oil Springs, Ky. and

Pauline Stepp, Varney, Kentucky. He leaves 4 grandchildren. His father and two brothers preceded him in death, Ferrel Robinette and Vergil Robinette. Brothers and sisters still living are: Leonard, Earl, George, Calvin and Willard all of Varney; Tony Robinette, Route 1, Pikeville; John Robinette, Meta, Ky.; Mrs. Marie Stratton, Zebulon, Ky.; and Mrs. Ruby Walters, Varney, Ky.

Brother Homer joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on May 7, 1950 and placed his membership with the Pilgrims Home Church where he lived a faithful member until death. He always filled his seat in the church as long as he was able to go.

When you met Brother Homer he was always talking about the goodness of God and giving you a warm welcome. I believe Brother Homer lived the life of a Christian. The Bible says by their fruit you shall know them. Brother Homer lived that life before the world. I feel he is resting around the throne of God.

He told Sister Flossie that he had seen heaven and it was the most beautiful place he had ever seen. He called his children to him and told them he wanted them to meet him in heaven.

Brother Homer suffered for two years, but was like Job and took his suffering with much patience. Children, prepare now to meet Daddy in heaven because after death there is no repentance.

He leaves to mourn his loss his mother, wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors and the entire membership of the Pilgrims Home Church. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

The family wishes to thank everyone for being so kind in time of need.

Written by his Wife and a Sister in hope of Eternal Life  
Sister Flossie Robinette and Sister Sophia Williamson



## LACY WALTERS

It is with much sadness that we write an obituary of Brother Lacy Walters.

He was born March 9, 1884 and departed this life Feb. 4, 1972, making his life on earth 87 years, 10 months and 26 days at death. He was the son of the late Tom and Betty Smith Walters.



He was united in marriage to Sister Dixie Francis Walters approximately sixty-three years ago. To this union was born six children, five sons and one daughter: Sister Mary Burris, Brother Newton and Dover Walters of Hatfield, Ky.; Brother Joe L. Walters, Pontiac, Michigan; Brother L. C. Walters, Toler, Ky.; and Brother Troy Walters, Sidney, Ky.

He was a life long resident of Pike Co. and was a retired farmer and timberman.

Brother Lacy professed a hope in Christ and was baptized by the hand of Elder Jonah Bevins and others in the year of 1946, placed his membership with the Pilgrims Home Church of Old Regular Baptist. And there he lived a faithful life until death. He was faithful to fill his seat in the Old Church and was always happy to meet with his Brothers and Sisters in Christ and all his friends and neighbors.

He leaves his wife, children, 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren to mourn the loss of father along with the entire membership of the Pilgrims Home Church.

Children, remember the good council of Daddy and Mother, and those that have not made peace with our saviour, call on Him in this life, because after death there is no repentance. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. We feel Brother Lacy has gone home. He has just made a happy exchange from this world of trouble.

Written by Brother and Sister  
in hope of Eternal life,  
K. H. and Sophia Williamson

## 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 ye 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 ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the Church.

**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 removed by the Association as they think proper.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAME	ADDRESS
Adair, Tommy	Oklawaha, Fla.
Belcher, Chester	Meta, Ky.
Bevins, B. H.	Rt. 1, Box 7-a, Williamson, W. Va.
Blair, Lesly	Hunt, W. Va.
Brown, Claude	Sidney, Ky.
Brunfield, Billy	Delbarton, W. Va.
Carey, Grover	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Cline, Johnie	Baisden, W. Va.
Cline, Ross	Baisden, W. Va.
Cochran, Ernest	Sidney, Ky.
Crigger, David	Sidney, Ky.
Davis, Ellis	Rt. 1, Box 180, Williamson, W. Va.
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, Delbarton, W. Va.
Ellis, Tommy	Rt. 2, Delbarton, W. Va.
Etters, Emory	Rt. 2, Delbarton, W. Va.
Evans, Charley	Box 222, Stirrat, W. Va.
Fouch, John	Rt. 1, Box 223, Chapmanville, W. Va.
Fraleley, S. B.	Rt. 2, Box 30, Hatfield, Ky.
Gannon, James	Canada, Ky.
Gibson, Carlos	Box 201, Scarbro, W. Va.
Glanden, Ted	Baisden, W. Va.
Graham, Hobert	Medway, Ohio
Hannah, Isom	Mallory, W. Va.
Harrison, Ireland	Chatteroy, W. Va.

Hatfield, Tracy	Hampden, W. Va.
Hay, Maynard	Naughtuck, W. Va.
Hensley, Samuel D.	Pie, W. Va.
Herald, Wayne	Box 586, Kermit, W. Va.
Howard, Clinton	Pilgrim, Ky.
Jenkins, James	Box 80, Holden, W. Va.
Jude, Harrison	Louva, Ky.
Jude, Nathan	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, Childmer	Rt. 1, Box 415, Citta, Fla.
May, Edwin	Rt. 4, Box 85, Abingdon, Va.
May, Jeff	Rt. 1, Box 61, Dingess, W. Va.
May, W. H.	Rt. 1, Dingess, W. Va.
Maynard, Andrew	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Maynard, Clifford	Meta, Ky.
Maynard, Henry C.	Stone, Ky.
Mullins, W. Burbage	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
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Robinson, Steve, Jr.	Box 324, Delbarton, W. Va.
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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 Thornsbury, Alson ..... Kimper, Ky.  
 Thornsbury, Berlin ..... Sidney, Ky.  
 Varney, Willie ..... Ragland, W. Va.  
 Vance, Lindsay ..... Rt. 3, Box 129-C, Proctorville, Ohio  
 White, Willie ..... Lenore, W. Va.  
 Williams, Dave ..... Goody, Ky.  
 Young, Hiram ..... Rt. 1, Box 415, Citra, Fla.

**LIBERATED BRETHREN**

NAME	ADDRESS
Baisden, David	Ragland, W. Va.
Blair, Willard	Lenore, W. Va.
Evans, Joe	Rt. 2, Delbarton, W. Va.
Gillman, Dana	Box 105, Barnabus, W. Va.
Hannah, Hayden	Ragland, W. Va.
Hay, Edwin	Rt. 1, Box 126, Hazel Green, Ala.
Sheppard, Mike	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND ADDRESSES**

NAME	ADDRESS
Elder Edwin May, Moderator	Rt. 4, Box 85, Abingdon, Va.
Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator	Box 586, Kermit, 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 1972  
 SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

MT. PLEASANT: T. R. Boger, Monroe Smith, Randolph Pauley.  
 APPLE ORCHARD: Epton Maynard, Willie Nichols, John Lowe.  
 ENON: Tommy Smith, Jack Farley, James Spencer.  
 REBECCA: Edward Runyon, Mike Sheppard, James Gilman.  
 BENT BRANCH: Fred Bevins, Ted Blackburn, Larry May.  
 SARDIS: Willie Varney, Emory Ethers, H. Jimmy Deeley.  
 BIG BRANCH: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Landon Taylor.  
 MARY ELIZABETH: Tom Fraley, S. B. Fraley, James Vanhoose.  
 BETHANY: Isom Hannah, Ellis Davis, Charles Hall.  
 ELK FORK: Harrison Baisden, Ance Curry, Wayne Sheppard.  
 PILGRIM'S HOME: Joe Warrix, Jim Bevins, Willard Young.  
 SALEM: Calvin C. Bevins, Floyd Morris, Chester Combs.  
 SIDNEY: Walker Scott, Jobey Blackburn, Bascom Maynard.  
 DIX FORK: Ernest Cochran, Steward Brown, Omer Williamson.  
 NARROWS BRANCH: Kelly Stanley, Willie Stanley, Leonard Varney.  
 LEANNAH: Milford Lowe, Tom Robinson, Ira Robinson.  
 BUCK CREEK: Delbert Keeze, Burgess Dials, Tom Dials.  
 TIBITHA: Charley Evans, Joe Robinette, Dana Gillman.  
 LITTLE ROSA: Faye Scott, Robert L. Robinson, Lacy Marcum.  
 TURKEY CREEK: Stanford Maynard, Floyd Williamson, Willis Lowe.  
 SAMARIA: Jeff May, Sherman May, Leslie Vance.  
 ROSA: Ross Cline, Johnie Cline, Uley Perry.  
 MUNNCY VALLEY: Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis, Avery Hensley.  
 LITTLE VIRGIE: Chester Belcher, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsbury.  
 SOUTHERN HOME: Tommy Adair, Childmer Marcum, Robert Clay.  
 PILGRIM'S REST: Willie Stanley, Gordon Maynard, Van Pinson.  
 OKECHOBEE: Monroe Ousley, Juble Music, Mosco Gillman.



CHURCH	MODERATOR	NUMBER OF MINUTES REQUESTED	CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO TENT	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CHURCH CONTRIBUTION	TO ASSOCIATION CHURCH TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	100	\$20	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	\$30	2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	75	\$15	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	40	\$25	1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	50	\$15	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	18	\$15	1	June
REBECCA	Jeff May	100		2	0	0	0	1	2	1	61	\$30	2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	B. H. Bevins	100	\$100	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	73	\$50	3	Aug.
SARDIS	Willie Varney	150	\$25	2	0	1	0	2	1	3	105	\$40	4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	75	\$10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	\$30	3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Robert L. Robinson	75	\$20	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	44	\$25	3	July
BETHANY	Willie White	100	\$10	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	49	\$20	4	Aug.
ELK FORK	Faye Scott	80	\$15	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	47	\$30	3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Wayne Herald	250	\$20	10	0	0	0	1	8	3	153	\$50	4	Aug.
SALEM	Charlie Johnson	150	\$40	3	0	0	0	1	4	0	88	\$65	1	May
SIDNEY	Lindsey Vance	50		0	0	0	0	2	0	1	28	\$20	4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	150	\$25	7	4	0	0	1	2	3	79	\$50	1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Faye Scott	150	\$20	6	0	0	0	3	3	1	66	\$40	4	July
LEANNAH	Roosevelt Lowe	150	\$25	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	49	\$35	2	July
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald		\$15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	\$25	3	June
TIBITHA	Willie Varney	75	\$20	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	47	\$30	1	Aug.
LITTLE ROSA	Steve Robinson	50	\$50	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	22	\$20	2	June
TURKEY CREEK	Charlie Johnson	125	\$35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	\$40	2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	75	\$15	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	\$25	1	July
ROSA	Johnie Cline	100	\$30	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	98	\$35	3	July
MUNCY VALLEY	Willie Varney	50	\$20	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	\$20	2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd Sesco	40	\$25	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$20	4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair	125	\$10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	\$35	1	April
PILGRIM'S REST	Edwin May	65	\$27	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$25	2	June
OKEECHOBEE	Monroe Ousley	50		0	4	0	0	0	0	2	11	\$20	2	April
TOTALS		2560	\$607	79	12	1	1	13	36	20	1412	\$850		

## CHURCHES AND CLERKS

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<i>CHURCH</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>CLERK</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>
MT. PLEASANT	Sidney, Ky.	James Scott, Box 105, Canada, Ky.	
APPLE ORCHARD	McCombs, Ky.	Van Maynard, Rt. 3, Box 36, Turkey Creek, Ky.	
ENON	McCarr, Ky.	James Spencer, McCarr, Ky.	
REBECCA	Delbarton, W. Va.	F. M. Preece, Rt. 1, Box 184-U, Delbarton, W. Va.	
BENT BRANCH	Meta, Ky.	Merlin SESCO, Meta, Ky.	
SARDIS	Delbarton, W. Va.	Joe Evans, Ragland, W. Va.	
BIG BRANCH	McCombs, Ky.	J. L. Nichols, Box 2, McCombs, Ky.	
MARY ELIZABETH	Hatfield, Ky.	S. B. Fraley, Rt. 2, Box 30, Hatfield, Ky.	
BETHANY	Lenore, W. Va.	Ellis Davis, Rt. 1, Box 180, Williamson, W. Va.	
ELK FORK	Delbarton, W. Va.	Anse Curry, Rt. 1, Box 55, Delbarton, W. Va.	
PILGRIM'S HOME	Varney, Ky.	James M. Ray, Box 132, Varney, Ky.	
SALEM	Goody, Ky.	Calvin C. Bevins, 209 Maplelawn Ave., N.E., Roanoke, Va.	
SIDNEY	Three Forks, Ky.	Stella Maynard, Box 30, Pilgrim, Ky.	
DIX FORK	Canada, Ky.	Omer Williamson, Canada, Ky.	
NARROWS BRANCH	Hardy, Ky.	Clyde Brown, 1613 Pine St., Kenova, W. Va.	
LEANNAH	Pilgrim, Ky.	Tom Robinson, Pilgrim, Ky.	
BUCK CREEK	Beauty, Ky.	Thomas J. Dials, Box 31, Warfield, Ky.	
TIBITHA	Omar, W. Va.	Dana Gillman, Box 105, Barnabus, W. Va.	
LITTLE ROSA	Chattaroy, W. Va.	Robert L. Robinson, Box 139, Chattaroy, W. Va.	
TURKEY CREEK	Turkey Creek, Ky.	Landon Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 30, Turkey Creek, Ky.	
SAMARIA	Dingess, W. Va.	Ersel Prince, Dingess, W. Va.	
ROSA	Baisden, W. Va.	Uley Perry, Box 96, Gilbert, W. Va.	
MUNCY VALLEY	Pie, W. Va.	Tommy Ellis, Rt. 2, Box 143, Delbarton, W. Va.	
LITTLE VIRGIE	Kimper, Ky.	John J. Scott, Box 16, Kimper, Ky.	
SOUTHERN HOME	Rt. 1, Citra, Fla.	Childmer Marcum, Rt. 1, Box 415, Citra, Fla.	
PILGRIM'S REST	Piso, Ky.	K. H. Williamson, Box 76, Varney, Ky.	
OKEECHOBEE	Okeechobee, Fla.	Ralph R. Reed, 736 Hibiscus Dr., Royal Palm Beach, Fla.	