

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
**SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST**
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

**In Session With Rebecca Church
Delbarton, West Virginia
September 7, 8 and 9, 1973**

**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

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The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Rebecca Church, Delbarton, W. Va., on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1973.

While singing many of the old time songs of Zion the Brethren, Sisters and friends assembled at the Rebecca Church house where arrangements had been made for the preaching.

Our beloved and capable Moderator, Elder Edwin May, came to the Stand and, while giving God the praise and glory for allowing us once more to assemble together, welcomed the Brethren, Sisters, Delegates and friends.

Our esteemed Elder Tommy Adair opened the Services about the hour of 9:30 a.m. and was blessed for a few minutes of time to strongly attest to the goodness and mercy of God. Brother Tommy then led in prayer.

Our loved stalwart Elder Wayne Herald preached the Introductory Sermon from his Text: Psalms 85:10 and 11, "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from Heaven." Brother Wayne vigorously proclaimed the new and Living Way and with Biblical truths set forth Jesus Christ to be that way.

The Sardis Association Delegates and a large delegation from our corresponding Sister Association then assembled at the Church where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom, the many Brethren, Sisters and friends departed to the Duncan Fork United Baptist Church house where arrangements had been made for the preaching.

Elder Fon Bowling of the Union Association introduced the services at the House and then led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, Moderator of the Sardis Association, spoke a few words and welcomed everyone to the home Church of our beloved Moderator of years past by, Elder Hi Maynard, whose good works still follow after him in his children and in this community.

(2) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to receive the contributions sent to the Association by the several Churches as follows:

- Brother Uley Perry
- Brother Landon Taylor
- Elder Ellis Davis

(3) The Moderator then called for the Letters from the Churches of the Sardis Association to be handed in to the Clerk and the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance. The Letter from the Rebecca Church was read by the Clerk and, upon motion by Elder Steve Robinson, Jr., and second by Brother Marshall Williamson, all Letters were received, the Delegates seated and Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(4) The Finance Committee reported \$845.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(5) 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

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

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

- Elder Maynard Hay
- Brother Frank Edwin Hay
- Brother Howard Gilman

(8) By move and second the Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

(9) By move and second, the Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches and Associations of our same faith and order desiring to take up fellowship with the Sardis Association and none responded.

(10) Called for the Letters from our Corresponding Sister Associations and received the following:

UNION: Represented by the following Delegates: John M. Mullins, Jessie L. Williamson, Felix Sexton, Hamilton Blevins, L. H. Stiltner, Kit Gibson, Dewey Sexton, Walter Lowe, Ballard Stone, Delbert Sanders, Fon Bowling, M. D. Mullins, T. H. Browning, Donald Deel, Oel Bartley, Walter Lowe, L. H. Senters, Elbert Church and Lonnie Mounts.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following Delegates: Banner Mann, Lewis Marcum, Mitchell Chaffins, E. J. Little, Jink Ray, Allen Pitts, Arlie Boyd, Perry Tackett, Ambros Jarrell, James P. Hensley, Bill Day and Grover Adkins.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following Delegates: Joshua Hicks, Paris Tackett, Chuck Keese, Roy Hamilton, Roy B. Akers, Buddy Carty, Harrison Runyons and Hiram Adkins.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following Delegates: Webster Bartley, G. W. Woods, Eales Cotton, L. W. Woods, Charley Barney, George Fraley, Ira Stepp, Paul Morrison, Perry Johnson, Walter Morrison and David Gillman.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following Delegates: Deamus Blankenship, Hassel Estep, Wayne Bryant, Leonard Coleman, John Blankenship, Lacy Justus, John R. Justus, Robert Mullins, Clyde Hagy, Miles Charles, Charley Wolford, Orville Street and I. G. Cline.

INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following Delegates: Nelson Seals, McKinley McIntosh and Bee Holcomb.

(11) 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.

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

- Willie White
- Earl Belcher
- James M. Ray
- Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
- Nick Runyon

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

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

- Elder Maynard Hay
- Brother Frank Edwin Hay
- Brother Howard Gilman

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

FRIDAY NIGHT	ASSOCIATION
Elder Joshua Hicks	Northern New Salem
Elder Eales Cotton	Philadelphia
Elder Banner Mann	New Salem
SATURDAY	ASSOCIATION
Elder Roy B. Akers	Northern New Salem
Elder Grover Adkins	New Salem
Elder Hassel Estep	Old Friendship
Elder Delbert Sanders	Union

(16) 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.

(17) On motion by Elder Robert L. Robinson and second by Brother Floyd Williamson the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY September 8, 1973

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing many old time songs of Zion, Elder Chuck Keese of the Northern New Salem 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, upon 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:

SATURDAY NIGHT	ASSOCIATION
Elder Nelson Seals	Indian Bottom
Elder George Woods	Philadelphia
Elder Fon Bowling	Union
SUNDAY	ASSOCIATION
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 10, 1972	\$1,221.00
Additional money received	none
Total money available	\$1,221.00
Less paid out for 1972:	
Printing 4,000 Minutes for 1972	\$889.06
Postage to mail Minutes	14.74
Postage for Ministers Minutes	76.16
(476 @ 16¢)	76.16
1971 loan repayment (Clerk borrowed \$150.00 at the First National Bank of Pikeville to pay for 1971 Association expenses)	100.00
Total paid out for 1972	\$1,079.96
Balance on hand September 7, 1973	\$ 141.04
Add 1973 Receipts:	
Received from the Churches	\$845.00
Received for Pictures	190.00
Received at the House by Donation	299.00
Other receipts	none
Total Receipts for 1973	\$1,334.00
Balance on hand September 9, 1973	\$1,475.04

(5) By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1973 and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

(6) By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk superintendent 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 Lloyd Sisco was read by Elder Clifford Maynard because Brother Lloyd had to attend to a funeral. On motion by Elder Tommy Adair and second by Brother Stewart Brown, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(9) On motion by Elder John Lowe and second by Elder Robert L. Robinson it is ordered that Elder Clifford Maynard prepare the Circular Letter for presentation at our next (1974) 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 Little Jocie Church, Breaks, Buchanan County, Virginia, on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1973: **ELDERS:** Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Carlos Gibson, James Gannon, Ernest Cochran, John P. Church, Billy Brumfield, Ross Cline, Chester Belcher, Willie Stiltner and Alison Thornsbury. **BROTHERS:** Floyd Morris, Joe Warrix, Troy Walters, Fred Bevins, Lawrence Lester, Ralph W. E. Varney, Sr., Ted Blackburn, James M. Ray, Marshall Williamson, Earl Belcher, Jim Scott, T. R. Boger, Chester Combs, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Donnie Lowe, Rush Reed, Stewart Brown, Floyd Williamson, Cashier Blackburn, Grayson Crigger, Prosper Maynard, Monroe Smith, Uley Perry and Cody Stanley. Letter in the hands of Brother Joe Warrix.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the Stone Coal Church, Garrett, Floyd County, Ky. on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1973: **ELDERS:** Edwin May, Wayne Herald, James Gannon, H. Jimmy Deeley, John P. Church, Ross Cline, Carlos Gibson, Tracy Hatfield, and Charley Evans. **BROTHERS:** Chalmer Marcum, Marshall Williamson, Cashier Blackburn, T. R. Boger, Jim Scott, Monroe Smith, Stewart Brown, Prosper Maynard, Grayson Crigger, Cody Stanley, Floyd Morris, Chester Combs, Uley Perry, Troy Walters, Fred Bevins, Ted Blackburn, Joe Warrix and Donnie Lowe. Letter in the hands of Brother Joe Warrix.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Ida Church, Ecorse, Michigan on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1974: **ELDERS:** Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Clifford Maynard, Mont Ellis, Willis Lowe and Burgess Dials. **BROTHERS:** Marshall Williamson, Cashier Blackburn, Clyde Brown, Stewart Brown, Frankie Scott, Bob Scott, Edwin Hay, Clayton Scott, Joe Warrix, Troy Walters, Chester Combs, Cody Stanley, Delbert Kazee, Landon Taylor, John G. Blackburn and W. H. Hale. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Little Mary Church, Route 5, Ashland, Ky., on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1974: **ELDERS:** Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Willie White, Clifford Maynard, John Lowe, Burgess Dials, Ernest Cochran, James Gannon, Billy Brumfield, Claude Brown, Ross Cline, Ellis Davis, H. Jimmy Deeley, Willis Lowe, Carlos Gibson, Chester Belcher, Edward Runyon and Berlin Thornsbury. **BROTHERS:** Stewart Brown, Cashier Blackburn, Grayson Crigger, Prosper Maynard, Cody Stanley, Marshall Williamson, Hayden Hannah, Uley Perry, Clyde Brown, David Baisden, Frank Scott, Billy Robinson, Monroe Smith, Bob Scott, Landon Taylor, Edwin Hay and Donnie Lowe. Letter in the hands of Elder Willie White.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Bee Branch Church, Stacy, Buchanan County, Virginia, on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1974: **ELDERS:** Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Berlin

Thornsbury, James Gannon, Charley Evans, Burgess Dials, Willie Stiltner, Alison Thornsbury, Ross Cline, Chester Belcher, Tracy Hatfield, Mont Ellis, Johnnie Cline and Willie Stanley. **BROTHERS:** Stewart Brown, Grayson Crigger, Cashier Blackburn, Prosper Maynard, Floyd Williamson, Hayden Hannah, Delbert Kazee and Uley Perry. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbury.

INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the Ivy Point Church, Garner, Knott County, Kentucky, on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1974: **ELDERS:** Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Carlos Gibson, Loyd Sisco and John P. Church. **BROTHERS:** Joe Warrix, Cashier Blackburn, David Baisden, Delbert Kazee, Stewart Brown, Grayson Crigger, Troy Walters, Chester Combs and Marshall Williamson. Letter in the hands of Brother David Baisden.

(11) Called for the Tent Committee to report and, since there had been no activity, there was no report to make.

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

Balance on hand September 9, 1972	\$21.23
Add Receipts for 1972	none
Total available	\$21.23
Less Expenses for 1972	none
Balance on hand September 7, 1973	\$21.23
Add Receipts for 1973	5.00
Total available	\$26.23
Less 1/3 of 1972 Tent expense	25.00
Balance on hand September 9, 1973	\$ 1.23

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

Elder Clifford Maynard, Chairman
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
Elder Edwin May
Brother Joe Warrix
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 the sale of an interest in the Tent to Northern New Salem Association.

(15) A Request from Dix Fork Church was received which asked for Item (11) of our 1962 Minutes to be reprinted in our Minutes.

A Request from Turkey Creek Church was received which asked that Item (11) of our 1962 Minutes be removed from our Minutes.

Before any action could be taken on these two Requests, our beloved and highly esteemed Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Elder Edwin May and Elder Wayne Herald, came before the Association with tears of love in their heart and advised both the Dix Fork Church and the Turkey Creek Church to take their Request back home. Because of this advice and their great love for the Sardis Association, the Dix Fork Delegates and the Turkey Creek Delegates withdrew their Request.

(16) The Association by regular move and second said that if a Sister has cut her hair, she should be asked to let it grow out; if she fails to do so, and cuts her hair again, she will be excluded.

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

(18) 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."

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

(20) A Request from Little Rosa Church was received which asked for Item (26) of our 1972 Minutes to be changed to read ". . . Obituaries of our deceased members and their family be printed."

A Request from Buck Creek Church was received which asked for this same Item to read ". . . Obituaries of the deceased children and/or grandchildren of our members in good standing be printed."

Little Rosa Church Delegates withdrew their Request and, after discussion, the Buck Creek Church Request was answered by a move and second to reprint Item (26) of the 1972 Minutes without change. This Item reads:

"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."

(21) A Request was received from Pilgrim's Home Church asking the Association to print the picture of Sister Elan O. Francis free of charge. Sister Francis was the wife of Brother Troy T. Francis who was Clerk of the Sardis Association for many years before his death. The Pilgrim's Home Church felt the Sardis Association could show some honor and respect for Brother Troy's faithful service by doing this. By move and second the request was granted.

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

(23) A Request for the 1974 Sardis Association was received from the Narrows Branch Church. By motion and second it is ordered that our next (1974) Association be held with the Narrows Branch Church beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1974. The Narrows Branch Church is located near Hardy, Pike County, Kentucky. Take Route 119 out of Williamson, W. Va. (toward Pikeville, Ky.) to Toler, Ky., and then take Route 319 to Hardy, Ky., and then take Route 1696 up Narrows Branch to the Church. Signs will be at Toler, Ky., and at Hardy, Ky.

(24) 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 Narrows Branch Church.

(25) A Committee was appointed to take the vote of the Delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon and who shall be his Alternate at our 1974 Association as follows:

Elder Banner Mann, New Salem Association.
Brother John M. Mullins, Union Association.
Elder Webster Bartley, Philadelphia Association.

This Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Tracy Hatfield to preach the Introductory Sermon.
Elder Ross Cline to be his Alternate.

(26) By regular move and second it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tended our heart felt "Thank You" to each and every member of the Rebecca Church, to the Brethren, Sisters and friends too numerous to mention who worked so tirelessly to make this Association a success; to the lovely Community and its people around the old Rebecca Church house who exhibited their love and concern for the needs and well-being of the Association by their deeds of kindness; to the Sister Churches who contributed both money and supplies toward preparing for and taking care of the Association; and to those wonderful cooks, both Sisters and friends, who prepared all the delicious food.

A very special "Thank You" is extended to the Duncan Fork United Baptist Church whose "Brotherly Love" reached across the formal lines of correspondence and allowed us to use their Church for the preaching portion of our Association.

To one and all who helped in any way to make this Association one of the best we ever had we say "Thank You" and pray that God will reward you ten-fold for your effort.

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

(28) On motion by Brother Floyd Williamson and second by Brother Stewart Brown, 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 9, 1973

The rain was coming down hard and the clouds hung low in the sky as the many Brethren, Sisters and friends gathered in the shelter of the old Rebecca Church. Here we sought shelter from the natural rain and shelter under the outstretched hand of God who, in His infinite mercy and love, had greatly blessed the Sardis Association with peace and manifested Brotherly love during the two preceding days.

Services were introduced by Elder Hiram Adkins of the Northern New Salem Association who was so filled with the sweet spirit of Jesus that he could hardly quit preaching the goodness of God. Brother Hiram then led in prayer.

Elder Paris Tackett also of the Northern New Salem Association came humbly but boldly to the Stand singing a beautiful old time song. Brother Paris was blessed to preach that Heavenly news amidst marvelous testimonials and sharing with us of some of his dreams.

Elder Edwin May, our beloved Moderator, came to the Stand praising God and giving Him the thanks for giving us three joyous days of His love and peace. Brother Ed was blessed to preach for a few minutes of time from his Text, "Children be good to one another." Brother Ed's admonition to the Sardis Association was strong and yet filled with love, as a father would admonish his children, to love and take care of one another.

Here inside the old Rebecca Church we had found shelter from the natural rain but, as a fitting end to this wonderful Association, God rained down His manna from Heaven and fed a hungry congregation of His faithful children. Many of the Brethren said this was the best Association they had ever attended. On behalf of the Delegates and Officers of the Sardis Association, I want to give God the honor and glory for giving us such a good Association.

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

Your Clerks

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CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association, being appointed last year to write a Circular Letter for your inspection, I will now try to make the feeble effort to comply with your request, feeling so little to address so great a band of Brothers. I realize also this Letter will be read by many that are much more able than I am. I trust the great God of Heaven will take charge of my mind while I try to write this important Letter. I now trust the Lord will take charge and lead my mind.

The Scripture that has oppressed my mind will be found in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 16, verses 30-31: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Verse 31 says, "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." This question should be of great interest to all Adam's race but the people are still asking how men are saved. Some say one thing and some say another. The Apostles told the jailor that came trembling and fell at his feet what it took and he said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Men are made up of an outer man and an inner man. Genesis 2:7 says, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul." There was nothing commanded of him until he was put in the garden and God said to dress and keep it, but the Bible lets us know he violated the first commandment that God gave him. Genesis 3:8 says, "And they heard the voice of the Lord walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God." So Brothers, this shows they were not afraid until they had violated God's law and had become transgressors and neither were you or I. For we are just multiplied Adams and what it took to save him it takes the same to save today. We find in the Scriptures, Job 32:8 "There is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the almighty giveth them understanding." Isaiah 45:22 says "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." The Apostle says I Corinthians 2:11 "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." I Corinthians 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

So I believe that Ephesians 2:8 says "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" Verse 9 "Not of works, lest any man should boast." Titus 2:11-14 says "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

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So Brethren, I believe that the Bible teaches that He will by His spirit visit all sane minded men and women, and teach them by His spirit that they are sinners in His sight and teach them the wages of sin is death and the gift of God is eternal life.

Here is the question, "What shall I do about it?" Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. St. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." St. John 6:28-29 "Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." St. John 12:36 says "While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light" and also he would reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. He further says, except you believe that I am He, you shall die in sin and where I am you cannot come, and as I have already stated that the grace of God or the light of God's spirit will appear to all men and make all men and women responsible to Him. Everyone that believes will be led through a travel of repentance. This is a travel of suffering for sin. For He says I will lead the blind in strange paths in the way they have not known. This is the ones that was led to the banqueting house and the banner over them was love. Oh poor sinners, let me beg you that while you have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. Some may say if He visits all men, why not then all be saved? But the Lord said, some love darkness rather than light, neither come they to the light. St. John 3:20 says "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd."

If I understand the Bible teaches the believers are justified and the unbelievers are condemned. It tells why, because he fails to believe on the only begotten Son of God. St. John 12:46 "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness." Verse 47-48 says "And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I come not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." So it is enough to show that no man will ever repent of his sins except he first believes. The Bible says they that would come to God must believe that He is and is a rewarder of all them that diligently seek Him.

Brethren, I was raised by a father and a mother in this world that taught me that there was a Heaven and a Hell, and good boys go to that place called Heaven and bad boys went to that place called Hell. When I was out in sin that good spirit of God taught me that I was on the wrong road, and I believe with all my heart that I took heed to that teaching and prayed and cried to Him. It seemed I got worse all the time but when I gave it all up in the hands of the Lord, that burden went I know not where. I believe that He gave me a hope in my breast

that has carried me over many troubles and trials. Of course, the adversary says if you haven't more than a hope you had better be praying. Brethren, I believe the soul gets eternal life when its born again and the outer man receiveth this hope. This hope is a promise of God, and this promise is that He will raise again in the resurrection of the dead. Isaiah 26:19 says "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." St. John 5:28 says "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

Brethren, this is speaking of these mortal bodies, Romans 8:21 "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." I Corinthians 15:43 "It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." Verse 49 "And as we have borne the image of the earthly, (that is what we are bearing now) we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." Brethren, there isn't any use to differ over the resurrection of the dead, for we know we will be raised in His likeness and that will be good enough for all the children of God. Oh, what a glorious day it will be when the saints meet the Lord in the air and all the blood washed armies, where there will be no more heartaches, neither anymore separations.

So now I must come to a close. May I say to my Brethren everywhere, strive for peace. May the God of all grace be with my Brothers and Sisters is my prayer.

Your unworthy servant and Brother in Christ,

Elder Lloyd SESCO

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

AND

MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: H. Jimmy Deeley, Fon Bowling, David Baisden, Charley Evans, S. D. Hensley and Roy B. Akers.

OKEECHOBEE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, Ellis Davis, Mike Sheppard, H. Jimmy Deeley, Junior Damron, Millis Roberts, John Lowe, Earl Belcher, Tommy Adair, David Baisden, Henry Barney and Eales Cotton.

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Grover Adkins and Milford Lowe.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, Harold Edmonds, Ernest Cochran, James Gannon and Moderator attending.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Harold Edmonds and Moderator attending.

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

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: James Gannon, Tracy Hatfield, Alson Thornsburg, Wayne Herald and Moderator attending.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Claude Brown, Charley Evans, Alson Thornsburg and John P. Church.

PILGRIM'S REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Tommy Ellis, Alson Thornsburg, Chester Belcher and Moderators attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Roy B. Akers, Hiram Adkins, Roosevelt Lowe, Paris Tackett, James Gannon and Ivory Sowards.

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

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Ross Cline, Wayne Herald and Louie Muncy.

JULY

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: N. A. England, Eddie Tackett, Delbert Sanders, Charles Keese and Webster Bartley.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Baisden, Tracy Hatfield, Ison Hannah, Joe Evans and Hayden Hannah.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Tracy Hatfield, Grover Adkins, Wayne Herald and John P. Church.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Wayne Herald, John P. Church and Monroe Jones.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Faye Scott, Mont Ellis, Charlie Evans and Edwin May.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Harold Edmonds, Edwin May, Grover Adkins, Faye Scott 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, Fon Bowling, Hassel Estep and Andrew Deel.

NARROWS BRANCH: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, H. Jimmy Deeley, Grover Adkins, Steve Robinson, Jr., Roosevelt Lowe, Faye Scott and Wayne Herald.

AUGUST

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

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Ellis Davis, Melvin Watts, Wayne Herald, Fon Bowling and Ellis Amburgy.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Berlin Thornsbery, H. Jimmy Deeley, Joe Evans and Ellis Davis.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Kirby Ison, Tracy Hatfield and Moderator.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Our Union Meeting is in July.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Johnie Cline, Eales Cotton, George Woods, H. Jimmy Deeley, Wayne Herald and Edward Runyon.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: George Woods, Ison Hannah, Berlin Thornsbery, Andrew Maynard, Edward Runyon and John Fouch.

PILGRIM'S HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Woodrow Pack, James Gannon, John P. Church and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

AND

MINISTERS TO ATTEND

MARCH

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Henry Barney, John Lowe, Bert Hall, Paul K. Mullins, and Moderators attending.

APRIL

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Harvey Chapman, Edwin May and Hershall Huff.

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

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Willie Stitner, Alson Thornsbery and Chester Belcher.

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

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbery, Robert L. Robinson, James Cook and Faye Scott.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Harvey Chapman, Edwin May, Alson Thornsbery, H. Jimmy Deeley and Faye Scott.

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

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Root Cemetery on May 30th at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: H. Jimmy Deeley, Andrew Maynard and S. D. Hensley.

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.

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, Monroe Ousley, Julius Lester, Ezekial Bransham and Moderator attending.

TIBITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for the deceased members of the Tibitha Church, Gillman family, Meadows family and Riff family on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, David Baisden and Edwin May.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Roy B. Akers, Grover Adkins, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald and Edward Runyon.

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

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

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at 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, Joe Curry and Ivan J. Amburgey.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held in the head of Sycamore Creek at the Lowe Cemetery for Johnnie Nichols and wife on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Roosevelt Lowe, Clifford Maynard and Dave Williams.

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 Ballard Blackburn will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork on Sunday after the first Saturday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

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 Thornsby 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 Thornsby and Grover Adkins.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING of the Taylor family and the Maynard family will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Faye Scott, Mont Ellis and Moderator attending.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at James White's on Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Edward Runyon, Ellis Davis and Wayne Herald.

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

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., Ison Hannah and Melvin Watts.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Wayne Herald, H. Jimmy Deeley and Clifford Maynard.

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 the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, James Gannon, Lloyd Sesco and Alson Thornsby.

MEMORIAL MEETING of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton and Joseph Staton will be held on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Roosevelt Lowe, Clifton Howard and Dave Williams.

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

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: David Cigger, Claude Brown, Charlie Evans and Tommy Ellis.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, James Tackett, Willie Stiltner, Claude Brown 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: Ira Adkins, Clinton Howard and Grover Adkins.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ison 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 Thornsbury and Ernest Cochran.

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

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 Thornsbury, Chester Belcher and Andrew Maynard.

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: Ernest Cochran, Willis Lowe and Clifford Maynard.

SEPTEMBER

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Jeff Robinett Cemetery at Varney, Ky., on the first day of September. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Clarence Owens and Clifford Maynard.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Dike Williamson will be held at the home of Enzy Williamson on the first day of September. Ministers called: James M. Chapman, James Gannon, James Tackett and David Crigger.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: David Baisden, Joe Evans, Edward Runyon and Hayden Hannah.

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, Ernest Cochran and David Crigger.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Tom McCoy, Dike and Orle 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 Thornsbury and Ireland Harrison.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. 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.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ambrose Jude will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Clinton Howard, Milford Lowe, Tracy Hatfield and Isom Hannah.

OCTOBER

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

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Jimmy Dale Sanders, George Woods, Charlie Eydans and Moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Mt. Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Mitchell Chaffins, Fon Bowling and James Gannon.

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., J. L. Nichols and John P. Church.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, James Gannon and Ross Hopkins.

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, Burgess Dials, Harold Edmonds, Clifford Maynard and Wayne Herald.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hassel Estep, Edward Runyon, Hershell Huff, Ross Cline and Moderator attending.

Obituaries

ROSCOE MEADOWS

It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that I make this attempt to write the Obituary of my Daddy, Roscoe Meadows. He was born August 19, 1919, at Omar, W. Va., and departed November 9, 1972, making his stay here 54 years, 2 months and 21 days. He was the son of the late James and Sarah (Jordan) Meadows. He was married April 13, 1937, to Hattie (Chahn) Meadows who preceded him in death on November 10, 1972.

He leaves four daughters to mourn his loss: Wilma Meadows, Clermont, Florida; Gloria Meadows, Clermont, Florida; Brenda Meadows, Omar, W. Va.; and Barbara Meadows, Davin, W. Va. He also leaves four sisters: Marie Gande, Tifton, Ohio; Mrs. Nona Hatfield, Barnabus, W. Va.; Mrs. Rosie Maynard, Omar, W. Va.; and Mrs. Georgia Maynard, Big Creek, W. Va.

Daddy was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Omar, W. Va., for many, many years. There are many wonderful memories I have laid close to my heart and many good things I could tell about my Dad's good life but space does not permit it. I can only say that I believe that Daddy is now resting in the arms of Jesus.

Written by his daughter,
Brenda Meadows

ELSIE ALMA VEST BLACKBURN BANFIELD

Elsie Alma Vest Blackburn Banfield, born August 19, 1888, departed this life August 1, 1973, at the age of 84 years, 11 months and 12 days. She was born in Pike County, Kentucky, the daughter of the late William and Alma Kendrick Vest and spent most of her life in this area. However, for the past 35 years, she had lived in Greenup County, Kentucky.

Her first husband, Tobe Blackburn, preceded her in death in 1935. Some time later she married Lester Banfield and he, too, preceded her in death in January of 1972.

She leaves to mourn her passing one son, Tobe Blackburn, Jr.; three daughters: Mrs. Beulah Bailey, Mrs. Willa Lee McCabe and Mrs. Oia Mae Bales; one step-son, Jack Banfield and two step-daughters: Mrs. Betty March and Mrs. Hester Fuggate; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was blessed with a long and useful life. In addition to her role as a wife, mother and homemaker, in her younger life she worked as a clerk in a Pikeville Department Store. She possessed a vast storehouse of knowledge that has removed many stumbling blocks from the paths of those who are to follow after her.

She was a wonderful neighbor and never saw a stranger. Her warm and friendly personality endeared her to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church and she loved to refresh her soul by worshipping God in His house. Her Christian character was reflected in her daily living. Now, she has gone to receive her reward.

Written by her children.

LIZZIE DIALS JAMES

It is with much sorrow that I try to write an Obituary of my loving Aunt, Lizzie Dials James. She deceased this life August 1, 1973. She was 83 years old and joined the old time Baptist faith when she was very young.

She leaves one sister and two brothers while three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death. She also leaves two daughters to mourn her loss but I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Children, if you ever want to meet Mother again, you will have to fall out with sin, repent and live a Christian life so when the crossing comes you can meet Mother and live with her forever and forever.

Written by her Niece,
Oma D. Muncy

REBECCA ALMEDA ROBINSON

With sadness I will try to write the Obituary of my sweet Mother, Rebecca Almeda Robinson. She was born December 9, 1900, and deceased this life July 26, 1973. She was the daughter of Christopher and Vicy Louise (Ray) Maynard, both of whom preceded her in death. She was the wife of Kenis Robinson and he also preceded her in death.

Mother was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for thirteen years. She was the mother of six children, two of whom preceded her in death. The children left to mourn her loss are: Chester James Robinson, McCombs, Ky.; Moses K. Robinson, Sidney, Ky.; John C. Robinson, McCombs, Ky.; and Bessie Jane Maynard, Varney, Ky. She also leaves a sister, Jane Smith, Meta, Ky.; 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

My home is lonesome without her but I know our loss is Heaven's gain. I am living in hope that we children will meet her in Heaven where there will be no more parting.

Written by her daughter,
Bessie Jane Maynard

CLARENCE HINKLE

I will try to write the Obituary of Brother Clarence Hinkle. Brother Clarence was born January 27, 1900, and departed this life January 3, 1971, making his stay here on earth 70 years, 11 months and 24 days.

He was married to Wilda Young on January 15, 1922, and to this union nine children were born. Surviving are 4 sons and 4 daughters: Billy Hinkle, Oakwood, Va.; George Hinkle, Turkey Creek, Ky.; James Lacy Hinkle, Meta, Ky.; Clarence Lee Hinkle, Varney, Ky.; Dorothy Mae Robinson, Anthony, Fla.; Claudia Reeves, Ocala, Fla.; Ida Ray and Rozetta Allen, both of Varney, Ky. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Bonnie Lou, his wife and two brothers. He leaves a sister, Sarrah J. Young, Pikeville, Ky.; a brother, Estli Hinkle, Pikeville, Ky.; and a host of friends and neighbors to mourn his loss.

He had been a member of the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist for several years and attended Church as long as he was able. Brother Clarence suffered from asthma and was in the Mountain Manor Nursing Home when he passed away. For him there will be no more suffering. Children, don't worry about Daddy but try to live the life he lived so you can see him again some sweet day where there will be no more parting.

There are two roads to travel, one is a broad road to destruction while the other is a straight and narrow road leading to life everlasting. Get on the straight and narrow road that leads to Heaven where we won't need the light of the sun or moon for our Lord is the light of that city. Get ready to meet daddy and mother on that day.

Written by a neighbor,
Bessie Robinette

MARY MAY



It is in much weakness I try to write the Obituary of my dear beloved Mother. She was born August 23, 1888, and deceased this life September 22, 1972, making her stay on earth 84 years and 30 days. She was the daughter of the late Elder Isaac H. Hannah and Martha Jane Sturgell Hannah. She was married to Elder W. H. May in April, 1904, and to this union was born 11 children, 6 daughters and 5 sons: Mrs. Pearl Dillon, Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Wilda Dillon, Radnor, W. Va.; Mrs. Georgia Vance, Mrs. Lola Lackey and Mrs. Janie Prince all of Dingess, W. Va.; Mrs. Causby Stanley and William May of Breedon, W. Va.; Sherman May, Lenore, W. Va.; Blackburn May, Dingess, W. Va.; and Elder Jeff May, who also deceased this life July 3, 1973, and the eldest

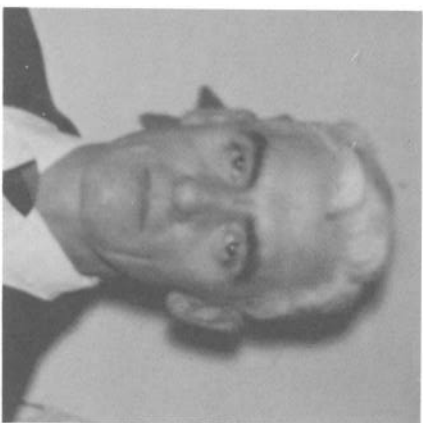
son, Isaac H. May, died in infancy. She leaves in addition to her husband and 9 children, 85 grandchildren; a large number of great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Space would not permit me to write all the wonderful things I could say about my Mother. She was a Christian for more than 60 years. She has been a member of Samaria Church of Old Regular Baptist since it was organized, where she remained a faithful member until death. She was an example for us to follow. She taught us about Jesus and took us to Church since we were very small, even when she had to walk for miles. One of her greatest pleasures was to feed and take care of the Church people and with the help of her children, she was blessed with this privilege as long as she lived.

We thank God for such a wonderful Mother. We cannot visit home and Mother any more but we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Oh, how we loved and cherished her. We miss her sweet smile but our faith tells us we have only lost her for a little while.

Written by her daughter and Sister in Christ,
Wilda Dillon

ELDER THOMAS JEFFERSON MAY



It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try, by the help of the good Lord, to write the Obituary of my late darling husband, Elder Thomas Jefferson May. All of his friends and Brothers and Sisters in the Church knew him as "Bro. Jeff." He was born December 27, 1922, and deceased this life July 3, 1973, at the Veterans Hospital in Huntington, W. Va., making his stay here on earth 50 years and 6 months.

He was married to Garline Kirk May in the year of 1942 and to this union was born 5 children, 3 sons and 2 daughters: Jeff May, Jr., Dingess, W. Va.; Larry May, Columbus, Ohio; Billy Ray May, Dingess, W. Va.; Mary Ann Dempsey, Huntington, W. Va.; and one daughter, Ruby Jo, preceded him in death. He also leaves a dear father, Elder Henry May, Dingess, W. Va.; 6 sisters and 3 brothers; and a host of friends and Brothers and Sisters in the Church. I know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

His life was a shining light to all who knew him. There is so very much good that I could write about him but space would not permit it.

Jeff joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1943 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Willie White.

I would like to say to the two children that haven't made peace with God, "if you ever want to see Daddy again, you will have to get right with God then you can go to Daddy where he will never have to leave you again."

Honey, how I miss you no one will ever know.

Written by his loving wife,
Garline

CLARENCE THOMPSON



It is with a sad and broken heart that I write the Obituary of my beloved brother, Clarence Thompson. Clarence was born December 3, 1917, at Baisden, W. Va., and departed this life to go live with Jesus February 28, 1973, making his stay here 56 years, 2 months and 25 days. Clarence was a par-alized Veteran, wounded at Saint La France during World War II. He was the son of Dave and Lydia Thompson and his father preceded him in death November 20, 1958. He was a member of the Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist and was baptized on the third Sunday of January, 1950, by Elder Tracy Hatfield and Elder Lesly Blair. He was baptized on a stretcher because he was paralyzed. He was always a faithful member in his Church until death. Even though he was paralyzed from his waist down he always tried to go to Church and would go sometimes when he did not feel like it. It would probably be hard to stay in a wheelchair as long a time as he did but he stood it for almost 29 years and took life so easy, knowing God was in his heart.

We can hardly stand it here without him but we get to remembering how he loved the Lord and how he got blessed at Church to shout and give his praise to God. Just remembering that eases our pain and to know he was a good Christian soldier striving for a beautiful mansion with Jesus where he will never have any more pain and where he can walk on streets of pure gold. I remember how he would wash his Brothers feet at Communion Meetings. They would hold up their feet in his lap and he would wash their feet. Then there would be ten to twelve Brethren washing his feet at one time. Some day I believe he will be able to wash his Brother's feet without any help from anyone but the good Lord. I don't think Clarence has got any pain today, I believe he is

asleep in the arms of Jesus. He lived a beautiful life here on earth, enjoyed it very much and never complained about any sickness or anything. You probably could say he faced his pain with pride because he had help from a good Master above. It's sad here without him and his mother can't hardly stand it at times but she has hope of meeting him some day where they will be together for evermore.

Clarence leaves behind to mourn his death: his mother, Mrs. Lydia B. Thompson; 5 brothers, Leeroy, Ray, Emerson, Danny and Benny Joe all of Baisden; 3 sisters, Mrs. Fred Glanden of Baisden, and Myrtle and Edra Thompson at home, who took care of him for almost 29 years and loved doing it for him. He also leaves behind a niece, Teresa Thompson, who he raised since she was 13 months old, and a host of other friends and relatives. I hope and trust that someday our family can meet Clarence in Heaven where we can always be together.

Sadly missed by all the Church members, his family and neighbors everywhere.

Written by his sister and niece,
Edra Rose Thompson and Teresa Jane Thompson

ZETTA BLAIR

By the help of the Lord and with much weakness and humble heart, I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved Aunt, Zetta Blair. Zetta was born June 7, 1890, and departed this life August 10, 1973, making her stay here 83 years, 2 months and 3 days.

Aunt Zetta was the daughter of the late Ezekiel and Thursejane Carter Blankenship. She was married to Doris Blair, who preceded her in death, and to this union was born 7 children: Mrs. Hassel Stone, Mouthcard, Ky.; Mrs. Walter Moyer, Glen Bernie, Maryland; Willie Blair and Alonzo Blair of Illinois; and 3 children who preceded her in death. She has 2 brothers, Lee Blankenship of Baisden and Dave Blankenship of Wayne; 2 sisters, Lydia B. Thompson and Lura Cline of Baisden.



Aunt Zetta was a member of the Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist for 51 years and she was a faithful member as long as she could go. But when she got her hip broke nearly 3 years ago she never could walk again and couldn't go to Church since she was in the hospital about all

the time after she got hurt. Even when she was in the hospital and we would go see her she would send word back by us for the Church to pray for her. Just knowing she had that much faith in the Church and the good Lord makes you feel good.

Aunt Zetta has had a lot of hardships in life but if her hope is real in Christ, she will have no more sorrow and all will be peace and happiness for evermore. Aunt Zetta was humble and kind to everyone and if we want to meet her we will have to travel down the road she traveled and get the dear Lord by our side as she did. Aunt Zetta will be missed by everyone here but I feel she is resting from all her worries and I believe she someday will have a new body that will not be crippled.

Sadly missed by her children, her sisters and brothers, members of the Church and a host of friends and relatives.

Written by her niece,
Edra Thompson

STELLA VINCENT



It is by request that I will try to write the Obituary of my Aunt, Stella Vincent. She was born March 6, 1906, and deceased this life April 27, 1972. She was the daughter of Elder John H. and Victoria C. Williamson Brown, who preceded her in death. She was married to Charley Vincent and to this union was born two children, Auther Elmer and Betty. Her husband and son preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Merl Vincent, Kenova, W. Va.; her daughter, Betty Steel; three grandchildren; one sister, Etta Maynard, Sidney, Ky.; four brothers: Clyde Brown, Sidney, Ky.; W. S. Brown, Prichard, W. Va.; George Brown, Williamson, W. Va.; Charles Brown, Goody, Ky.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Aunt Stella joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized the first Sunday in July, 1968, by Elder Clyde Brown and Elder Ernest Cochran and placed her membership at Dix Fork Church.

To Merl and Betty, the home is now vacant but there are sweet memories of her that I will treasure in my heart. I believe she is at rest. Aunt Stella had her afflictions 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 nephew and Brother in hope of Eternal Life,
James Brown

MARY CAROLINE CRIGGER



With tears in my eyes and a sad broken heart and by the help of the Lord to guide me in Spirit and mind, I will try to write the Obituary of my loving and sweet wife.

Mary Caroline (Brown) Crigger was the daughter of Elder John H. and Victoria Cordella (Williamson) Brown, or "Aunt Doll," as she was called by all her friends. She was born January 31, 1893, at Canada, Ky., and died February 17, 1973, making her stay here on earth 80 years and 17 days.

She was a member of the Dix Fork Church of Regular Baptist. She and I were baptized on Saturday, June 7, 1947. She was baptized by Elders Milton Thacker and Jim Thornsberry. She lived a faithful member and attended Church regularly as long as she was able. In her later years she was sickly and could not attend Church very often but she would say to me, "I hope I will be able to go to Church this time."

We were joined together in matrimony July 4, 1914, and to this union 4 children were born: Mrs. Jeanette Smith, Mrs. Marie Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Smith and Grayson Crigger. One daughter, Mrs. Jeanette Smith, preceded her in death. She never joined the Church but I believe she went to rest with the Lord. She was so humble and so much like a little child. She told her Mother she didn't see why she had stayed out of the Church. She became sick and had to go to the hospital and only lived one day. My other three children professed a Hope in the Lord and joined the Regular Baptist Church.

Left to mourn her loss are the children, her husband and all the members of the Dix Fork Church; a host of relatives, friends, nieces and nephews; four brothers: Bill Brown, Prichard, W. Va.; George Brown, Williamson, W. Va.; Charlie Brown, Goody, Ky.; and Clyde Brown, Sidney, Ky.; one sister, Etta Maynard, Sidney, Ky.; 9 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

So my hope is that I will meet my loving, sweet wife and children in that mansion God has prepared for all them that love and serve Him.
Written by a broken hearted husband,
Harmon Crigger

JUBLE MUSIC



It is with much sadness that, by God's help, I will try to write an Obituary of my beloved husband, Juble Music. He was born to Henry and Julia Logan Music September 18, 1892, and died September 18, 1972, making him 80 years old. Juble was married to Ida Osborne Music April 4, 1914, and to this union was born 5 children: Mrs. Otis Cecil, Wyandotte, Mich.; Mrs. Mary Edgerton, River Rouge, Mich.; and Mrs. Lula Caldwell. A son and a daughter preceded them in death. Sister Ida passed away March 7, 1964.

According to their neighbors and Sister Ida's brother and sister, Juble was a kind, devoted and hard working husband. He worked in the coal mines in Pike County, Ky., for many years but he retired as a pipefitter for Detroit Steel. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Little Mary about 1945 and went with an Arm to help organize Little Ida Church, which was named for Sister Ida, in Detroit. Soon after he was Ordained a Deacon there, they laid their Letter in at Little Jewel. Juble, as a Deacon, helped so much to the upbuilding of Little Jewel, as many say he helped in upbuilding Little Ida.

On October 14, 1968, he was married to Dallie Spears Music, also a member of Little Jewel and close friend to his wife. In all my caring for sick while I ran the nursing home and visiting the sick I have never seen a more humble or kind person than Juble. I can say I've had two husbands to shout and sing praises to God. Juble had the dread disease emphysema and black lung. He later got cancer on his arms and body, the slow kind, but the Doctors assured me the black lung would kill him first. They used inhalers and oxygen but the time came the Doctors and I had to stand aside and God sent His angels after him.

He leaves his wife and children: 3 sisters: Mrs. Verna Kegley, Malonton, Ky.; Mrs. Laura Felty and Mrs. Nancy Markham both of Portsmouth, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. Now children and grand-children, Pop and Grandpop is gone. I wish you could have heard those pitiful prayers for your right up until two days before he died begging God to stir you up and lead you to repentance. He preached, prayed, shouted and thanked the Lord for blessing me to care for him.

He spoke of our nearly 4 years of happiness. Four days before he died he took a spell preaching. He said, "Honey, I know now I am soon going

home. I just have to preach His goodness." I closed the door and said, "Try to keep your voice down or they will give you a shot." He said, "Oh, how I hate to leave you alone and the Church house not finished. Try to save on my funeral and give to the Church for completion of the house." He was so kind and humble even when the medication would die in him. He realized he was confused. He would say, "I hope I didn't speak ill to anyone. Lord knows I don't want to be mean."

Now children, if we can trust in God, not be selfish and want him with us. Think how happy he is with those millions of little children he would talk to, and Mom. The last two nights I stood over him were so pitiful. The first one, he wouldn't sleep until I lay down. He couldn't see well enough to tell if I was up or down. Again children, don't worry Dad is gone home.

Written by his wife and Sister in Hope,
Dallie Spears Music

LAUDA PAULEY HOWELL



By the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of Sister Lauda Pauley Howell. She was the daughter of Ambrose and Ellen Pauley. She was born on January 24, 1911, and deceased on September 3, 1973. Her first husband, Henderson Jude, passed away and her surviving husband is Tan Howell, Pilgrim, Ky.

She had two sons: Keither Jude, Beauty, Ky., and Howard Jude, Lexington, Ky.; and five daughters: Wilda McGuire, Sara Mullet and Frankie Milner all of Columbus, Ohio; Louise Nickels, Beauty, Ky.; and Cynthia Howard, Davella, Ky. There were 20 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist and was baptized by the hands of Elder Roosevelt Lowe and Elder Steve Robinson, Jr., the second Sunday in June, 1970. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Children, if you ever see Mother again, you will have to repent and live for Jesus so that we may all live together in Heaven.

Written by Stella Maynard, in Hope of Eternal Life.

TOM TILLEY

With sadness I'll try to write a belated Obituary of Brother Tom Tilley who passed away on December 3, 1966, at the age of 77 years.

Brother Tom was married to Effie Blackburn on January 2, 1911, and to this union was born sixteen children and six of them preceded him in death.



dead where we'll meet and no more part.

Brother Tom joined the old Enon Church of Regular Baptist in July, 1963. He is greatly missed by those who loved him but time has healed the wound of grief and I do look forward with joy of the Hope of the Resurrection of the

A Brother in Hope,
Joe Evans

ELEN HARRISON MAYNARD CURRY

Elen Harrison Maynard Curry, Route 1, Pikeville, Kentucky, died at her home at 8:47 p.m. on June 26, 1973, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Ben L. Curry; three daughters: Mrs. Fern Pinson, Mrs. Minnie Boaz and Miss Dollie B. Curry, all of Route 1, Pikeville, Ky.; and one son, Clifford Curry, South Williamson, Ky. She left 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and other relatives. One daughter, Maxine Maynard, and one son, James Douglas Curry, preceded her in death.



Sister Curry was the daughter of Daniel C. and Rebecca Bevins Harrison and was born at Meta, Ky., on September 10, 1882. She was first married to Emory Maynard who died in 1916.

Sister Curry was very active in the affairs of the community, the Church and her family. She was a member of the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church for 57 years and attended the Church regularly when she was able. She was baptized by Elder Willard Akers on the third Sunday in July, 1916.

She has three granddaughters who are Registered Nurses and two grandsons who have graduated from college, with one having a Ph.D. in Engineering.

She will be sadly missed by her husband and family, as well as, the community at large. She was loved by all who knew her.

We would like to say to her loved ones that we feel Sister Curry is just sleeping in the arms of Jesus and, as the Lord has said, "Death has swallowed up in victory."

Written by,
Elder Grover Adkins

JAMES PRY LOWE

With much grief and sorrow I'll try to write an Obituary of my companion, James Pry Lowe. He was born February 21, 1897, and deceased this life on October 25, 1972. He was the son of the late Lawyer Lowe and Eva Maynard Lowe. He joined the Regular Baptist Church the second Sunday in August and placed his membership with the Leannah Church. He was ordained a Deacon.



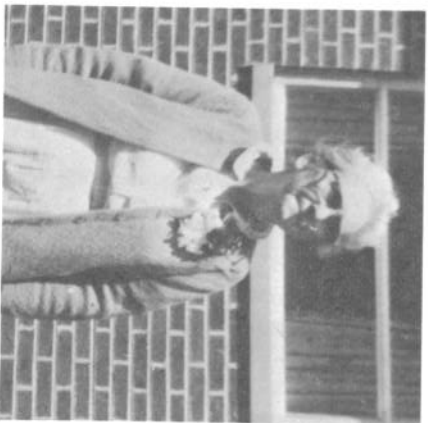
He was married to Mary Jarvis Lowe in 1918 and to this union was born four children: three sons, Milford Lowe, Pilgrim, Ky.; Clinton Lowe, Williamson, W. Va.; and one daughter, Hester Mae who died in 1938.

Lloyd Lowe, Kimper, Ky.; and one daughter, Hester Mae who died in 1938.

We miss Daddy so much but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. He was sick for ten years but he bore his sickness with much patience. If he could speak to you children he would say, "my suffering is all over and weep not for me but rather weep for yourselves and your children." So sleep on Daddy until you hear that last loud trumpet when all the dead shall arise and we, too, must meet our Saviour who died for us.

Written by his companion with a sad heart but in Hope of seeing him on that bright morning,
Mary Lowe

LIDDIE LOCKHART HATFIELD



Liddie L. Hatfield was born November 4, 1904, in McDowell County and died November 19, 1970, at the age of 66 in the Appalachian Regional Hospital at Williamson, W. Va. She was the daughter of the late Byrd and Susie Robinette Lockhart. A son, Joseph Hatfield, preceded her in death. She was a member of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church at Baisden, W. Va.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd W. Hatfield, Gilbert, W. Va.; four daughters: Mrs. Susan Bailey of Baileysville; Mrs. Flossie Smith and Mrs. Ruby Thompson both of Westerville, Ohio; an adopted daughter, Paulette Hatfield of the home; one brother, Tom Lockhart of Iaeger; five sisters: Mrs. Margie Trent of Iaeger; Mrs. Martha Cline and Mrs. Mary Cline both of Baisden; Mrs. Della Gwenn of Red Star, W. Va.; Mrs. Pearl Shephard of Long Lake, Wisconsin; and seven grandchildren.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," I Corinthians 15:22.

Written by her daughters,
Ruth, Ruby, Flossie and Susan

THOMAS H. PAULEY



Thomas H. Pauley, the son of the late Shadle and Melinda Morris Pauley, was born October 6, 1875, and deceased this life October 1, 1972, making his stay here 96 years, 11 months and 26 days. Brother Tom was married to Sister Jane Collins Pauley on April 2, 1897, and to this union was born four children, 2 sons and 2 daughters. Brother Tom's wife, one son, Johnny C. Pauley, and one daughter, Daisy Pauley Blackburn, preceded him in death. The surviving children are Randolph Pauley and Zetta G. Parks. He also leaves to mourn his loss 2 sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Sandefur and Mrs. Lennie Holliwede; 5 grandchildren; 13 great-

grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends but we believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Brother Tom became a member of the Mt. Pleasant Regular Baptist Church on May 14, 1950, being baptized by Elders Jonah Bevins and Willie Miller. He remained a faithful member as long as his health permitted him to fill his seat at the Church.

I could go on and say many wonderful things about Brother Tom but space would not permit. I am sure that Brother Randolph and Sister Lucille, with whom he made his home, would not bring him back if they could but would say sleep on and we will meet you and Mother, and all the Redeemed of the Lord, at the great Resurrection to go home and live forever. May God bless everyone is my prayer.

A servant,
James Scott

GEORGE W. CLAY

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the Obituary of my late husband, George W. Clay. He was born September 12, 1881, and departed this world September 5, 1972, making his stay here on earth 90 years, 11 months and 23 days. He was the son of J. L. Clay and Mary E. (Clark) Clay.



He was married to Cynth Ann (Harless) Clay and to this union was born 9 children but 5 of them preceded him in death. The remaining children, three sons and one daughter, are: Claude W. Clay and Earl W. Clay both residing in Okeechobee, Fla.; James W. Clay and Mary Goff both of Missouri. His first wife preceded him in death a few years ago and then he married Linda (Frazier) (Runyon) Clay.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist in the Kyova Association for many years. Later he came to the Sardis Association as a Charter Member of the Okeechobee Church. He gave the property to build the Okeechobee Church house. He always seemed to rejoice in the love of our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is missed very much at our home, by the Church Brethren and Sisters, by many friends and by his loved ones. I could write on and on but time and space will not permit me.

Written by his wife,
Linda Clay

ANNIE THORNSBURY



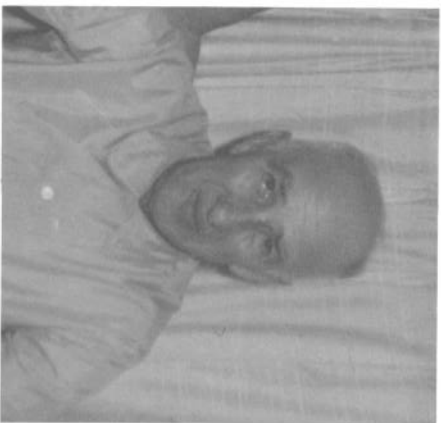
It is with a sad heart that I try to write the Obituary of my beloved Aunt, Annie Thornsbury. She was born on January 8, 1885, and died on September 18, 1972, making her stay here on earth 87 years, 8 months and 10 days. She was the daughter of the late Willie and Pricy Thornsbury. She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters, one son, three sisters, twelve grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church for about 60 years and was a member of Little Virgie Church at the time of death.

I visited her several times during her sickness and she bore her pains with much patience. I feel that she left this world for a land of happiness where there will be no more sickness nor trouble. I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and that some sweet day I will be able to join her.

Written by her Brother in the Lord,
Elder Willie Stiltner

CHARLES ABSALOM HURT



It is with a sad heart and a lonesome feeling I try, by the help of our Lord, to write the Obituary of my beloved husband, Charles A. Hurt. He was born on February 23, 1895, and departed this life January 12, 1973, making his stay here on earth 77 years, 10 months and 20 days. He was the son of Absalom Hurt and Cynthia Ball Hurt. He was married to Murzie McKenzie Hurt on June 17, 1922, and to us was born three sons.

Left to mourn his passing are his lonesome companion, his three sons and two daughters-in-law: Leo and Edith Hurt, Warren, Michigan; Venvil and Jacqueline Hurt, Hazel Park, Michigan; and Kenneth Hurt, Miami, Florida. Also left to mourn his passing are six sisters, one brother, five grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

He professed a Hope and joined the Mt. Zion Church of Old Regular Baptist, Pound, Va., the first Sunday in March 1943. He and I were baptized the first Sunday in April, 1943, and later we moved our letter to the Stevens Chapel Church, Glaymorgan, Va., which later changed its name to Baker-Stallard Memorial Church. After we moved to Miami, Fla., we got our Letter from that Church to help organize the Okeechobee Church where he remained a Charter Member until the death angel came to convey him home.

We miss him in our home and in the Church but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. He told me in the hospital the night before he passed away the next morning his troubles and worries would all be over. I will say to our sons and their families and to all that are not prepared to go to a better home, "time is getting short. I have a hope I will meet Him on that beautiful shore where parting will come no more. Our family circle is broken here on earth but I hope it will be complete in Heaven." I will say sleep on loved one and by the help of our Lord we will meet you on that day of all days that will never end.

Written by his lonesome wife,
Murzie Hurt
Assisted by two Brethren in hope of Eternal Life,
Elder Lester Hubbard
Elder Monroe Ousley

PRICY STANLEY RAY



It is with much sadness and a broken heart that we attempt to write the Obituary of our Mother and Grandmother, Pricy Stanley Ray. She was the daughter of the late Richard Stanley and Margaret Maynard Stanley. Grandma, as we called her, was born January 15, 1885, and departed this life December 31, 1972, making her stay here on earth 87 years, 11 months and 15 days.

Grandma was married to the late Harve Ray on January 29, 1901 and to this union was born 6 children, 3 girls and 3 boys: Dora Young, Vada Maynard and Wayne Ray, all of Pisco, Ky.; William Joseph Ray, Barberton, Ohio; Alex Ray, Williamson, W. Va.; and Virgie Philpot, deceased. Grandma leaves 34 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren and some great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Grandma joined the Regular Baptist Church on August 16, 1930, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Willis Blackburn and Elder Ester Hopkins. She placed her membership at the Pilgrim's Home Church the same month on the 4th Saturday. Then she came with an Arm to the Pilgrim's Rest Church, which was organized on January 27, 1969, where she served the Lord until her health made it impossible for her to fill her seat in the Church.

We are all so lonely since you went away and we hope, by God's great mercy, we will meet you some sweet day.

Written by her daughter, Dora Young and Granddaughters, Justine Maynard and Phyllis Stanley

DIXIE FRANCIS WALTERS

It is with great humbleness and the great help of God that I write the Obituary of my Mother-In-Law, Dixie (Francis) Walters. She was born at Varney, Ky., April 5, 1887, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (Hatfield) Francis. She passed away October 13, 1972, at the age of 85.



She was married to Lacy Walters, who preceded her in death, and to this union was born 5 sons and 1 daughter: Joe Walters, Pontiac, Michigan; Troy Walters, Sidney, Ky.; L. C. Walters, Toler, Ky.; Newton Walters, Hatfield, Ky.; Dover Walters, Hatfield, Ky.; and Mary Burris, Hatfield, Ky. Her surviving sister and brothers are: Delman Francis, Turkey Creek, Ky.; J. M. Francis, Varney, Ky.; A. B. Francis, Hatfield, Ky.; and Bessie Robinette, Varney, Ky. She leaves 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church for over 40 years and her life showed what a wonderful and faithful Christian she remained until God called and she gladly went to sleep in the arms of the one she walked so very close to all of her Christian life. Through all her long suffering not once did she ever forget God. I could hear her talking to Him so very often during the time she stayed with us, giving Him thanks for all He had done for her.

Just a day or two before she passed away I heard her in such a low and weak little voice say, "Take me home Jesus," and I feel with all my heart that is just what God did. So I weep not for her but for all of us that remain because I know that our loss is Heavens eternal gain.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. L. C. Walters

SIDNEY TAYLOR

It is with much sadness that I try to write the Obituary of my dear husband, Sidney Taylor. He was born the son of Joseph Allen Taylor and Lou Vicey Lowe Taylor on September 30, 1892, and departed this life March 14, 1973, making his stay on earth 80 years, 5 months and 14 days.



He was united in marriage to Nora Roop Taylor on July 19, 1913, and to this union was born 3 sons: Cecil Taylor, Glen Taylor and Lucian Allen Taylor. Glen preceded him in death. He also leaves 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He has 3 living brothers: Florace Taylor, Bradley Taylor and Clyde Taylor. He has one sister, Gladys Burnette, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky.

Sidney joined the Regular Baptist Church of Big Branch and was baptized by Elders Edmond May and Johnie Nickols in 1944. He was a faithful member.

Sad was the hour when the death Angel came and took him away. He leaves many relatives and friends. We believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife, Nora Taylor

HAYES BLACKBURN

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the Obituary of my beloved husband, Hayes Blackburn. He was born December 16, 1908, the son to the late Henry and Elizabeth Moore Blackburn and departed this life February 21, 1973, making him 64 years of age. He was married to Juda Lowe on July 11, 1937.



Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his loss one brother, Arvil Blackburn, Riverview, Mich., and 3 sisters: Lora Bell Rose and Effie Marshall of Ironton, Ohio; and Emma Carraway, Cateletsburg, Ky. One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

He was baptized by Elders Harvey Lowe and Roosevelt Lowe the 3rd Sunday in June, 1969, and took his membership with the Big Branch

Church. He was very sick for a long time and bore his pain with great patience. He was always in Church as long as he was able.

I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and I say to his brother and sisters, if you want to meet Hayes again you should all be born again by the Spirit of God. I expect to meet him again by the Grace of God.

Written by his wife, in hope of Eternal Life,
Juda Blackburn

LASSIE LOWE HANNERS

It is with much sadness that I make an attempt to write this Obituary of my dear Mother, Lassie Lowe Hanners. Mother was born April 14, 1903, at Thomas, Ky., and departed this life October 12, 1972, making her stay on earth 69 years, 5 months and 28 days. She was the daughter of the late Roscoe and Emma Morrison.

She was united in marriage to Ernest Hanners in April of 1921 and to this union was born three children, 2 daughters and 1 son: Hazel Taylor, Gulnare, Ky.; Emelie Smith, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky.; and Philip Hanners.



Her father, mother, two sisters, a brother and a son preceded her in death. She leaves her husband, two daughters, 7 grandchildren and one great-grandchild to mourn her death.

Mother confessed a Hope in Jesus Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Big Branch Church on Sunday, October 28, 1956, by Elder J. L. Nichols. Mother was a faithful member of the Church but due to constant and lingering sickness she wasn't able to attend Church as much as she desired. In June of 1969 a dreadful thing happened to our family. Mother had cancer and it caused her to have a leg amputated. Mother had to go in a wheelchair for the remainder of her stay in this present world. She wasn't strong enough to wear her artificial leg or to use her walker. Mother's suffering is over. She thought that nobody could do for her during her sickness like I could. I did everything that she asked of me.

Her soul is housed in Paradise awaiting the Resurrection Day where it will claim its own body and will live forever and ever with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in a land where there will be no cancer to eat her body away.

Today we have to say farewell to our dear beloved Mother. If we ever expect to meet Mother again we must go where I feel she has gone, and that is to meet Christ. We must meet Christ in a pardon and remission of our sins in order to see Mother again.

Written by a lonely and broken hearted daughter,
Mrs. Ralph Smith and granddaughter, Mrs. Roger Justice

STIRL SMITH

Brother Stirl Smith, the son of the late James and Buena Morris Smith, was born January 13, 1902, and deceased this life about 6:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, 1973, in the Williamson Memorial Hospital, making his stay here 71 years, 2 months and 4 days. Brother Stirl was married to Ida Hankins Smith on April 17, 1924, and to this union was born 3 sons.



Brother Stirl became a member of the Dix Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist being baptized the first Sunday in August, 1945, at the hands of Elders J. G. Thornsbury and Harold Edmonds. He served the Dix Fork Church as a Deacon and Treasurer for 27 years. He filled his seat in the Dix Fork Church regularly and remained a faithful member until death took him from our midst. Brother Stirl was a good father to his sons, a faithful and loving husband to his wife, a loyal member of the Church and a wonderful friend to all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife; 3 sons: George Edward Smith, Canada, Ky.; Clinton Clay Smith, Columbus, Ohio; and Stirl Smith, Jr., Chicago, Illinois; 3 brothers: George Smith and Lacy Smith both of Sidney, Ky.; and Dona Smith, Hardy, Ky.; 3 sisters: Sadie Bevins, Sidney, Ky.; Lola Hunt and Etta Hunt both of Hardy, Ky.; 9 grandchildren; and a great host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn his loss. But we hope that our loss is his eternal gain. For we hear the scriptures saying, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart men believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Brother Stirl believed in Jesus to the saving of his soul, as stated in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And in August, 1945, he confessed with his mouth the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, being baptized with Him in baptism

and rose with Him to walk the newness of life. So to Aunt Ida, the sons, brothers, sisters, grandchildren and friends, we say, "Do not sorrow for Brother Stirl as those who have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.

May God richly bless and save everyone of you is our prayer in Jesus' sweet and blessed name.

Written as requested by the family
by one he dearly loved,
Elder Harold Edmonds

BILL WILLIAMS

We will try, by the help of God, to write the Obituary of Brother Bill Williams, age 69 years, 11 months and 19 days.



He was the son of the late Dell and Mary Griffey Williams. He was born October 9, 1902, and deceased this life September 28, 1972. He was married to Erenal Dotson Williams on May 21, 1925, who preceded him in death on August 9, 1970, and to this union was born five children, 3 boys and 2 girls: Billie Williams, Jr., Columbus, Ohio; James Earl Williams, who preceded him in death on December 27, 1947; Ruby Mae Varney, Lancaster, Ohio; Wayland Ray Williams, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Sylvia Bernice Hunt, Hardy, Ky.; who he graciously raised and cared for as his own.

Brother Bill was baptized into the Narrow's Branch Regular Baptist Church on May 28, 1950. Brother Bill was a devoted Christian and a good husband and father. He loved the Brethren and attended Church as long as his health permitted. He was loved and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

The Lord has called him from all his suffering and blessed him to share eternal happiness with Him.

Written by his Children

MARTHA MAYNARD LOCKARD

It is with much sadness I try to write the Obituary of my dear Mother, Martha Maynard Lockard. She was the daughter of Tom and Betty Charles Maynard.



She was united in marriage to Artellis Lockard in 1910, who preceded her in death, and to this union 8 children were born: Dixie Reed, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Ernest and Condor Lockard both of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Nancy Farley, Hardy, Ky.; Hester Curcio, Williamson, W. Va.; Ethel Jones, Detroit, Mich.; Bonnie Bess Tinscher, Williamson, W. Va.; and Haskell Lockard, Hardy, Ky. All of her children are living. There are 42 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Mother was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. I do not know who baptized her. She always loved to go to Church and I have heard her shout the praises of the Lord many times. She always loved to talk about the Lord and how good He was to her. She would say, when things were not going too well, "Oh well, the Lord will make a way someday." She was sick for several years and had 3 heart attacks before the one that took her out of this unfriendly world. She was in the hospital so much but she never complained about her sickness. She wanted to work and we wanted her to sit around or stay in bed but she would tell us, "Wouldn't it be better for me to die at work than to sit and wait for death? I am not afraid to die. I have a better place in Heaven than I have in this world."

She had her leg taken off on January 4, 1973, and when she came back from recovery she came shouting the praises of the Lord. At six o'clock that evening she had a severe heart attack but the Doctors and Nurses did all they could to revive her and she came out of that one. She knew all of us until about four o'clock the next morning when the heart attack was fatal. Oh mother, how we miss you since you have gone away but we feel our loss is Heavens gain. So sleep on Mother, I will meet you again some sweet day where there will be no more sorrow or sickness. We will be happy there.

To the children that have not fallen out with sin, I will say to you, if you ever want to see Mother again you will have to repent and be baptized.

Written by her daughter,
Dixie Reed

GROVER (CLEVE) BEVINS



It is with much sadness that we write an Obituary of our father, G. C. (Cleve) Bevins. He was born January 24, 1885, and departed this life August 10, 1972. He was the son of the late Louisa (Stratton) Bevins and Tom Bevins.

He was married to Anice (Harris) Bevins. Four children survive: Mrs. Rebecca Hopkins, Goody, Ky.; Mrs. Maude Rowe, Meta, Ky.; Ollie Bevins and Tom Bevins, both of Meta, Ky. Additional survivors include twelve grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and a brother, Richard Bevins.

Daddy joined the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church about forty years ago and was a faithful member who never missed going to Church when he was able. Mama and Daddy enjoyed so much having the Church people to come and eat with them.

We miss our parents so very much but feel they lived a good and useful life.

Written by his children,
Ollie, Tom, Maude and Rebecca

OLLIE HUNT



At Mom's request, with a loving memory but a sad heart, I will try to write the Obituary of my mother, Ollie (May) Hunt. She was born April 24, 1893, and died January 22, 1973, making her age 79 years, 8 months and 28 days. She was the daughter of the late Ella Jane (Varney) May.

She was married to the late Perry Hunt on April 7, 1910, and to this union was born 8 children, 4 sons and 4 daughters: Warrn Hunt, Sidney, Ky.; Dennis Hunt, Tolor, Ky.; Sessil Hunt, Rocky Mount, Va.; Jonah Hunt, Newfield, New Jersey; Nolife Farley, Texie Stacy and Bonnie Scott all of Hardy, Ky.; and Loyetta Saunders, Cierra Vista, Arizona. She also leaves 38 grandchildren, 37 great-grand-

children and 4 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Hope May, Logan, W. Va.; and one sister, Pearl Hager, Globe, Arizona. Four brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church 55 years ago and was baptized the fourth Sunday in July, 1918. She was one of the Charter Members of the Narrows Branch Church. Mom loved the old Church so much and she attended as much as she could. She loved to cook and feed the people that came to visit her. She was unable to attend Church for several years due to her illness but always talked of how she would love to go. Her heart was with them.

We children miss her so much but we feel she is just resting and sleeping, waiting for Jesus to come and collect His Jewels home. Mom had a lot of pain which she bore so patiently while here. So sleep on Mom, I feel it won't be too long until I can see you again where parting will come no more. Our loss is Heaven's gain. May God bless us all.

Written by her daughter,
Bonnie Scott

TILDA DIALS



In much weakness and with the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of my dear mother, Tilda Jude Dials. She was married to Mosey Dials and to this union was born 11 children but 5 of them preceded her in death. Those living are: Vernal Dials and Willis Dials of Pilgrim, Ky.; Mary Preece, Pilgrim, Ky.; Chester Dials, Columbus, Ohio; Norma Colburn, Greenup, Ky.; and Mae Kazee, Inez, Ky.

To know Mom was to love her. Mom was 87 years and 5 months old when death took her away. Mom was ill for about 3 months but she bore her sickness with much courage. She would often raise her hands and praise the Lord on her death bed and tell us that Jesus was coming for her soon.

She is very much missed by all her friends and her children. She was a member of the Baptist faith for 42 years and had come to the Buck Creek Church a few months before her death.

I believe I will meet Mom and live with her again where there will be no more sickness or pain. I hope that by God's great mercy that all her children and grandchildren will fall out with sin and turn to Jesus and meet Mom over yonder where Jesus is.

Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Mae Kazee

MARJORIE EMMALINE LOONEY



Sister Marjorie Emmaline Looney was born November 23, 1905, at Prater, Buchanan County, Virginia, making her stay here on earth 66 years, 6 months and 12 days. She was one of 12 children of Willie and Maggie Presley Owens, both of whom preceded her in death.

Sister Marjorie was married to the late Alonzo Looney, who preceded her in death in May, 1967, and to this union was born ten children. Two children preceded them in death and the surviving children are: Mrs. Tonnie Marie Church, Leemaster, Va.; Mrs. Ledna Merle Leemaster, Va.; Mrs. Williamson, W. Va.; Mrs. Estie Nell Terry, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Carletta Mae Cubley, Palatka, Fla.; Mr. John Williams Looney, Palatka, Fla.; Mrs. Mary Magdalene Elswick, Elkhorn City, Ky.; and Mrs. Glenna Sue Barrett, Newport News, Va. The children feel they were blessed with one of the most wonderful and sweetest Mothers that God placed on earth.

She is survived by 22 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers and 3 sisters: Elder Clarence Owens, Warren, Mich.; Garland Owens, Evington, Va.; Clyde Owens, Evington, Va.; Mrs. Eunice Deel, Prater, Va.; Mrs. May Wood, Vansant, Va.; and Mrs. Belvie Raines, Seaman, Ohio. She was preceded in death by 4 brothers and 1 sister.

Sister Marjorie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church 43 years ago, being a faithful and loyal member every moment of those years. She dearly loved her Church and, most of all, what the Church stood for here on earth. She loved the old time preaching and singing as she stated this so many, many times.

Written by her children

I, being a brother and in Hope through Jesus Christ, will try to write a few additional words, by the help of the good Lord. Knowing the life my beloved sister has lived makes me feel too little to try this but by her own request I now make this attempt.

Sister Marjorie has laid an excellent pattern for her dear children to follow. I would to God that all children had a good counselling Mother like she was. She was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church until death. I had a wonderful talk with her about a month ago. She expressed her desires to be in one more old time meeting before she died but God saw fit to call her before she realized that wish. But I be-

lieve with all my heart that God has a more blessed message awaiting her coming than any of our feeble attempts. I, along with her, am looking forward to hearing that glad message, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast a place with me." She has entered into rest, waiting on the coming of our great Captain and King to pilot us home where we will never separate again. No sickness, no pain, no sorrow and no death. We will live with Him, our blessed Jesus, forever more.

To her dear Children whom I love like my own, try to bring to memory her good advice and counselling she has given you so faithfully. Follow her advice and seek Jesus for yourselves. He will bless, save and keep you and, best of all, give you a mansion in Heaven.

A brother and in hope,
Elder Clarence C. Owens

GRACIE NEWSOME



It is with much sadness, grief and the help of God I write the Obituary of my beloved sister, Gracie Newsome. She was born December 4, 1921, and departed this life on July 23, 1973, making her stay on earth 53 years, 7 months and 19 days. She was the daughter of James and Mary White.

She was married to Cody Newsome on December 12, 1939, and to this union was born six children, five sons and a daughter: Ezra Newsome, Hurricane, W. Va.; Eugene Newsome, Lenore, W. Va.; Philmore, Mike and Gary all of Dunkirk, Indiana; and Wanda Scott, Ocala, Florida.

She leaves the following brothers and sisters: Johnny, Daniel and Ollie, all of Lenore, W. Va.; James A. of Virginia; Frank White, Borderland, W. Va.; and Otellia, Norma and Mary of Lenore, W. Va. She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters: Joseph and Zella White and Edna Mae Smith. She also has 11 grandchildren who sadly miss her.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church about 20 years ago. She is sadly missed by all the Brothers and Sisters. We loved her very much. A few hours before she died her voice was so low you could barely understand her but the Nurse said just before she died her voice came back to her and she sang the most beautiful hymn they had ever heard. I believe she saw Heaven and where she would be when her life was over.

Written by her sister, Otellia Lackey
and her son, Eugene Newsome

ELON O. FRANCIS



It is with much sadness, and I trust God's help, that I attempt to write an Obituary of a very dear Sister in Christ, Sister Elon O. Francis.

Sister Elon was the daughter of the late Elder Mont Williamson and Sister Tempia (Francis) Williamson. She was born December 6, 1901, at Varney, Ky., and departed this life on August 1, 1973, making her stay here on earth, God's footstool, 71 years, 7 months and 25 days.

Sister Elon was united in marriage to Brother Troy T. Francis on December 25, 1916, at Varney, Ky., and to this union was born 6 children, five sons and a daughter. Two of her sons and her husband preceded her in death. The surviving children are: Donald Augustine Francis, Varney, Ky.; Lacy M. Francis, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Richard Francis, Williamson, W. Va.; and Mary Tempia Caines, Columbus, Ohio. Sister Elon also leaves 15 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Sister Charity Lee and Sister Bell Francis both of Varney, Ky.; 1 half-sister, Sister Mary Thompson, South Williamson, Ky.; a great number of nieces and nephews; the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church; and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Sister Elon spent well over one-half of a century in the service of God. In my humble opinion, she was a Mother in our Church. She wanted everything done here in decency and in order. The Bible says, "Watch and pray" and I believe that Sister Elon did that. Often she and I have talked on the Scriptures and the practice of Old Regular Baptist. I always found her willing and glad to help and grounded in the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

Children, you have lost a wonderful, loving mother and I ask that you try not to sorrow. Mother has left a troublesome world. Her spirit or soul has gone back to God and in the Resurrection morning I feel your mother will enter in the portals of Glory. God will loosen her tongue so she can talk and praise Him for evermore. If you haven't made your peace calling and election sure with God and fail to do so in this life you can say Good-By to mother. If you have met Christ in a pardon and remission of your sins, and your mother is your Sister, you can say sleep on mother, I will meet you in Heaven when this life is past.

Written as requested
by a Brother in Christ,
James M. Ray

ELZIE WILLIAMSON FRANCIS



With much sadness and trusting the Lord will bless me, I will try to write the Obituary of our beloved sister, Sister Elzie Williamson Francis. She was born February 14, 1919, and was 54 years, 2 months and 25 days old at death. She was the daughter of the late Taulby and Mary Ann Ray Williamson.

She was united in marriage to Twyman Francis on February 21, 1936, and to this union was born 7 children, four sons and three daughters. One son, J. T. Francis, preceded her in death. The surviving children are: Mrs. Rose Mary Clark, Mrs. Euglena Lea Johnson, Haskel Darrel Francis and Lewis Taulby Francis, all of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Bonnie Sue Hinkle, Grand Forks, North Dakota; Lonnie Dale Francis and Christopher Allen Francis of Aftax, Ky. she also leaves 9 grandchildren.

A sister and a brother preceded her in death, Elia Williamson and Wallace Clayton Williamson. She is survived by the following sisters: Mrs. Nancy Blackburn, Mrs. Maxie Clevinger and Mrs. Claudia Williamson, all of Varney, Ky.

Sister Elzie confessed a hope in Christ the 4th Saturday in October, 1949, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist where she lived a faithful member until the death angel called her from our midst. I feel Sister Elzie has just made a happy exchange from this world of trouble to a home in heaven.

To Twyman and the children, don't worry about Mother because I feel she made peace with her Lord. The Bible says, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." She showed her love for her Brothers and Sisters by a handshake and a friendly smile for each and everyone. Her door was always open to all. It did her so much good to invite into her home her friends and Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Twyman, you have lost a good companion, you children a loving mother, the community a good friend and the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church a wonderful Sister but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Children, don't forget mother's advice, prepare in this life to meet mother and best of all prepare to meet our Saviour because after death it will be too late. You will have to look to the same God that mother did and beg Him for forgiveness of your sins.

May the good Lord bless and keep each and every one. I trust you will let Him guide your feet and fall out with sin and follow Jesus.

Written as requested by the family,
a Sister in hope of eternal life,
Sophia Williamson

NANCY ROWLANDS



With much love and deepest sorrow, and by the help of God, I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved Aunt, Nancy Rowlands. She was born April 25, 1923, at Delbarton, W. Va., to Rebecca (Adair) Grubb and James Adair. She deceased this life January 29, 1972. Her father preceded her in death.

She was married to Mike Rowlands and to this union was born seven children, 5 sons and 2 daughters: Mike, Jr., Paul, Jimmy, Henry and Tammy, all of West Wyoming, Penn.; Rebecca of Ravenswood, W. Va.; and one son,

Alan, who preceded her in death.

She also leaves the following brothers and sister: Tommy Adair, Oklawaha, Fla.; Johnny Adair, Ocala, Fla.; Henry Adair, Sacramento, Calif.; George Adair, La Mirada, Calif.; and Maudie Mahorn, Ravenswood, W. Va. Two brothers preceded her in death: Albert Adair and Clarence Grubb.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Delbarton, W. Va., on July 6, 1952, and was baptized by Elder Tommy Adair. Sissy (as we always called her) lived a close life for the Lord and my hope of seeing Sissy again is in a better home.

To her children and her husband, she left a good example for them to follow. She taught them up in the ways of the Lord and I believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her niece and mother,
Ima Jean Watts and Rebecca Grubb

CARRIE STEPP ROMANS

With a loving memory but a very sad heart, I will attempt to write the Obituary of our Mother and Grandmother. Carrie Stepp Romans was born August 16, 1880, in Pike County, Ky., and departed this life December 19, 1972, making her stay here on earth 92 years, 4 months and 3 days. She was the daughter of Marion and Jane Lowe Stepp.

Mom, as we always called her, accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church called Mary Elizabeth. She was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Church for more than 60 years. She was baptized by the hands of Elder J. W. (Joey) Smith.

Mom first married Henry May and to this union was born one child, Lena May Bevins. Her first husband deceased. She then married M. B. Romans and to this union was born 7 children. Three deceased and those still living to mourn the loss of our Mother and Grandmother are: Jane Hankins, Alice Stepp, Hope Lowe, Kermit Romans, 17 grandchildren,



28 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was made to greatly rejoice in the Spirit and lived a faithful life. She loved to feed and take care of all of her visiting Brothers and Sisters. Her welcome was to both Saint and sinner. She leaves behind an everlasting flame to all who knew her and I believe that she will be in that chosen number when the Lord comes back again.

Written by ones who loved her very much,
Her grandson and his wife,
Ronnie and Linda Stepp

ELIZABETH GIBSON CLEVINGER

With much sadness I will try to write the Obituary of our dear Sister in Christ, Sister Elizabeth Gibson Clevinger. She was born February 20, 1900, and deceased this life on January 10, 1973, making her life on earth 72 years, 10 months and 10 days. She was the daughter of the late William (Bill) and Rose Ann Maynard Gibson.

She was united in marriage to the late Leonard Clevenger and to this union was born 6 children, two preceded her in death. The children left to mourn her passing are: Henry of Williamson, W. Va.; Andrew of Canada, Ky.; Malcom of Varney, Ky.; and Donald Lee of Sidney, Ky. She leaves 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Roland T. Gibson; 1 sister, Ora Pierce; and 1 half-brother, Frank Gibson, Pikeville, Ky.



Sister Eliza confessed a hope in Christ on August 29, 1943, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Basil Robinette and Brother Rudolph SESCO. She placed her membership with the Pilgrims' Home Church where she lived a faithful member until death. Mother always filled her seat in the old Church as long as she was able. I believe mother lived a Christian life. The Bible says, "Ye shall know them by their fruits" and I believe she bore the fruits of a Christian. I don't worry about Sister Liza and I feel she has just made a happy exchange from this world of trouble to a home not made with hands where there will be peace, joy and love forever.

Children, do you want to go with mother? If you want to meet her again you will have to repent and live for Jesus. You have lost a good mother and grandmother, we have lost a good neighbor and the Church a wonderful Sister.

Written by a Sister,
Sophia Williamson

FINES WILLIAMSON



It is with much sadness that I try, by the help of the Lord, to write an Obituary of Brother Fines Williamson. He was born March 11, 1911, and deceased this life on earth March 18, 1973, making his life here on earth 62 years and 7 days. He was the son of the late Jonah and Vicie Ray Williamson.

Brother Fines professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist on September 24, 1966, by the hands of Elders Jonah Williamson and Millis Roberts. Brother Fines lived a faithful member until death and

he always filled his seat when he was able. Brother Fines leaves to mourn his loss: a sister, Effie McGuire, Varney, Ky.; a brother, Troy Williamson, Port Huron, Mich.; and a half-sister, Gladys Sartin, Laura, Ky. Two whole sisters and a half-brother preceded him in death: Elsie Burchette, Elkie Sartin and Harrison Hale. He leaves several nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors and the entire membership of the Pilgrim's-Home Church. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sleep on Brother Fines and take your peaceful sleep. Some sweet day we hope to meet you where parting is no more, around the throne of God where all is peace, love and joy forever. I believe Brother Fines has just made a happy exchange from this world of trouble to a home in Heaven. Brother Fines suffered greatly in this world. He was a brave soldier for God and his Country and took his suffering with much patience.

To our community at large, prepare to meet Brother Fines in this life because after death there is no repentance.

Brother Fines was always willing and ready to lend a hand in time of need to his fellow man. He gave his utmost in serving his country as a soldier in the United States Army and, above all, he gave his complete existence to the service of the Army of the Saviour.

Written by a Sister
in hope of eternal life,
Sophia Williamson

MINNIE CURRY



It is with much sadness and a heart that is broken that I attempt to write an Obituary of my beloved Mother, Minnie Curry. Mother was born May 25, 1905, and died May 29, 1973. She was the daughter of Jim and Elizabeth Blackburn Goff.

Mother was married to Talby Curry on January 3, 1924, and to this union were born 11 children, all of whom are left along with Dad to mourn her loss. There are 5 daughters: Gladys Young and Alice Pinson, Sidney, Ky.; Sharon Justice, Canada, Ky.; Eleanor Holmes and Nollie Stafford, Detroit, Mich. There are 6 sons: Jim and Fred Curry; Hatfield, Ky.; Bobby Gene Curry, Sidney, Ky.; Carl Curry, Joe Curry and Talby Curry, Detroit, Mich. She also leaves to mourn her loss 3 sisters: Myrtle Scott of Ohio; Inice Stepp, Hatfield, Ky.; and Ethel Walters, Turkey Creek, Ky.; and a host of friends, relatives and Brothers and Sisters of the Pilgrim's Home Church.

Mother became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church in October, 1948, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Harrison Bevins, placing her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend but due to her sickness Mother was unable to attend Church for about four years.

I believe that Mom is at rest just waiting the Resurrection when the Lord comes to collect His jewels. I believe Mom will be in that number where there will be no sickness, pain or sorrow but all will be peace and happiness. There she can sing and praise His name forevermore.

Written by her daughter,
Gladys Young

BUD I. MUNCY

Bud I. Muncy was born August 9, 1891, and departed this life July 24, 1973, making his life here on earth 82 years, 11 months, and 15 days. He was born in Martin County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Samson and Nancy (Maynard) Muncy.

He was united in marriage to Wilda Robinette on August 17, 1916, and to this union 11 children were born, one of which preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, 10 children, 48 grandchildren, and 56 great-grandchildren. The children are: Ethel Dawson, Gladys Chapman, Ida Miller, Bob Muncy, Slias Muncy, and Lloyd Muncy, all of Ohio; Joe Muncy, Norfolk, Virginia; Gertrude Dorton and Florence Sartin of Kentucky. Brother Bud was preceded in death by one son, Paul.

Brother Bud joined the Regular Baptist Church in 1951 at the Pilgrim's Home Church where he remained a faithful member until death.



Dad went to church every place as long as he was able to go. He loved to attend church. Dad lived a Christian life here on earth and we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

We did all we could for Dad while he was here with us. I know all the children will miss him very much, but Mom is the one that misses him most of all, for she has a lonely life now. I believe with all my heart that Dad is in Heaven. He can't come to us, but we can go to him if we want to.

Dad, we did not know the pain you had or hear your last sigh. We only know you passed away without a last Good-bye. God gave us strength and courage to bear the blow, what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

I will say to all the children that if you ever see Dad again, we will have to repent of our sins and be born again to meet him in Heaven. Sadly missed by Wife, Children and Grandchildren

LOREN DESKINS, SR.

With much sadness in my heart I will try to write an Obituary of my beloved Daddy, Loren Deskins, Sr., who was born October 18, 1897, and departed this life September 8, 1973, at the age of 75 years, 10 months and 20 days. He was born in Pike County, KY, the son of the late Jack Deskins and Kate (Ford) Deskins who spent his entire life in the area.

He was married to America (Smith) Deskins and to this union was born 10 children, two of them preceded him in death. Those remaining are 2 sons and 6 daughters: Orville Deskins, Loren Deskins, Jr., Ruby Deskins, Pearl Hunt and Christine Gannon, all of Meta, Ky.; Jeweline Ball, Phelps, Ky.; Garnet Young, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky.; and Opal Chapman, Huddy, Ky. There are 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Dixie Pitts, Williamson, W. Va., and Myrtle Carter of Michigan; 2 half-brothers: Ira Deskins and Rush Deskins, both of California; and 2 half-sisters: Bessie Mosley of Maryland and Nannie Deskins, Chatteroy, W. Va.

Dad was a member of the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church for 37 years. He was a retired miner.



Our homes are so empty without him but I believe he has gone to a home where he will never suffer any more. He is so sadly missed by his family who loved him so dearly and all those who knew him.

Written by his son and daughter-in-law who loved him dearly,
Mr. and Mrs. Orville Deskins

FRED LAWTON LOWE

In much weakness and an unworthy feeling I will try to write an Obituary of a dear friend, Fred Lowe. Brother Fred was born December 15, 1917, and deceased this life July 19, 1973, making his stay here on earth 56 years, 7 months and 4 days. He was the son of Elder Lark Lowe and Ellen Young Lowe.



Brother Fred was married to Hazel Reed June 27, 1936, and to this union was born two children: Mrs. Peggy Webb, Chesapeake, Ohio, and Lark Lowe, Elyria, Ohio. He also leaves 5 brothers and 4 sisters: Frank Lowe and John Lowe, both of Anthony, Fla.; Willis Lowe and Avery B. Lowe, both of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Ben Lowe, Lenore, W. Va.; Mrs. Bessie Allen and Mrs. Sarah Hazel Reed, both of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Mrs. Mary McClure, Columbus, Ohio; and Mrs. Sady Polly, Hardy, Ky. He also leaves 11 grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews to mourn his passing.

Brother Fred joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Turkey Creek, KY, but he moved to Ocala, Fla., and placed his Letter with the Southern Home Church where he lived a faithful member until death. Brother Fred and I have spent many hours talking on the Scriptures and he believed in a resurrection of the whole man. I believe that he let his light shine. The Scriptures say, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; henceforth says the Spirit they do rest from their labor and their works follow them." I believe that Brother Fred has entered into his rest.

It was by request of Brother Fred that I write his Obituary. I will try to quote the verse of Scripture that he loved to talk from the most, "I will return now to my Father's house."

Written by one that loved him very much,
E. L. Maynard

GEORGIA ANN MARCUM



With the help of the good Lord I will try to write the Obituary of my sweet, loving wife, Georgia Ann Marcum. She was born December 3, 1921, and departed this life on May 12, 1973. She was the daughter of Levi Maynard and Nancy (Smith) Maynard.

Georgia Ann was united in marriage to Joseph Childmer Marcum on June 17, 1944, and to this union was born 11 children: Betty Swearinger, Sparr, Fla.; Carl Lee Marcum, Denver, Colorado; Mae Nichols, Etna, Tenn.; Faye Spruill, Wearsdale, Fla.; Romaine Sanders, Ocala, Fla.; Nancy Smith, Ocala, Fla.; Josephine, Darbane, Edwin, Tenna and Larry, all of Citra, Fla.; a step-daughter, Sue Hukeli, New Britain, Conn.; 3 step-sons: Thomas and Jay of Bonifay, Fla., and Wayne of Hartford, Conn. Also left to mourn her loss are 2 brothers: Burley Maynard, Turkey Creek, Ky., and Rell Maynard, Hatfield, Ky.; a sister, Nellie Spillman, Ocala, Fla.; and her husband of Citra, Fla. We believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Georgia was baptized the 3rd Sunday in April, 1946, by the hands of Elders Ernest Runyon and Lewis Marcum. She placed her membership at the Turkey Creek Church and later moved her Letter to the Southern Home Church where she remained a faithful member. She enjoyed having the Brethren and Sisters to come and eat with us for she loved all of them.

She wanted to see her children do right. She is gone where there will be no more heartache, no sorrow or pain and no more cancer. She is sadly missed by all of her children and all of the good Brethren and Sisters of the Southern Home Church. Above all, she is very much missed by me. I think of her so often.

Written by her husband,
Elder Childmer Marcum

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	Box 1008, Oklawaha, Fla.
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Belcher, Earl	1540 Ottawa St., Clearwater, Fla.
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Blair, Lesly	Hunt, W. Va.
Brown, Claude	Sidney, Ky.
Brown, Clyde	Sidney, Ky.
Brunnfeld, Billy	Delbarton, W. Va.
Carey, Grover	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Church, John P.	Burnwell, Ky.
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, Box 143, Delbarton, W. Va.
Ellis, Tommy	Verner, W. Va.
Etters, Emory	Rt. 2, Delbarton, W. Va.
Evans, Charley	Box 222, Stirrat, W. Va.
Evans, Joe	Delbarton, W. Va.
Fouch, John	Rt. 1, Box 223, Chapmanville, W. Va.
Fraleay, S. B.	Rt. 2, Box 30, Hatfield, Ky.
Gannon, James	Canada, Ky.
Gibson, Carlos	Box 201, Scarbo, W. Va.

Glanden, Ted	Baisden, W. Va.
Graham, Hobert	Medway, Ohio
Hannah, Isom	Cyclone, W. Va.
Hannah, Hayden	Ragland, W. Va.
Harrison, Ireland	Chateroy, W. Va.
Hatfield, Tracy	Hampden, W. Va.
Hay, Maynard	Naughtatuck, W. Va.
Hensley, Samuel D.	Pie, W. Va.
Herald, Wayne	Box 586, Kermit, W. Va.
Howard, Clinton	Pilgrim, Ky.
Jenkins, James	Box 983, Logan, W. Va.
Jude, Harrison	Laura, 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.
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Maynard, Andrew	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Maynard, Clifford R.	Meta, Ky.
Maynard, Henry C.	Stone, Ky.
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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.
 Stiltner, Willie Kimper, Ky.
 Thornsbury, Alson Kimper, Ky.
 Thornsbury, Berlin Sidney, Ky.
 Varney, Willie Ragland, W. Va.
 White, Willie Lenore, W. Va.
 Williams, Dave Goody, Ky.
 Young, Hiram Rt. 4, Box 406-C, Ocala, Fla.

LIBERATED BRETHREN

NAME	ADDRESS
Blair, Willard	Lenore, W. Va.
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Sheppard, Mike	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.

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

CHURCH DELEGATES TO THE 1973 SARDIS ASSOCIATION

MT. PLEASANT: T. R. Boger, Monroe Smith, James Scott.
 APPLE ORCHARD: Epton Maynard, Van Maynard, John Lowe.
 ENON: Tommy Smith, Jack Farley, James Spencer.
 REBECCA: Edward Runyon, Mike Sheppard, F. M. Preece.
 BENT BRANCH: Fred Bevins, Ted Blackburn, Clifford Maynard.
 SARDIS: John Brumfield, Joe Evans, H. Jimmy Deeley.
 BIG BRANCH: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Landon Taylor.
 MARY ELIZABETH: Tom Fraley, S. B. Fraley, Rell Maynard.
 BETHANY: Hayden Hannah, Ellis Davis, Charles Hall.
 ELK FORK: Harrison Baisden, David Baisden, Anderson Maynard.
 PILGRIM'S HOME: Marshall Williamson, Troy Walters, Ralph Smith.
 SALEM: John P. Church, Roosevelt Lowe, Chester Combs.
 SIDNEY: Walker Scott, Jobey Blackburn, Bascom Maynard.
 DIX FORK: Ernest Cochran, Steward Brown, Grayson Crigger.
 NARROWS BRANCH: Kelly Stanley, Virgil Stanley, Leonard Varney.
 LEANNAH: Steve Robinson, Ben Robinson, Billy Robinson.
 BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazee, Burgess Dials, Carols Kazee.
 TIBITHA: Charley Evans, Joe Robinette, John Fouch.
 LITTLE ROSA: Faye Scott, Robert L. Robinson, Lacy Marcum.
 TURKEY CREEK: Stanford Maynard, Floyd Williamson, Willis Lowe.
 SAMARIA: Eugene Newsome, Sherman May, Leslie Vance.
 ROSA: Ross Cline, Tracy Hatfield, Uley Perry.
 MUNCY VALLEY: Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis, Ireland Harrison.
 LITTLE VIRGIE: Chester Belcher, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsbury.
 SOUTHERN HOME: Tommy Adair, Childmer Marcum, Hiram Young.
 PILGRIM'S REST: Wayne Ray, Gordon Maynard, Van Pinson.
 OKEECHOBEE: Monroe Ousley, Ralph Reed, Mosco Gillman.

CHURCH	MODERATOR	NUMBER OF MINUTES REQUESTED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CHURCH CONTRIBUTION	CHURCH TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	100	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	39	\$30	2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	75	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	39	\$25	1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	65	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$20	1	June
REBECCA	Isom Hannah	100	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	61	\$30	2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	100	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	70	\$50	3	Aug.
SARDIS	Willie Varney	150	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	96	\$40	4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	100	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	35	\$30	3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Robert L. Robinson	75	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	45	\$25	3	July
BETHANY	Willie White	100	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	58	\$20	4	Aug.
ELK FORK	Faye Scott	75	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	43	\$30	3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Wayne Herald	250	7	0	1	0	0	9	2	150	\$50	4	Aug.
SALEM	John P. Church	200	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	90	\$65	1	May
SIDNEY	Milford Lowe	50	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	\$25	4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	150	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	79	\$50	1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Faye Scott	100	5	0	0	0	1	3	0	67	\$30	4	July
LEANNAH	Roosevelt Lowe	150	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	47	\$30	2	July
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	100	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	46	\$25	3	June
TIBITHA	Willie Varney	75	2	1	0	0	1	3	1	44	\$30	1	Aug.
LITTLE ROSA	Steve Robinson, Jr.	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	\$20	2	June
TURKEY CREEK	Willis Lowe	125	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	\$40	2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	100	7	1	0	1	0	3	0	46	\$25	1	July
ROSA	Johnie Cline	110	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	95	\$40	3	July
MUNCY VALLEY	Mont Ellis	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$10	2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd Sesco	40	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	18	\$20	4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair	150	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	33	\$30	1	April
PILGRIM'S REST	Edwin May	65	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	22	\$25	2	June
OKEECHOBEE	Monroe Ousley	50	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	9	\$30	2	April
TOTALS		2755	62	13	6	3	8	46	19	1402	\$845		

CHURCHES AND CLERKS

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MT. PLEASANT	Sidney, Ky.	James Scott, Box 105, Canada, Ky.	
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REBECCA	Delbaron, 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, Delbarton, 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.	David L. Baisden, Rt. 1, Box 249, 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	Sidney, Ky.	Omer Williamson, Canada, Ky.	
NARROWS BRANCH	Hardy, Ky.	Clyde Brown, 1613 Pine St., Kenova, W. Va.	
LEANNAH	Pilgrim, Ky.	T. J. Robinson, Pilgrim, Ky.	
BUCK CREEK	Beauty, Ky.	Thomas J. Dials, Box 31, Warfield, Ky.	
TIBITHA	Omar, W. Va.	Charley Evans, Box 222, Stirrat, W. Va.	
LITTLE ROSA	Chattaroy, W. Va.	Robert L. Robinson, Box 139, Chatteroy, 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, Verner, W. Va.	
LITTLE VIRGIE	Kimper, Ky.	John J. Scott, Box 16, Kimper, Ky.	
SOUTHERN HOME	R. 4, Citra, Fla.	Childmer Marcum, Rt. 4, Box 1390, Citra, Fla.	
PILGRIM'S REST	Piso, Ky.	K. H. Williamson, Box 76, Varney, Ky.	
OKEECHOBEE	Okeechobee, Fla.	Ralph Reed, 736 Hibiscus Dr., Royal Palm Beach, Fla.	