

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In session assembled with the Pilgrims Home Church
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky,
September 9, 10, and 11, 1988

Elder Edwin May — Moderator
Elder Isom Hannah — Assistant Moderator
Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. — Clerk
Elder Edwin Hay — Assistant Clerk

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The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Pilgrims Home Church, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1988.

Precious and holy are the sea of feeble hands held high in praise to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as the songs of Zion ring out from thankful hearts. Surely crowns of gold are cast at the feet of Jesus, our Redeemer, from this little band of believers gathered in one heart and one mind to the honor and glory of Him, the Rock and foundation of our faith and hope!

Crispness of early morning further tingled the spirit as Elder Edwin May, the highly admired and able Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand under the tent to announce the arrangements and welcome the host of Brethren, Sisters and friends that comprised one of the largest opening day congregations of the Sardis Association. Brother Ed, so caught up in the spirit he could hardly speak, hoped we would leave this Association as full of God's love as we are right now. No doubt, the devil will try to stir up trouble among us, he said, but love can overcome if we are men enough to be led of God. "Let Brotherly love continue", Bro. Ed advised.

Elder Elbert SESCO, young but capable, came to the Stand to open the Services feeling uplifted by the fact he is standing among a host of able Brethren. Bro. Eb stated he believed we served the living God who will never leave or forsake us because Jesus said He would not leave us comfortless.

The "sound" of the old time doctrine flowed freely from Bro. Eb as he preached Jesus, our propitiation, who prayed the Father to send us another Comforter to guide us in this unfriendly world. Brother Eb then led in prayer.

Elder Isom Hannah, the humble and talented Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand to preach the Introductory Sermon. With force and persuasion Bro. Isom swiftly moved thru the Scriptures wherein God revealed His plan for man's redemption by His own arm, by blood and by faith.

Adam's sin, Bro. Isom stated, revealed his nakedness and he attempted to cover his sin with his own righteousness by sewing together fig leaves. God rejected Adam's self-righteousness and began to reveal His plan of redemption from sin by His own arm and by the shedding of blood when he slew the animals and from their skin prepared a covering for Adam's nakedness. And the works of sin are not without death and punishment. Because of sin Adam died a spiritual death (the first death) and God drove him from the garden decreeing that by the sweat of his brow he would eat bread.

By faith Abel pleased God and offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain who, because of enmity, slew faithful Abel whose innocent blood cried out from the ground against Cain. Because of enmity, Jesus was crucified and His innocent blood cries out against mankind today.

By faith Abraham pleased God and in his old age received Isaac from the freewoman as one raised from the dead because in nature Sarah's body was dead, being well past the age of child bearing. By faith, Abraham offered up Isaac, knowing that God's promise to him was in Isaac, but God provided Himself an offering with the Ram caught in the thicket.

By faith, Bro. Isom continued, the Prophets of old died not having received the promise but seeing it afar off through an eye of faith. Now, in the fullness of time, God's own arm has brought redemption in these latter days through Jesus, His only begotten Son, that through His blood and faith in His name, a way is made for mankind to return to God. "I am the way, the truth and the life", Jesus said.

By simple truth and logic Bro. Isom unfolded the truth of God and His plan of redemption. God has chosen the simple things to confound the wisdom of men.

The Sardis Association delegates and a host of delegates from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Pilgrims Home Church house where arrangements were made for the work of the Sardis Association. According to our custom the several non-delegate Brethren, the Sisters and friends remained at the tent to enjoy the inspired preaching of:

Elder Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Philadelphia Association
Elder George Baker, Old Friendship Association
Elder Tilton Dye, New Salem Association
Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder Frank Newsome, Union Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in order, Elder Baxter Osborne of the Union Association opened the proceedings at the house with a short but well spoken admonishment to the delegates attending this Association. Brother Baxter then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, our Moderator, came to the Stand remembering soldiers of old who had walked with us, fought the battles and got out early to attend the Associations for the glory of God. Having named several of these old Brethren and not wishing to show partiality, Bro. Ed nonetheless asked that this session of the Association be dedicated to the memory of Brother Jim Bevins, whose tireless efforts for peace and love are well known in the Pilgrims Home Church and throughout the Sardis and our Sister Associations. By voice agreement and without objection his request was granted.

The 1988 session of the Sardis Association is, therefore, dedicated to the memory of:

Brother James "Jim" Bevins

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

Brother Landon Taylor
Brother Randall H. Runyon
Brother James Blackburn

(3) The Moderator then called for the Letters from the Sardis Association Churches to be handed in to the Clerk and for contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance.

(4) Having reviewed the Letters received from the Churches for regular form and order, the Clerk read the Letter from our host Church, the Pilgrims Home Church, and, upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$3,740.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(6) The Moderator appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates for Officers to serve the Sardis Association for the coming year and instructed the delegates to vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk:

Brother Jesse I. Williamson, Union Association
Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Roy Caudill, Northern New Salem Association

(7) The Sardis Association then completed its 1988 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Isom Hannah, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

(8) By move and second, it is ordered that our Moderator make all temporary appointments during the sitting of the Association.

(9) Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association and the entire Pilgrims Home Church delegation. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Forrest Osborne, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Lee Fields, New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder Roy Caudill, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Baxter Osborne, Union Association
Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association

(10) Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren and to see that the Stand be supplied with ministers:

Elder Billy Williamson
Elder Elbert SESCO
Elder Richard Staton
Brother Leslie McGuire

(11) By regular move and second, the reading of the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum was omitted.

(12) The Moderator called for the Letters from our corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters were read and, by regular move and second, were received, the delegates seated with us in Council and given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator:

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: John M. Mullins, Jesse L. Williamson, Paul McClanahan, Grant Akers, Carson Wright, Thomas E. Thacker, Bob Justice, Baxter Osborne, Earl Cantrell, Fon Bowling, Franklin O'Quinn, Edgar Deel, Huford Coleman, Arthur Duty, Amos Bartley, Paul Younce, Marshall Williamson, Bill Hess, Frank Newsome, Herman West, Frank M. Coleman, Joe Coleman, Perry Layne, King Coleman, Mike Sheppard, Lester Bentley, Foster Bentley, Foster Huffman, Eugene Hobbs, Arnold Clevenger, Rollin Hollens, and Mitchie Paul Coleman.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Ted Robinson, C. B. Smith, J. D. Clarke, Elfred Holbrook, Troy Hall, Bradley Bilitier, Jr., Johnny Wright, Lonnie West, Alvin Brown, Hiram Adkins, Grover Adkins, Glenn Hall, Ellis Holbrook, Arnold Tackett, Dexter Dixon, Lee Fields, Orville Hamilton, Hobert Bates, Woodrow Dye, Tilton Dye, Gene Mullins, John Justice, Don Blake Little, Woodrow Pack, Norman Conn, Jink Ray, John E. Hicks, Willard E. Hicks, Walter Akers, Bill Tackett,

Danny Newsome, Lawson Jacobs, Latchey Tackett, Pat Hall, Jarvie Kiser, Logan Kiser, George Mathews, Jr., Ed Mullins, James Tackett, and Tazzie Hamilton.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Roy Caudill, Kilby Deel, Pete Hensley, Forrest Osborne, Junior Mosley, Johnny Newsome, John Jude, Paris Tackett, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, John B. Hale, and Milford Prater.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Glen Merritt, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Douglas Colegrove, Harlan Barney, Lowell Adkins, Luther H. Ramey, Jr., Billy Joe May, Paul Morrison, Walter Morrison, Rush Stanley, John Paul Clark, W. C. Elkins, Dave Gillham, and Richard Reed.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: George Baker, Bill McCoy, Eddie Cooper, Gary Justus, Phillip Estep, Howard Siger, John R. Justice, Leonard Coleman, Gary Brown, Danny Hurley, David Lester, Elzie Reed, Lacy Justice, and Dave Gibson.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our same faith and order desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Edwin Hay, Lloyd SESCO, Joe Evans, James Gannon, Virgil Fields, Landon Taylor, W. H. Cochran, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Stewart Brown and Johnnie Cline.

(14) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches and Associations of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association and none responded.

(15) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation of each of our corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association.

(16) On motion by Elder S. D. Hensley, second by Brother Merlin SESCO, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 10, 1988.

SATURDAY September 10, 1988

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Pilgrims Home Church house where Elder Paris Tackett from the Northern New Salem Association opened this session of our Association with preaching and we were led in prayer by Elder Hiram Adkins of the New Salem Association.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

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

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

(3) Appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our 1989 Association; who shall be his alternate; and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1989 Association:

Elder Forrest Osborne, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Ted Robinson, New Salem Association
Elder Paul McClanahan, Union Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Lloyd SESCO, Preach Introductory Sermon
Elder Edwin Hay, Alternate
Elder Sabert Nichols, Prepare Circular Letter

(4) The Committee appointed Friday to arrange the preaching met and selected the following Brethren to preach Saturday night and Sunday and was discharged:

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Wayne Turner, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Ted Robinson, New Salem Association
Elder Junior Mosley, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association

SUNDAY

Elder Forrest Osborne, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Fon Bowling, Union Association
Elder Edwin May, Sardis Association

(5) Called for the Sardis Association Treasurer Report and, by regular move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand 9-12-87 \$ 14,525.87
Interest received on account to 8-5-88 635.27
Total available for 1987 \$ 15,161.14

Less 1987 Expenses:

Print 4,000 copies of minutes \$ 2,967.50
Type 1987 minutes 35.00
Typesetting of minutes 50.00
Total 1987 Expenses (3,052.50)

Balance on hand 9-9-88 \$ 12,108.64

Add 1988 Receipts:

Contributions from Churches \$ 3,740.00
Obituary Pictures 250.00
Total 1988 receipts \$ 3,990.00

Balance on hand 9-10-88 \$ 16,098.64

(6) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1988 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

(7) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes; that he have 4,000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300.00 for his expense.

(8) Elder Lloyd SESCO, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand and very humbly stated he felt the least of all among his Brethren and had always wanted to be obedient in doing everything the Association asked him to do. Bro. Lloyd's excellent Letter was well received and, by regular move and second, ordered to be printed in our minutes.

(9) It is ordered, by regular move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, and Old Friendship Association; that our Clerk prepare the Letters of Correspondence and file of Minutes; and that Brethren to attend these Associations as delegates be appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the host Churches at Wise, Wise County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1988: James Gannon, Homer Collins, Clifford Stanley, Berlin Thornsbury, Stewart Brown, Lacy Walters, Ralph Hunt, Jackson Holbrook, Virgil Fields, Edwin May, Wilhe Stiltner, Alison Thornbury, Isom Hannah, James Blackburn and Emerson Jarrell. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1988: James Gannon, Virgil Fields, Lloyd SESCO, Johnny Nichols, Berlin Thornbury, Stewart Brown, Merlin SESCO, Jackson Holbrook, Leonard Napier, Richard Staton, Lacy Walters, Clifford Stanley, Wayne Herald, Jr., Emerson Jarrell, John Elkins, Isom Hannah, Edwin May, Ralph Hunt, Hatler Stone and Donnie Skaggs. Letter in the hands of Brother Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Ida Church, Ecorse, Michigan, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1989: Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay, James Gannon, Virgil Fields, Leonard Napier, Isom Hannah, Chester Cochran, Donnie Brown, Julius Cochran, Wayne Herald, Jr., Jackson Holbrook, James Barney, Gary Holbrook, Clyde Brown, Paul Moore and Hobart Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Friendship Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1989: James Gannon, Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay, Ralph Hunt, S. D. Hensley, Julius Cochran, Chester Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Donnie Brown, Wallace Muncy, Clyde Brown, Paul Moore, Bill Lackey, Chester Lackey, Stewart Brown, Berlin Thornsbury, Andy Scott, Leonard Napier, Merlin Sesco, Billy Brumfield, Joe Evans, Edwin May, Virgil Fields and Isom Hannah. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, West Virginia, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1989: Berlin Thornsbury, Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay, James Gannon, Virgil Fields, Ralph Hunt, Donnie Brown, Julius Cochran, Chester Cochran, Clyde Brown, W. H. Cochran, Glen Williamson, Stewart Brown, Charles Testerman, Jerry Thompson, Ray Thompson, Leonard Napier, Johnnie Cline, Paul Moore, Chester Lackey, Bill Lackey, Ernest Cochran, and Emerson Jarrell. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbury.

(10) Read the Letter of Condolence from our Sister Association, Northern New Salem, and, by move and second, ordered it be printed in our Minutes.

(11) Read the Request from the Pilgrims Rest Church asking the Association to consider a self-insured type of insurance covering all Sardis Association Church houses. Discussion brought out several items to consider in this type of arrangement, such as: banks require insurance be carried if Church has a loan; state law requires liability insurance for personal injury; there would be underfunding until contributions build up; and the loss of several buildings, while not likely, would wipe out a very large fund. On advice from our Moderator and by move and second, the Request to consider this type insurance was granted and the Churches asked to bring a decision back to the Association next year.

(12) A Tent Committee Report from Brother Larry May summarizing work done with the Union Association Tent Committee; contact with manufacturers for a new "big top"; and a price range for a new top of \$6,000 to \$8,000. By regular move and second, the report was received and the Committee authorized to continue its work with the Union Association Tent Committee and report back next year.

(13) By move and second, Item 14 of our 1975 Minutes is reprinted, without the preamble, as follows:

September 13, 1975
Dingess, West Virginia

Sardis Association
of Old Regular Baptist

Brethren:

In answer to the Query from the Dix Fork Church asking, "Does the Sardis Association believe in Sisters wearing pants, slacks or shorts?" We, as an Advisory body, say:

To answer this Query in the affirmative would be interpreted by some Brethren too liberally and they would say we have laid down the gate and opened the doors to anything and everything.

To answer this Query in the negative would be interpreted by some Brethren too strictly and they would say we have shut the door on everything and Committees would flow from Church to Church like water. We believe the Sardis Association should advise the Churches to advise their members—both Brethren and Sisters—to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that cometh a Child of God. We believe that each Child of God will adorn themselves in a manner that they can easily be identified from the world. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

We believe, and the Association has so stated in the past, that each Church in the Sardis Association holds the key to its own door and is the sole judge of the conduct of its members as long as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the Scriptures. In fact, Article 3 of our Constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on any internal right of the Churches.

Elder Wayne Herald
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr
Brother James M. Ray

(14) 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.

(15) 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.

(16) By move and second, a Request from the Little Tavie Church was granted to reprint Item 18 from our 1919 Minutes, which was as follows:

"Ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women."

(17) A request from the Rebecca Church asks, "In the receiving of members having more than one living companion, does the criteria of receiving the innocent party also apply to the receiving of members by other than baptism, (restoration, recommendation, letter?)?" On regular move and second, the word "receive" in the following item (18) is defined to include "any means of receiving members."

(18) In answer to the question, "Shall we receive into 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) Read a Request from the Dix Fork Church on the receiving of members that had been excluded from Churches in our union or our correspondence. The Moderator advised of the long standing practice of going back to the Church from which the member had been excluded before baptizing them and to leave this question with the Churches. On regular move and second, the Sardis Association advises the Churches to ask any excluded member or rejected party to go back to the Church from which excluded or rejected and make peace before being baptized.

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

(21) By motion and second, it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brethren and Sisters that are in good standing with the Churches at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$10.00 will be made for a picture with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

(22) By move and second, granted a Request from the Pilgrims Home Church to print the Obituary of Elder Kenis R. Blevins, a member of the Little Ida Church in the Northern New Salem Association.

(23) Read a Request from the Salem Church to print an Obituary of a friend of the Church who had requested baptism and membership in the Salem Church but passed away before this could be done. A move and second to reject the Request met with an objection from Brother W. H. Hale. A vote of the delegates showed 46 in favor of the motion and 10 in favor of the objection. Therefore, the Request was denied.

(24) Called for Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial meetings to make their report. The Brethren were commended for their efforts and, by move and second, their report received.

(25) Read a Request from the Southern Home Church to host our 1989 Association. On motion by Elder Dale Williamson and second by Elder Willis Lowe, delegates from the Pilgrims Home and Turkey Creek Churches who had withdrawn Requests to host the Association, the Request was granted. Therefore, the Southern Home Church will host the 1989 session of the Sardis Association at Sparr, Florida (near Ocala, Florida).

Directions to the Southern Home Church: Take Interstate 75 to just North of Ocala, Fla.; take exit 71 onto Route 326 east to junction with Routes 441 and 301; turn north (left) on 441/301 to a "Y" where Routes 441

and 301 split; take Route 301 about 2 miles to Church on left side of the 4-lane highway.

All of our Churches should send contributions to help Southern Home Church defray the expense of hosting the Association no later than August, 1989.

(26) All honor and praise are due to the high and holy name of God who granted unto us another memorable Association and, by regular move and second, we tender our heart-felt "thank you" to the Pilgrims Home Church and to the community at large for the love and comfort extended to everyone attending this Association.

It would not be possible to mention everyone deserving of special thanks but some, in particular the John B. Williamson family, need to be set out. A special thanks to Taney Williamson and her family for allowing use of the ground for the tent and to Lonnie for his help with the tent. Among others, we wish to thank the Johns Creek Funeral Home, Rogers Funeral Home, and Hatfield Funeral Home for tents and chairs; Brother Foster Bentley and Flav-O-Rich Dairy for the refrigerator truck; to Gary McCoy and the Johns Creek Volunteer Fire Department for concession stands; to the Pike County Solid Waste Department for the Dumpster; and to the Deputies from Pike County Sheriff Fuzzy Keese's office for traffic control.

(27) By move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises is omitted and it is ordered that these minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(28) On motion by Elder S. D. Hensley and second by Elder Bobby Scott, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the place set out above at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1989.

(29) The Sardis Association was closed by way of a song and a prayer offered by Elder Herman West of the Union Association.

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

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Isom Hannah, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Elder Edwin Hay, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 1988

Especially beautiful is this day of the Lord - not too hot, not too cool and no rain - as the little band of faithful followers gathered under the tent. A strange quietness and very attentive Spirit settles over the congregation as they mingle about, shaking hands and talking in hushed voices while the Brethren on the Stand sing the old time songs

that are so characteristic of the Regular Baptist family. I am reminded of the Scripture wherein God was not found in the boisterous clouds, nor in the great streaks of lightning, nor in the rolling claps of thunder, but in a little, faint, quiet puff of cloud afar off and about the size of a man's hand. In meekness and humility we shall worship God this day!

Caught up in this mood and in rapid succession, Elder Forrest Osborne of the Northern New Salem Association introduced the services. Elder Rush Stanley of the Philadelphia Association led in prayer. Elder Hillard Newsome of the Northern New Salem Association followed the opening. The little puff of cloud began to come closer and grew larger as these beloved Brethren spoke in power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Elder Fon Bowling, beloved throughout the Associations, esteemed Moderator of the Union Association and respected friend of both Saint and sinner, came to the Stand admonishing the people to "dig deep and get on that foundation laid in Zion, a corner stone, a tried stone and a sure stone." "The Law was until John," declared Bro. Fon, "but truth and grace came by Jesus Christ." God's temple is within you, in your heart; His law is stamped in your mind; and He wants the best we have, he said. Like the people of olden times, man is still trying to offer up the halt, the lame and the blemished but God is not pleased with such offerings and seeketh those who worship Him in Spirit and in truth, he stated.

The warfare between the inward and outward man is bitter and the battle is hard but God knows when you have suffered enough and then speaks sweet peace to your never dying soul, Bro. Fon stated. "We must bear the cross to gain the Crown," Bro. Fon declared.

Elder Edwin May, our much beloved and highly regarded Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand to preach and close. This old soldier of the Cross who has everly fought for peace among the Brethren and truth in Jesus Christ has begun to show in the body the toils of battle for the cause of Christ. Declaring, "in the day you give your whole heart to God, He will be found of you", Bro. Ed admonished the Brethren to be workmen worthy of your hire because God didn't tell us to sit down and do nothing. Sometimes we don't pray enough, sometimes we don't love enough and God withholds our blessings, he said. But the evidence of a lot of work, a lot of prayer and a lot of love has been shown these past three days in God's blessings being poured out upon us during this Association, Bro. Ed said. "Love was here and God is love", he stated.

Closing prayer was offered by Elder Isom Hannah, our gentle and able Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association.

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

Your Clerks.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Sardis Association:

Being appointed in the 1987 session to write a letter to be read at the 1988 session, I will now try to comply with your request.

The scripture that I have chosen will be found in the first chapter and the first verse of Saint Luke: "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,"

Now by the help of God I would like to prove by the Bible just who "us" is. We hear the Bible saying in the beginning let us make man, that was God the father speaking to his son Jesus Christ the family of God in the beginning. Then "us" today are the true believers in Christ Jesus that have repented of their sins and have been born of Mother Jerusalem is the family of God today.

Then today we believe everyone that has been born of the Holy Spirit of God is a Baptist of the old time faith. There are many that say they are Baptists but deny it by their practice. Us that I am speaking of today are the old time ones and not the modern Baptists. We most surely believe that God has had a church from the beginning and that God has watched over it and kept it down to this present day and will keep it as an apple of his eye until he sends his son after it.

We surely believe when the Spiritual birth takes place in their souls or in the inward man, then that person becomes an obedient creature to do and to keep the commandments of God and his church. They are commanded to go home and we believe they will, to tell them of the good things God has done for them and to be buried with Christ in Baptism to answer that good conscience and they have that Spiritual desire to be buried with Christ in water baptism, not to get salvation or their sins washed away but because their sins have been forgiven and they have salvation in their souls and a desire to live in the church.

There are some today that say there was no church until the day of Pentecost but we hear Jesus say, before the day of Pentecost that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it and I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. Whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loose in Heaven. Then the church has to be the greatest body on earth because it was set up by God. It has been tested and tried many times.

The Bible speaking about one of God's great leaders of the children of Israel, which was Moses saying, This is he that was in the church in the wilderness. We hear Christ speaking to the members of the church long before the day of Pentecost saying if thy brother shall trespass against thee go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone. If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained a brother, but if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more. That in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established and if he shall neglect to hear

them tell it to the church, then there has to be a church long before some say there was. Just a few words about the last ordinance that the Lord set in his church, and that is taking of the bread in remembrance of his broken body, the fruit of the vine in memory of his spilled blood that was shed on the cross for the benefit of everyone and washing of one another's feet to manifest our love for our brothers and sisters. The Bible teaches that when a person is born of God's Spirit they have a desire to do the things that God has set in the church. So brothers we can see there is a difference between the church and the organization that we hear so much talk about. Brothers, I believe these go together, the fruit of the vine and washing one another's feet.

I know this letter is getting long but I must say something about the Resurrection. Surely we believe there will be a general Resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. The Apostle John says, Marvel not at this for the hour is coming in 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. We read in Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthian Church, Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, be we shall all be changed.

In a moment in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O' death where is thy sting? O' grave where is thy victory. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved Brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Your Brother in Christ,

Elder Lloyd SESCO

TO
OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Permit me to express on behalf of the Northern New Salem Association and myself our deepest sympathy in the death of your Elders, our dear brothers and sisters, since your last setting.

May you find great comfort in the thought that there is a time coming when there shall be no more death, neither sorrow.

Your humble servant
Brother Hillard Newsome Clerk

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS
AND
MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL, 1989

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Services begin on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billy Brumfield, Clifford Maynard, James Barney, Isom Hannah, Chris Watts and Richard Reed.

OKKECHOBBE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Otis Williams, John B. Hamilton, Joe Evans, Richard Reed and James Gannon.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Isom Hannah, Paul Vance, Richard Staton and Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

MAY, 1989

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Johnson, Bobby Scott, Steve Robinson, Jr., Willis Lowe, Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton and Isom Hannah.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Berlin Thornsberry, Buddy W. Carty, Sabert Nichols and Moderators attending.

JUNE, 1989

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Dinner served on Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Isom Hannah, Elbert SESCO and Bobby Scott.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charles Wright, Virgil Fields, Wendell Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Buddy W. Carty, Woody Pack, Vernon Rose, Johnnie Cline and Paris Tackitt.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Clifford Maynard, Andrew Maynard and Virgil Fields.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Edwin May, Don Little and Richard Staton.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Sabert Nichols, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Leonard Napier, David Lester and Isom Hannah.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Richard Staton, Vernon Rose, Tom Dials, Freddie Maynard and Milford Lowe.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Virgil Hess, Steve Robinson, Jr., Elbert SESCO and Hobart Hamilton.

JULY, 1989

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ralph Adkins, Hatler Kiser, Virgil Fields and Alvin Brown.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Buddy W. Carty, Isom Hannah, George Woods, Clifford Colley and Joe Evans.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wendell Hamilton, Richard Staton and James Tackett.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton, Tommy Dials and Earl Cantrell.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: All ministers of the Sardis Association and our corresponding Associations in good standing at home are invited.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Virgil Fields, Steve Robinson, Jr., J. L. Nichols and Moderators attending.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Richard Staton, David Crigger and Lloyd SESCO.

NARROWS BRANCH: Our Union meeting begins on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Paul Vance and Willis Lowe.

AUGUST, 1989

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Stihner, Alson Thornbury, Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis, Paul Barney, Joe Evans and James Barney.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Mont Ellis, Joe Evans, Steve Robinson, Jr., Billy Brumfield and Danny Runyon.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ivory Sowards, Joe Evans, Hobart Hamilton, Grover Adkins with Moderator attending.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Isom Hannah, Virgil Fields, Johnnie Newsome, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton and Burl Sturgill.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, George Woods, Wallace Muncy, Andrew Maynard, Edward Runyon, Clinton Moore and Edwin Hay.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Stanley Campbell, Chris Watts, Willie Stihner, George Woods and Alex Collier.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Clifford Maynard, Carson Wright and Moderators attending.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 1989

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, John Lowe, Albert Hamilton, Ralph Caudill, Bill Dunbar, William Adair, Sr., and Robert Clay.

APRIL, 1989

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Sabert Nichols, Elbert SESCO and Edward Runyon.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith and her great-grandson, Joseph Thornsbury, and of Gertrude Thacker will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, Richard Staton, Hurshell Huff and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church the fifth Saturday and Sunday for Flora and Freddie Smith, Calvin Birchfield, Lester James Birchfield, Teddy Wayne Birchfield and Jessica Renee Birchfield (daughter of Steve and Lesia Birchfield). Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton, Louie Muncy, Walter L. Akers, Roger Dale Hicks, Bradley Biliter and all Regular Baptist Ministers invited. Service will start at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

MAY, 1989

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the Howell and Jude Cemeteries in the head of Peter Cave at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe, Gabe Lowe and Moderator attending.

MUNCY VALLEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Muncy Valley Church on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Dale Williamson, Johnnie Cline, Richard Staton and Moderator attending.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Elk Fork Church on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Siltner, Alson Thornsbury, Lloyd Lowe and Clifford Maynard.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Gabe Lowe and J. L. Nichols.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May, Fraley Harrison at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Bobby Scott, Hobart Hamilton and Wallace Muncy.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbury, Richard Staton, Matt Justice and James Tackett.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Edwin Hay, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials and Buddy W. Carty.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and all that are buried on that cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Milford Lowe, Edward Runyon and Moderator attending.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Williamson Cemetery one-half mile below the Pilgrims Home Church on Brushy Road on the last Sunday at 5:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Cochran Cemetery on the last Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Claude Brown, Donnie Brown and Berlin Thornsbury.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Also, a meeting will be held at the Brown Branch Cemetery at 4:00 p.m.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on May 30 at 2:30 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Tommy Ellis and Billy Brumfield.

JUNE, 1989

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Southern Home Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Paul Barney and Richard Staton.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Joe Evans, Billy Brumfield, Tommy Ellis and James Barney.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Morris Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Mary Thompson, husband George, and all the deceased on the Thompson Cemetery at the old home place at the foot of Brushy Mountain on Brushy Creek will be held on the first Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Clifford Maynard and Billy Williamson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Muncy Cemetery at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Freddie Maynard, Richard Staton, Gabe Lowe and Monroe Jones.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on the third Saturday evening and Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clifford Maynard, Willie Stiltner, Perry Lane, Edward Runyon, Isom Hannah and Elbert Sesco.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Richard Staton, Lacy Walters with Moderator attending.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Sunday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Joe Evans, Danny Runyon and James M. Curry.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Nichols, Sr. and wife and all their descendants on the Lowe Cemetery at Gulnare, Kentucky on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Clifford Maynard and Roger Stepp.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Fay Scott, Andrew Maynard, Elbert Sesco and Wallace Muncy.

JULY, 1989

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Roger Stepp, Elbert Sesco and Bobby Scott. Dinner will be served nearby.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Alson Thornsbury, Jimmie Hall and Moderator attending.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek in West Virginia. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Isom Hannah and other Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased at the A. J. Gillman Cemetery on the right-hand fork of Laurel

Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Edward Runyon, Charles Hall and Joe Evans. Church on Sunday at the Rebecca Church will be moved to the A. J. Gillman Cemetery.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, Kentucky, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Richard Staton, Junior Ruggles and Leonard Napier.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the J. M. Taylor family and will include the Maynard, Fields, Lowe, Taylor, Scott, Blackburn and Nichols families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Virgil Fields, J. L. Nichols and Moderator attending.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Meeting begins on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Mont Ellis and Billy Adair.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel, his wife, on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials and Milford Lowe.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Garnet Maynard on the odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on the cemetery near her home. Ministers called: Freddie Maynard, Clinton Moore, Thomas J. Dials, Wallace Muncy and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Mt. Pleasant Church on the last Sunday (which is the odd Sunday) at 5:00 p.m. in memory of John Gilbert Blackburn. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Billy Williamson and Harold Sesco.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, on Winn Branch on the odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Wendell Hamilton and Isom Hannah.

AUGUST, 1989

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of the Cline family on the right-fork of Gilbert Creek on the first Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton and Joseph Staton on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek at 10:30 a. m. on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Gabe Lowe, Thomas J. Dials, Roosevelt Lowe and Richard Staton. There will be dinner on the ground.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the Sunday after the first Saturday at

11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Hobart Hamilton, Jeffrey Dillon and Fay Scott.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Willis Lowe, Elbert SESCO and Earl Cantrell.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Vernon Rose, Jethro Hampton and Edwin Hay.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tom Dials, Milford Lowe, James Tackett, Hursnell Huff, Don Little and Andrew Maynard.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts, A. A. Sheppard, Marton Preece, Sr. and all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Paul Vance and Moderators attending.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. Lowe and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, West Virginia, at 10:00 a.m. on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Virgil Fields, Ernest Cochran and Berlin Thornsberry.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosa Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Kelly Castle, Hobart Hamilton, Fay Scott, David Crigger, Wallace Muncy and Leonard Napier.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for the deceased members of Pilgrims Rest Church and the community. Ministers called: Louie Muncy, Lloyd SESCO, Willie Stiltner, Elbert SESCO, Willis Lowe and Moderators attending. Dinner will be served nearby.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, West Virginia, on Sunday after second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials and Steve Robinson, Jr.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all the deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the Third Saturday. Ministers called: Vernon Rose, Hursnell Huff and Wendell Hamilton.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Sabert Nichols, Berlin Thornsberry and Virgil Fields.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy family on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Clifford Maynard, J. L. Nichols and Gabe Lowe.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give way to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dave Jude Cemetery on Peter Cave. Ministers called: Jimmie Hall, Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols and Tom Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder Jonah E. Williamson and loved ones will be held on the Williamson Cemetery one-half mile below the Pilgrims Home Church on the third Sunday at 5:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sidney Church and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Bill Cotton, Milford Lowe, Orbin May, Wallace Muncy and Jimmy Hall.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday and the same ministers called in the Communion Service will be used in this memorial meeting.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Henry Taylor Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Virgil Fields, Gabe Lowe, Harold Coleman and Roger Stepp.

SEPTEMBER, 1989

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Gulnare, Kentucky, on September 2 at 11:00 a.m., Saturday only, at Anna Lowe's residence. Ministers called: Louie Muncy, Elbert SESCO, Roger Stepp and Richard Staton.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meat House Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday at 10:30 a. m. in memory of Shirley McCoy and Lucy McCoy, his wife, and others buried in the McCoy Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife Ora Blackburn, and daughter Mae Blackburn and all others buried on the Buck Branch Cemetery near the mouth of Wolf Creek. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard, Steve Robinson, Jr., Fay Scott, Gabe Lowe and Freddie Maynard.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Joe Evans, Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon and Hobart Hamilton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Lower Brushy Creek on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Clarence Owens.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the A. C. and Wesley Young Cemetery in memory of A. C. and Bessie Young and others on Sunday after the first Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Roger Stepp, Willis Lowe, Richard Staton and Billy Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Hensley Family Cemetery at the head of Pigeon Creek on Sunday after the third Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Tommy Ellis, Mont Ellis, Isom Hannah, Billy Brumfield and Forrest Osborne.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church and the deceased buried in the Maynard Cemetery at Warfield, Kentucky on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Lacy Walters, Hurshell Huff, Edwin Hay and Billy Cotton.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe and others the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsbury, Wallace Muncy and Bobby Scott.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Oscar McCoy's home in memory of his parents and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Ernest Cochran, Virgil Fields, J. L. Nichols and Hurshell Huff.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude and two sons and of the Howells on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols and Tom Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Jarrett Smith Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy on the fifth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Berlin Thornsbury, Paul Vance and Isom Hannah.

OCTOBER, 1989

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Bill Cotton, Isom Hannah, Wallace Muncy, Wendell Hamilton and Steve Robinson, Jr.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Richard Staton, Edwin May, Louie Muncy and the Moderator and both Assistant Moderators to attend.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: James Gannon, Wendell Hamilton, Dale Williamson and Curtis Robinson.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mt. Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Carson Wright, Rush Stanley and Woody Pack.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church of all the deceased on the Scott Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Clifford Williams, Sabert Nichols and Wallace Muncy.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. All ministers of the Sardis Association and all Corresponding Associations that are in good standing at home are invited.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lacy Justice, Sidney Collins, Herman West, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Raymond Smith.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Belle and John Jude and Annie Jude and her son T. J. on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials and Richard Staton.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jimmy Hall, Bill Tackett, Kermit Newsome and Moderators attending.

OBITUARIES

ELDER HARRISON JUDE

In loving memory of Elder Harrison Jude. He was born March 20, 1911 and died September 16, 1987. He is survived by his wife, Ollie Jude, and 10 children - six boys and four girls.

He was a loving husband and a wonderful father. He will be sadly missed by many of his friends and loved ones. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

The Dad we all loved

Written by his daughter,
Virgie Jude Fletcher



ELDER KENIS R. BLEVINS

II Timothy 4:6-8 - "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

It is with much sadness and a lonely broken heart, we will try by the grace and comfort of God to write the obituary of a wonderful husband and father, Elder Kenis R. Blevins.

Kenis was born August 23, 1908 in Big Shelby, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Sam and Sis (Dorton) Blevins. He departed this life on October 25, 1987, making his stay here on earth 70 years, 2 months, and 2 days.

Dad met and married Mary E. Gibson the 28th day of April, 1927 and lived happily together for 60 lovely years. To this union God granted 12 children, two of which preceded him in death.

Leaving to mourn his loss is his loving wife, Mary, and 10 children: Elder Arvid Blevins, Ecorse, Michigan; Walter Blevins, Ecorse, Michigan; Lynn Blevins, Kenis Blevins, Jr. and John Blevins, all of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Mrs. Faye Wakefield, Hartselle, Alabama; Marie Williams, Ecorse, Michigan; Ophelia Hanson, Romulus,



Michigan; Mrs. Geraldine Loree, Mrs. Yanesa Broome, both of Lincoln Park, Michigan; a sister, Vita Gibson, Riverview, Michigan; 31 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

We feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. Dad professed a hope in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in 1928. He was ordained a Deacon of the Freewill Baptist Church for 19 years. He became dissatisfied in that church and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, Pilgrims Home, Varney, Kentucky, in August, 1950. He moved to the State of Michigan and brought his membership to the Little Ida Church and was ordained a deacon there. Later he moved his membership to the Little Vineyard Church and was ordained to the ministry on August 3, 1979.

Brother Kenis served in the Armed Forces during World War II. Dad traveled throughout the churches of Michigan preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ until he became disabled. He always taught his children and the world of mankind the way they should go. We would like to tell the children and family the same words Dad would say. Fall out with sin, repent and come to Dad's Saviour he found many years ago. If you expect to see Dad again, find the path that leads to Heaven and walk therein and let Dad's God be your God, so that when this life is over the circle will be complete. Sleep on Dad and loved one; we'll meet again beyond this veil of tears.

Written by his broken hearted wife,
Sister Mary, and son, Elder Arvid Blevins

JAMES BEVINS

James "Jim" Bevins, 73, of Hatfield, Ky. died Sunday November 22, 1987, in Pikeville Methodist Hospital after an illness of three months. Born September 28, 1914 in Pike County, Ky., he was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary Smith Bevins; two sisters and three brothers. A retired coal miner and employee of the Pike County Board of Education, he was an active member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church of Varney, Ky. and also active in the Community. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Hattie Burris Bevins of Hatfield; a son, Jimmy Caines of Belfry, Ky.; a brother, Willie Bevins of Turkey Creek, Ky.; a sister, Ida Williamson of Raceland, Ky.; two granddaughters and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1987, at the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church with Elders Grover Adkins, Hiram Adkins and Ed May officiating. Burial followed in the Smith Cemetery at Hatfield under direction of Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, Ky., with nephews as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Perry Justice, John David Adkins, Gifford Varney, Foster Bentley, Charlie Wright, Louie Muncey, Billy



Williamson, Dale Williamson, Richard Staton, John Robinette, Monroe Jones, Elbert Sesco, and Danny Runyon.

Written by his son,
Jimmy Caines

Brother Jim gave his hand to become a member of the Pilgrim Home Church on October 29, 1950 and was baptised by Bros. Jonah Bevins and Emmitt Case.

Brother Jim's father and mother, Bro. George and Sister Mary Bevins, were also members of the Pilgrim Home Church, where Bro. George served as a deacon for many years.

Words were inadequate and there isn't enough space to write the many good things Bro. Jim has done. He is at rest with the Lord now and the Lord has a record of them all.

Day and night he worked for continued peace and constantly warned the young members of the Pilgrim Home Church to guard against jealousy advising us to always nourish our love for one another.

In many ways Bro. Jim helped the fatherless, the widows, his brothers, sisters, and friends, and would go out of his way to help his enemy.

We will always remember the one dollar bills he kept in his shirt pocket which he gave to a child with a sad face or to a friend just because he wanted to.

He is missed by many but there is one who was always by his side and who shared in his life of giving, who will miss him more, his wife, Hatie. She needs our prayers.

He now rests from his labor but his works follow after him and though another may sit in his seat at the Pilgrim Home Church, his presence is always felt for precious memories flood our soul.

We can't bring him back, but by the grace of God we can go where he is. It's not good bye, Dear Brother, but farewell for just a little while.

Written by,
Elder Billy Williamson

WILLIE NICHOLS

I will try to write the obituary of my uncle and brother in the Lord, Willie Nichols. Uncle Willie was born December 6, 1895, the son of William and Minta Lowe Nichols. After a long illness God called him home on June 24, 1988 - Age ninety two years, seven months and fourteen days.

Brother Willie was a veteran of World War I, a merchant and Assistant Postmaster. He joined the Regular Baptist Church August 4, 1938. He was a faithful member as long as his health permitted him to be. He served as Deacon of the Apple Orchard Church.



His loving wife Easter Pinson Nichols of sixty two years preceded him in death April 12, 1979. He is survived by one son, Claude Nichols, Saint Clair Shores, Michigan and one daughter, Marie N Jenkins, London, Kentucky; two grandsons, William (Bill) Jenkins, Lynchburg, Virginia and James Walter Jenkins, Grosse Pointe, Michigan; and two great-grandchildren, Yoland Cheryl and Jeffrey William Jenkins of Lynchburg, Virginia.

He also has the following brothers and sisters; three brothers - Robert Nichols, Inez, KY; Phinias Nichols, Gulnare, KY; Johnnie Nichols, Prestonsburg, KY; three sisters - Ida Maynard, Pikeville, KY; Sally Canada, Varney, KY; and Lucy Maynard, McCombs, KY.

I would like to say to Brother Willie's children that he is resting from his labor and if you want to see him again you must be born again. He trusted in a God full of mercy and peace. So, sleep on, our dear loved one till the great morning when time shall be no more. God will speak to the sleeping dust. They that are in the grave will hear his voice and come forth to meet the Lord in the air and be judged by the deeds done in the body.

May God bless you all.

Written by,
Elder Freddie Maynard,
a nephew and a Brother
in the Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ

RALPH RICHARD REED

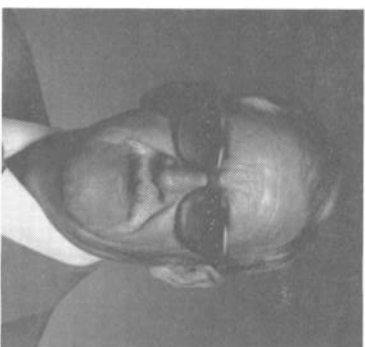
With the help of the Lord, I will try to write an obituary for Brother Ralph Reed. He was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, December 21, 1921 and passed out of this life at Monroe Regional Medical Center, Ocala, Florida, June 1, 1988, making his stay here on earth 66 years, 5 months, and 11 days.

He married Annis Scaggs in May 17, 1944 and to this union were born four children; Brenda Ballinger of Ocala, Florida, Michael Reed of West Palm Beach, Florida, and Joseph Reed of Ocala, Florida, and Richard Reed of Greenup, Kentucky.

He was the son of Neva Sammons Reed Richards and the late Clifford Reed.

Also left to mourn with sister Annis and the children are eight grandchildren, three brothers, one half brother, his brothers and sisters in the Church, and a host of friends and loved ones.

Brother Ralph felt he made peace with God and gave his hand to the Church at South Fork and was baptized by Elder Tom Ratliff and Elder Ernie Runyon January 3, 1954.



He served as Clerk of the South Fork Church and the Philadelphia Association until illness caused him to move to Florida. There he helped establish the Okeechobee Church which he served as Clerk until his death. He loved the old Church and Her ways, and always tried to encourage the younger brothers and sisters.

Brother Ralph was sick for twenty four years but went on serving and praising the Lord, he had heart attacks, open heart surgery, and the first stroke and still praised the Lord and I think he is still praising the Lord now.

Children and loved ones, if you want to go to Heaven's Country where Brother Ralph is, you must go the same way, the old knee route way, thru Jesus Christ, repent and look to the Lord before it is too late.

A son in the flesh,
A Brother in Hope,
Elder Richard Reed

FRED BEVINS



It is with deep and mixed emotions that I try and fulfill the request of the family and write the obituary of my beloved Uncle and Brother in the Faith, Deacon Fred Bevins. I say mixed emotions because I and the family and friends miss him so very much. Miss being so warmly welcomed into his home and sharing life's blessings with him. At the same time, we are so glad that his sufferings are over. Those of us who were privileged to see him in his latter days know how he suffered so terribly. In his last years he had suffered several strokes and at last was stricken with cancer and was bedridden and unable to care for himself. But Aunt Fannie and the children gave him all the tender, loving care possible for any human to do for another.

Fred Bevins was born in Pike Co., KY, March 4, 1906, the last surviving child of a pioneering KY family, Elbert and Ruth (Stanley) Bevins. He died Oct. 28, 1987, at 5:46 a.m. at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, KY. He was blessed to be on God's Footstool for 81 years, 7 months, and 24 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Mary, and three brothers and five sisters.

He was married in the early 1920s to Mary (Dameron) Bevins and to this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Virginia Garrett of Dayton, OH, who survives. Mary died Jan. 29, 1927. On Dec. 25, 1928, he was married to Fannie Marie (Adkins) Bevins and to this union were born three sons: Freddy Bevins, Zebulon, KY; Drexel Bevins, Toledo, OH; and Johnny Bevins, Meta, KY; and five daughters: Barbara Thacker and Darlene Lowe, Meta, KY; Joan Carol Ashcraft, St. Petersburg, FL; Gloretta McGuire, Varney, KY; and Omeki Becknell, Smyrna, TN. He was a retired railroad worker with 48 years service. Aunt Fannie and all the

children are left to mourn along with 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Uncle Fred and Aunt Fannie lived at Meta, KY where he was baptized into the fellowship of the Bent Branch Church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptists on May, 22, 1953. Later in his Christian life he was ordained a Deacon, making him the third generation of his family to serve the Lord and the Bent Branch Church in this capacity.

His funeral was at the Bent Branch Church the 31st of Oct. at 1:00 p.m. Services were conducted by Elders Lloyd Sesco, Edwin May and Grover Adkins. His body, awaiting the resurrection, was laid to rest at the Bent Ridge Cemetery, Meta. Rest on, Brother - Uncle. For Aunt Fannie and the Children, May God bless each of you.

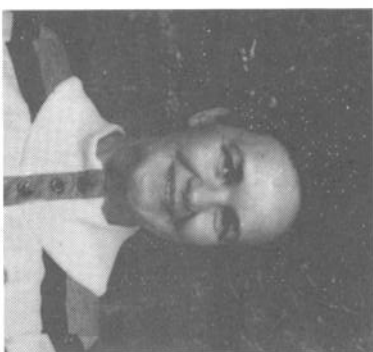
John B. Young

IRENE RUNYON

In loving memory, we will try to write the obituary of our mother, Irene Runyon.

Mother was born November 20, 1921 and departed this life on December 24, 1987. She was the daughter of Thomas F. Napier of Delbarton and the late Roxie Blankenship Workman. She was married to Elder Edward Runyon on March 27, 1937 for 50 years, and were blessed with five children. Three daughters: Mrs. Noah (Wanda) Ooten, Mrs. Merton (Jackie) Workman, and Mrs. Gene (Sue) Brinegar, all of Delbarton, WV; two sons: Thomas E. Runyon, Princeton, WV and Dallas F. Runyon of Delbarton, WV. She also left behind to mourn her loss fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two brothers: Ivan Napier of Tennessee and Clarence Napier of Chapmanville, WV; a half-brother, Earnest Napier of Missouri, and an adopted sister, Mrs. Harold (Glenna) Crum of Ohio. A brother, Thurman Napier, preceded her in death. She was baptized the third Sunday of September 1938 by the hands of her husband, Elder Ed Runyon and Elder Grover Carey. She was a member of the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church. Though Mother is gone from us, the memories of her will always be in our hearts. We have a hope of meeting Mother again some day - never to part. So, sleep on, Mother. The old home place will never be the same. The chair where she sat is now empty, and the light in the window has gone out. We know you are at rest from all your pain. We love you and miss you so much.



Written by
your daughters and husband
Elder Edward Runyon

MAUDE SMITH FRAZIER

With love, respect, and fond memories, we will attempt to write an obituary of Sister Maude Smith Frazier. A beloved Sister, admired by all who knew her. Sister Maude was born December 29, 1894 in Pike County, KY, making her 93 years old at her passing. She was the daughter of John and Jenny Smith.

She was married to Ike Frazier who preceded her in death along with one adopted daughter, Frankie Frazier. She was a mother to a young woman she raised, Mrs. Martha Maynard.

Sister Maude was a faithful old soul to her God and Church being in the Church some 35 years. She filled her seat as long as she was able, going many times when she had to use a walker and sometimes a cane and crutch.

Sister Maude held a special place in many hearts of many people. She was blessed with a sharp mind up to the time of her sickness. Her best enjoyment was going to Church, meeting with Brethren and Sisters and being blessed by her Lord.

Though Sister Maude suffered very, very much in her last days due to a bad heart, we feel she is at rest with all the Saints of God. She will be missed by the Elizabeth Church and her many friends when they see her special seat at church empty. Sleep on, Sister Maude, until God sends his angel to sound the trumpet that will wake the sleeping dead, then you, with all the Saints of God will have a new body free from pain and agony.

We close this obituary by saying Thanks and Blessings upon the ones who helped take care of her in her last days, blessed be the name of the Lord.



MARY CHANEY THORNSBURY

It is with sadness of heart that we attempt to write an obituary of a beloved Sister who has outstripped us in this lane of life and is resting from her labor, her sorrow and her sufferings

She suffered a lot in this life and we wonder sometimes why the righteous has to suffer as the unrighteous, but that is God's will, not to be questioned.

Sister Mary Chaney Thornsburry was born January 22, 1905 and passed this life July 27, 1988, making her 83 years old. She was born in Pike County, KY, the daughter of the late Greene and



Written by request of friends,
By: Elder Kelly Castle

Sarah Chaney. She was married to Edgar Lee Thornsburry in 1927 and to them was born one son, Donald Ray Thornsburry. She was preceded in death by her husband, her son, and also a step-son and is survived by one stepson, Fred Thornsburry of Fort Gay, WV, seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

She joined the Baptist Church known as the New Pilgrim Home on the first Sunday in June, 1932, baptized at the hand of Elder L. W. Riffe and Elder Jim Maynard

Sister Mary Thornsburry was a faithful member, filling her seat at Church as long as she was able, her way of rejoicing was with a big pleasant smile which made you feel good just to watch her.

She will be missed greatly by Elizabeth Church and the ones that knew her best. We thank the Lord for the privilege of knowing Sister Mary and the many times we were together at Church.

In closing, we say to Fred and Anne, who by nature are fine people but stand in need of being born again, and also the grandchildren; to be reunited with mother and grandmother, you must forsake your worldly ways and let your will be God's Will.

P.S. To Fred and Anne, who so faithfully stood by Sister Mary. You can feel you did your best and gave flowers in this life while she lived.

God bless you all,
Written by Request of the family,
Elder Kelly Castle

GEORGIA THORNSBURY

I will try to write the obituary of Georgia Thornsburry. Sister Georgia was born at Kimber, KY, October 7, 1901 and died June 4, 1988. She was the daughter of William Martin and Pricey Phillips Thornsburry. She was the last of five brothers and six sisters living.

Sister Georgia joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the hands of her brother Elder J. G. Thornsburry and Elder H. C. Maynard.

Sister Georgia loved the Lord Jesus and every time we went to see her she was glad to see us. When we got ready to leave her at Phillips Nursing Home she would ask us to pray for her and she would follow us to the door and watch us until we got out of sight.

I believe Sister Georgia's soul is at rest by the fruits she bore while she lived. Her body is awaiting for her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to resurrect it on that last day.



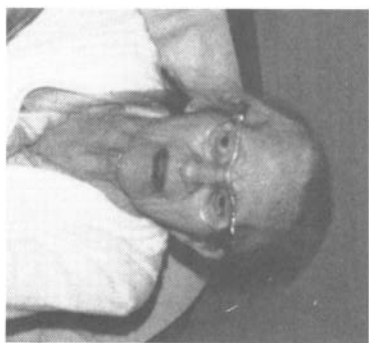
Written by her nephew,
Elder Berlin Thornsburry
and his wife, Thurajene

IVIA RAY

With sad memories and also some wonderful thoughts of days past and gone, I'll write a short message about my mother-in-law, Ivia Ray.

She was born January 14, 1899, to Wayne Cline and Louisa Runyon Cline. She was a member of the Pilgrim Home Church of Varney, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harrison Ray, and one daughter, Ruby Ray. She leaves one daughter, Alpha Sesco and three sons; Jr. Harrison, Phiness, and Clyde Moses; one sister, Lillie Baxter; one brother, Ellis Cline, and many friends.

For the last ten years she had been in poor condition. On January 5, 1988, she left this life of trouble, gone to be with the Lord, awaiting the home coming day, then she can rest forever, no more disease to take her mind. Ivia was 88 years, 11 months and 19 days at her passing. I loved her like she was a Mom to me.



Written by:
Mae Ray, Daughter-in-law

EUNICE (BEVINS) REED SMITH

Granny was born March 3, 1893 in Pike County, KY, the daughter of the late Joe and Polly (Bogar) Bevins. She was preceded in death by two husbands; John Reed and John C. Smith, also two children; Woodrow Reed and Myrtle Mae Varney.

She joined the Mount Pleasant Regular Baptist Church at Sidney, KY, in May 1936, where she attended regularly.

Granny was blessed with a good long life, God was very good to her. She leaves behind two sons; George W. Reed,

Apopka, Florida and Burgess Smith, Sidney, Kentucky; two daughters; Ethel G. Charles, Zebulon, KY and Elizabeth Marie Smith of Sidney, KY; three sisters; Ethel Scalf and Arminda Smith of Sidney, KY, and Glessa Lee of Orlando, FL; 15 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren. She departed this life February 25, 1988.

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



Written by
her Son and Daughter-in-law,
Burgess and Deloris L. Smith

VICIE (CANADA) ROBINETTE

It is with much sadness, and with the help of the good Lord, that we attempt to write this obituary of our beloved mother. She was born February 18, 1906. She departed this life December 28, 1987, making her stay here on earth 81 years, 10 months, and 10 days.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on July 27, 1946 and placed her membership at the Pilgrim Home Church. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Butler Robinette; one son, Johnny Golf; two brothers, Roland and Bertha, Eunice, and Ollie Robinette and Matha Delores (Robinette) Runyon; four sons, Clifford Robinette of Hatfield, KY, Tony Lee Robinette of Varney, KY, Roy Hollis Robinette of Turkey Creek, KY, and Luther Golf of South Williamson, KY; 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. We believe with all our heart that our loss is heaven's gain.



Written by
her son and Brother in Christ,
Roy Hollis Robinette
and her granddaughter,
Behinda Kay Robinette

RUTH SCOTT WILLIAMS

Ruth Scott Williams, age 52, of Oak Hill, Ohio, passed from this life on Wednesday, December 30, 1987 of an extended illness. Ruth was born May 3, 1935 to the late John J. Scott and the late Gaye Justice Scott, both of Pike County, Kentucky. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Janet Lynette Williams.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Denver Williams, of Oak Hill, Ohio; her two sons, Terry M. Williams and Randall Keith Williams; her two grandsons, Brandon Cory Williams and Joshua Lee Williams; all of Kimper, Kentucky. She is also survived by two brothers; Ester Scott of Kimper, Kentucky and Charles E. Scott of Phyllis, Kentucky; and her four sisters; Erlene Stiltner of Pikeville, Kentucky; Lee Etta Thornsberry of Kimper, Kentucky; Nolaine Coleman of Kimper, Kentucky and Lorraine (Patty)



Looney of South Point, Ohio. Ruth also leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Ruth was a loved and respected member of the community. She was also a member of the Little Virgie Regular Baptist Church at Kimper, Kentucky. She was the owner and operator of Williams Market at Kimper, Kentucky for twenty years. Ruth was a kind and generous wife and mother, who placed her family above all else in her life. Ruth will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved her well.

Written by,
Her Daughter-in-law,
Belinda H. Williams

ROXIE (GILLMAN) PRIVETT

We will try and write the obituary of our beloved mother, Roxie (Gillman) Privett. She was born January 12, 1913 in Ragland, WV. She departed this life September 12, 1987. She was the daughter of the late Bill and Phoebe Gillman. She was married to the late George Privett January 9, 1932 and to this union were born three sons and five daughters: Dallas Privett of Jesup, GA; Jessie Privett of Chicago Ridge, IL; George Privett, Jr. of Cicero, IL; Mary Robinson of Knoxville, TN; Brookie Steele of Chauncey, WV; Bessie Urlicks of Crestwood, IL; Judy Smith of Crestwood, IL and Vada Burton of Cicero, IL, all still living. She had 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. One living sister, Oma Meadows of Chauncey, WV.

She was a member of Tabitha Regular Baptist Church of Omar, WV.

She was baptized by the hands of Elders Asa Evans and John Henry Hensley on March 10, 1940. Mother was a kind and loving mother to all her children and all her friends. A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our homes, That can never be filled. Even though she is sadly missed by all, we know she's with our Father in a better home.



Written by,
Her Children

VADA NEACE EVANS

In much weakness I will again attempt to write the obituary of our beloved sister in Christ, Sister Vada Neace Evans. She was born September 11, 1905. She departed this life November 7, 1987 making her stay in this life eighty two years, one month, and twenty seven days. Sister Vada was the daughter of the late Frank and Sally Webb Neace. Sister Vada was united in marriage to the late Elder Charlie Evans in the year of 1925 and to this union no children were born.

Brother Charlie and Sister Vada raised several nieces and nephews as their own. They were a wonderful mother and dad. They provided for and loved these as their own children. Sister Vada leaves one sister, Pearl Wiley of Huntington, WV and nieces and nephews and many brothers and sisters of the Old Regular Baptist family and neighbors and friends who will miss her presence with us.

Sister Vada joined to Old Regular Baptist Church called Tabitha at Omar, WV, on January 7, 1940 and was baptized by the hands of the late Elders Asa Evans and John Henry Hensley and placed her membership at the Tabitha Church which she was a faithful Sister and filled her seat at the old Church as long as she was permitted in health to do so. Sister Vada and Brother Charlie loved the old Church and I believe they let their light shine so bright before their neighbors and many brothers and sisters in Christ wherever they were permitted to go.

Brother Charlie and Sister Vada were wonderful about visiting the hospitals and homes and would give aid to all that were in need of financial help. I am glad that I was able to see the wonderful light of their works, that we all can remember so well. I thank my God for my beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ that would always stop at Sister Vada's home to see about her and to take her to Church when she was able to go. I stopped to see Sister Vada many times to see if she could go to Church with me.

I could see Sister Vada since the passing away of her companion, Brother Charlie, and could see she was lonely. I believe she was only waiting for the time that she could be delivered from this old world of trouble and heartaches to be together with Brother Charlie in that beautiful home that God prepared for all who love and serve him. I want to say to all our beloved brothers and sisters of the old church that I believe with all my heart that Sister Vada and Brother Charlie are resting from their labor.

Which that I feel they labored in the old Church, but I feel that their labor ended on earth and the Angels conveyed their soul to that beautiful home that our God of all Grace prepared for all that loves and serves Him.

Now I want to say as I must come to the close of these few words concerning Sister Vada in whom we all loved so well and know that space will not permit me to write all the wonderful memories and



express how much we love and miss her presence in the Tabitha Church. But I truly feel with all my heart that our loss is Heaven's gain. So if we live faithful I feel that some sweet day that by the Grace of God, we can go home where heartaches cannot come. Then I feel when we awake in the likeness of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we will be satisfied. Where the circle cannot ever be broken.

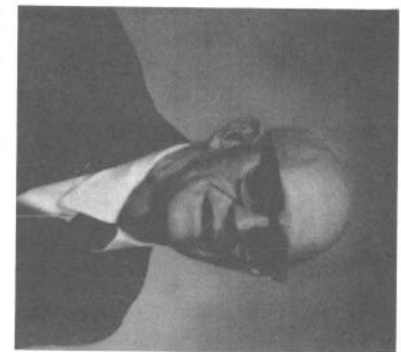
I desire the picture of my beloved Sister Vada and Brother Charlie Evans appear and be published together in our minutes of our 1988 session of the association. Because we feel that they now reign with Christ in the home which God prepared for those that love and serve him.

May God bless and be with us all. May our love continue true is the prayer of your humble servant in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Elder Samuel D. Hensley
With the assistance of my companion,
Geraldine Hensley,
who loved Sister Vada very much.

ESTEL RITCHIE

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear and sweet Daddy who passed away May 5, 1988. He was born April 4, 1905 in Knott County, KY to Canada and Nancy Ann Shepherd Ritchie. He came to West Virginia in 1926 and married Alcie Cline, August 7, 1927.



To this union were born 9 children. Mom, a son, and a daughter preceded him in death. Left to mourn his death are two sons: Hurshel of St. Albans, WV and Steve of Baisden, WV; five daughters: Shelva Cline and Lennie Long of Nitro, WV; Causby Blankenship, Dessie M. Cline, and Elive Thompson of Baisden, WV. Daddy was a retired coal miner. He joined the Rosa Regular Baptist Church January 22, 1950. He served as a Deacon until his death. He was a hard worker in the Church and as always, when something needed to be done or seen about, he would volunteer to do it. We would tell him to quit because we didn't think he was able, but he would laugh at us. He always had the faith the Lord would take care of him, and He did. He attended the third Saturday and Sunday meeting in April, just before he died.

Space would not permit what I could say about Daddy. I would like to tell the ones that didn't know him how sweet a person he was. Daddy worked hard when we were little to give us a warm and loving home. We always had food and clothes. Even before Daddy came to the Church, I never heard him take God's name in vain or see him drunk. I believe Daddy's light shined in our community, because everywhere we go, people will say I believe he was a good Christian and if he didn't go to Heaven, no one else need to try. He always treated people and especially children with love and kindness.

On Saturday he would come down and we talked and he would ask, where are we going to Church tomorrow? Sometimes I would try to find an excuse not to go and he would make me feel ashamed of myself. He loved to visit our sister churches and beg people to visit us. Daddy has truly left an empty seat in our church and all who knew him mourn with us.

Some of his children have followed the example he set for us and the ones that haven't will have to come in by the same door that Daddy passed through.

Oh the memories are so fresh of how Daddy suffered the last few weeks. We took him to Nitro to my sister's where he could be close to the doctor. On Monday, he got real sick, they called the ambulance and started to the hospital, but Daddy made them turn around and go back. He knew they would hook him up to a lot of machines and he didn't want that. We went up on Monday night and decided to get an ambulance to bring him home. I think he knew he didn't have but a few days left. We had everything fixed when he got home, but nothing helped his breathing.

The children were all with him, and our hearts were aching seeing him trying so hard to breathe. I believe we had to come willing to let God take him, because my sister went to him and said Daddy we are willing to let God have you to be with Mom and Virgil, and God took him about 3:15 a.m. This was the hardest thing for us to do. We knew he wanted to come home to die, as he always prayed for God to let him die at home and in his right mind, and have his children by his side. God answered his prayers.

I believe Mom, Dad, Virgil and Lily Mae are waiting for the coming of the Lord so we can all be reunited again. I want to say to the children that haven't made peace with God, they will have to get down to the feet of Jesus and have their robes washed in the blood of the Lamb if they want to see Dad and Mom again and most of all our Saviour who died for us.

I truly want to see them, but most of all I want to see my Saviour.

Written by
his daughters and Sisters in Christ
Elva Thompson and Dessie Cline

LUNA SMITH CASE

It is so much sadness that we write the obituary of our very dear mother, Luna (Smith) Case, born April 22, 1923, the daughter of the late Henry and Melissa (Maynard) Smith.

She was united in marriage to Ervin Case on November 29, 1943. To this union was born five children, two sons: Charles Ervin Case of Phyllis, KY and Eddie Gene Case of Meta, KY; and three daughters: Mary Agnes Ray of Varney, KY; Sherry Ann Daniels of Kimber, KY; and Virginia (Ginnie) Case of Meta, KY.



Besides her husband and five children, she leaves ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild and three sisters: Gracie Andrews, Cleveland, OH; Pearl Hobbs of Pikeville, KY; and Alice Syck of Wynns Branch, KY; and one brother: Arnold Smith, Zebulon, KY. Her brother, Charles Smith; sister, Elizabeth Day; and grandson, Kenneth Preston Chapman, preceded her in death.

She was baptized by Elders Lloyd SESCO and Clifford Maynard and placed her membership with the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church, January 17, 1976, where she remained a faithful member until God called her home to be with Jesus on Easter Sunday, April 3, 1988.

Mommy also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ who will miss her sweet loving smile.

Written by her children

GERTIE BLACKBURN FIELDS

Sister Gerie was the daughter of Hiram (Hi) and Anna Chapman Blackburn. She was born 1903 at McClure, KY and died June 16, 1988.

Sister Gerie was married to John Henry Fields, September 24, 1925, and to this union was born eight children, four boys and four girls; sons: Lonnie Fields, Wendell Fields, Roy Fields, and Clinton Fields; daughters: Anna Hackworth, Ethlene Davis, Lillie Mae Aston and Nomia Shoemaker. Also there are 12 grandchildren, one brother: Gordie Blackburn, and one sister: Sister Vadie Blackburn Muncy.



Sister Gerie was a member of the Sidney Church of the Old Regular Baptist. She gave her hand on the fourth Saturday in June, 1952 at the Sidney Church and was baptized the same day. She attended when she could and when health permitted her to. I believe the last time she attended was the fourth Saturday in June, 1984, our communion time.

There is great love in the hearts of the people of God, and I sincerely believe that Sister Gerie had that love.

I could write many wonderful things about our Sister, but to save space in the minutes, I would like to say to Sister Gerie's children, Please remember the good council of Mother and look to Jesus. He holds our Soul in the Palm of his hand, Mother has only gone away with a friend.

Yes, the Scripture says there remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Just think, how peaceful a rest from all labor, toils, sicknesses, and yes heartaches of this world, asleep in the arms of Jesus.

In the morning, when Jesus appears in the Cloud of his Glory, the trumpet will sound and the dead will raise incorruptible. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the grave shall hear his voice and shall come forth. What a glorious

time it will be. Jesus is coming soon, in the days of the voice of the Seventh Angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he declared to his servants the Prophets.

Mother's Crown will shine bright in that Glorious City, where God and Angels dwell.

Sister Vadie Muncy
Elder Sabert Nichols

MINTIE JANE CLINE HENSLEY

At the request of Sister Mintie Jane and with the help of God, we will attempt to write our dear friend's obituary.

Mintie Jane Cline Hensley was born November 15, 1929, the daughter of the late Marvin Cline and Virgie Bowling Cline. Sister Mintie Jane deceased this life November 3, 1987 at 4:20 a.m. making her stay on earth 58 years.

Mintie Jane was united in marriage to James Ira Hensley (who preceded her in death) on April 5, 1951. To this union were born five children, four boys: Edsill

Hensley, Varney, KY; Ricky Hensley, Miami, FL; Gene Hensley, Varney, KY; and James Hensley, Pikeville, KY; one stepson, Dusty Hensley, Williamson, WV; one daughter: Jackie Larson, Columbus, OH.



Mintie Jane leaves four brothers: James Wince Cline of Homer, MI; Marvin Cline, Jr. of Albion, MI; Virgil Cline of Varney, KY and Levon Cline of Varney, KY. One brother, Robert Jackson Cline, preceded her in death. She also leaves two half brothers: Roscoe Caines, Dorton, KY and Watha Cline of Dayton, OH. Mintie Jane leaves two sisters: Edna Mae Stanley, Ecorse, MI and Jackie Beene, Albion, MI. Four grandchildren of Columbus, OH.

Sister Mintie Jane professed a hope in Christ and was baptized October 17, 1987 by Elders Clifford Maynard, Billy Williamson, and Dale Williamson. The day she was baptized she said "I want to spend any time I have left serving God." Through her body was racked with pain, she praised the Lord. Many times during her last days she would be in a sound sleep and cry out, "I want to be with my children." She told me of many dreams she'd had. One was, she dreamed of being on a train with a lot of people. I feel sure she was dreaming of a train bound for Heaven. Mintie Jane's last wish was that she could be at the Old Pilgrim Rest Church when they put her name on the Church book.

Through an eye of Faith, I can see this dear, humble Sister. I feel she's with God where she won't hurt anymore. We'll miss her loving smile. But Sister Mintie Jane chose the good part that will never be taken away. Not even by death.

Written by two sisters
in hope of Eternal Life,
Sharlene Cline and Stella B. Caines

JACK JUDE

With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write an obituary of my Dad, Jack Jude.

Dad was born April 16, 1900 and died April 21, 1988 making his stay here on earth 88 years and 5 days. He was the son of David and Sarah (Frale) Jude. He was married March 5, 1928 to Pearl (Blackburn) Jude who is left to mourn his loss. He is also survived by 14 children, 10 sons and 4 daughters.

I thank God he blessed me to help baptize my Dad twelve days before he passed away. Brothers, I can still see his face as he came up out of the water, the pretty smile upon his face and how he raised his hand toward Heaven. So, I feel that Dad is at rest from his labor, he is gone from our midst but his loving memory lives on forever in my heart and mind.

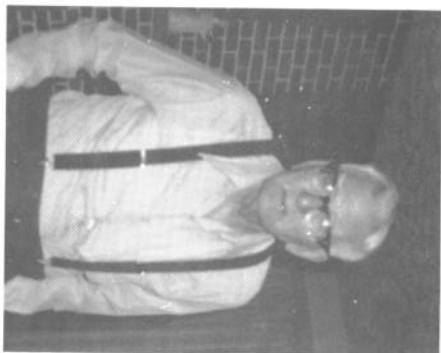
There are not enough words to express the love and respect I have for my Dad. Dad spent his last birthday in the hospital so weak he could hardly speak. I asked him if he had a good birthday and he said it was the best one he ever had.

The old home place is lonely now, but by the help of God I will meet you again Dad, so sleep on, sleep on my Dad, rest in peace until that glorious morning when the God of Heaven declares that time shall be no more, and gathers the elect from the four corners of the Earth, to meet Him upon the Cloud of Glory.

So Mom, Dad is gone from our midst, but by the help of God when these old graves burst open we will go home together.

To the children that is still out in the Field of Sin, if you want to meet Dad again, take heed to what God said, "He is a Light that shineth in a dark place, until the Day Star arises in your heart." So please call on Jesus.

Mom, I know the day is so long and dreary and the nights are long and dark, but someday we will be together again so, Mom, keep on praying and we will meet him again. So Farewell for a short time, Dad.



Written by
your unworthy Son
and Brother in Christ,
Hershel Jude

HENRIETTA PAULEY SANDEFUR

My Mother, Henrietta Pauley Sandefur, formerly of Sidney, KY, died at the Mt. Manor Nursing Home of Pikeville, KY, October 23, 1987. She was born June 8, 1891 at Sidney, KY, making her life here 96 years, 4 months, and 15 days. She was the daughter of Shadle Randolph and Malinda Morris Pauley. Mother was the last of 14 brothers and sisters.

She was married to James Lindley Sandefur, June 28, 1911, and to this union were born six sons: Robert Shadle, James Lindley, Verlyn Carman, Melville Edwin, Winifred Claudine, and Henry Edgar; and four daughters: Susie Malinda, Roberta June, Virginia Elouise, and Ruby Elizabeth. She was preceded in death by her husband, October 21, 1965; three sons: Grayson Clayton, 1926; Robert Shadle, February 4, 1978; and Winifred Claudine, October 11, 1987; and a daughter: Virginia Elouise, July 1, 1964; seven brothers and six sisters.

Mother joined the Mount Pleasant Old Regular Baptist Church in November, 1965, and loved to go to Church as long as she was able. She was a faithful wife, a good mother, and true to her Church.

Due to a stroke in 1971, she was unable to attend Church very often and during her stay in the Mt. Manor Nursing Home of Prestonsburg, KY, she was blessed with services from the Mount Pleasant Regular Baptist Church every third Sunday. The minister, Elder Lloyd SESCO, and some of the members from the Church would come, and when Brother Lloyd was unable to be there, Elder Clifford Maynard would be there.

Mother looked forward to the service and would ask me every time I went to see her, "If there would be Church today." She would join them in their singing and listened closely to the sermon. We, the family, appreciate their concern for Mother and also other patients who enjoyed their visits. I am sure Mother is resting in her Heavenly Home today.



A Daughter,
Roberta Sandefur

REBECCA EVANS ADAIR GRUBB

As we began to write the obituary of our precious grandmother, many sweet and loving memories came to mind. Each one of us has a very special memory of her and it would be impossible to include them all but it is a great comfort to know that her life was spent in the service of the Lord.

Mommy Grubb, as she was known to her grandchildren, was born April 26, 1894, at Burch, WV, now known as Delbarton, and died February 25, 1988 at Anthony, FL, two months before her ninety fourth birthday. She was the youngest of ten children and the last surviving child of James Harvey Evans and Melissa Bradley Evans.

She was married to James Adair on December 21, 1914, who preceded her in death. Seven children were born of this union, three of whom preceded her in death. They were Albert and Melissa Adair and Nancy Rowlands. On May 18, 1929, she was married to Carlos Grubb, who also preceded her in death. To this union were born four children, three of whom preceded her in death. They were Rush, Clara, and Clarence Grubb. Surviving children are: Tommy Adair, Sr. of Ocala, FL; Henry Adair of Sacramento, CA; George Adair, Sr. of LaMirada, CA; Johnny Adair of Sparr, FL; and Maudie Mahorn of Ravenswood, WV. She had forty grandchildren, seventy six great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren.

She joined Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church in Delbarton, WV, in 1908 and was baptized by Elder George W. Maynard. She was received by Letter into the Southern Home Church in Sparr, FL on February 6, 1988.

She was a member of the Church for eighty years and was loved and respected by her many dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. Though she suffered many hardships and sorrows, her faith never faltered. She was often called upon to pray for and minister to the sick. Because of her great faith, people in many walks of life requested her prayers. She was a firm believer in the power of prayer and always tried to go when called, although she sometimes had to walk to get there. She was an inspiration to her family and to the Church. She never tired of talking about the Lord and even though her passing leaves a great void in our lives, we can rejoice in the hope that we can all be with her again where she is waiting with the Saviour to welcome us home.



Written by
her grandchildren

ARNOLD H. FRANCIS

With the help of our Dear Lord and Master, I'll try to write the obituary of my dear Husband and companion of 40 years, Arnold H. Francis. Arnold was born March 13, 1924, to the late James and Etta Walters Francis. He deceased this life June 23, 1988, making his stay on earth 64 years, 3 months, and 10 days.

He married Goldean Burke, February 21, 1948. To this union was born one son, Gary of Riner, VA and a daughter, Debbie, also of Riner. Also left to mourn our loss are two grandsons, Steve of Riner and Shane, at home, whom he was raising as his own; a granddaughter, Sharon, of Riner; two brothers: Clinton of Gilbert, WV and Walter of Christiansburg, VA; four sisters: Cora Stepp of Sebring, FL; Ethel Reed of Ravenswood, WV; Irene Coleman of Ewing, KY; and Caroletta Warner of Groveport, OH. Three Brothers and a Sister preceded him in death.

He had been reading his Bible, and praying for forgiveness of his sins, and while in the hospital he knew his prayers had been answered, and he called for the Elders and on April 10, 1988, (the day he came home from the hospital) he was baptized by Elders Tommy Adair and Hi Young. He placed his membership with the Southern Home Church at Citra, FL.

Arnold told me he regretted not turning his life over to the Lord and Master sooner. Arnold always loved his family and provided for us. We loved him and miss him so much.

To our children and loved ones, I would like to say now is the time to turn to the Lord and make Heaven your main goal in this life. May God forgive us of our sins and give us a home in Heaven.

ERSEL PRINCE

By the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my dear Dad. Brother Ersel Prince was born February 14, 1923 in Mingo County, West Virginia and died March 27, 1988 making his stay upon this earth 65 years, 1 month, and 13 days.

He was married to Martha Jane May, August 1, 1942. Mourning his loss are his wife, two sons, three daughters, twelve grandchildren, and a host of friends. He is survived by his wife Jane and his children: Archie Prince of Huntington, WV; Ersel Prince, Jr. of



Written by
one who loved him,
His Wife and Sister in Hope



Dingess, WV; Mary F. Marcum of Dingess, WV; Beulah R. Keck and Causby J. Marshall of Huntington, WV.

He was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized July 5, 1958 becoming a member of the Samaria Church where he remained until his death. He became Clerk of the Samaria Church in November 1959 and served until November, 1980. Dad loved to work with the young members of the Church and wanted a younger member to be Clerk. He enjoyed so much talking and singing with the young members and loved having them in his home for dinner after church. Dad loved the Church and hated to see trouble come along so we should strive daily to keep the commandments of God causing Satan to flee from among us. Let us all continue in prayer and some day we'll meet Dad up in Heaven and there remain forever more.

MAUDIE MAYNARD

With much love, respect, and fond memories, I will try to write the obituary of my mother, Maudie Maynard. She was a devoted wife, mother and most important, a devoted Christian. She was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church for several years.

She was the daughter of the late John B. and Elizabeth Smith. She was married September 14, 1926 to Bud J. Maynard. To this union was born 11 children. One preceded her in death. Survivors are her husband, 10 children, 24 grandchildren, and 17 great - great grandchildren. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Mom will be missed, but her suffering is over.



Written by

her son who loved her dearly,
Irvin

RALPH W.E. VARNEY, Sr.

With God's help, we will try to write the Obituary of our Dad, Ralph W. E. Varney, Sr. Dad was born January 31, 1908 at Road Fork in Pike County, Ky. He was preceded in death by his parents, A. M. Varney and Mary Magdalene Varney; one son, Paul Lester Varney; three brothers and one sister. He is survived by his wife, Onie Ledford Mullins Varney of Forest Hills, Ky.; Three sons: Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. and Larry Gene Varney of Frankfort, Ky., and Jack R. Varney of Cincinnati, Ohio; one step-son Micheal Mullins of Vermillion, Ohio; and three step-daughters Mrs. Peggy Cornett of Avon Lake, Ohio, Ms. Lena Mullins and Mrs. Judy Martin of Northport, Fla. Nine grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, seven step-grand children and one great step-grandchild. Also surviving is a brother, W. York Varney of Lexington, Ky.



Dad worked for the Norfolk & Western Railway for forty years. We were young boys when Dad came in and told us God had saved him. We went to the Salem Church and then to Tug River where he was baptized. He began a journey that would last almost 50 years. He fought the fight, he ran the race and not once did he waver. He was ready and willing to take up the cause of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ anytime. Our thoughts can go back and see him sitting reading his Bible. He was well versed in God's laws. He had the ability to explain the mysteries of God and would at any opportunity. He never backed off one bit. He was holding up the Cross as high when he died as when he first picked it up. Jesus said "I go to prepare a place for you and if I go I will come again in like manner to receive you so that where I am there you may be also".

Surely our Dad will raise to meet Him in the air to go home to the mansion he went to prepare. There to live throughout eternity.

Dad cannot come back to see us but we can go to see him. So as we struggle to write this let us say with a heart full of love if you want to go where he is Jesus said "You must be born again". Don't fall short. Make preparations to go there while you have the opportunity. "God gives you breath you live. He takes it away and you die". And after death comes the judgment. "If you die in sin you will be resurrected in sin" so prepare to go be with him. Seek Jesus while he may be found and go be with Dad.

Dad set an example for us that cannot be misunderstood. He loved and cared for us and never once complained.

His Uncle stood at his casket and said "A man of greater principles I never knew" and he was so right.

Dad is resting around the throne of God until He says it is finished. Lets all try to meet him there.

Written by his sons:

Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
Larry G. Varney
Elder Jack R. Varney

BESSIE HARRIS HAGA BLAIR

Born June 1, 1903 to Robert and Rebecca Harris of Chattaroy, WV, she was baptized May 24, 1924 and was a member of the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church of Delbarton. She passed away at the age of 84 and was a member of the Church for several years. She had two sons, Cecil who passed away at the age of 2 and Thurmon who lived to be 50 years old.

Sister Bessie has 3 grandsons; Gale, Dale and Blair Haga of Huntington and 6 great-grandchildren who loved her very much.

She attended Church as much as she could. She leaves one brother, Alfred Harris, and 2 sisters; Gladys Rife of Michigan and Shirley Marcum of Chattaroy, WV. Two brothers preceded her in death; Jennings Harris of Chattaroy and Leroy Harris of Chattaroy; and 7 sisters; Tilda, Edna, Myrtle, Brookie, Norma, Pearl, and Elsie.

I want to say a word to Sister Bessie's grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the rest of her family. "Be good so you can go to Heaven to live over there with Sister Bessie again."



I miss you very much,
Sister in the Lord and in the flesh,
Shirley Harris Marcum

ELSIE CLARK

It is with love and many fond memories and at her request, I will try to write to obituary of Sister Elsie Clark. She was born January 13, 1903, deceased this life March 29, 1987.

She was the daughter of John and Sarah Clevenger.

She was married to Lee Clark, who preceded her in death. Also, three sons who preceded her in death, John B. (infant), Luther and Bill, and one great, great grandson, Bobby J.

She is survived by one son, Earnel Lee (Peanut) Clark of Chicago, Illinois. One daughter, M. J. Ethel (Jarrell) Gray of High Point, North Carolina: Twelve grandchildren; Twenty-seven great grandchildren; Five great, great grandchildren; daughters-in-law, nieces and nephews and many friends and loved ones who miss her dearly.

She joined The Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Brushey Creek on October 22, 1949. She remained a faithful member until she had to move to Illinois because of her health. She continued to attend church as often as she was physically able to make the long trip.

I have known Sister Clark for many years. She was a real friend and I have been in church meetings with her many times. She always cooked for the church and wanted us, or anyone, to go eat dinner with her. I visited her a few times in Illinois, she always knew me and was glad to see me.

I believe her body is sleeping in Jesus awaiting the resurrection from the grave to go to Heaven and there forever be. I hope to see her again.

Written by
Sister Nellie Jarrell
and her Grandaughter,
Elsie Lauder milk

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 to 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 consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

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

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the 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 the will of the majority of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power to provide 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 the 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 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 of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are 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 the 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 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 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 are 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 shall be rejected by us.

ARTICLE 13. We believe that the Church of Jesus 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 those 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 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 or appellation than that of "Brother."

ARTICLE 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.

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

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

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

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MT. PLEASANT: Frankie Scott, Lacy Walters, Charles Elkins
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ENON: Willis Staton, Clifford Stanley, James Spencer
REBECCA: Maynard Hay, James Gillman, Edward Runyon
BENT BRANCH: Merlin SESCO, Hatler Stone, Larry May
SARDIS: Billy Brumfield, Clayburn Varney, Mark Murphy
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MARY ELIZABETH: Oscar Stepp, Hobart Hamilton, Clarence Deskins
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PILGRIMS HOME: Milford Lowe, John Henry Elkins, Dale Williamson
SALEM: W. H. Hale, Randall H. Runyon, Clevis Stump
SIDNEY: Arnold Howell, John Jude, Henderson Jude
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NARROWS BRANCH: Clyde Brown, Bobby Scott, Virgil Stanley
LEANNAH: Gabe D. Lowe, Ben Scott, Calvin Howard
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LITTLE VIRGIE: Alson Thornbury, Willie Stiltner, Bob Justice
SOUTHERN HOME: Stanley Campbell, Bruce Forsyth, Tommy Adair, Sr.
PILGRIMS REST: Leon Robinson, Dallas Maynard, Curtis Robinson
OKEECHOBEE: Gary Holbrook, James Barney, Jackson Holbrook
ELIZABETH: Kelly Castle, Leonard Napier, David Castle
LITTLE TAVIE: Julius Cochran, Chester Cochran, Donnie Brown

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												SAT.	SUN.		
MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	100	100						2		35	10:00/10:00		2	June
APPLE ORCHARD	Wallace Muncy	75	100						1		37	11:00/11:00		1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	75	75								14	11:00/11:00		1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	150	175	1					1	2	60	11:00/11:00		2	May
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	150	150						3		67	10:00/10:00		3	Aug
SARDIS	Joe Evans	150	200	2				3	2	1	79	11:00/11:00		4	Aug
BIG BRANCH	Willis L. Lowe	150	200	1							31	11:00/11:00		3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	125	150	2							52	11:00/11:00		3	July
BETHANY	Isom Hannah	80	100						2	1	50	11:00/11:00		4	Aug
ELK FORK	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	100								19	11:00/11:00		3	Aug
PILGRIMS HOME	Billy Williamson	300	225	3	1				6	1	120	11:00/10:30		4	Aug
SALEM	Clifford Maynard	150	200						3		44	2:00/11:00		1	May
SIDNEY	Wallace Muncy	125	150	4					2		33	2:00/10:30		4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	200								59	11:00/11:00		1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Bobby Scott	125	125								35	11:00/11:00		4	July
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	125	100			1					42	10:30/10:30		2	July
BUCK CREEK	Virgil Fields	125	125						1		39	10:30/10:30		3	June
TABITHA	S. D. Hensley	125	100	1					2	1	23	11:00/11:00		1	Aug
LITTLE ROSA	Wallace Muncy	40	50								17	11:00/11:00		2	Apr
TURKEY CREEK	Willis L. Lowe	150	150					1	1		78	11:00/11:00		2	May
SAMARIA	Paul Vance	100	150	1					1		54	11:00/11:00		1	July
ROSA	Johnnie Cline	175	175						2	1	60	2:00/10:00		3	Aug
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	25	40								16	/11:00		2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Alson Thornsby	65	75	2					2		14	11:00/11:00		4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair, Sr.	175	200	3	3				2		48	2:00/10:30		1	Apr
PILGRIMS REST	Clifford Maynard	50	50	1					1		17	10:30/10:30		2	June
OKEECHOBEE	James Barney	100	100	1	3				1	1	22	4:00/10:00		2	Apr
ELIZABETH	Virgil Fields	100	100	1				1	2		32	10:00/10:00		1	June
LITTLE TAVIE	W. H. Cochran	125	75	1							15	10:30/10:30		2	July
TOTALS		3535	3740	24	7	1	0	5	37	8	1212				