

MINUTES
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OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In session assembled with the Sardis Church

Delbarton, Mingo County, West Virginia

September 13, 14, and 15, 1991

Elder Edwin May - Moderator

Elder Isom Hannah - Assistant Moderator

Brother 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 Sardis Church, Delbarton, Mingo County, West Virginia on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1991.

Time passes ever so quickly and 'Association Time' has arrived once more. Deep in thought and prayer while traveling across mountains to the Old Sardis Church, there is joy of heart as multitudes of happy memories flash across my mind. And yet, there is a nagging and forlorn feeling that intensifies the prayer for a good Association. Early arrivers on the Association grounds appear to share these feelings of happiness and anxiety as instant joy of seeing one another was manifest in the vigorous clasping of hands and warm embraces but soon turned to hushed discussion.

Singing of those beautiful old 'lined' songs of Zion called the congregation to seats under the tent where, about the hour of 9:30 a. m., Elder Edwin May, our beloved and able Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand to welcome the people and announce the arrangements. So feeble of body he could hardly walk, even with aid of his big old knot cane cut from the sapling of a tree, Brother Ed addressed a large Friday congregation with a strong voice and even stronger spirit. "Welcome to each and everyone of you," he stated, "and I hope that each of us assembled here today have come with an humble heart looking for and asking for God's will - not ours - to be done! If we have met in love, God will surely be in our midst."

Elder Richard Staton having been chosen as alternate last year, opened these Services strong in voice and confidence in the Lord while feeding on the strong meat of the Word. Using for a Text: "Tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high," Brother

Richard very powerfully preached the Holy Ghost to be that power and Jesus to be the Saviour of the world.

Elder Hiram Adkins, our faithful, dependable and much admired corresponding Brother from the New Salem Association, was blessed by the Spirit to offer up and able prayer.

Elder Berlin Thornsbury, the mirror image in body of his Dad, Elder Jim Thornsbury, came to the Stand and preached the Introductory Sermon from his text: "the Grace of God hath appeared unto all men."

Beginning in an humble manner and waiting upon the Spirit to direct his mind and use him to preach Jesus, he recalled an old mountain proverb, "you can't save your bacon without salt." Brother Berlin then forcefully preached that only by the grace of God through faith in His son, Jesus, can we be saved. Satan does buffet the flesh, he stated, and we will have trouble in the body but, as the Lord told Paul, "my grace is sufficient for thee." Brother Berlin concluded with "the sufferings of this world are not worthy to be compared with the good things prepared for those who have been washed in the blood of Jesus."

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Sardis Church house where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom the several non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the tent to enjoy the preaching of:

Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association
Elder Jerry Manns, New Salem Association
Elder Stanford Branham, Union Association
Elder Paul Boggs, Philadelphia Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in order, Brother Ed, remembered the first Sardis Association he ever attended was held here at the Sardis Church in 1949. Brother Ed, acknowledging his departure from our practice of using a Corresponding Brother in the opening at the House, recognized Elder Tommy Adair, Sr., the beloved Moderator of our Southern Home Church, as an 'Elder in truth' and called upon him to bring up the Services. Brother Tommy came to the Stand and, asking the Brethren to not start a song until he had finished speaking, embarked upon a discourse laced with wisdom and advice acquired over many years of labor in the vineyard. Elder William Adair, Sr. of the Sardis Association, son of Brother Tommy, then led in a wonderful and Spirit felt prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, our much loved and very able Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand with great weakness of body and yet a walking miracle that God has held up, I believe, in answer to the many prayers uttered in his behalf. Brother Ed, asking the delegates to hold his hands up as the Israelites held up the hands of Moses, reminded us that Sardis Association needs every Church that makes up this Association. "Walk in love," he stated, "and in truth be able to say, 'I love you'." Don't try to correct another Brother's mistakes, he continued, pray for one another because we all make mistakes.

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

Brother James Blackburn
Brother W.H. Hale
Elder Thomas J. Dials

(3) The Moderator then called for the Letters from the Sardis Association Churches to be handed in to the Clerk and for the 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 Sardis 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 \$3,640.00 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 Lee Williamson, Union Association
Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Hurshell Hurley, Old Friendship Association

(7) The Sardis Association then completed its 1991 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 Sardis Church delegation. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder Herman West, Union Association
Elder John R. Justice, Old Friendship Association

SATURDAY

Elder Wayne Turner, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association
Elder Hurshell Hurley, Old Friendship Association
Elder Leonard Napier, Sardis Association

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

Brother Mel Mahorn
Brother Mark Murphy
Elder Billie Brumfield

(11) By regular move and second, the reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and the 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: Fon Bowling, Gary Varney, Jesse Lee Williamson, Marshall Williamson, Floyd Jude, Arvid Blewins, Frank O'Quinn, David O'Quinn, John M. Mullins, Herman West, Gene Johnson, Theodore Looney, Howard Coleman, Virgil Ratliff, Ed Baker and Earl Boyd. Letter in the hands of Brother Jesse Lee Williamson.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Ellis Holbrook, Grover Adkins, Monroe Jones, James Pete Hensley, Norman Conn, J. D. Clarke, Walter Akers, Ted Honaker, Hiram Adkins, Earl Stone and Jerry Manns. Letter in the hands of Elder Monroe Jones.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Bart Potter, John Jude, Stony Blackburn, Hargis Tuttle, Paris C. Tackitt, David Stone, Johnie Bentley, and C. W. Turner. Letter in the hands of Elder Stony Blackburn.

[See Item (13) for a Request received with the Letter]

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Lowell Adkins, Luther Ramey, Jr., Rush Stanley, Harlan Barrey, Paul Boggs, Douglas Colegrove, Billy May, Walter Morrison, Paul Morrison, Ira Adkins, Jr., Howard Adkins, W. C. Elkins, Claude Coffee and David Gilliam. Letter in the hands of Brother Douglas Colegrove.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: John R. Justice, Danny Hurley, Leonard Coleman, Sidney Collins, Dave Gibson, Cecil Blankenship, Charlie Gibson, Hurshell Hurley, Junior Coleman, Jimmy Walker, Roy Lester, Eddie Cooper, Ferrel Scarberry, Roger McCoy, David Lester, George Baker, Roby Stacy and Gary Brown. Letter in the hands of Brother Gary Brown.

CLERKS NOTE: *The clerks of the Sardis Association are saddened by the untimely passing of Brother Elzie Reed, Clerk of the Old Friendship Association. We extend our condolences to the Association, Brother Elzie's family and many friends.*

(13) Having received the Letter and seating the delegates from our Sister, the Northern New Salem Association, the following Request was referred to the Committee on Arrangements:

Plymouth, Ohio
August 2, 3, 4, 1991

We the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ. Now in session with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio on the above mention dates. Met in love and peace. Called for letters of correspondence from sister associations. Received one from the Murl Caudill side of the Old Indian Bottom Association. Desiring to take correspondence with the Northern New Salem Association. A move and second was made to receive the letter and refer it to the committee on the Bill of Arrangements. Also give the Brothers from the Old Indian Bottom Association a right to speak. After much discussion and a suggestion from Elder Grover Adkins, Moderator of our sister the New Salem Association. That we appoint a committee to meet with their committee. Time and place to be determined at the New Salem Association. Also we send a request to all our sister associations, asking them to appoint a committee to meet with us, to see if a peaceful solution can be accomplished. Asking Bro. Murl Caudill to appoint a committee to meet with us at that time.

To our sister the Sardis Association, we hope you will answer our request by appointing a committee to meet with us. Our committee has the power from the Northern New Salem Association, to act in the best interest of the Northern New Salem Association, on the matter after the committee meets.

May God help us all to work humble and prayerful on this matter. That peace may abound among this Old Baptist family.

Done and signed by order of the Association.
Elder Roy Caudill, Moderator
Elder Paris C. Tackitt, Assistant Moderator
Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk
Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner, Assistant Clerk

After receiving the Letters and seating the delegates from all our Sister and Corresponding Associations, the following minute of an October 29, 1960 Committee Meeting was read:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT
THE OLD CARR CHURCH ON OCTOBER 19, 1960

The following brethren were appointed by their respective Associations met at the Old Carr Church on October 29, 1960. It being the fifth Saturday in October 1960. They met with representatives from twenty-eight of the churches from the Indian Bottom Association it being agreed upon at the Sardis Association and also the Union and New Salem Associations that we meet at this time and place since there being a difference that occurred in this the Indian Bottom Association and the following Brethren from the Sister Associations met according to agreement as follows:

From the New Salem Association:
Elder M. V. Burke, Elder Tack Hall, Elder Johnny Hall, Elder Banner Manns, Elder M. C. Wright, Elder Troy Nickols, and Elder E. V. Hopkins.

From the Union Association:
Elder Elmer Church, Elder John Hess, Elder Evans Bailey, Elder Basil Bailey, Elder Tyree Church, Elder Willie Kendrick, Bro John M. Mullins and Bro Rufus Perrigan.

From the Sardis Association:
Elder Ester Hopkins, Elder Willie White, Elder B. H. Bevins, Elder Emmitt Case, Elder Ed May, Elder Wayne Herald, Elder W. H. May.

The Committee organized by electing Elder Ester Hopkins as Moderator and Brother Rufus Perrigan as Clerk of the Committee.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that we seat with us from our sister Associations in this Committee the following Brethren to wit:

From the Philadelphia Association:
Elder John Moore, Bro George Wood, Bro Wess Woods, Bro Ira Adkins.

From the Northern New Salem Association:
Elder Baxter Osborne, Eld Roy B. Akers, Bro Jesse Bryant and Bro Anthony Hamilton.

The above Brethren being leaders from the Northern New Salem Association and the Philadelphia Association that had already held their Associations before this trouble came in the Indian Bottom Association.

The Moderator gave consent to several of the Brethren from each of the Associations to speak as to how to bring about peace from both factions of the

Indian Bottom Association. After several Brethren had spoken it was moved and seconded that the Committee retire from the house in private session and after some discussion adopted the following recommendation:

We the Committee as an advisory Council say to both factions of the Indian Bottom Association that you annul the work done by both organizations in 1960 and meet in love with each other prior to the convening of our Corresponding Associations with the same state as to organization that you were in when you adjourned in September 1959. And further that each Church of both factions be received and protected from biased accusations and any Church that desires a Letter of Dismissal same should be granted. We further advise that each Church have the right to make the decision as with whom they preach or fellowship within Regular Baptist faith.

We further say that those who receive and abide by the recommendation of this Committee shall be recommended to our several Associations as being in order. The above recommendations were unanimously agreed upon.

It was move and seconded that the Committee be dissolved.

Done and signed by the Order of the Committee.

Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator
Brother Rufus Perrigan, Clerk

(14) 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: James Gannon, Edwin Hay, Hobart Hamilton, Tommy Adair, Sr., William Adair, Sr., James Barney, Stanley Campbell, Richard Staton, Elbert SESCO, Thomas J. Dials, Clifford Maynard, Andy Scott, Robert R. Clay, Chester Cochran and Ernest Cochran.

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

(16) 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 from each of our corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association.

(17) On motion by Elder Chris Watts, second by Brother Julius Cochran, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 14, 1991.

SATURDAY

September 14 1991

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sardis Church house where Elder Paris C. Tackitt of the Northern New Salem Association opened this session of our Association with preaching. Elder Grover Adkins of the New Salem Association led in prayer.

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 1992 Association; who shall be his alternate; and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1992 Association:

Elder Walter Akers, New Salem Association
 Elder Paris C. Tackitt, Northern New Salem Association
 Elder Theodore Looney, Union Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Hobart Hamilton, Preach the Introductory Sermon
 Elder Sabert Nichols, Alternate
 Elder Thomas J. Dials, 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 Robert Clay, Sardis Association
 Elder Paris C Tackitt, Northern New Salem Association
 Elder Mark Murphy, Sardis Association

SUNDAY

Elder Sabert Nichols, Sardis Association
 Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association
 Elder Isom Hannah, Sardis 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 9-9-90	\$ 17,117.95
Interest received 8/7/90 to 8/1/91	\$ 682.68
Less Federal Tax Withheld	<u>\$ (78.85)</u>
Total available for 1991	\$ 17,721.78
Less 1990 Expenses:	
Print 4,000 copies of minutes	\$ 3,774.00
Liability Insurance	<u>\$ 311.00</u>
Total 1990 Expenses	<u>(\$ 4,085.00)</u>
Balance on hand 9-13-91	\$ 13,636.78
Add 1991 Receipts:	
Contributions from Churches	\$ 3,640.00
Obituary Pictures	<u>\$ 392.00</u>
Total 1991 receipts	<u>\$ 4,032.00</u>
Balance on hand 9-14-91	<u>\$ 17,668.78</u>

(6) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1991 and that he be allowed \$50 for his expense.

(7) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 4000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300 for his expense.

(8) Elder Steve Robinson, Jr., chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand in as humble a manner as only Brother Steve can come and in his quite voice read his message. Do not let the meekness of Brother Steve cause you to miss the power of his writing, read the Letter again and search out its depth. By regular move and second the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minute.

(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 the Union Association Building, Ash Camp, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1991: Clifford Maynard, Bobby Scott, James Gannon, Hubert Glanden, Berlin Thornsbury, Frank Sheppard, Isom Hannah, Alison Thornbury, Willie Stitner, James G. Thornbury, Sabert Nichols, Phinus Nichols, James Blackburn, Frankie Scott, Lacy Walters, Leon Robinson, Jackson Holbrook, Edwin May, James Brown, Marion Duncan, Stewart Brown, Dallas Maynard, Russell Thacker, Elbert SESCO, Paul Moore, Bobby SESCO and Virgil Fields. 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, 1991: Jackson Holbrook, James Gannon, Edwin Hay, Freddy Maynard, James Blackburn, Marion Duncan, Billy Williamson, Phinus Nichols, Sabert Nichols, Henry Jude, Andy Maynard, Homer Collins, Fay Scott, Elbert SESCO, Wayne Herald, Jr., Bobby Scott, Lacy Walters, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Frankie White, S. D. Hensley, Stewart Brown, Berlin Thornsbury, James Brown, Bobby SESCO, J. D. Walters, Frank Sheppard, Russell Thacker and Edwin May. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1992: Edwin Hay, James Gannon, Paul Moore, Frank Sheppard, Billy Williamson, Elbert SESCO, James Barney, Maynard Hay, Frankie Scott, Clyde Brown, Edwin May, Glen Dixon and Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Little Mary Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1992: S. D. Hensley, Edwin Hay, Freddy Maynard, James Barney, Paul Moore, W. H. Cochran, Stewart Brown, Julius Cochran, Berlin Thornsbury, Chester Cochran, James Gannon, Frank Sheppard, Clyde Brown, Paul Barney, Jerry Thompson, Sabert Nichols, and Edwin May. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Bee Branch Church, Stacy, VA, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1992: Edwin May, Edwin Hay, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsbury, W. H. Cochran, Julius Cochran, Chester Cochran, Charles Testerman, Jerry Thompson, Hubert Glanden, Bobby Scott, Stewart Brown, Elbert SESCO, Alison Thornbury, James G. Thornbury, Willie Stitner, Frank Sheppard, Frankie White, Isom Hannah and Russell Thacker. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbury.

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

(11) Read the request from our Sister, the Northern New Salem Association asking that we appoint a Committee to meet with them and like Committees from our corresponding Associations. (See Item 13 of Friday's session for this Request).

Much discussion was had on the subject among the Sardis Association Delegates and from our corresponding Associations concerning the Indian Bottom Association and work already done in 1991 by our corresponding Associations. The issues are complex and not easily understood but, nevertheless, a Committee will represent Sardis Association in the proceedings.

Move by Elder Bobby Scott, second by Brother Stewart Brown, to appoint a committee in compliance with request of the Northern New Salem Association to work with like committees from all corresponding Associations and report back to our 1992 Association. The Moderator appointed the following committee:

Elder Edwin May
Elder Isom Hannah
Elder Berlin Thornsbury
Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.
Elder Bobby Scott

Appointed as Alternates:

Elder Johnnie Cline
Elder Hobart Hamilton

(12) Elder Clifford Maynard gave report on Tent. There were no expenses but there is a need to dispose of the trailer/stand that is ruining and not being used. Report was received by regular move and second.

(13) Request from the Southern Home Church asking for a donation to help them build a new church building. Donation of \$385.00 was collected.

(14) Discussed Liability Insurance and potential reimbursement of Sardis Church cost of insurance for this year. By regular move and second, the Brother Clerk was authorized to pay the Sardis Church an amount equal to the premium the Association would have had to pay if the Association had not been covered under the Sardis Church policy.

(15) 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 becometh 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

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

(17) Read a request from the Southern Home Church to replace Item 16 of our 1990 Minutes with a similar order from our 1929 Minutes. On motion by Elder Bobby Scott, second by Brother Julius Cochran, the request is granted and the following order replaces Item 16 of our 1990 Minutes.

Ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Churches not to marry anyone having a living husband or wife unless they bring scripture evidence for putting their husband or wife away.

(18) 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.

(19) 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 (20) is defined to include "any means of receiving members."

(20) 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."

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

(22) 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.

(23) Read a Request from the Pilgrim's Rest Church to print the Obituary of Lizzie Maynard in our minutes. A move and second was made to grant the Request, objection filed by Elder S. D. Hensley. Vote taken; 55 for the move and 4 for the objection. Therefore, the Request is granted.

(24) Read a Request from the Southern Home Church to print the Obituary of Brother James Hatmaker in our minute. This Request was granted by regular move and second.

(25) Read a Request from the Little Virgie Church to print the Obituary of Kenny Thornbury, Sr. in our minute which was granted by regular move and second.

(26) By move and second, granted a Request of the Mary Elizabeth Church to print an Obituary of Brother Lee Hamilton in our minutes.

(27) By move and second, granted a Request of the Rebecca Church to print an Obituary of Elder Mike Sheppard in our minutes.

(28) Read a Request from the Little Tavie Church to print the Obituary of Brother Elmer Thompson in our minute. This Request was granted by regular move and second.

(29) By regular move and second, granted the Request of the Rosa Church to print the Obituary of Drucilla Ann Thompson Lester in our minute.

(30) Read a Request from the Bethany Church to remove Hayden Hannah's name from our register of Ordained Ministers as he now stands excluded from that Church. By regular move and second, the Request is granted.

(31) Called for report of Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial meetings. By move and second, received the report and commended the Brethren for their effort in fulfilling their obligation.

(32) Called on the committee appointed to investigate the acquisition of property for a permanent site for the Sardis Association to make their report. Brother Isaac Williamson reported on property that might become available on Meathouse. Brother John Henry Elkins reported on possible availability of property near the Pilgrims Home Church. By regular move and second the committee is to be kept for another year.

- Brother Joe Fletcher
- Brother Isaac Williamson
- Brother John Henry Elkins

(33) Read a Request from the Bethany Church and from the Samaria Church concerning Sardis Association orders about Secret Orders and for advice about the calling of Ministers belonging to Secret Orders by our Churches in their Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings and if Sardis Association Ministers should preach with a Minister belonging to a Secret Order.

A move was made by Brother Stewart Brown, second by Elder Billy Williamson, to send these Requests back to the Churches. An

objection was filed by Elder Paul Vance. Vote taken: 46 for the move and 22 for the objection. Therefore, the move is carried.

(34) Read a Request from Pilgrims Home Church to host our 1992 Association. Move by Elder Chris Watts, second by Brother Bruce Forsyth to grant the Pilgrims Home Church the privilege of hosting the 1992 Sardis Association.

Therefore, the Pilgrims Home Church will host the 1992 session of the Sardis Association at Varney, Pike County, Kentucky.

The Pilgrims Home Church is located on Kentucky Route 881. Follow U. S. Route 119 from Pikeville, KY towards Williamson, WV for about 12 miles near the top of Bent Mountain, turn left onto Route 881 for about 2 miles to the Church on the left side of the road. If traveling from Williamson, WV toward Pikeville, KY on U. S. 119, the distance is about 23 miles to Route 881.

All of our Churches should send contributions to help the Pilgrims Home Church defray the expense of hosting the Association no later than July, 1992.

(35) By regular move and second, the Sardis Association does hereby tender our heartfelt "Thank You" to each and every member of the Sardis Church and the dedicated Brethren and Sisters from surrounding Sister Churches and the many, many friends in the Community at large. There is a kind and loving Spirit seemingly born into the mountain people of West Virginia that never gets mentioned in stories about the area and that Spirit has been abundantly extended to us. Everything was well organized on the spacious grounds and the very hard work went so smoothly it looked easy.

We would like to name everyone who had even a small part in hosting this Association and know we can't but Elder Billie Brumfield and the Sardis Church asked for a special thanks to the Delbarton Kiwanis Club for use of their field; to Dave Hatfield of Hatfield Funeral Chapel, Happy Mounts of Mounts Funeral Home and Steven Cook of Chafin Funeral Home for tents; to Johnny Mahorn and his wife for water and parking; and to the Officers who helped direct traffic.

(36) 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.

(37) On motion by Brother Stewart Brown and second by Brother Julius Cochran, 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, 1992.

(38) The Sardis Association was closed by way of preaching from Elder Johnnie Cline of the Sardis Association. Prayer by Elder Floyd Jude 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 15, 1991

The empty seats under the tent did not hinder the joyous voices joined together in heart and song to give praise to the God of the Universe and all therein is, who gave His Son, Jesus, that through belief in Him we might obtain life abundantly in this world and everlasting life around His throne when this life is over. Glory! Glory! to His name, He is worthy to be praised!

None of the Brethren called in today's meeting were able to be here, except our Moderator, Elder Edwin May, who came to the Stand and made arrangements from Sardis Association Brethren.

Elder Sabert Nichols was first in the Stand with a short but well spoken introduction. Humble and perhaps too quiet and soft spoken, Brother Sabert can get a lot said in a short space of time. Brother Sabert then led in prayer.

Elder Hobart Hamilton followed the opening relating how low he was in spirit on Friday but his spirit had been lifted up yesterday. The Spirit, he declared, will lead us out of the troubled land of Egypt. Proclaiming the love of Christ for us, Brother Hobart stated that if we love Christ we will love His Church and have a witness of that love. Preaching God's Plan of Salvation, Brother Hobart explained how we must follow that Plan to inherit through Christ, the beautiful kingdom.

Elder Isom Hannah, our capable and richly blessed Assistant Moderator, came to the Stand proclaiming the unchangeable Law of

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God. God's Law, he said, is not partial, if it condemns something here in this place that same thing will be condemned anywhere else. Brother Isom then forcefully preached Jesus to be the chief cornerstone of the building whose foundation is the prophets and apostles.

The Bible tells us there will be false Prophets, he said, and there is no doubt that some people believe they are a brick in the building but Satan has laid a snare to catch them unaware. A trap or a snare, he said, is best set if it is well hidden and does not appear to be a snare. Beware of false Prophets lest you build your house upon the sand that will fall when the winds of trouble blow upon it. We have trouble in the Church because we sleep too much and, he said, "I don't know how far the Church can go in ignorance." Brother Isom then expounded the plan of God for salvation and plainly showed that we must become Jews inwardly to obtain salvation and the fruit thereof is love, peace and meekness in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Elder Edwin May, our highly regarded and widely respected Moderator, whose appearance in this Association gave cause to thank God for His answer to many prayers asking that Brother Ed be allowed to live a little longer among us here on this earth. Expressing his worry this morning because the preachers called for today were unable to attend, Brother Ed thanked God for blessing the Sardis Association with able preachers, some of whom have preached here today!

Brother Ed then told of his experience from conviction to baptism to his call to the ministry. Realizing he had not preached today and that all people do not have the same experience, Brother Ed hoped that the telling of his experience was God's will and, if so, then it will be good. Brother Ed declared that he had come to know a few things in this life, knew that he loved God, loved the Church, loved his wife and family and loved everybody in this world. By this we believe we are born of God because God is love! Let love flow, he stated, we can't make it flow but we can "just let love do its perfect work."

Elder Joe Evans, whose inspiration reaches farther than he will ever know, called dismissal. As it began this Sardis Association would end with Sardis Association Brethren.

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

Your Clerks

Being chosen by the delegates of the 1990 session to prepare a letter for your consideration.

I appreciate the confidence and trust you have honored me with, however, I feel burdened with the task that accompanies it.

I am trusting in the Lord in whom I have implored many times during the past year that he would enable me with his Holy Spirit that I may write the things that may become sound doctrine, also the things that is most surely believed among us according to the word of God.

I do not intend this to be a sermon only a letter requested by the delegates of the 1990 session of the Association. In order to save space I will not quote chapter and verse.

I have chosen for my theme the writings of St. Paul to the Church at Corinth found in II Corinthians 11th chapter verse 31, "if we would judge ourselves we should not be judged." If we would take this scripture seriously, it would help to eliminate many problems and confusions that can be attributed to human nature, or the things of the flesh. The Bible states they that are after the flesh mind the things of the flesh and they that are of the Spirit mind the things of the Spirit. It also states that we should try the spirits and see if they be of God, for the carnal mind is not subject to law of God neither can be and they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Through the work of the flesh we have seen confusion, envy, strife, anger, divisions, hurt feelings, grudges, and separations which the Bible strictly condemns. For it is not everyone that says Lord-Lord will enter the kingdom, but he that does the will of God. So let us judge ourselves when and if we do I'm sure we can find ourselves in error many times let us confess our faults one to another seeing we have put off the old man with his evil deeds and have put on the new man, which is Christ Jesus. Let us lay aside every weight and sin that does so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith and let us avoid the things the Bible condemns, such as envy, strife, busybody, anger, wrath, malice, & hatred for if we do such things we cannot please God, for Jesus said to his disciples Ye are the light of the world a city set on a hill that cannot be hid, and if we walk in the light as he is light, ye have fellowship one with the other and his blood cleanses us from all sin.

So let us examine ourselves and see if we be in the faith or not for we all shall appear before the Great Judgement Bar of God to give account of the deeds done in the body whether they be good or evil and to receive a just recompense of reward for he will have judgement without mercy to them that have shown no mercy. For it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

So let us consider our ways and look not on the things of ourselves how we may satisfy ourselves, but rather on the things of

others how we may edify others. We probably will never have everything our way in this world. Neither should we expect to, so let us be reasonable, humble, and forgiving. For some the time is short here on God's footstool, so let us earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints, and let the word of God dwell in us richly looking unto Jesus who is the author & finisher of our faith and let us not be desirous of vain glory envying one another, provoking one another, but rather love one another, pray for one another and forgiving one another. If we have confusion among ourselves it is not of God for the Bible says God is not the author of confusion but rather peace. So in closing I have written the things I feel I have been inspired to write which I hope you delegates will sanction, and approve to be printed in our 1991 minutes.

Your Brother in Christ,
Elder Steve Robinson, Jr.

**LETTER OF CONDOLENCE
TO
OUR SISTER THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

We wish to extend to you our Sister Association our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dear Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last gathering.

May the memories of them and the fruits of their labor remain with us until we shall meet them in a land where parting never comes, love and peace shall abound, in "the home land of the soul."

The Clerks of the Northern New Salem Association,
Elder Hillard Newsome and Elder C. W. Turner

**UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS
AND
MINISTERS TO ATTEND**

APRIL, 1992

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Services begin on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, James Barney, Isom Hannah, and Mark Murphy.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Joe Evans, Paul Vance, Leonard Napier, Richard Staton and Wayne Herald, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Lowe, Otis Williams, Ellis Amburgey, Claude Coffee, Woody Pack, Garland Deel and William Adair, Sr.

MAY, 1992

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Johnson, Bobby Scott, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Leonard SESCO.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Freddie Maynard, Thomas J. Dials and Richard Staton.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Berlin Thorsbury, Buddy W. Carty, Hobart Hamilton and Isom Hannah.

JUNE, 1992

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Dinner served on Sunday near the Church. Ministers called: James Tackett, Willis Tolliver, Ted Robinson and Sabert Nichols.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Hobart Hamilton, Lacy Walters and Sabert Nichols.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Donnie Brown, Monroe Jones, Steve Robinson, Jr., Vernon Rose, Johnnie Cline and Paul Vance.

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

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Clifford Stanley, Sabert Nichols and Arvid Bleivins.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Sabert Nichols, Monroe Jones, Lacy Walters, David Lester, and Vernon Rose.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Richard Staton, Virgil Fields, Thomas J. Dials, Clifford Williams and Milford Lowe.

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

JULY, 1992

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ralph Adkins, Alvin Brown, Lloyd SESCO and Frank Sheppard.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Buddy W. Carty, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Isom Hannah, George Woods, Chris Watts, Hobart Hamilton and Joe Evans.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Bobby SESCO and Dale Williamson.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Kermit Newsome and Dewey Roberts.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: All ministers that are in good standing at home and that is in correspondence with us are invited.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Gabe Lowe, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Virgil Fields.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Otis Williams, Wendell Hamilton, Lloyd Ray, Vernon Rose and John Lowe.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert SESCO, Danny Runyon and Moderator attending.

AUGUST, 1992

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Stitner, Alison Thornbury, Tommy Ellis, Tommy Adair, Sr., Roger Stepp, Chris Watts and James Barney.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, James M. Curry, Steve Robinson, Jr., Billie Brumfield, Joe Evans and Danny Runyon.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobert Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials and Richard Staton.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Virgil Fields, Paul Vance, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton, Elbert SESCO, Danny Runyon and Burl Sturgill.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: 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 Stiltner, Paul Vance, Berlin Thornsberry and Willie Blackburn.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, James Tackett (New Salem), Edwin May and Don Little.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 1992

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Bill Dunbar, Isom Hannah, Gene Ratliff, Stanford Branham and Chris Watts.

APRIL, 1992

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Lacy Walters, Elbert SESCO, Donnie Brown and Leonard Napier.

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

MAY, 1992

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 Williamsom, Lacy Walters, Chris Watts, and Richard Staton.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Elk Fork Church on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsberry, Fay Scott, Joe Evans and Buddy Carty.

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, Richard Staton 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, Richard Staton and Joe Evans.

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 Thornsberry, Bobby SESCO, Leonard SESCO and Moderator attending.

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, Ted Robinson, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters, and Bobby Scott.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and Trixie Blackburn, his wife, and all the deceased on that cemetery at the old home place on Pigeon Roost Creek 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: Paul Vance, Joe Evans and Moderator to attend. There will be no church at the Bethany Church house on this Sunday.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley and Hinkle Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek on the fourth Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ralph Caudill, Billy Williamson, Danny Runyon and Foster Blackburn.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork 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.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on Memorial Day at 2:30 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Billie Brumfield and Jack Robinette.

JUNE, 1992

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, Sabert Nichols, Paul Barney and Gary Hess.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Leonard SESCO, Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis and Harold SESCO.

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: Elbert SESCO, Dale Williamson 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 and Wendell Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on the Sunday after the third Saturday at 11:00 a. m. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton, Lacy Walters and Billy Williamson.

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: Ivory Sowards, Hobart Hamilton, Lacy Walters and Steve Robinson, Jr.

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, Fay Scott and James M. Curry.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Thomas J. Dials and Billy Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Nichols, Lowe and Lynch Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a. m. at Gulnare, KY. Ministers requested are: J. L. Nichols, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton and Roger Stepp. Other Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

JULY, 1992

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Roger Stepp, Elbert SESCO, Leonard SESCO JR., and Richard Staton. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Dinner will be served nearby.

AUGUST, 1992

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 Thornbury, Leonard Sesco, Clifford Williams 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 are invited.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dials Cemetery on the Jack Cassidy Branch of Coldwater Road. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Jimmy Hall, Virgil Fields, Paul Vance and Thomas J. Dials.

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, Lacy Walters and Elbert Sesco.

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: Danny Runyon, Billy Williamson, Richard Staton, J. L. Nichols and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Pilgrims Home Church on the Sunday after the third Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in memory of John Gilbert Blackburn. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Billy Williamson Lacy Walters and Harold Sesco.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Meeting begins on Friday at 6:30 p.m. before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Isom Hannah, Robert R. Clay and Billy Adair.

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

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, James R. Sartin, 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: Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Grover Adkins, 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, Wendell Hamilton and Leonard Napier.

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: Ted Robinson, Hatter Kiser and Jethro Hampton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Wendell Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton and Lacy Walters. Dinner served on Sunday near the Church.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts, A. A. Sheppard, Marion Preece, Sr. and all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sidney Collins, Lacy Walters, Edwin Hay, Verron Rose, Leonard Napier and Danny Runyon.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. Lowe and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, West Virginia, at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Virgil Fields, Ernest Cochran, Clifford Williams, Hobart Hamilton and Jimmie Hall.

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 and Isom Hannah.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for the deceased members of the Church and the community. Service beginning at 10:30 a. m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Don Little, Danny Runyon and Richard Staton. 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, Wayne Herald, Jr. 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: Ed May, Gabe Lowe, Leonard Napier and Berlin Thornsbury.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, David Crigger, Berlin Thornsbury, Virgil Fields and Ed Runyon.

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

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dave Jude and Fletcher Cemetery on Peter Cave. Ministers called: Jimmy 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 of Elder W. W. Fields and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Richard Staton, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Arvid Blevins.

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, Virgil Fields, Gabe Lowe and Roger Stepp.

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Garnet Maynard on the odd Sunday (August 30th) at 10:30 a.m. on the cemetery near her home. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Lacy Walters, Thomas J. Dials, Wallace Muncy and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, on Winn Branch on August 30th, the odd Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Bobby Scott and Ted Robinson.

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MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Gulnare, Kentucky on the first Saturday at 10:00 a.m., Saturday only, at Anna Lowe's residence. The memorial of Johnnie Nichols, Sr., his wife and their descendants will be combined with this memorial. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Roger Stepp, Johnnie Nichols and Richard Staton.

LEANNAN 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., Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton and Gabe Lowe.

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 the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, J. L. Nichols and Clifford Maynard.

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

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, Steve Robinson, Jr., Richard Staton, Milford Lowe, and Clinton Moore.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Virgil Fields, Lacy Walters and Wallace Muncy.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Oscar McCoy's home in memory of his wife, Nanie, and their parents and other family members on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, J. L. Nichols, Richard Staton and Hurshell Huff.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude and two sons and of the Howells on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials and Moderator attending.

OCTOBER, 1992

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, Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy, Hobart Hamilton and Buddy W. Carfy.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Edwin May, Tommy Ellis with our Moderator and Assistant Moderator 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: Joe Evans, Tommy Ellis, Hobart Hamilton, and Elbert SESCO.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mount Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Edwin May, Wendell Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials.

LEANNAN 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. Ministers called: All Ministers that are in good standing at home and that we are in correspondence with 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, Joe Evans, Leonard Napier and Richard Staton.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of John Jude and Belle Jude, Annie Jude and her son T. J. Jude on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy, Floyd Jude and Virgil Fields.

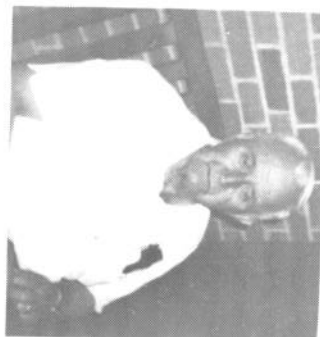
PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Kermit Newsome, Edwin May, Roger Hicks and Ralph Caudill.

OBITUARIES

ELDER CLINTON HOWARD

It is with a sad and loving heart that we will attempt to write the obituary of our kind and loving grandfather, Elder Clinton Howard.

Pa was born September 16, 1908, at Thomas, KY, to the late Willie and Sarah Anne (Lowe) Howard. After a short illness, Pa passed away on January 26, 1991, making his stay here on God's footstool 82 years, 4 months, 1 week and 4 days. Pa was in the ARH hospital when he told the family that he wanted to come home and die. God gave him his wish by letting him come home, but Pa died after being taken to Humana Hospital at Louisa, KY.



Pa was preceded in death by his first wife, Pearlle, and two children, Conley and Geneva. Left here to mourn his loss are the following: his wife, Azzie (Jude) Howard to whom he was married on October 18, 1939; 9 children, Eva Stacy and Calvin Howard both of Big Branch; Garlon Howard of Long Branch; Langley Howard, Edna Moore, Clinton B. Howard, Milford Howard, Andy Howard and Bill H. Howard all of Pilgrim, KY; 26 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Bill and John L. Howard both of Pilgrim, KY; 1 sister, Judy Blackburn of Turkey Creek; and a host of friends and relatives who dearly loved him.

Pa gave his hand to be baptized into the Leannah Church many, many years ago. He was a faithful member until his death. Later, he became an ordained minister. Pa was always eager to talk on the Bible and give advice to anyone who would listen.

Pa will be sadly missed here, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. We know that he is resting peacefully in Heaven where he will suffer no more. Although he is gone, we can all see Pa again if we will follow in his footsteps and do the things that he always encouraged us to do. So, rest Pa, and we will meet again someday. This time we meet, we will part no more.

Written by his loving granddaughters,
Jennifer, Mary and Marie Stacy

It's with much emptiness that I will, with the help, trust and faith in God all mighty, write the obituary of my loving daddy, Lloyd E. Lowe. Daddy was born November 17, 1933 and was called home to be with Jesus September 27, 1990 making his stay here on earth 56 years, 10 months and 10 days. He was a retired coal miner from McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation where he worked for 23 years.

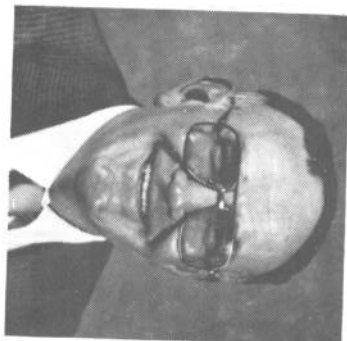
Daddy was the son of the late James Pry Lowe and Mary Jarvis Lowe who survives him along with a brother, Milford Lowe of Pikeville, KY. He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Jennifer Lynn Lowe, one sister, Hester Mae Lowe, and a brother, Clinton B. Lowe.

Daddy was united in marriage on April 22, 1960 to his loving and faithful wife of 30 years Ernogene Thompson Lowe who survives him. Through this bond the Lord blessed them to raise three children: Donald Lowe and Carol Crawford Lowe, both of Pikeville, KY and Ronald Lowe of Kimper, KY, all of whom loved and miss him so much. He is also survived by a grand daughter, Megan Nicole Crawford of Pikeville, KY, a daughter-in-law, Madonna Norman Lowe and a son-in-law, Terry Crawford both of Pikeville, KY. He is also survived by all his brothers and sisters in Christ and many friends who mourn his departure from this troublesome world.

Daddy was a member of the Little Virgie Church of Old Regular Baptist at Kimper, KY. Daddy was baptized Easter Sunday, March 26, 1978. He was a minister of the Sardis Association and a Deacon of the Little Virgie Church. Daddy was ordained to be a minister in 1982.

Daddy went to church every weekend until he was unable to attend due to his cancer and chemotherapy treatments that really weakened him down. Daddy loved to go to church so much. He would always have a smile on his face as he came through the church door, but I believe daddy is smiling even bigger now that he is finally home with Jesus. He loved being with his brothers and sisters and loved to visit other churches and eating from God's table with them. He loved to preach the gospel when God would bless him in hopes of causing someone here on earth to repent of their sins while they had life and opportunity.

If daddy could speak to all of us here on earth he would tell his brothers and sisters in Christ to come and walk the street of pure gold with him and see that man named Jesus who loved the world so much he died for us so we could have eternal life in heaven. He would tell



ELDER LLOYD LOWE

all the sinners of the world to repent, believe, and be baptized so they too could be saved and go home with Jesus in that sweet resurrection morning when God is going to call for his children and daddy is going to get up rejoicing and giving thanks and declaring his love for God.

I know I won't have a daddy anymore here on this earth, but through prayers, faith and belief, one sweet morning I and all of us will have a father who loves us even more than our worldly parents. Let's all be good to one another and show kindness to the world. The Bible teaches us that through our love and kindness we draw, and the sinners of the world can see wrong quicker than anyone.

All my family loved daddy more than life itself, but our lord and savior Jesus Christ loved him more than we did. I don't worry about daddy now, but I worry about my own self and hope soon through prayer I can follow the path daddy walked during my raising.

I love you daddy and say farewell for now in hopes I can be with you in the arms of Jesus soon. Rest on until Gabriel sounds his trumpet and then daddy and all of God's children will live forever as he has promised. Heaven awaits daddy and God's faithful followers and I'm sure daddy would want us all to be with him.

Written by his son who loved and misses him with every passing day, Ronald Lowe

ELDER WILLIS L. LOWE

I pray that God will direct my mind and dry my eyes long enough that I may write the obituary of my dear husband, and father of our children, and the best friend I ever had, Elder Willis L. Lowe.

Born September 20, 1922 at Hatfield, KY, he was preceded in death by his parents, Lark G. and Ellen 'Young' Lowe, four brothers, two sisters, one grandchild, and one great grandchild. He departed this life on November 12, 1990, making his stay here 68 years, 1 month and 23 days.



He was a disabled World War II Veteran and a carpenter by trade. Willis and Thelma 'Woods' Lowe were married July 25, 1942 and to this union were born three sons: Larry Roger, Daniel Layton and Hugh Michael Lowe; one daughter, Delores Ann 'Dottie' Lowe Rollins. Besides his wife and children, he is survived by his brothers: Frank and John Lowe of Ocala, FL and Avery B. Lowe of Turkey Creek,

KY and his sisters: Mary MacEwelle, Galena, OH, Sarah Hazel Reed and Sadie Pauley of Turkey Creek, KY; 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Willis joined the Old Regular Baptist Church June 9, 1951 and was baptized by Elders Ken Varney and Lewis Marcum. He placed his membership at the Turkey Creek Church where he remained until his death. He was ordained a Deacon December 12, 1953 and fulfilled the duties of a Deacon for 10 years. He especially loved Union and Communion time when he could serve his dear brothers and wash their feet. Oh! what joy he received, serving the Lord! He was ordained as a Minister the second Saturday in December, 1963 and was always faithful to fill his seat at church and to go where he was called. He loved telling men and women to repent of their sins and be born again, so when life here is over they can go Home to Heaven where the streets are made of gold. Willis loved the church, especially the young preaching brothers. He always made them feel welcome when they would visit our church. He had a very special way with young people. He always wanted and worked to maintain peace in the churches he moderated. He was serving as Moderator of the Turkey Creek Church and the Big Branch Church at the time of his death. He had served as Moderator for several years. He was a past Moderator of the Narrows Branch Church where he served for several years.

We will all miss him, but I, his lonely widow, will miss him the most. For 48 1/2 years we walked hand in hand, side by side, sharing the joys and cares of life together, growing up together. He was a kind, patient and humble man. I thank God for the years we had together and the memories I have of him. Death is so hard for us to accept; it's even harder for us to accept the knowing that never again will we see your kind, smiling face, or hear your voice as you sing the songs of Zion. There's an empty space in our family that no one can fill; an empty chair at the table. You worked hard all your life for me and the children because you loved us and took care of us. I believe with all my heart that morning November 12th at the V. A. Hospital at 8:30 that Monday morning you stepped on board that "Old Ship of Zion" you always sung about. You left all your troubles and heartaches behind and went Home to be with Jesus in that Mansion that was prepared for those that love and serve the Lord; in that good land where we will never grow old.

So Daddy, sleep on and rest a little while until we meet again on the other side of Jordan where we will be together forever and ever. We all love you and miss you very much.

Written by his lonely widow,
Thelma Lowe and Children

ELDER CURTIS ROBINSON

I will try to write the obituary of my husband Curtis Robinson. Curtis was born June 6, 1955 and deceased June 3, 1991. Curtis was the son of Cleston Robinson and Gredis (Nichols) Robinson. Curtis had three brothers and six sisters. They are listed as following: James Cleston (J. C.) Robinson, deceased, Leon Robinson, Varney, KY; William Dover Robinson, Beattyville, KY; Okie Mae Clark, Maryville, IN; Betty Joe Robinette, Varney, KY; Roberta McCoy, South Williamson, KY; Tilda Hinkle, Stanville, KY and Virgie Robinette Varney, KY. He also leaves his wife, Lantis Gail Robinson, and three beautiful children that miss him very much. They are listed as his most beloved son, Curtis Douglas Robinson and two precious daughters; Vangie Tessa Lynn Robinson and Vaniesha Gail Robinson.



Curtis and I were united in marriage April 24, 1972. We were blessed to have nineteen short years together, but I thank God we had those years, you just don't realize how precious something is until you don't have it anymore.

Curtis and I were baptized with our arms around each other by Elder Harold Coleman and Elder Louie Muncy. Curtis was ordained as Deacon March 12, 1983. Curtis was ordained as Minister June, 1988. His membership was at the Pilgrim's Rest Church, then he moved it to the Apple Orchard Church. He was not able to attend church very much. He was blessed to sing with such a beautiful voice. We found out he had cancer June, 1990. He never lost his faith. The pain would be so bad it was hard to bear. He would look at me and say, pray baby. We would begin to pray and the Lord would just reach right down and touch his little body and he would say that we had another miracle.

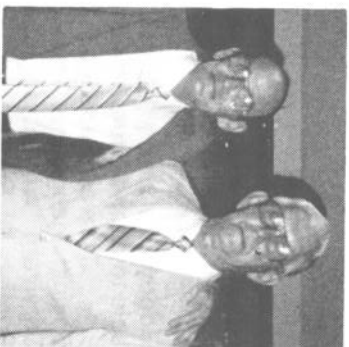
I would like to say to anyone who came and visited with him, you saw the Book of Job fulfilled. He was not able to go out into the vineyard very much. But I believe that the Lord was really pleased for the work he did from his bed. He would raise up his little hands and say, sweet Jesus just bless me one more time. He prayed up until the end, as long as he could speak. He gave me something to always hang on to. His faith was so strong. I miss him so badly. But I wouldn't bring him back to all the pain and suffering he went through.

He told me when I saw the last breath leave out of his body, not to grieve, but to smile, because he was in the arms of Jesus waiting for me. Curtis, I pray that I can leave a testimony for our children as you did, so they will realize you just need Jesus to give them strength and courage to get through life here so we can all live together again. Curtis, I loved you so much, but Jesus just loaned you to me for a while.

Written with love by his wife,
Lantis Gail Robinson

ELDER MIKE SHEPPARD

By the help of the Lord and with deep sadness and sorrow, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Mike Sheppard who parted this life March 25, 1991 at HCA Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee, FL, where he lived. Mike was born November 26, 1921 making his stay on earth 69 years 3 months and 25 days.



Mike was the son of Dock and Susan (Gilman) Sheppard and was married to Goldie (Horton) Sheppard on February 13, 1945. To this union was born 6 children - 3 boys and 3 girls: Franklin Sheppard of WV, William and Clabe Sheppard of IL; Mary McDonald, Susan Runyon and Ada McCoy of WV. Mike has 28 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Mike was a retired coal miner. He worked in the mines for 34 years and died of Black Lung.

Mike joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in January 1954 at a little church called Tabitha at Omar, WV. He moved to Okeechobee, FL in 1976. He moved his letter to Naomi Church at Hollister, FL which is in the Union Association.

Mike was faithful in attending church as long as his health permitted. Mike loved the Old Regular Baptist Church and all his Brothers and Sisters of the Church.

To all his children who are out of the Ark of Safety, repent of your sins so we can meet daddy in Heaven where there is no sickness, pain, or death, but peace, love, and joy forever.

So my dearest husband, sleep that peaceful sleep you preached so much about. Now all your pain, sickness, sorrow and grief are passed. I feel that you are resting in peace in the arms of Jesus.

Written by his heart broken wife, Goldie Sheppard

CARL BEVINS

At this time it is so hard to write the obituary of Carl C. Bevins, our husband and dad. We truly miss him deeply, it is so hard not being able to go in the house and give him a big hug and kiss and say I love you. The years we had with him are so precious to us, he always tried to guide his family and the love he gave us will always be in our memories.



Dad was born April 8, 1906 at Meta, KY, the son of Richard and Laura Bevins, who preceded him in death. He has one surviving sister, Ella Moody. Dad died January 4, 1991, he was with us 84 years. During his illness he would call his brothers in the church and ask them to pray for him. When the brothers and sisters visited him at home you could see the happiness on his face because he loved to hear the Lord's word.

Dad was a member of the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, Goody, KY. He served as a Deacon in the church. As long as he was able to attend church he was there.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mattie Jane (Nowlin) Bevins; daughter, Bonnie King; four brothers and one sister. Survivors: Wife, Oma (Thompson) Bevins; sons, Carl Bevins, Jr., Pontiac, MI, Richard H. Bevins, Clarkston, MI and Roger Dale Bevins, Turkey Creek, KY; daughters, Betty Bevins, Ashland, KY, Lois Maynard, Pontiac, MI, Carol Kirk, South Williamson, KY; 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

He retired from Norfolk and Western Railway company after 48 years of service. He worked in the Car Repair Department, also for many years he collected union dues.

Mom's Note - These days are lonely without you, Carl. I miss you so much. I don't know what I'll write, there are so many good things we did together. You were my life. You always said you wanted us to be together. I prayed to the Lord that he would give me strength to take care of you. Thank you Lord for giving me strength, without the Lord Jesus I could not have made it.

You were so good and patient through your sickness and very humble. I tried to do all you wanted me to. With our love and the Lord we made it. The last few days were the hardest for me. I knew you were going to be with Jesus and I hope to be with you some day. You just went to sleep to be with Jesus. I miss you so much. Thanks to the Lord I have hope to be with you some sweet day.

This is only a few of the many things I could say about Carl. Everyone who knew him loved him and the life he lived. Just living in hope.

Sister in Christ - Oma Bevins

Children's Note - My children dear, my companion so near, don't weep for me. I have gone away with a friend. He was so dear to me. I have gone to a place where you would love to be. No pain or heartache do I have. My children, as I have said to you before I went away, "May all of you be happy and together you will stay." I loved each one of you - to me you were so dear. The prayers I prayed for each of you, the good life that I lived, the advice that I gave you, I hope you will follow. When you see the brightest star, I'll be watching you and hope that you will come and see your dear loving Father.

H-happiness we had here with you, A-advice you gave us, P-prayers you prayed for us, P-pains you had to suffer, Y-years we had to share

B-best of Dad's love, I-I love you, R-rewards you have won, T-tears you shed for us, H-home you made so great, D-dad you were great, A-always when you were needed, Y-you were our life.

Happy birthday, Dad, we miss you so much. You will never be forgotten. Rest on, we will meet you one sweet day. Love, Your Children.

Written by,

Son, Richard; Thursa Bevins, and Sister in Hope, Wife, Oma Bevins

ELLERY LEE BIAS

With an humble heart I write the obituary of Brother Ellery Lee Bias. Brother Lee was born August 21, 1921 and departed this life on March 15, 1991. He was the son of the late Ellery L. Bias and Mary Morris whom survives.

He professed a hope in Christ and was baptized and became a faithful member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church many years ago.

Death called Brother Lee away

from his suffering into that eternal rest that God has promised to all who loves and serves Him. Rest on, Brother Lee, for the time is at hand, yea, even at the door, when God will call all His children home.

Written by a Brother in Christ,
Jesse Chaffin



DONALD LEE BIRCHFIELD

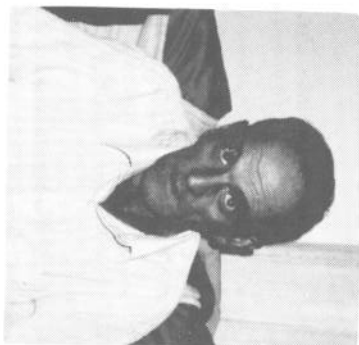
With the help of my Lord, I will try and write the obituary of my husband, Elmer (Donald Lee) Birchfield.

Donald Lee was born on September 23, 1934 and went to be with our Lord on March 28, 1991. He was the son of Viola Smith Birchfield and the late Calvin Birchfield.

Don was married to Verdene Robinson on February 21, 1955. We were married for 36 years and to this union five children were born: Timothy Lee, Roger Steven, Keith Allan, Lisa Lynn and Larry Gene. Also, four grandchildren whom he loved dearly: Elizabeth Diane, Brandy Angel, Erica Danielle and Stephanie Lianne. He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Jessica Renee.

Donald Lee joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on February 8, 1984. He always went to church on Sunday and was a faithful servant to his God.

We love and miss him so much, but we know he has no more pain and that he's with Jesus.

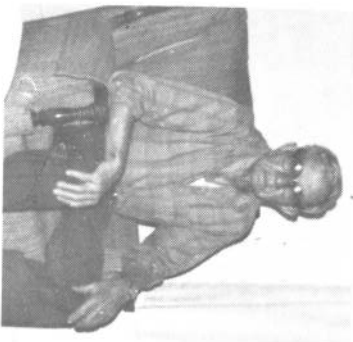


Written by his wife,
Verdene Birchfield

JOHN BRUMFIELD

With sadness and heaviness we will try to write this obituary of our Dad and Granddad. He was born at Chattaroy, WV January 19, 1912. He went to sleep September 6, 1991 in Logan General Hospital. The oldest son of Jeff and Matilda Brumfield, he leaves his wife of 57 years, Sister Elsie Brumfield; one son, one daughter, 13 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, one brother and one sister to mourn his passing.

He was baptized January 22, 1966 and was ordained a Deacon August 1966. He lived a true and good life as far as he knew. He prayed more than any man we ever



met in this life, always asking the Lord for peace, love and for the Lord to keep him from evil. He wondered why people wouldn't come to love the church he called home, the Church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptist called Sardis.

Written by his son and granddaughter

LOTTIE CABLE

It is with much sadness, as I try to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Lottie Cable. She was born on September 9, 1925 in Mingo County, WV and departed this life on January 1, 1991 in Logan General Hospital. She was a member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. Mom got a blessing when the brothers and sisters would come in and have song and prayer with her. She would always tell us she was ready to go and meet her Saviour.



She was the daughter of the late Jay and Syltania Adams. She was raised by Brother Willie and Sister Chioey White of Lenore, WV. She had two brothers and one sister. One brother, Junior Adams and a sister, Wanda Gothe, preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her loss one brother, Eugene Canterbury of Ohio; five sons: Albert Cable of Lenore, WV whom she made her home with for about 5 years; Roger Cable and Raymond Cable of Huntington, WV; James White of Crum, WV; Claude White and Frank White of Lenore, WV; and one daughter: Beulah Roderiguez of Oregon. One son, Jay, preceded her in death. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

We hated to give you up Mom, but God knew best. There is an empty room where Mom slept in and an empty chair which can never be filled. Sleep on, dear mother, till God calls you from the grave. We love you and miss you.

Written by son,
Albert Cable and family

FREDICA JEAN CHAFIN

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 to all them also that love His appearing."

It is with much sadness and a lonely broken heart, that I will try, by the grace and comfort of God, to write the obituary of my wonderful mother, Sister Fredrica Jean Chafin.

Mother was born February 19, 1937 and departed this life on March 6, 1991. She was the daughter of the late Shady and Sena Pennington. She was married to Jesse Chafin on December 20, 1952 for 38 years and they were blessed with seven children. Five daughters: Ada Atkins, Williamson, WV; Sena Marcum, Alice Maynard and Melissa Kirk all of Lenore, WV; and Shirley Kirk of Kermit, WV. Two sons: Ransom L. Chafin, Dingess, WV and Jesse Chafin, Jr., Delbarton, WV. She also left behind to mourn her loss 10 grandchildren. She is survived by two brothers: Vernie Pennington of Virginia and Eugene Pennington of Ohio. Two brothers, Lee and Ernest Pennington and one sister, Dela Marcum, preceded her in death.

Mother was baptized many years ago and had her membership at the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. She was a faithful member as long as her health permitted her to go.

Though mother suffered very, very much in her last days due to a bad heart and cancer, I feel she is at rest with all the Saints of God. She will be missed by the Bethany Church, family and her friends when they see her special seat at the church empty. To the rest of my family, mother is gone from our presence and is resting from her labors. I believe she fell asleep in the arms of sweet Jesus. The dead knoweth not what the living are doing, but God knoweth all things. So, let us live a life like she taught us, to love one another and be good to each other. For God is love and if the love of God abides in us the world will surely know it. There will be no more sickness over there where all is love, joy and peace throughout eternity. Mother will be well over there and she won't have any more heart failures or pain from cancer.

To my family, friends and loved ones who knew my mother, there's not a lot I could tell you that you don't already know about her and the sweet life she lived. I'm sure you will miss her very much but



God has made it possible for all of us to meet again someday if we do what HE commands.

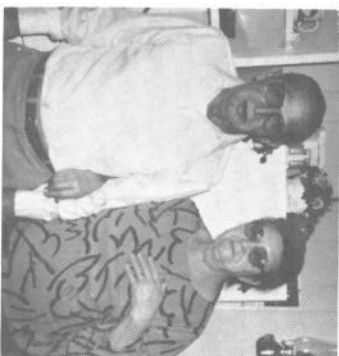
So farewell my dearest, loving, sweet mother. I loved you so much and miss you so much I can hardly write for the tears in my eyes, but I realize God loved you more than I possibly could. Rest on mother and my prayers are to meet you someday in Heaven.

Written by her daughter, in hope of eternal life,
Ada F. Atkins

SILAS AND VINNIE S. CLINE

It is with much sadness and a grieved heart that we attempt to write the obituary of our beloved Mom and Dad.

Dad was born August 4, 1914 and departed this life July 21, 1991. He was the son of Oliver (Babe) and Hopie (Walls) Cline. Mom was born November 2, 1915 and departed this life July 15, 1991. She was the daughter of Burgoyne and Mary Lockard Cline.



To this union was born six children: One daughter, Aracoma Justice and five sons: Teddy, Larry, Carey, Eddie and Mark. There were 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren left to mourn the loss of two of the greatest parents, grandparents and great grandparents anyone could ever have.

Mom and Dad were both members of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church. They both loved to go to church as long as they were able to go. We want to thank the members, ministers, friends and everyone who spoke the great words of comfort during our time of grief. Their deaths being only six days apart was so hard to bare. We think of all the good things that we have to remember of our dear parents and it helps us to cope with our loss. We also know that our loss is heaven's gain. We realize that if we ever want to see Mom and Dad again we will have to do as they did, and that is to be born again and be added to the great family of God. For God adds to the church daily such as should be saved.

Mom and Dad taught us to be good, respectful children but it is left up to us what we want to do about our life. God has made the way for all of us and it is left up to the individual what we do about it.

We know that if we ever expect to see Mom and Dad again we will have to be a part of the family of God, not only naturally, but most

of all, spiritually. We know that the family circle here on earth has been broken but someday it will be linked back up by the grace of God.

Mom and Dad, we all miss you very much, but by the grace of God we can all meet again.

Written by,
The children of Silas and Vennie Cline

MARVIN COCHRAN

By the help of the Blessed Lord I will try to write the obituary of Marvin Cochran. He was born November 22, 1915 into the family of Harrison and Maggie (Stanley) Cochran who are deceased. He departed this life February 17, 1991 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital being a little past the age of 75 years old at the time of his passing.

He was married to Bertha (Browning) Cochran. His companion deceased this life on April 9, 1981. They lived most of their lives at Huddy, KY. To this union was born two daughters: Barbara Ann McCoy and Alma Lynn Hubbard. Marvin also leaves two granddaughters, Sherri Lynn McCoy and Terri Leigh Durbin. He has one deceased brother, Charlie. He leaves the following brothers: Clifton, Billy, Herman and Bobby Cochran and the following sisters: Hazel Pope and Ruby Trout.

He belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church at Dix Fork approximately 45 years. He worked most of his life at Eastern Coal Company. We loved and miss him but we believe he is resting from all his labor. We all hope to meet again where parting is no more.

Written by,
Billy Cochran

PEARL (MAY) DILLON

It is with much sadness we will, by the help of the Lord to direct our minds, try to write the obituary of our loving mother and mother-in-law, Pearl May Dillon of Dayton, OH whom we will sadly miss. She was born March 28, 1905 in Kirk, WV and deceased this life on July 9, 1991 making her stay on earth 86 years, 3 months and 11 days.

She was the daughter of the late Elder Henry and Mary Hannah May. Mom was united to our loving father, Mac Gager Dillon, in 1924 and from this union came 13 children, and Dad's 5 children she took and raised as her own. Three children and our father preceded her in death. Left to mourn her loss are 12 children and three step children. Five boys: Herbert Dillon, Noah Dillon and Wallace Dillon of West Virginia; Roy Dillon and Clem Dillon of Dayton, Ohio. Eight Daughters: Cleo Chafin, Mary Belle Hensley, Julia Lester, Martha Jane Sartin and Kathy Perry all of Dayton, Ohio; Eiza Copley of Columbus, Ohio; Tilda Doyle of Mayslick, KY and Ruby Jo Mitchell of Muncie, Indiana. Two step daughters: Brookie Beckett and Dora Marcum of West Virginia. She also had 23 grandchildren, 34 step grandchildren and several great grandchildren. She had three brothers: Sherman May, William May and Blackburn May all of West Virginia; and four sisters: Wilda Dillon, Martha Jane Runyon and Causby Stanley of West Virginia and Lola Lackey of Tennessee. She also had a host of brothers and sisters in the church and friends who all mourn her death and will miss her dearly.

Mommy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church called Samaria in Kirk, WV in 1924 and attended faithfully at all the churches in the Sardis and sister Associations until she became sick and came to live with her daughter, Mary Belle Hensley, where she resided until her death on July 9, 1991. Brother Burley Maynard came down from Ashland, KY to visit her on Sunday before her death, and he asked her how she felt. She said she was doing pretty good and she was just waiting for the Lord to come and take her home. After coming to Dayton she always attended the House of Prayer Church in Beaver Creek, Ohio which is in the New Salem Association where James P. and Mary B. Hensley belonged.

We feel that Mom fell asleep in the arms of Jesus Christ the Lord, to be with him and Dad. So to all of you children and grandchildren, remember the council that Mom gave us in life to receive your personal savior. Words cannot express how special she was to each and every person she touched with her thoughtfulness,



understanding, kindness and love. We will all remember Mom (Mommaw) with deep admiration and undying love. Our words can never give her the honor she deserves. She was indeed a remarkable woman. We will miss you very much, Mom.

Written by son-in-law, James P. Hensley
and daughters, Mary Belle Hensley and Kathy Perry

ANCE FARLEY

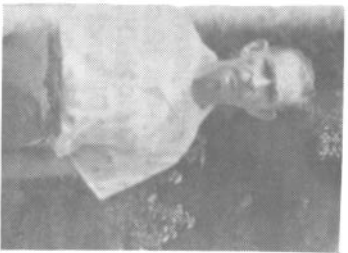
With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of Brother Ance Farley.

He was born August 13, 1909 and died January 5, 1991 making his stay here 81 years 7 months and 8 days.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia (Ferguson) Farley and one grandchild. One son, David, preceded him in death.

Brother Ance spent the last several years of his life in a nursing home because of a stroke. He suffered a lot but he is now at rest from all the troubles and heartaches of this world.

Our hope is to see him and all God's children around His throne.



Written by his brother in the Lord,
Brother Larry May

LEE HAMILTON

With the help of the good Lord I will write the obituary of my beloved husband, Lee Hamilton. He was born January 6, 1908 to the late Robert and Ollie Osborne Hamilton. He departed this life on August 4, 1990, making his stay on earth 82 years, 6 months, and 28 days.

Lee was hospitalized many times during his long illness and couldn't wait for his release each time to go home. He was hospitalized for the last time on July 4, 1990 where he remained until God called him home.

He prayed every night for his children and grandchildren. He told me he wanted to go before I did because no one could or would do for him like I would. He said he knew the children loved him and would do what they could. The children stood by me to help with their daddy but the Lord helped me for 25 years to take care of him.

The doctor told me I would have to put him in a nursing home because he was to weak to walk and was dying. I prayed the Lord would let me bring him home one more time. The Lord answered my prayers and let me keep him two more years.

My home will never be the same as it is so lonesome without him. It is hard to stay at home because it is so lonely but when I leave it seems I left him home alone.

A few days before God called him home he saw doves in his hospital room. When told we didn't see any doves, he said, "they're here, they come here every night." Once when asked what color the doves were, he responded, "they're white as snow."

He married Stella Moore on December 29, 1931 and to this union 10 children were born. Three children preceded him in death; Christine, in infancy, Willard and Geniva. In addition to his wife Stella, survivors include five sons: Gillis, Hobart, Windel, John Paul and Leonard; two daughters: Lovel and Ivy. Also 20 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild; also one brother, Charlie.

Lee joined the Island Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist more than 35 years ago where he remained a faithful member until his death. He loved the brothers and sisters and enjoyed their fellowship. We won't say goodbye, just farewell for a little while until Jesus comes again where we can all live together in Heaven.

Written by his lonely wife,
Sister Stella Hamilton assisted by his son, Elder Hobart Hamilton



JAMES HATMAKER

One week before Christmas, December 18, 1990, God called home the finest human being I have ever known. James C. Hatmaker died at Monroe Regional Hospital in Ocala, FL after a brave and valiant struggle to celebrate the birth of Jesus with his family one last time.

James Clifford Hatmaker was born June 26, 1920 to Usher and Eldora Hatmaker in Turley, TN. He had 6 brothers: Virgil, David, Claude, Richard, Harry and Basil and was survived by his only sister, Mary H. Gill of Raymond, WA until her death August 2, 1991.

James married Anna Mae Sparkman on June 3, 1944 in Jeffersonville, IN, during World War II while serving in the Navy on the USS Colorado stationed in the Pacific. They were blessed with one son, Gregory Neil, on October 31, 1950, in Seattle, WA. James moved his family to Dayton, OH and after 27 years as a Purchasing Agent for Dayton Public Schools, retired in March of 1980.

He was a member of the Cedars of Lebanon Church. He then moved permanently to Dunnellon, FL, his vacation spot on the "Black River" for over two decades. He attended the Southern Home Church in Sparr, FL until his death. His heart was there and he asked to be buried in the cemetery behind the church. The family is grateful to Brother Tommy Adair for granting Jim's request.

James was a loving and devoted husband and an exemplary father. He had unbounded love for his wife, son, daughter-in-law Glenda, and especially for his 3 grandchildren: Tatia Nicole, 12; Justin Sterling, 10; and Christian Aaron, 3. They were the joy of his life. He treasured the years he was able to spend with Tatia and Justin, but he only saw the littles one twice. Though only 2 when Jim died, he was still his "Little Mar" and Aaron still talks about "Paw Paw" and the "Big Truck" that he gave him and says Paw Paw is waiting for him in Heaven. Jim's last words were "a big truck for my little man."

Jim loved fishing for large mouth bass and was one of the best. He loved the Withlacoochee River. It was there that he was most happy, observing the beauty of God's creations, at one with nature, at peace with himself, "removed from the world" and closer to God than any other place on earth.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and would go out of his way to do for others, family and strangers alike, with never a thought for himself. He lived by the Spirit and you could see the fruit in him: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

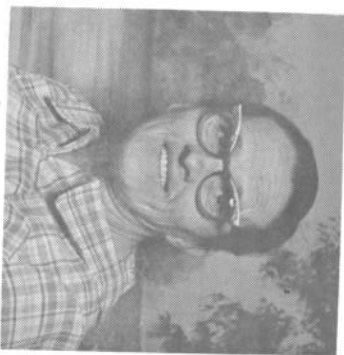


gentleness and self control. There wasn't one of these that he lacked. Jim was an example for us on how to treat children, family and fellow man - he never ran out of patience, never had a bad temper and never in his life raised his voice to anyone. If only we all could be as good a Christian as Jim was. He was loved by all that knew him and as long as God gives us breath, Jim's memory, spirit and love will be with us. He will never be forgotten.

Written by,
Greg and Glenda Hatmaker

AMERICA JUDE

With the Lord's help, I will try to write the obituary of my loving Mom. America Jude was born February 12, 1913. Jesus called her home November 6, 1990. She was the daughter of Elijah and Virgie Scott Maynard and was married to the late Johnny Jude. To this union was born twelve children, six boys, three of which are deceased; Ambrose, Russell and Matthew Jude. Three surviving sons include Elijah, Walker and James I. G. Jude. Six daughters include Edna, Pauline and Mary Stacy, Bonnie Howell, and Dolly and Doris Jude. She was the grandmother of 69 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.



Our Mother joined the Sidney Church in the year of 1941 and was a faithful member as long as her health permitted.

They say it gets easier as time goes by but, Mom, when I think of you I can't keep from crying. It is not that I worry where you have gone, it is just that I miss you around our home.

Heaven Gained By Grandma - A long life she had while here down on earth. A great big family, to twelve children she gave birth, No one will ever take her sweet place, For she was one of those special Grandma's with a memory that will never erase. She never complained or would never cry. She had to make sure we were all right before she'd say goodbye. She called us all to her bedside and with a sweet look in her eye. She saw we were all okay before she went on high. Now she's gone to Heaven to walk on streets of gold. But, oh, how we miss her, it could never be told. She loved us all in her own special way. She said I love you all as she so helplessly lay. We hurt inside for she's no longer with us, but we know she'll have no more pain. We lost our Grandma here, but to a peaceful city Grandma, Heaven gained.

So sadly written by, Daughter and Granddaughter

JOHN JUDE

Psalms 17-15: "As for me I will behold thy face in righteousness, I will be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." With a sad and broken heart and the help of the Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my loving brother, John Jude.

John Jude was born October 25, 1921 and departed this life April 11, 1991, making his stay on this earth 69 years, 5 months and 17 days.

He was the son of the late Elder Bill Jude and Sally Jude of Pilgrim, KY. His mother is still living. She is 91 years old.

On May 13, 1945 he was married to Nellie Maynard, whom he knew his entire life. She also preceded him in death, May 29, 1984. To this union was born 5 children, 3 sons and 2 daughters: Ronald W., Donald and John J. Jude all of Kopperston, WV; Linda S. Yeager of Oceana, WV and Betty Jane Lester of Mullensville, WV, all of whom are surviving. Also, grandchildren, and one he adopted and raised as his own, Jerry. He also had 5 brothers and 3 sisters: one sister, Mable Newsome, preceded him in death. Brothers: William Jude, who has since deceased, of Lovely, KY; Floyd Jude of Napoleon, MI; Dave Jude of Pilgrim, KY; Lewis Jude of Horton, MI and Charlie Jude of Oceana, WV; two sisters: Ethel Woodruff and Arimentie Hicks of Jackson, MI; and a host of friends and relatives.

John joined the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church in 1986 and lived a faithful life for Jesus until his death.

He was a hard worker, he worked 44 years in the coal mines for Eastern Associated Coal Corporation before retiring in Kopperston, WV where he resided until his death. I believe our loss is his eternal gain. I believe he is resting in the paradise of God. I would like to say to the family and especially the children, you knew your father's life, how he loved to rejoice and praise God. If you want to see your father again, you will have to fall out with sin and be born again. John cannot come back to you, but you can be like David, 2nd Samuel 12-23, you can go to him. I will miss John and William and Mable very much for we all walked together for Jesus in this life and I want to say sleep on John and some sweet day I will join you, then in that great day we will go home together to glorify God.

Written by your broken hearted brother,
Elder Floyd Jude



MAXIE LAFERTY

With God's help I will try to write the obituary of my dear friend and sister in Christ, Maxie Laferty, who was born February 17, 1931.

For many years Maxie and I traveled to church together. Our conversation was that our husbands would come to the church in the future. God blessed my husband to break away from sin and join me in going to church. She didn't give up on her's. She often said, "Ernestine, don't give up on Stewart, keep praying for him."

Maxie was a faithful member going to church even when disease was filling her body with pain. She went when I didn't see how she could sit there. Her faith surpassed our understanding. I know of no one who had such faith. After she was paralyzed and in a wheel chair, her desire was to get a van and continue to go to church. Maxie always made visitors welcome in her home. Even when disease was wasting her body away, she welcomed you with a smile and conversed with you as if nothing was wrong with her.

Maxie joined the Pilgrims Home Church in January 1952. She was a faithful member going there to help clean the church and doing what she could for the betterment of the church. In November 1982 she moved her letter to the Mount Pleasant Church since her home was on Big Creek. She was still ready to do all she could to upbuild the church, always filling her seat there.

Maxie was married August 23, 1953 to Stewart Laferty. They were blessed with a daughter, Ruth Ann Laferty Taylor.

Maxie left this world July 7, 1991 at the age of 60. Many of her friends were at her home when she died. They wanted to be near her as long as they could.

Maxie will be missed throughout Sardis Association. Her memory will be with us always. I feel she is resting with the one she served all her life.

Written by Ernestine Scalf at the
request of the Mount Pleasant Church



ETHEL (SMITH) LAYNE

Ethel (Smith) Layne, the daughter of Pat and Victoria Smith was born May 28, 1912 at Canada, KY. She deceased this life on October 29, 1990 at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, KY after a lingering illness.

Ethel was married to Bill Layne who preceded her in death in 1985. She leaves to mourn her death one brother, John Smith, of Canada, KY and six sisters: Tina Carpenter of London, KY; Grace Smith and Flossie Blackburn of Canada, KY and Hazel Edmonds, Mary Thornsburg and Maxie Laferty of Sidney, KY. She was preceded in death by two sisters: Octavia Thacker of Belfry, KY and Gertrude Thacker of Canada, KY.

Ethel was a member of the Mount Pleasant Regular Baptist Church, Sidney, Kentucky.

Aunt "Buddie" or "Buddie" as the family all called her was a loving person, a hard worker and always wanted to help everyone. God's love seemed to overflow through her and on to everyone around her. She set a good example for others.

We miss Aunt "Buddie" but we know our loss is her eternal gain and she has a home in Heaven where she won't have to suffer anymore.

Written by her niece who loved you dearly,
Anna Gale (Edmonds) Warinner

DRUCILLA ANN THOMPSON LESTER

With an aching heart, we will write the obituary of our daughter and sister, Drucilla. She was born November 19, 1958 and deceased April 17, 1991. Her stay on earth was 32 years, 4 months and 29 days. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Estel Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thompson and four uncles: Clarence Thompson, Virgil, Hurshel and Steve Ritchie.

She leaves her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Thompson; brother, Aaron Thompson of Hurricane, WV and Carmella Porter of Verner, WV.

She was married to Curtis Lester. Drucilla had never offered herself to the church, but we could see a change in her. She attended



church regularly. We believe our loss is Heaven's gain. I, her mother, have had some beautiful dreams about her. The place is just too beautiful to describe. Everyone that met her loved her. She was always ready to help anyone that needed her. She loved children so much but was never blessed to have one of her own.

We believe she is with Mom, Dad and the rest of the family that have gone on. If tears could bring her back, she would be with us now, but He said in His words, He wouldn't put more on us than we were able to bear. So we have to trust in Him to help us with our sorrow. Bless His sweet name.

The Lord must be a gardener, And daily as He sows, He must be on the watch, For a perfect little rose, And He must have called my daughter, After she was fully grown, Because she was the perfect rose, He wanted for his own.

Elva Thompson and Carmella Porter

CONDOR LOCKARD

In loving memory of our father and my husband Condor Willie Lockard, Sr. He was born into this world of the late Artillis and Martha (Maynard) Lockard on April 10, 1914 and he left this world on January 2, 1991. He died at the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital following a lingering illness.

He was married to Frances (Reed) Lockard on October 10, 1937. They were married for 52 years. Of their union nine children were born:

Juanita Lockard (deceased), Earnest Lockard, Cullen Lacy Lockard, Condor T. (Tad) Lockard, Gloria Rose Coleman, Jeannie Rivard, Daisy Ray, Sarah (Sue) Davis and Sharon Estridge. They have twenty three grand children: Theresa (Lockard) Prater, Jimmy Coleman, Jenny (Cookie) Lockard, Stephen Lockard (deceased), Edwin Lockard, Robert Lockard, Deborah (Coleman) Salmons, Johnny Coleman, Cullen Lacy Lockard (deceased), Brian Lockard, Victor Coleman, Carole Lockard, Catherine (Susan) Ray Norman, Joshua Rivard, Michael Smith, Nancy Lockard, William (Chris) Ray, Charles Lockard, Jennifer Davis, Jason Ray, Eric Estridge, Duke Estridge and Benjamin Davis. They have six great grandchildren: Justin Coleman, Crystal Coleman, Brett Ray, Tyler Salmons, William (Billy) Coleman and Cody Lockard.



Daddy was a member on the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church at Turkey Creek. He was baptized on July 4, 1949. He was a true and faithful member of the church for forty one years and attended church services as long as he was able. He served his Lord to the best of his ability until his death. He leaves many friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord and he is sadly missed by his family and especially his loving wife.

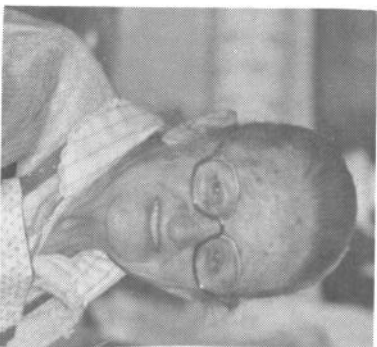
May the Lord bless him and keep him always and may we meet again in our eternal home.

Written with love and great sadness by,
His family and wife, Frances

GRACIE ROBINSON LOWE

It is with loving memories that we will try to write an obituary of our mother, Gracie Robinson Lowe. She was a devoted Christian, mother, wife and friend. She had a loving heart and kind words to anyone that she ever met.

Gracie was born on January 4, 1904, the daughter of Kansas Blackburn and John Henry Robinson, passed from this life on August 9, 1991 after a lingering illness, making her stay on God's footstool 87 years, 7 months and 5 days.



She was married to John Langley Lowe on November 7, 1924 who preceded her in death. To this union was born eight children. Five sons: Glen Lowe of Hatfield, KY and Gordy Lowe of McCombs, KY. Three sons preceded her in death. Three daughters: Georgia Elkins of Hatfield, KY; Ortha and Bethel Lowe of Sidney, KY. She had three brothers: Arnold Lowe and two preceded her in death. She had five sisters: Ortha Shivers, Olga Blackburn and Dorothy Maynard; two preceded her in death. She had eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Mom, we miss you so very much, but we believe that you're now secure in the arms of your savior. You worked so hard in this life and never complained. Your heart was filled with love and compassion for all your loved ones and friends. By your faith and by your works you showed us the road that leads from earth to Gloryland. By the grace of God, we'll meet you by the river in the morning.

Written by the children

MARY ELON LOWE

With the help of the Lord, a sad and broken heart, we will try to write the obituary of Mary Elon Lowe. She was born at Turkey Creek, KY February 1, 1935 and passed away at Duke University, Durham, NC June 3, 1991 making her stay on earth 56 years and 4 months.

Mary married Glen Lowe May 9, 1959 and to this union were born three children: Brian Kent Lowe of Sidney, KY; Mitchell Dwayne Lowe at home and one son, Gregory Lowe, preceded her in death. Mary was the daughter of the late Delmon Francis and Gladys Stotridge Francis. Three sisters and five brothers preceded her in death.



She left a sister, Bonnie Ward of Williamson, WV; two brothers, R. B. Francis of Turkey Creek, KY and Willie Francis of Maher, WV; a half brother, Henry Francis of Williamson, WV; a half sister, Virginia Stanley of Hardy, KY; one grandson and a host of friends and loved ones to mourn her loss.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church September 28, 1952 at the age of seventeen. She had her membership at the Mary Elizabeth Church. Mary lived very close to Jesus and loved going to church as long as she was able. She loved her brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mary, our hearts are broken, we love you and need you so much but we know your labors are over and you are resting in the arms of Jesus awaiting that glorious day when you will receive your great reward. Words cannot express the love we have for you or how sad it is at home, but the beautiful memories you left us will linger in our hearts forever.

Mary, during your sickness you were so brave, you gave us strength, you never let us know how sick you were. You told me that you wasn't afraid to die, you were ready to meet Jesus, but you hated to leave your little family. Mary, I know if we will travel the road you did, we will surely meet you on the other side someday, where you will not be sick and you can walk and use your arm and we'll never have to part again.

Please God, give us strength to go on without her. We love her so much and our hearts are so broken.

Written in love by, Husband, Glen Lowe;
Sister, Bonnie Ward and family

CHARLEY MAYNARD

With humblest of heart towards God and fond memories I will make an attempt to write an obituary of Brother Charles Lindsey Maynard.

Brother Charles was loved by all who knew him. He was born November 8, 1897 at Clifford, KY. A son of the late Millard and Florence Fitzpatrick Maynard, his wife Dollie Lemaster Maynard died in 1972. He was a retired employee of the Norfolk and Western Railroad and a member of the Elizabeth Regular Baptist Church.

He was converted and joined the Elizabeth Church January 1967 and baptized the third Sunday in February 1967. He was a true and faithful member the rest of his days. We traveled many miles together to church at many different places. He filled his seat at the church as long as he was able. He raised a wonderful family and had a wonderful companion who helped take care of the church as long as she was able. I believe with my whole heart they are both resting from their labors. His name is often mentioned among the members even though he has been gone away for a long time. A word to the unsaved children, to meet Dad again and also Mother, the Lord said, "You must be born again." Bind these things upon your hearts and never cease to keep these things upon your mind. May the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour be with you now and forever more. Amen.

His survivors are six sons: Henry Maynard of Fort Myers, FL; Lester Maynard of Elmore, OH; Joe Maynard, Wayne Maynard, Jimmy Maynard and Paul Maynard all of Route 5, Louisa, KY. Two Daughters: Geneva Cadle of Lorain, OH and Fannie Caperton of Route 1, Louisa, KY. Two sisters: Mrs. Egbert Dingsess of Columbus, OH and Violet Fletcher of Las Vegas, NV. Also 19 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. He was buried in the Maynard family cemetery at Route 5, Louisa, KY.



Written by a brother in Christ,
Elder Kelly Castle

LIZZIE MAYNARD

With the help of the Lord, we will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved Mother, Lizzie Caines Maynard, who suffered so much in this life. But the witness she left with us will remain in our hearts forever.

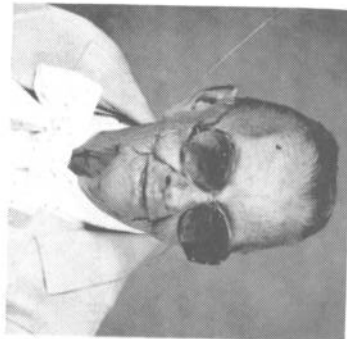
Lizzie Caines Maynard was born September 28, 1913 to the late Robert and Jane Caines, and departed this life on June 11, 1991, making her stay here on earth 77 years, 8 months and 14 days. Each day she spent with these children must have been so special because of the love this family had for her and also for each other, I know the time they share together seems to be so very special.

She was united in marriage to the late Condor Maynard on March 12, 1933. They were married 33 years and 16 days before he departed this life. To this union were born 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls. James Robert Maynard of Justiceville, KY; Ledna Jane Maynard Parsons of Varney, KY; Raymond Maynard of Varney, KY; Ruth Maynard of Varney, KY and Vernon Maynard of Varney, KY. She was preceded in death by two sons, Virgil Maynard and Oscar Maynard. She was also preceded in death by 3 sisters and 2 brothers: May Stanley, June Ratliff, Flora Smith, Clell Caines and Sidney Caines. She leaves 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. One grandson also preceded her in death.

Yes, there is so much these children could write about their loving Mother, but if you or anyone on Brushy ever spent any time with this family you would know that words could not express the love and devotion all these children had for their Mother. She will be sadly missed by all her friends and family in this community, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

I guess these last few words could best be summed up by telling you what one of the children told me on the morning she departed this world, she began telling about a beautiful place the Lord had blessed her to be able to see and she said, "I just wish you could see what I see."

I know the testimony I heard while setting at the foot of her bed made me rejoice knowing that she had been talking to the Lord. I believe he heard her cries Tuesday morning and said come on up a little higher where you'll never suffer any more. Where there will be peace, joy and love forever more.



Written by,
All her children and Brother Dale Williamson

VANGIE TAYLOR PINSON MAYNARD

With a sad and aching heart, I will try to write the obituary of my loving mother, Vangie Taylor Pinson Maynard.

She was born March 14, 1898. Departed this life here on earth at the age of 93 years, 1 month and 5 days. She was the daughter of Elder John E. and Sophia M. Taylor, both of whom preceded her in death.

She was married to Aaron Henry Pinson and to this union were born four children: husband, Aaron Henry and two daughters, Matilda Pinson Thompson and Nancy Marie Pinson preceded her in death. Two daughters are left to mourn her loss: Margaret Pinson Morrison and Minnie Pinson Scalf. She was later married to Stanford Maynard. He also preceded her in death. Survivors include a step son, Walter Maynard; step daughters: Dortha York, Claudia Smith and Sally Robinson; one sister: Georgia N. Hale; and one sister-in-law, Bertha Pinson. Also surviving are 21 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, 12 great great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews are left to mourn her loss.

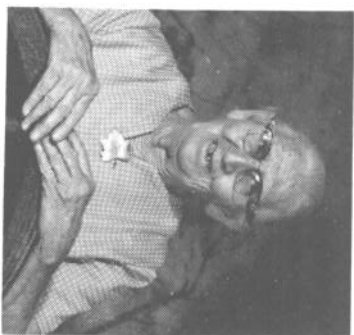
She was a member of the Apple Orchard Old Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized the first Sunday in June 1939 and remained a faithful member as long as her health permitted her to attend church.

She was a loving mother and friend to all who knew her. We miss her more every day since she was called away by our loving Saviour who gave his life for all of us. I could go on writing about her, there is not enough paper to cover all I could say about her. Mother, Minnie and I miss you more than all.

I want to say to all the family, she is just waiting until that great day of the resurrection. So be good and prepare to meet Jesus so we will all be together in heaven where we won't have to die and will be free from pain.

A place in my home is vacant and never can be filled. By the grace of God we will meet again on that homecoming day.

Written by her broken hearted daughter,
Margaret Morrison



WILLIAM LARK MAYNARD

With loving memories of a beloved husband, father and grandfather, we will attempt to summarize herein a life that has touched so many hearts and filled us all with endless love.

William Lark Maynard was born in Jarod, KY December 26, 1904 to Mofell and Nancy (Lowe) Maynard. He passed away January 6, 1991 after a brave battle against a long and debilitating illness.

He married Rebecca McCoy, August 7, 1924. During their happy life together they had four children: Lester, Eugene, Edward and Nancy E.

He was a member and Deacon of the Old Regular Baptist Church. His departure from this life has left a profound emptiness in all that knew him. He was a man that could elevate people's heart with a nod of his head or a gentle smile. His kind nature and his generosity were his trademarks and his witty sense of humor endeared him to every heart.

While his colleagues knew him as the infatiguable coal miner and his church companions remember him as the generous and honorable Deacon, nobody more than his family enjoyed the warmth of his being. His wife Rebecca, his children and grandchildren mourn his loss with deep regret; however, in that sadness that only death can bestow, they treasure the happy memories of Lark's passage on earth.

Written by his loving wife, Rebecca,
and his granddaughter-in-law, Antonella Thompson



ROOSEVELT MULLINS

With the help of our Lord Jesus Christ and of many precious memories, I will try and write the obituary of my uncle and brother in Christ, Roosevelt Mullins.

Uncle Roosevelt was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. His membership was at the Muncy Valley Regular Baptist Church.

Born August 18, 1901 he left this world September 8, 1990 at the age of 89. His parents were the late King Solomon Mullins and Lucrea Staten Mullins. He was preceded in death by 6 brothers and 2 sisters. He has one sister still living.

He has been married to Virginia Maynard Mullins for 67 years. From this union came 13 children, six of which still lives. They are the following: William Burbage and George W. Mullins of Delbarton, WV; Cecil and Noah Mullins of Huntington, WV; Jessephene Meddings of Detroit, MI and Mable Jean McClain of Belpre, OH; also leaving several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Uncle Roosevelt was a strict believer in the old time way. He enjoyed going to church and he always gave good advice. I feel he is now at rest, at home with Jesus. No more pain or sorrow. I would like to say to his family, "If you truly want to be with daddy again, to be together, to never part or say goodbye; repent and live for Christ. Remember the advice he gave you."



Written by,
Sister in Christ, Minerva Estep

LOUIE MUNCY

With more hurt than our hearts can hold we will attempt to write the obituary of a man we held so dearly to our hearts. A man we looked up to with love and respect. Louie M. Muncy was born May 16, 1940, on the Right Fork of Brushy, and when he left for his New World he departed from this life on the Right Fork of Brushy, January 14, 1991, making his stay here on earth 50 years and 7 months.

Louie was the son of the late Charlie and Hattie (Farris) Muncy. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Fayetta (Williamson) Muncy, and two infant children. To this union were born three surviving children: Edith Ann Morris of Kimper, KY; Lisa Kaye Spears of Raccoon, KY and Lewis Craig Muncy of Pikeville, KY.

Louie was then united in marriage to Linda Gale Maynard on October 10, 1969 and to this union was born two children: Tawanna Leigh Muncy and Jason Wayne Muncy of the home.

Louie is survived by five grandchildren: Devonnia Morris, Alecia Morris, Brandt Spears, Joshua Craig Muncy and Bradley Muncy.

Also surviving are four brothers: Ernest and Franklin Muncy of Pikeville, KY; Don Muncy of the Right Fork of Brushy and Lee R. Muncy of Wayne, MI. Two brothers preceded him in death, Thomas James and Robert Muncy. Five sister survive: Edith Phillips of Pikeville, KY; Imogene Dillender of Mt. Clemens, MI; Ethel Maynard, Drucilla Stanley and Mae Ray all of the Right Fork of Brushy.

Louie held the position of Assistant Director of Food Service and various other jobs with the Pike County Board of Education. He worked for many years for the Leatherwood Milk Co. of Williamson, WV. He also was employed by several different car dealerships as a car salesman. He also enjoyed his job as heavy equipment operator for Addington, Inc., where he was working when he became disabled.

Louie was baptized on September 14, 1969 and became a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church. When Louie came into the church he brought with him a way of singing that touched the hearts of many. The sweet songs and the freedom he felt in them, we feel, influenced his younger brothers in the church. Louie was later ordained and preached God's love throughout the land. He seemed to be free when God blessed him to sing the sweet songs.

Louie sacrificed much throughout his travels, preaching and singing God's word. Many miles he went, leaving his little family, but they knew he was doing what made him happy. Down through the many years he touched so many hearts, those he touched could sense



that Louie was never more free than when he was singing. He also touched the hearts of little children. Louie coached basketball and football at Bevins School and basketball at Brushy School. He made his time with these children really count, he made them laugh and when he sang to them about Jesus, he made them cry.

Louie's brothers and sisters remember him as the one they looked up to, the one that protected them. One brother remembers him as the best friend he ever had.

As we close, we remember Louie's love of horses. As a little boy and down through the years into manhood, Louie rode his horses across the valleys and hills of Brushy Creek.

But on Monday night, January 14, at 8:15 p.m., as Louie was breathing his last breath, he could see with God's help beyond this world, and there he saw the pale horse that had come for him, and no more will we look and see him coming across the hills of Brushy Creek. He has gone to a far away land, a land where he will never worry again. All his problems are over now, his race is run, Louie will soon be singing a new song, in a land where he wanted to go for so long. He is home now with his loved ones.

If Louie could speak to us, I am sure he would say love one another, live for Jesus, walk with the Lord and let Him hold your hand. We believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. Rest on, Honey, we will meet you on the other side.

Written by: His loving wife, Linda Gale; Daughter, Ann;
Sister-in-law, Bea; Brother-in-law, Billy

OMA (DIALS) MUNCY

It is with much love, respect admiration and pleasant memories that we write the obituary of our mother, Oma (Dials) Muncy.

Oma (Dials) Muncy, the daughter of the late Wilda (Pauley) and Pete Dials, was born on January 29, 1911 at Moree, KY and deceased this life abruptly on February 14, 1991 at her home in Beauty, KY, making her stay here eighty years and sixteen days.

On February 8, 1929 she married our dad, James C. Muncy, who departed this life on March 18, 1982. To this union was born one daughter and six sons: Elva Mae, Glenn Sheldon, Arthur Bady, James Avery, John Sherman, Curtis Conley and Gary Lynn. Two sons, Glenn and Curtis, preceded her in



death. She had eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Mama joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on the third Saturday in June 1948 and was baptized by Shadle Pauley. She placed her membership with the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church where she remained an active and faithful member for the remainder of her life.

We often wonder how Mama found time and energy for her many and varied accomplishments. Besides cooking, cleaning and caring for seven children, she did much more! She gardened, canned, dried, pickled and froze food. She also sold produce, milk, butter and eggs. She picked berries, made jelly, jams and juices plus help with the butchering. Then made and sold apple pies - taking orders by the dozens.

Her talent and interest in crafts produced many cherished pieces. She made numerous quilts from 'scratch' by hand. She made beautiful embroidery, crocheted and machine sewn pieces which have become priceless to us.

She not only worked long and hard but she taught us to follow her example. She was very proud and self sustaining in her effort to provide a good home. So many times she lamented about her lack of opportunity to get more formal education. She read books, mainly the Bible and history. Her goal for her children was to see that they got as much formal education as possible.

We were always encouraged by her to go to church. She loved to go and went every opportunity that was afforded her.

We know all mothers are special but we think our mother was truly Super Special.

We miss her, oh, so much,
Her Children

HESTER (MEADE) PERRY

With a lonely heart and many memories and feelings, it's a great privilege to try and put into words an obituary of my loving mother. Although words can never express the loneliness and how we miss her. I feel with all my heart by the life mom lived, our loss is Heaven's gain. There is one grand and glorious thought that remains with me and a great consolation, mom won't have to worry anymore. I've heard her sing that song many times when growing up and also in later years.



Mom was born September 12, 1915 to the late Luther and Mary Wilson Meade. She married Homer Perry on July 12, 1936. To this union was born 4 children. Three sons: Ray Perry and Carl Perry of Parkersburg, WV and Clifford Perry of Medina, OH; one daughter, Ann Thornsburg of Fort Gay, WV, all of whom are still living. One special daughter-in-law, Mary Belle Perry and one special son-in-law, Fred Thornsburg. One sister, Gussie Ferguson of Wayne, WV; two brothers: Leroy Meade of Columbus, OH and Charles Wilson Meade of Huntington, WV. Nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren of whom she loved very much.

Mom was a member of the Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church. She belonged to the church for 51 years and went and filled her seat as long as she was able. It was kind of a mystery to me why God took that away from her, she loved to go to church so much. I saw her go for 3 weeks once and never miss a night. That was her life, her all in all. Many times when we would go to church and she wasn't able to go, we would leave her crying. There is no doubt she cried and prayed many times for the Lord to call her home and I feel that on Easter Sunday morning, March 31, 1991 at Humana Hospital, Louisa, a little after 6 a. m., God answered her prayers and said come on, you've suffered enough. Mom got so she could hardly walk but never quit praising God just sitting in her chair where she spent so much time the past year and a half. Although at this time there's not one of us kids that can say truthfully we'll meet mom again, but I can say from the bottom of my heart that I hope and pray that before I have to leave this old sinful world that I can say that mom's God is my God. So, to my brothers whom I love so much, let's not forget the old time way that mom traveled in. Let's forget about the modernized religion that's creeping into so many churches. I'll close by saying, sleep on mom and by the help of the good Lord, may we meet on heaven's bright shore where we'll not have to part anymore. Mom, I love and miss you more than anyone in this whole wide world will ever know! Sleep on, but I feel mom's only gone away with a friend.

Written by a sad and broken hearted daughter,
Ann Thornsburg

HAZEL (VARNNEY) PHILLIPS

With a sad heart and loving memories we will write the obituary of our dear mother, Hazel Phillips. Hazel was the daughter of the late Ken and Lillie (Williamson) Varney. She was born April 13, 1919 and departed this life October 10, 1990 making her stay on this earth, the Lord's footstool, 71 years, 6 months and 28 days.

She was united in marriage to Roy L. Phillips, Sr. on April 17, 1937, who preceded her in death on September 15, 1975. To this union was born three children: Wilma Scaff of Turkey Creek, KY; Naomi Muncy of Gallipolis Ferry, WV and Roy Phillips, Jr. of Portland, OR. She leaves 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Clayton Alan Muncy and Jonathan Gary Phillips. She leaves a sister: Mary H. Gillman, Vinton, OH and the following brothers: William, Avery and Lonnie Varney all of Turkey Creek, KY. She was also preceded in death by one sister, Victoria Varney, and one brother, Floyd Junior Varney.

Mother became a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church in January 1967, Mother was a faithful member and always filled her chair in the Lord's house until illness prevented her from doing so.

Mother leaves many relatives and friends who loved her and she will be missed by all who knew her especially the brothers and sisters of the church.

We believe that our loving mother has gone to a better home where there is no pain and suffering. She will never be forgotten by those who loved and knew her.

Written in love by her daughters,
Wilma Scaff and Naomi Muncy



ULLEY W. PHIPPS

With a heavy heart, I will attempt to help my mother write the obituary of my dad, Ulley W. Phipps. Dad was born June 27, 1922 at Sidney, KY and departed this life April 25, 1991. His parents were Armendia (Brown), who survives, and Albert Phipps. They were married around the year of 1920 and his dad disappeared in 1923. Dad was the grandson of the late Tom and Polly Brown.



He was married to Grace (Maynard) Phipps on September 20, 1943 and to this union were born two children: a son, Jack Dean Phipps of Cleveland, OH and his two children, Jack Dean II and Kelly Lynn; and a daughter, Ellen A. Smith of Sidney, KY and her two children, Paulette Johnson and Paul Wesley Smith.

Dad gave his life to God October 13, 1989 and was baptized by the hands of Elders Berlin Thornsbury and Ernest Cochran and became a member of the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He was retired from the N&W Railroad, having worked there nearly 40 years. He was also a local businessman.

He leaves to mourn his loss one brother, Russell Smith of Belfry, KY and one sister, Nellie McCoy of Slater's Branch, KY, also a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends who loved and miss him. Our home is so lonely and our neighborhood is so sad without him.

The greatest tribute I can give my Dad is to say he was a wonderful Dad and Husband and to tell everyone how good he was to people. He never let a child or adult go hungry or barefooted if he knew it. Everyone was welcome in our home. His love for people showed in everything he did and said.

Written by his daughter and wife,
Ellen Smith and Grace Phipps

ALSIE (STANLEY) PINSON

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I now try to write the obituary of my beloved grandmother, Alsie (Stanley) Pinson. Mamaw was born September 17, 1904 and departed this life on October 1, 1990 making her stay here on earth 86 years and 14 days. She was the daughter of the late Orison and Mary (Maynard) Stanley of Brushy Creek.



On February 25, 1925 she gave her hand in marriage to the late Van B. Pinson and to this union four children were born: Maxie Varney of Justiceville, KY; Doris Ray of Lexington, KY; Paul W. Pinson of Varney, KY and Darlene McCoy of Pikeville, KY. Mamaw also had thirteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, two great grandchildren preceded her in death. Mamaw had one living sister, Claudie Cline of Zebulon, KY. One sister, Maxie Stanley, preceded her in death. Two brothers, Homer Stanley and Conder Stanley, also preceded her in death.

Mamaw gave her life to the Lord on September 5, 1971 and brought her membership to the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church at Piso, KY. She was baptized by Elders Willie Stitner and Loyd SESCO. She was a very faithful member for 19 years.

Mamaw was the most kind and understanding person whom I have ever been acquainted. She always had a kind word for everyone. When any of us ever had a problem, she was there in our time of need and would always remind us that when she was not around God would always be there.

Both Mamaw and Papaw are at God's throne now, never to hurt or to be ill again. They both left a great legacy for us all to follow. So children, let's all be good to each other and pray to our Lord, to meet and see Mom and Dad in Heaven.

Written by her grandson who loved her so dearly,
Gerald Todd Warner

OKIE ROBINETTE

With much sadness and by the help of the good Lord I will try and write the obituary of Uncle Okie Robinette.

Uncle Okie was born June 10, 1904 to Hiram and Florence (Hess) Robinette. Okie departed this life on June 6, 1991 making his stay here on earth 86 years, 11 months and 27 days. Okie was united in marriage to Eunice (Canada) Robinette. To this union no children were born. Uncle Okie had nine brothers: Elbert, Tom, Joe, Daze, Steve, Basil, Roscoe, Grayson and Bill; and two sisters: Wilda Muncy and Mintie Jude, all preceded him in death. Uncle Okie had a host of nieces and nephews to mourn his loss.

Uncle Okie was a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church for 46 years, and that was his life for the last few years that he was able to walk around. Church was all he wanted to talk about, meeting the good brothers and sisters and shaking hands with them all. Uncle Okie always said there was something in a handshake. He was a faithful member until about seven months ago when his illness kept him from attending. Uncle Okie was a retired stock dealer. After Aunt Eunice passed away Uncle Okie made his home with Earl and Grace Robinette.

Uncle Okie is gone but not forgotten. I believe Uncle Okie is just another flower in the Master's bouquet. So, sleep on Uncle Okie, and by the help of the good Lord we will meet again.

Written by,
The Robinette Family



ETHEL SCALF

With love and respect and fond memories, I will attempt to write an obituary of my dear mother-in-law, Ethel Bevins Scalf.

She was a beloved sister, admired by all who knew her. She worked hard all her life and tried to teach her children to live honestly and to treat everyone with love.

Mama was born October 14, 1894 in Pike County, KY to Joe Bevins and Polly (Bogar) Bevins. She died at the Skilled Nursing Center of the Appalachian Regional Hospital, December 7, 1990. She was 96 at her death.

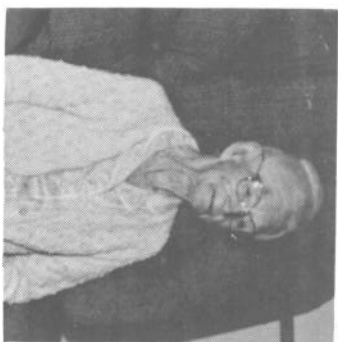
Mama joined the Mount Pleasant Regular Baptist Church in 1968 and was baptized by Lloyd SESCO and Edwin May. She was a faithful member for 22 years. She loved to go to church. She filled her seat as long as she was able. Many times she went when she wasn't able.

The last eleven years of her life were spent staying with her children. She would visit each one for two weeks and go on to the next one. We kidded her about going to a different motel every two weeks. She seemed to enjoy the change as the time drew near to go to another child's home.

She was married to Willie M. Scalf, March 3, 1920. He preceded her in death twenty one years ago. They were blessed to have six children: Ernestine Blackburn, Edgar Scalf, Maxine Slater, Willie Scalf, Jr., Franklin Scalf and Janice Cornette.

As Mama grew older, her desire was to see all her children get right with God and come to church. You children who expect to see Mama again will have to make peace with God because I believe her soul is resting in peace with God.

Written by her daughter-in-law,
Ernestine Scalf



OPAL TAYLOR SESCO

Opal Taylor SESCO, 65, passed away March 12, 1991 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, KY. Opal was born on March 10, 1926 to the late Thomas Nathaniel and Della Fields Taylor. She became a member of the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church on January 1955. Opal is survived by her husband, Merlin SESCO, Sr., one son, Merlin SESCO, Jr., two daughters: Betty Joe Roberts and Melissa Lynn Vermillion; two brothers: Oscar Taylor and Thomas Nathaniel Taylor; four sisters: Birdia Burchett, Maxie Maynard, Ruth Maynard and Pearl Williamson; and is also survived by four grandchildren.



Opal was a very dedicated sister to the church and mother to her family. Her two major concerns were always her family and her church. We can all remember the times Mom sang her hymns while cooking dinner and the times Daddy and she sang in the car on the way to church. Mother loved to sing the Regular Baptist hymns. There was always a song book in the living room and a songbook in the car. Mommy also never missed a chance to express herself about the Regular Baptist Church. We all remember those deep discussions about religion in our home at night. Mother always made sure our home was always filled with faith and belief in Jesus. After being a member in the Regular Baptist Church for over 35 years, no one, including herself, expected anything less.

Her family misses her terribly and nothing can ever ease our pain with maybe the exception of time. Our only possible consolation is that we know she is in a much better place and she is waiting for us to join her.

With everlasting loving memories,
The Opal Taylor SESCO Family

ETHEL (CRIGGER) SMITH

There is much sadness in my heart, but by strength through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I'll write the obituary of my dear beloved Mother and my dear sister in Christ, Ethel (Crigger) Smith. Mom was born July 21, 1910 at Canada, KY, being the oldest daughter of William Anderson and Maggie (Oney) Crigger. God called Mom home to a land of rest on January 2, 1991, following a short illness. God blessed Mom to live upon His beautiful creation 80 years, 5 months and 12 days.



Mom was married to Cullen Smith on October 15, 1931 and they shared 56 golden years together. To this union was born six children, four daughters: Nita (West) Kendrick of Sidney, KY; Ruby Carter of Lombard, IL; Maggie Carter, Marengo, IL and Betty Kuhn, Glen Ellyn, IL; two sons: Paul Smith and Donnie Smith both of Sidney, KY. Mom was blessed with nineteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren that brought much happiness and joy in her life. She was a dear grandmother to them and they loved her so much.

Other survivors include three sisters: Elzie Smith and Gladus Thacker of Canada, KY and Agnus Blackburn of Sidney, KY; one brother, Frank Crigger of Meta, KY. Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Mom was a homemaker, a precious mother, and a wonderful companion to my Dad, and worked hard to provide for her family. She was a member of the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church for 37 years. She was a faithful member and enjoyed the fellowship with her Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Mom leaves behind a great host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing, but we know in our hearts that our loss is heaven's gain. I feel that Mom is taking her peaceful sleep until that great resurrection morning when we all can be reunited together again to live forever in that beautiful city that God has prepared for those who love and serve him. In that land, there'll be no more tears, no heartaches, and never a sigh of pain.

Mom, our home is so lonely without your presence but your memories will live on forever. Mom, I thank God for the many years that we shared together and for all the times we worshipped God together in Heavenly places. Mom, besides being a precious Mother to me, you were my dearest friend upon this earth.

I thank God for Mom, that she brought us children up in the church and taught us the ways of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,

and about his great plan of salvation. She left behind a great testimony of Jesus to her family and to all that knew her. So Mom, it's just goodnight until we meet again.

Written by her daughter and Sister in Christ,
Nita (West) Kendrick

CORA STACEY

In loving memory of our dear
Sister in the Lord.

Sister Cora Stacey was born April 3, 1913 at Threeforks, KY and died August 5, 1991 in a private nursing home on Yellow Creek in Lawrence County, KY.

Sister Cora was the daughter of Brother Johnnie Stacey and Sister Rachel (Jude) Stacey. She had one brother, Ralph Reed, and two sisters, Mary Moore and Sister Ora Howell, all deceased. She also had seventeen nephews and eight nieces.

Sister Cora gave her hand at the Sidney Church the fourth Sunday in June 1986 saying, "I feel God has forgiven me of all my sins and I want to be baptized."

We feel our dear Sister is at rest now. Where there will be no more pain, no sorrow, no trouble in that fair land. The soul, I believe, is at rest; waiting the adoption, to wit: the redemption of the body. Those that have died in the triumph of a living faith will hear that sweet welcoming voice, come on home. There is a home for every one of God's children, there won't be one lost or left behind. God knows everyone of His.



Written by,
Elder Sabert Nichols

ELMER THOMPSON

Brother Elmer was born January 6, 1925 to Emerson and Alice Thompson of Pikeville, KY. He departed this life April 26, 1990, making his stay on earth 65 years. He married Ivorie Maynard on August 27, 1945 and unto this union was born four girls: Marlene Gail Ratliff of Pikeville, KY; Brenda Salmons of Titusville, FL; Nedra Frank of Marion, OH and Teresa Lynn Thompson of Marion, OH. He was blessed with

six grandchildren. He left a dad, Emerson Thompson of Pikeville, KY; three brothers: Walter, Wheeler and Charles of Pikeville, KY; two sisters: Vera Syck of Pikeville, KY and Audrey Ratliff of Ocala, FL and a host of friends and relatives.

Brother Elmer joined the church when he was 25 years old. He was also a Deacon at the Burring Springs Regular Baptist Church, Zebulon, KY and later moved to the Dix Fork Church at Sidney, KY. Then he came with the chartered members to organize the Little Tavie Church at Point Pleasant, WV. Then being sick and not able to travel, he moved his letter to the Little Ruth Church near his home. Brother Elmer was loved by most everyone who knew him.

Written by a brother in Christ,
Julius Cochran

KENNY THORNBURY, SR.

Kenny was born November 6, 1950 at Pikeville, KY, the third of six children, to a very proud Alson and Lee Etta (Scott) Thornbury. A handsome and delightful young man, he was known to his siblings: Barbara, Kenneth, Alvin, James and Alfredda, as the "conservative" one. He won the hearts, not only of the family, but everyone with whom he came in contact. He always had a compassionate heart and was willing to help someone in need.

Early in 1969, he met Judy Carol May, whose heart he held captive and soon gained her hand in marriage. They were blessed with a son, Kenny Thornbury, Jr., and a daughter, Amy Michele Thornbury.

Kenny was an auto body mechanic and a coal miner. His life long talent and the pride he took in all things he did, won him the reputation of being the best auto body man anywhere.

But Kenny, like all others, was born a corruptible man. In January 1991, he was diagnosed with cancer. He did not curse or blame God for his illness, but praised Him for bringing him "on his back and causing him to look up (to God)" which he said made it worth all the suffering during his sickness.



Even in pain and agony, he was an inspiration to everyone who knew him, always bearing a cheerful smile, words of encouragement, and sound spiritual advice. God saw fit to allow Kenny relief and rest on August 8, 1991. Although our hearts are saddened by our loss, we are made to rejoice over Kenny's eternal gain.

His brother in nature and in hope,
Alvin Thornbury

JOHN L. VARNEY

It is with much sadness that I try to write this obituary of our beloved husband and father, John L. Varney. He was born January 25, 1925 in Pike County, KY. He departed this life September 6, 1991 at Saint Mary's Hospital, making his stay here on earth 66 years, 7 months and 12 days. Daddy was the son of Don and Mintie (Francis) Varney.



He married Ida Mae (Copley) on February 23, 1946. Unto this union five children were born: David Varney who preceded him in death, October 21, 1986; the other children are: Sheila Martin, Polly Curry, Donnie Varney and Debbie Harrison. He had 6 grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Daddy had three brothers who preceded him in death: Donnie S. Varney, J. B. Varney and Willie Varney. He had two sisters: Melba Chapman who preceded him in death and Fannie (Maynard) Thornberry of Stone, KY.

Daddy accepted Christ as his personal savior and was baptized by the hands of Brothers Joe Evans and Billie Brumfield on Sunday, April 24, 1988. Daddy looked so happy when he came out of the water. He was truly a new person. Daddy wasn't able to attend church as often as he liked because of his breathing problems, but the times he did go he enjoyed it and would come home and tell his children about the good meeting they had been to.

Daddy was always a good provider for his family. He worked hard and put his children first. He always loved to talk and see people come. His doors were always open. Even when he was in the hospital and he could hardly breathe, he still wanted to talk.

I believe that my Daddy is happy now and can breathe again. He told me many times that lying in bed like he had to was not much of a life. I believe now that he is walking and talking with all of his family and friends that had went on before him.

This pen cannot find the words to tell of the love my Daddy had for his fellow man. It cannot explain his life he had on this earth, his life here proved he was a child of God. He never turned anybody down in their time of need. His light truly shined for the world to see. My family can hardly believe he is dead. In our Lord Jesus' own words, "If you live and believe on my name you shall never die." My family couldn't have stood my Daddy's death if it was not for the mercy our Lord Jesus has shown on us all. He is helping us with our sorrow but it is so hard. We miss Daddy so much, but we wouldn't call him back to all the pain he had endured. His life will live on with us and be a memory around our hearts.

The hour before my Daddy died he was praying for God to take him. He was reaching up his hands as if he was wanting something. I truly believe he was reaching to Jesus and when it was time Jesus took hold of his hand and led him home to a place he would not have to suffer anymore. I believe he's at peace and he's in the arms of God.

Finally, I want to say to my brother and sisters and to the grandchildren, if you want to see Daddy and your papa, seek the Lord while he is near and call upon him while he may be found. Time is short. So, I pray that we will all be together in heaven. Daddy, I miss you, but I know that you are happy, and our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by your daughter and sister in the Lord Jesus,
Sheila Martin

QUINNIE VICTORIA VARNEY

With many fond memories and love in our hearts, we write this obituary of our so very much missed dear mother, Quinnie Varney. She was born October 13, 1900 in Pike County, KY, the daughter of the Late Ballard and Mazie (Bevins) Runyon.

Mother was preceded in death by her husband Henry T. Varney, two brothers, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Her survivors include three sons: Ballard, Bill and Bobby Gene Varney; seven

daughters: Hazel Varney, Hattie Varney, Edna Marie Kitchen, Sally Johnson, Ethel G. Smith, Peggy Skeens and Rita Carpenter; two sisters: Edna R. Smith and Ida Vickers; 36 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren.

She was a long time member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. Mother leaves behind a host of relatives and friends



to mourn her passing. But we feel that mother is basking in the sunlight of that glorious city and will never suffer again. I thank the Lord for the years that we had with mother.

So Mother, it's not goodbye. It's just goodnight till we all meet again, and to us you will never really be gone, but will always be with us in our hearts. Life is made easier knowing you are in the arms of our loving savior.

Your Loving Children

P. S. I feel sure 'Granny' would want us to remain a close and loving family while we are alive. To the family who does not have peace with God, pray and make things right so you will be able to meet God.

Granny, I will always remember your love throughout the years, your friendship and all you taught me, to give through caring. I will always love you and cherish my memories of you with all my heart.

Love always, your granddaughter, Jane Curry

LILA JANE (SPEARS) YOUNG

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of a good friend and neighbor, Aunt Jane Young as we all knew her.

Jane was the daughter of the late Jeff and Fairinda (Justice) Spears. Jane was born September 26, 1905 making her stay here 85 years, 4 months and 24 days. She died at home after an extended illness.

Jane was united in marriage to the late William (Bill) Sanders. To this union one daughter was born: Bessie Viola Taylor of Cattlettsburg, KY.

Aunt Jane thereafter was united in marriage to Willie Young. To this union four daughters were born: Aliene Francis of Varney, KY; Rozetta McCoy of McCombs, KY; Zadie Saunders of Columbus, OH and Dorothy Mae Hashman of Barnesville, OH; four sons: James Timothy Young of Varney, KY; Willie Eugene Young of Bean Station, TN; two sons preceded her in death, Charles Edward and Elster Lee. Also preceding her in death were three grandchildren, one brother, Oscar Spears, and three sisters: Bessie Blackburn, Elvie Foley and Mellie Lowe.



Aunt Jane is survived by one sister, Alma Hite of Meta, KY and one brother, Proctor Spears of Lower John's Creek, KY. Jane has 17 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren and 4 step great grandchildren.

Jane joined the Pilgrims Home Regular Baptist Church in 1949 and was baptized at the fourth Saturday meeting by Emmett Case and Baze Robinette.

While Aunt Jane lay sick, she often talked of a beautiful rose garden. I believe God added her to that garden she saw. She will be missed by all her family, her brothers and sisters in Christ, and her friends and neighbors. But her suffering is over now. She is resting from her labors in the Paradise of God.

Written by a friend and neighbor,
Sharlene W. Cline

P. S. Aunt Jane often said that if friends and neighbors would just kick off a palled slat or two and go over the fence to visit their neighbors and have the neighbors do the same, then this old world would be a better place.

LUTHER YOUNG

It is with a prayerful heart and many good memories I attempt to write the obituary of my daddy, Luther Young. Daddy was born March 21, 1913 at Varney, Ky. He was the son of James W. 'Buddy' Young and Wilda Davis Young. He departed this life May 1, 1991 making his stay here on God's footstool 78 years, 1 month and a few days. God blessed daddy richly through the years. He married Dora Margaret Ray on August 13, 1943 and through this union was born to them five children, 3 boys and 2 girls: James W. Young of Varney, KY; John L. Young of Varney, KY and Garry L. Young of Varney, KY; Mrs. Justine Maynard of Varney, KY and Mrs. Phyllis Stanley of Ecorse, MI. One brother, Ezra Young, preceded him in death and one brother, Geoffrey Young of Varney, KY, survives.

Daddy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church September 26, 1990. Daddy was a retiree from N&W Railroad. He leaves 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 3 step grandchildren who will miss him very much. He was a good daddy and taught his children the right way to go. Our loss is heaven's gain. Daddy is home now, there with loved ones he longed to see from time to time, especially our Mommy. I know that longing now.

To all the children and grandchildren - If we ever see him again, we will have to make peace with God and live for Jesus and let our light shine. We had a lot of happiness, sorrows, trials and joys. But memories are one gift of God that death does not destroy.

Written by his daughter and sister in Christ, Justine Maynard

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 falling to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have 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.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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	Lloyd Sesco	100	100						3	2	30	10:00/10:00		2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Thomas J. Dials	75	100		1			1	3		34	11:00/11:00		1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	75	75	2							14	11:00/11:00		1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	150	175	1							58	11:00/11:00		2	May
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	150	150						1	2	67	10:00/10:00		3	Aug
SARDIS	Joe Evans	150	200	2				1	1		73	11:00/11:00		4	Aug
BIG BRANCH	Richard Staton	125	125	1							27	11:00/11:00		3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	125	150					3	2		48	11:00/11:00		3	July
BETHANY	Isom Hannah	75	150						3	1	46	11:00/11:00		4	Aug
ELK FORK	Joe Evans	60	100								19	11:00/11:00		3	Aug
PILGRIMS HOME	Elbert Sesco	300	250	3	1				4	1	118	10:00/10:00		4	Aug
SALEM	Elbert Sesco	200	100	3				2	1		42	11:00/11:00		1	May
SIDNEY	Wallace Muncy	150	150						1	1	27	2:00/10:30		4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	150	200	2					3		61	11:00/11:00		1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Bobby Scott	100	100	3							36	11:00/11:00		4	July
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	125	100	3		1			2		48	10:30/10:30		2	July
BUCK CREEK	Thomas J. Dials	125	125	1				6	1	1	25	10:30/10:30		3	June
TABITHA	S. D. Hensley	75	100						1		17	2:30/11:00		1	Aug
LITTLE ROSA	Joe Evans	30	40							1	14	11:00/11:00		2	Apr
TURKEY CREEK	Andrew Maynard	150	150						4		80	11:00/11:00		2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	100	150	1					2	1	48	11:00/11:00		1	July
ROSA	Leslie Blair	125	150	1					2	2	54	2:00/10:00		3	Aug
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	20	50						1		7	/11:00		2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Richard Staton	65	100						1		14	11:00/11:00		4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair	200	200	4	3				1	1	62	2:00/10:30		1	Apr
PILGRIMS REST	Elbert Sesco	50	50	2	1				1	2	16	10:30/10:30		2	June
OKEECHOBEE	James Barney	100	125	1	1						29	4:00/10:00		3	Apr
ELIZABETH	Leonard Napier	100	100	3	5						34	10:30/10:30		1	June
LITTLE TAVIE	W. H. Cochran	100	75								11	10:30/10:30		2	July
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