

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTISTS
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

**In session assembled with the
Pilgrims Home Church
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky**

September 10, 11, and 12, 1993

Co-hosted by the
Bent Branch, Pilgrims Rest and Big Branch Churches

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

DEDICATION

OBITUARY OF ELDER EDWIN MORROW MAY

Sister Geraldine, precious children and grandchildren, beloved family, Brethren, Sisters, notable friends and all others gathered here today whose lives have been touched in some large way or small way by the life and time of Elder Edwin May; dearly beloved husband, Daddy, Pa, friend, neighbor, confidant, advisor, leader and moderator of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.



As we journey in this life upon earth, God's footstool, there are those rare and special people we chance to meet that make a lasting difference in our life; that cause us

to think a little different; to see ourselves and others in a different way; to understand more clearly the really important things in life, to look inward into our very soul and feel the mighty unexplainable Spirit of God; and allows us to say, "of a truth, surely the pleasure is all mine and I am the better to have known this child of God."

Elder Edwin May was to each of us, in one way or another, that rare and special person. He has gone, as sayeth the Prophet Joshua, "the way of all the earth." He has tasted the sting of death and the final chapter of the book of his life on earth has been written. However, we will not close this book and for the rest of our lives we will read and re-read its pages time and time again as we remember the things he said and did; or when we seek direction and the answer to a problem; or feel the love of the Brethren; or enjoy the good times of God's people on earth.

We will read in the pages of his book that he was born November 23, 1915, the son of Brother Dover and Sister Ella (Bevins) May and is survived by these brothers and sisters: Jack May of Scotts Hill, TN; Dorothy Ball of Oklahoma City, OK; Beatrice Curry, Nell Taylor and Jean McGuire all of Meta, KY. He was preceded in death by his parents and these brothers and sisters: Fred May, Gladys Taylor, Walter May and Ruth Elswick.

Born and raised on the waters of Johns Creek, he met and married

Sister Geraldine (Deskins) May (the lovingly called her "Big-Un"), and to this union were born eight children, seven of which survive: Larry May, Don May, Janice Blackburn, Phyllis Taylor, Linda Stevens, Erma Thornbury and Mary Markland. One daughter, Lydia May, preceded him in death. He is further survived by 22 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He will be remembered by an innumerable host of Old Regular Baptist Brethren and Sisters; Christian people of many other denominations; and friends from all walks of life. He never made a difference in people: christian or sinner; high or low; rich or poor; black or white; and many times took into his home unknown strangers he found by the roadside.

We have often heard him tell of his early life and the very hard times he and Sister Geraldine and the children endured, but I am sure, both he and the family would now agree there were great personal and family strengths born out of these hard times and the best times, the happy times were yet to come.

None of us will forget Brother Ed's beautiful testimony of his enlightenment, travail, forgiveness and new birth that began when God placed upon Sister Geraldine the overwhelming desire to take all the money they had in this world and purchase the first Bible they ever had in their home. A simple act for most of us today, but consider the times and the place and understand the great faith Sister Geraldine had as she stepped out upon the promises of God who said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." And again He said, "He that cometh unto me will I in no wise cast him out." This small, beginning act of faith, planted the size of a mustard seed, has grown into "a tree so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof."

We are unable today to recite the entire chapter of this touching part of his life, but must briefly relate the events of his baptism where, at the end of his bitter travail, Brother Ed felt the Lord had lifted the burden and forgiven his sins. He was at home in the head of a holler with no preacher around and he felt he would surely die unless he was baptized. He told Sister Geraldine he had to go and left home crying unto God to let him live long enough to be baptized. He made his way out of the holler and God answered his pleadings when he met Elder Henry Hensley going in the other direction. Brother Ed stopped him in the road, confessed all that had taken place with him and prevailed upon Brother Hensley to take him to the water. Brother Hensley baptized Brother Ed on September 3, 1948, near the Bent Branch Church where the Bent Branch Creek joins Johns Creek. Brother Ed placed his membership with the Bent Branch Church where he remained a faithful member.

Almost immediately he felt another calling of God, to preach the Word. He resisted this calling and struggled very hard to escape so great a calling, because he felt so unlearned and unworthy. But finally, as he did at the beginning, he stepped out deeper into the waters of God's promises and through faith began "speaking in public", as we call it, and on the first

Sunday in January, 1949, he preached his first sermon. The Bent Branch Church ordained him an "Elder" in 1951 and the Lord blessed him, educated him, nurtured him, and through much tribulation to himself and his family, led him to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the hills of West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia and beyond.

God made yet another "Calling" to Brother Ed, and after serving two years as Assistant Moderator, Elder Edwin May became the Moderator of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist in September, 1965, and has served us as moderator with the help of the Lord unto this present time.

The legacy of his moderatorship would, if written down, fill volumes of books. His leadership will continue to guide us and the Sardis Association for years to come. The framework of his leadership was "Love" and his most often admonishment to the Church and Association was, "Let brotherly love continue!"

We have not here today begun to address the life of this precious Child of God; this Preacher of the Gospel; this Soldier of the Cross; this defender of the Faith; this loving husband and daddy and Pa; this Brother in the flesh and in the church; this moderator of the church; this Elder of the Elders throughout the Regular Baptist Associations; and this Elder Statesman of Christians everywhere.

But we will ask you to ponder upon the pages of his life and seek out the real meaning of his very life and his testimony to each and everyone of us, and that is "Love." God is love and Brother Ed discovered that the more he loved God, the more God loved him. This, then, is the message Brother Ed would have us speak today, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Several months ago the inquiry went out, "How is Brother Ed?" This question was everly upon the minds and in the prayers of his loved ones and friends. The day we have all dreaded has arrived and Jesus met him in the hospital at Kingsport, TN, to take him home to Glory on October 9, 1993. As each of us begin to read the pages of his life's book our sorrow will be overshadowed by our, "Thank you, Lord," for allowing us to have known this man as my husband, my daddy, my Pa, my brother, my friend and my neighbor.

We firmly believe that Brother Ed has born the heat of battle and now can say, as did the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

We thank God for Elder Edwin May and, Sister Geraldine, we sincerely thank you and your precious children for sharing him with us.

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
Clerk, Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

PROCEEDINGS
of the
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FRIDAY
September 10, 1993

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Pilgrims Home Church at Varney, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1993.

About the hour of 9:30 a.m. on a cool and foggy morning, Elder Edwin May, our beloved Moderator, came to the Stand under the tent extremely feeble of body and weak in voice expressing his thankfulness to God for being able to be here and to see and shake hands with this beautiful congregation. He then announced the arrangements.

Elder Wallace Muncy, having been chosen as alternate last year, came to the Stand to open these services desiring the prayer of the people for God to revealate his mind and bless us with a vision of the future. Using for a Text, "He shall be like a tree planted by the water", Brother Wallace preached of a Christian prepared in the field, planted in the Household of Faith and watered by the river of God. Wade out deeper, Brother Wallace admonished the congregation. Brother Wallace then led in prayer.

Elder Edward Runyon came to the Stand to preach the Introductory Sermon. Meek of body but confident in voice he proclaimed, "you are my people and this Old Church has been my home for 54 years". Brother Ed testified that, even though he had been in this warfare a long time, he had found no place where he wanted to turn back. For, he said, the love of God is born into every Child of God when they are "born again" and love is the mortar that binds us together. God is love, he preached, and when we are born again we are born of love. Without being born again there is no inheritance of a Heavenly Home with God's people.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Pilgrims Home 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:

Brother Jason Lowery, Union Association
Elder Woody Pack, New Salem Association
Elder Frank O'Quinn, Union Association
Elder Jimmy Hall, New Salem Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in Order, Brother Edwin May, our Moderator, very frail of body, spoke only a few words of welcome to all gathered here today for the beginning of the 1993 session of the Sardis Association. "How good you look to me", he stated.

Brother Ed then called upon Elder Fon Bowling, a battle scarred warrior in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Moderator of the Union Association, to open the services at the House. Even at 85 years of age Brother Fon spoke in a strong voice of the blessings God had granted him, both natural and spiritual, and of the love of God toward mankind. That Spiritual love, Brother Fon confessed, is totally different from our natural love and will survive the grave right into the portals of Heaven. This is the love Jesus has for His Church, Brother Fon affirmed. Brother Fon then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, our Moderator of many years, came to the Stand, weak in body but strong of Spirit and will, thanking God for the strength to come to this Association. I have been praying for several months that I could be here today. He then reminded the Brethren they could see his condition and that his wife and family would be pleased if the Sardis delegates selected another Moderator but he was willing to serve the Sardis Association, if that be the will of God placed in the minds of the delegates.

(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 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 Pilgrims Home Church, and, upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$ 3,700.00 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:

Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
Brother Jesse Williamson, Union Association
Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association

(7) The Sardis Association then completed its 1993 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

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

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

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

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Forrest Osborne, Northern New Salem Association
Elder C. W. Turner, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Tom Thacker, Union Association
Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Jerry Estep, Union Association

SATURDAY

Elder John R. Justice, Old Friendship Association
Elder Buddy Carty, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hiram Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder Roger Hicks, New Salem Association

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

Elder Elbert SESCO
Elder Billy Williamson
Elder Dale Williamson

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

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

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Jesse Williamson, Jason Lowery, Arvid Blevins, Frank O'Quinn, Tom Thacker, Floyd Jude, Fon Bowling, Bob Justice, Orban May, Frank Newsome, Herman West, Arthur Duty, Hufford Coleman, Howard Daniels, Ronnie Hensley, Edgar Baker, Clarence Bowersock, Jackie Yates, Earl Boyd, Earl Cantrell, Arthur Deel, Keen Thacker, Jr., Frank M. Coleman, Jerry Estep, Garfield Thacker, Billy Cochran, Perry Lane and Marshall Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Frank O'Quinn.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Clifford Williams, Roger Hicks, Freddie Kidd, David D. Hicks, Pete Hensley, Woody Pack, Clinton Williams, J. D. Clarke, Ellis Holbrook, Teddy Honaker, Alvin Brown, C. B. Smith, Orville Hamilton, Glenn Hall, Walter Akers, Norman Conn, Hiram Adkins, Grover Adkins, Calvin C. Burke, Gene Lowery, Chuck Hall, Don Parker, Jimmy Hall, Clinton Moore, Monroe Jones, Gary Compton, Don Blake Little, James Tackett, Tilton Dye, Woodrow Dye, Jack Akers, Hobart Bates and Dewey Roberts. Letter in the hands of Brother Pete Hensley.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Paris Tackitt, David Stone, John Jude, Forrest Osborne, Buddy W. Carty, Squie Hamilton, John B. Hale, Ezra Thornsburry, Larry Dixon, Reed Triplet,

Raymond Stapleton, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Roy Caudill, Malcolm Branham and Don Lawson. Letter in the hands of Elder Forrest Osborne.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: David Gilliam, Harlan Barney, Walter Morrison, Silas Stumbo, Lowell Adkins, Creed Thomas and Wayne Caudill. Letter in the hands of Brother Silas Stumbo.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: John R. Justice, Danny Hurley, Josh Justus, Jr., Gary Justus, Phillip Estep, Gary Brown, Ferrell Scarberry, Glen Anderson, Doug Reed, Roy Lester, Woodrow Whit, Roger McCoy, Leonard Coleman and David Bailey. Letter in the hands of Brother Gary Brown.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our same faith and order desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Stewart Brown, Tommy Adair, Sr., William Campbell, Jr., Charles Jarrell, Lloyd SESCO, Edwin Hay, Roy Stanley and Robert R. Clay.

(14) 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.

(15) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second this committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. today.

(16) On motion by Elder S. D. Hensley, second by Elder Chester Cochran, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, September 11, 1993.

SATURDAY

September 11, 1993

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Pilgrims Home Church house where, about the hour of 9:00 a. m., our Moderator, Elder Edwin May, called the house to order and asked Elder Paris Tackitt of the Northern New Salem Association to open these services.

Brother Paris gave God the praise for such a beautiful day as shown forth by the sun atop the mountains. Some sweet morning, we'll wake up in a land even more beautiful - a land lighted by the one who stretched out His precious hands and was nailed to the cross for you and me. What a love He had for us! (Elder Tommy Adair could not hold his peace and shouted the praise of God for His love and mercy.) What wonderful and powerful words God showed forth as He blessed Brother Paris to report the good news from Heaven!

Elder James Tackett 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 1994 Association; who shall be his alternate; and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1994 Association:

Elder Wayne Turner, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association
Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association

The Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Paul Vance, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder William Adair, Sr., Alternate
Elder Edwin Hay, 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

Brother Phillip Tackett, New Salem Association
Elder Gary Compton, New Salem Association
Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association
Elder Paris Tackitt, Northern New Salem Association

SUNDAY

Elder Don Blake Little, New Salem Association
 Elder Edwin Hay, Sardis Association
 Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association
 Elder Edwin May, Sardis Association

[Note: Elder Edwin Hay filled in for Elder Teddy Honaker of the New Salem Association who was chosen by the committee but had to be absent.]

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

Balance on hand 9-14-92	\$ 17,490.67
Interest received 8/1/92 to 8/1/93	\$ 368.47
Total available for 1992	\$ 17,859.14
Less 1992 Expenses:	
Print 4,000 copies of minutes	\$ 4,100.00
Liability Insurance to Pilgrims Home Church	\$ 300.00
Total 1992 Expenses	<u>(\$ 4,400.00)</u>
Balance on hand 9-10-93	\$ 13,459.14
Add 1993 Receipts:	
Contributions from Churches	\$ 3,700.00
Obituary Pictures	\$ 360.00
Total 1993 receipts	<u>\$ 4,060.00</u>
Balance on hand 9-13-93	\$ 17,519.14

(6) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1993 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 Richard Staton, chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand feeling full of love and unworthiness to read his Circular Letter. The Letter was short but

sweet and powerful. By regular move and second the Letter was received and ordered printed in our minutes.

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

UNION: When convened with the host Churches at the Union Association Building, Ash Camp, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1993: Frank Sheppard, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsby, Isom Hannah, Billie Brumfield, Freddy Maynard, Freddy Muncy, Willie Stiliner, Joe Evans, Leslie McGuire, Stewart Brown, James Blackburn, Bob Justice, Marion Duncan, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Edlie Marcum and Frankie White. Letter in the hands of Elder Isom Hannah

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, 1993: James Gannon, Hobert Hamilton, Wayne Herald, Jr., Edwin Hay, Richard Staton, Berlin Thornsby, Paul Vance, Frank Sheppard, Virgil Fields, Joe Evans, Frankie Scott, Henry Jude, Freddy Maynard, John Paul Hamilton, Stewart Brown, Freddy Muncy, Frankie White, James Blackburn, Marion Duncan, Charles Lowe, J. D. Walters, Oscar McCoy and Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1994: Edwin Hay, Chester Cochran, Billie Brumfield, James Gannon, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Paul Vance, W. H. Cochran, Frank Sheppard, Frankie Scott, Wayne Herald, Jr., Julius Cochran, Clyde Brown, Clayburn Varney, Ralph Hunt and John Wayne White. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Mt. Olivet Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1994: Edwin Hay, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsby, W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran, Joe Evans, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Paul Vance, Frank Sheppard, S. D. Hensley, John Paul Hamilton, Eddie Marcum, Fred Munny, Clyde Brown, Stewart Brown, Ronald Knox, John Wayne White and Julius Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Little Dove Church, Hurley, VA, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1994: Edwin Hay, Frank Sheppard, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsby, W. H. Cochran, Paul Vance, Joe Evans, Wayne Herald, Jr., Chester Cochran, Buddy Glanden, Virgil Fields, Isom Hannah, Charles Testerman, Merle E. Workman, Stewart Brown, Danny Thompson, Frankie White, Marion Duncan, Judd Cline and Julius Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsby.

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

(11) Brother Leslie McGuire gave report on Tent. He reported that the tent is in bad shape, may last another year or two but needs replacement as soon as possible. The Clerk, Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., who was assigned the task of ascertaining some replacement costs last year, reported that a new vinyl (not canvas) tent of approximately the same size as we have now (50' X 80') would cost about \$10,000 to purchase or about \$1,600 per year to rent. These reports were received by regular move and second with any action deferred until the permanent site committee report was made and acted upon.

(12) Request from the Little Tavie Church for a letter of Dismissal was read. Discussion and asking that the Request be taken back. The Little Tavie delegates agreed to take the request back.

(13) Discussed Liability Insurance and re-imburement to the Pilgrim's Home Church for the cost of insurance for this year. By regular move and second, the Brother Clerk was authorized to pay the Pilgrim's Home Church \$300 for Liability Insurance premium.

To further help the Pilgrim's Home Church with its expense of hosting the Association, a donation was made up at the House and the Tent totaling \$1,109.00.

(14) By move and second, item 14 of our 1975 Minutes is re-printed, 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

(15) 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.

(16) 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. (1929 minute)

(17) Ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women. (1919 minute)

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

(19) 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."

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

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

(22) The Request from the Dix Fork Church to print the Obituary of Elder Rush Stanley was granted by regular move and second.

(23) The Request from the Sardis Church to print the Obituaries of Brother Herman C. Hughes and Brother Stanley Hensley, Jr. in our minute was granted by regular move and second.

(24) By regular move and second, granted the Request from the Southern Home Church to print the Obituary of the infant son of Sister Cindy Young in our minute.

(25) The Request from the Enon Church to print the Obituary of Dixie Pinion in our minute was read. Move by Brother Frankie White, second by Elder Billie Brumfield to grant the Request; Objection by Elder Charles Hall. Vote taken: 49 for the motion, 16 for the objection. Therefore, the Request is granted.

(26) The Request from the Rosa Church to print the Obituary of Lenora Solona in our minute was granted by regular move and second.

(27) By regular move and second, the Request from the Leannah Church to remove James Sartin's name from our register of Ordained Ministers was granted.

(28) By regular move and second, the Request from the Sidney Church to remove Andy Scott's name from our register of Ordained Ministers was granted.

(29) By regular move and second, the report of Brethren called in Associations, Union, Communion and Memorial meetings was omitted.

(30) Report of Committee on acquisition of property:

Elder Bobby Scott	Elder Edwin May
Brother Isaac Williamson	Elder Isom Hannah
Brother John Henry Elkins	Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
	Elder Edwin Hay

[Due to illness of Brother Joe Fletcher, Elder Bobby Scott was appointed by the Moderator to replace him]

Brother Isaac Williamson reported that the property (real estate and building) adjacent to the Highway at the entrance of the Pilgrims Home Church driveway is for sale at \$7,000.00. Brother Isaac presented a plan whereby Sardis Association could buy the property, tear down the building and construct a shed type building level with the Highway. The shed would be supported by columns placed both on the property and on Pilgrims Home Church property pursuant to a long term Lease. The estimated cost to build the shed is \$19,920.00.

After extensive discussion, Elder James Gannon made a motion, second by Brother Homer Collins, for our Committee to meet with Pilgrims Home Committee to work out a solution. An objection was filed by Elder Billie Brumfield. A vote of the delegates showed 42 for the motion and 21 for the objection and, therefore, the motion is carried.

Committees from the Sardis Association and the Pilgrims Home Church will meet at the Pilgrims Home Church the Saturday of the odd weekend in October, 1993 at 10:30 a.m.

(31) The Requests from the Samaria, Pilgrims Home and Sardis Churches to host our 1994 Association were read. By regular move and second, the Samaria Church Request was granted to host our 1994 session.

The Samaria Church is located at Dingess, Mingo County, WV. A map is included in this minute detailing the location of the Samaria Church and several directions from major highways to it. Referring to the map, the Samaria Church may be reached by any of the following routes: (1) From

the Williamson, WV, Pike County, KY areas take US119 to US52 North, follow US52 North to Naugatuck, WV (about 14 miles from Williamson), then take WV State Route 65 South to Lenore, WV (4.1 miles), turn left on Laurel Creek Road, also called the Old N&W Railroad Bed Road, following signs to the Laurel Lake Recreation Area through the Dingess tunnel to Dingess, WV (Lenore to Dingess tunnel - 9.1 miles, the Dingess Tunnel is 0.7 miles long, making Lenore to Dingess about 10 miles). Continue on the old railroad bed road by bearing to the left on the Twelvepole Creek Road and go about 3.3 miles to Samaria Church on the right side of the road. (2) From US23 North, take US23 South until you get to KY Route 645 (between Louisa and Paintsville), turn left on KY645 (a four lane highway) toward Inez, KY about ten miles to the second intersection (don't turn on the first KY40 intersection) of KY Route 40 (at the end of the Russell Williamson Bypass around Inez). Turn right on KY Route 40 through Warfield, KY to Kermit, WV to US Route 52 (about 8.3 miles). Turn right on US52 South toward Williamson, WV until you reach Naugatuck, WV, about 6.2 miles, and then turn left on WV State Route 65 to Lenore, WV, turn left on Laurel Creek Road and proceed as described in (1) above. (3) From US23 just north of Prestonsburg, KY, take US23 until you get to KY Route 3, turn on KY3 (a four lane highway) toward Inez, KY about 16 miles to the intersection of KY3 with KY645, turn right on KY645, Russell Williamson Bypass around Inez about 1.5 miles to KY40. Then turn right on KY40 and proceed through Warfield, KY, Kermit, WV, Naugatuck, WV, etc., as described in (2). (4) From the Logan and McDowell (WV) Counties and Buchanan (VA) County areas, take US52 to the main Island Creek turn-off, near the top of Horsepen Mountain, toward Logan, WV to US Route 119, then take US119 very briefly to the mouth of Mud Fork at Mt. Gay, WV, turn up the Mud Fork Road past the Logan Campus of Southern West Virginia Community College, through Verdunville to the head of Mud Fork and over the large mountain to Dingess, WV, then turn right on Twelvepole Creek Road to the Samaria Church, about 3.3 miles on the right. This route avoids going through the long tunnel. (5) An alternate route that can be taken from the Huntington, Louisa, Ashland areas is to take US52 (Toisia Highway) to WV152 just before you get to Crum, WV (from 164 - US52 intersection at Kenova, WV to WV152 is about 40 miles), turn left on WV152 across Moses Fork Mountain to the Mouth of Missouri Branch (about 5.6 miles), then turn right up Twelvepole Creek toward Cabwaylingo State Park/Forest. Follow the old railroad bed road through Cabwaylingo State Park/Forest about 17.3 miles to the Samaria Church on the left. This route avoids going through the long tunnel.

(32) By regular move and second, the Sardis Association does hereby again tender our deepest and sincere "thank you" to the entire Brushy Creek community and the members, family and friends of the Pilgrims Home, Bent Branch, Pilgrims Rest and Big Branch Churches. The extent of your

"labor of love" can never be set out in pen and ink, nor can our humble appreciation, to each of you who made this a memorable Association. Understanding we can not name everyone, we mention only the families of Tanev Williamson and Dewey Ray for the use of their land. We could never repay any of you but we do ask our God in Heaven to bless you according to His will.

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

(34) On motion by Elder S. D. Hensley, second by Brother Homer Collins, 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, 1994.

(35) The Sardis Association was closed by song: "Ye Nations All" and Prayer by Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association.

(36) 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

It is indeed a blessing to report that after our adjournment, Sister Joyce Blevins, niece of Elder S. D. Hensley, was baptized and took her membership, we understand, with the Tabitha Church.

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

We, the Northern New Salem Association, wish to express to you our Sister the Sardis Association our deepest sympathy in the departure of your late Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last session.

The life they lived, the deeds of love and kindness has not gone unnoticed, neither has their work been in vain. As we wait here on life's troubled shore, shall we remember them and the joyous days we were blessed to enjoy their company and fellowship in this blessed old church. Now they belong to the ages, their labor is finished, their rest has just begun, as we wait for that glorious resurrection morning when we hope to meet them in a land of perfect peace.

Yours in hope,
Elder Hiliard Newsome - Clerk
Elder C. W. Wayne Turner - Asst. Clerk

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 1993**

This beautiful day broke clear and cool and the bright sunshine complimented the joyous congregation, thankful to God for another good Association, as about the hour of 10:00 a.m. Elder Don Blake Little from the New Salem Association opened these Services. Brother Don, blessed as always in his discourse, preached of the "News from a far Country" and "Visions from Heaven". Brother Don then led in prayer.

Our own beloved, able and highly learned Elder Edwin Hay came to the Stand singing an old song of faith and perseverance on to Heaven's Land and safe in the arms of Jesus. Affirming the Scriptures to be Holy, Brother Edwin quoted Apostle Paul's admonition to Timothy: "And that from a child thou has known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus". He proclaimed that the Holy Scriptures are revealed to man by the Spirit of God and not by the will of man.

The Holy Scriptures will, Brother Edwin declared, give us instruction on how to live and walk in this life and how to meet the appointment of death. He was blessed to preach instruction from the Holy Scriptures to Christians everywhere to love each other; forgive each other for mistakes

made; be instructed on how to behave in the House of God; and how to wait upon the Lord for His bidding to stand still or move out.

Elder Monroe Jones of the New Salem Association was next in the stand asking, "From whence cometh Wisdom?" Again asking, "What ever happened to the 'Text' preachers?" Brother Monroe proceeded to answer these questions by quoting, "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

Brother Monroe preached of the words of Jesus who said, in the latter days the words that I speak will judge you. Brother Monroe stated his belief that the "Keys" Jesus gave to Peter are the Holy Scriptures.

Our faithful "Old Soldier of the Cross", Elder Edwin May, came to preach and close. He was so weak in body that his "Old Buddy" of many years, Elder Loyd SESCO, helped him to the Stand. Not standing very long, Brother Ed said his experience had been that sometimes God blessed him and sometimes He didn't. Telling of such an experience early in his ministry while sitting before the fire one winter morning not thinking much about going to Church because it was snowing. In his mind he saw the congregation of both Apple Orchard and Dix Fork Churches and had to get up and go. The battery was dead in the Jeep and his children pushed it to get it started. He picked up two Brethern and told them what he saw and they both said "Dix Fork", even though he still saw Apple Orchard. They drove the Jeep as far as it would go and it stopped just below Apple Orchard Church. As they went in, he hoped arrangements had been made but as they opened the door a Brother said, "Come in Brother Ed, we've been waiting for you." God carried him so high upon the mountain he thought he'd never come down. Anxious to get to Church and preach he went on Saturday the next week and it seemed a dark cloud overshadowed him and he couldn't preach a lick. He learned to "wait upon the Lord."

It is now evident that Brother Ed bade us "farewell" and stood before his beloved Sardis Association for the last time. I believe, he said, I am nearing the end of my journey, I can't do anything except sit at home; I can't even help my wife in the garden. I believe I have fought a pretty good fight, he said, and have run a fair race and, sometimes I ask the Lord to just take me on.

Brother Ed believed that before a soul departs this world the body will see its final resting place and that Jesus will not leave us even in the seventh trouble. His daughter, Sister Erna, confirms his experience just before he died. He began, she said, to shake hands with people no one else

in the room could see and had a big smile upon his face. Finally, he motioned for Sister Geraldine to come to his bed and shook hands with her. Thinking he may not know what he was doing, she asked, "Who is this, Daddy?" Brother Ed replied, "Why, it's 'Big un'." Then she asked who he had been shaking hands with. He replied, "Why this room is full of people and Jesus is here, can't you see them?" In just a few minutes Brother Ed's soul was taken out of this world, we believe, in the arms of Jesus.

Brother Ed seldom closed a Sardis Association without admonishing the Brethren to "Let Brotherly love continue." We believe God blessed him to lead the Sardis Association these many years and that he would give us the same advice today. Brother Ed never liked to hear about his "good do's", he wanted the Lord, Jesus Christ, to have all the credit and glory for any good he might have done. Because, he would say, God has never left His children without a leader and when they diligently prayed for His will to be done, He gave them a strong leader.

Our beloved Elder Berlin Thornsby called dismissal with an humble prayer of thanksgiving for God's blessing upon us.

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

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association:

As I attempt to fulfill your request in writing this Circular Letter, I hope and pray that God's Spirit will direct my mind. I have prayed many times in the past year about how to write this Circular Letter.

We know Brethren that there is only one way from this Earth to the Glory World and Jesus is that way. When we preach the Word we preach Jesus, for Jesus was that Word made manifest in the flesh.

In the first chapter of John, the fourteenth verse, it says "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his Glory, the Glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth." John also bore witness of him and cried saying, "This was he of whom I spoke, He that cometh after me is preferred before me for he was before me." Even as John preached "Repent ye for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" Jesus preached his own everlasting gospel.

Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost. Brethren we were all lost, but Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to die for us, and Brethren that is what he did. He died that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

Brethren as we travel through this world, let us always keep in remembrance the condition we were in before we felt God forgave us of our sins. Let us entreat the world in a way that our life might have a drawing effect on them, that they might come in before it is too late.

The way "We the Children of God" conduct ourselves here in this life has more influence on people than probably what we say. Brethren, let us walk together in peace and in love always preferring one another. When we do this the World sees This.

Brethren I feel like Brother Paul, "For I am determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Now Brethren as I bring this letter to a close I would like to leave with you the words Paul spoke to the Corinthian Church. "Now I beseech you, Brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same Judgement." Also as Paul wrote "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost."

Brethren I feel so unworthy, but I have written just what I feel God has put on my heart. I love you All.

Your unworthy servant,
Elder Richard Staton

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL, 1994

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, Frank Sheppard, James Barney, Isom Hannah, and Mark Murphy.

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, 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, Forrest Osborne, Doug McCarty, Garland Deel and William Adair, Sr.

MAY, 1994

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

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Wendell Hamilton, Joe Evans, James Gannon and Paul Vance.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Buddy Carty, Leonard Napier, John Lowe, James Barney, Lacy Walters, William Adair, Sr. and Paul Vance.

JUNE, 1994

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: James Tackett, Richard Staton, Woody Pack, Clifford Williams, Bobby SESCO and Sabert Nichols.

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

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: David Crigger, Steve Robinson, Jr., Vernon Rose, Johnnie Cline and Richard Staton.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Lacy Walters, Jerry Thompson and Elbert SESCO.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Billy Williamson and Hobart Hamilton.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Virgil Fields, Kelly Castle, Roscoe Crouse, Henry Jude, Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Vernon Rose.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Clifford Williams.

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

JULY, 1994

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ralph Adkins, Buford Brooks, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Curtis Carroll.

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

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Leonard SESCO and Lacy Walters.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, James Tackett and Monroe Jones.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Willis Tolliver, Berlin Thornsburg, Paul Vance, Edwin Hay and Sam Franks.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Steve Robinson, Jr., Virgil Fields and Moderators attending.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Vernon Rose, Isom Hannah, Wendell Hamilton and Herman West.

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

AUGUST, 1994

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Frank Sheppard, Joe Evans, Billie Brumfield, Tommy Ellis, Roger Stepp and James Barney.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Mark Murphy, Steve Robinson, Jr., Billie Brumfield and Leon Robinson.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsburg, Hiram Adkins, Jimmy Dale Sanders and Lacy Walters.

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

MAY, 1994

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: 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, Berlin Thornsbury, Frank Sheppard and Willie Blackburn.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Freddy Kidd, Robert Haney, Edwin May and Teddy Honaker.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 1994

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Edwin Hay, Billy Miller, Isom Hannah, Woody Paek, Stanford Branham and Chris Watts.

APRIL, 1994

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, great-grandson Joseph Donovan Thornsbury, Ethel Lane, Maxie Laferty and Gertrude Thacker will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Edwin May, Wendell Hamilton, Richard Station and Hurshell Huff.

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 and Gabe D. Lowe. Circumstances will determine if to be held at Leannah Church.

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, Billy Adair, Dale Williamsom, Chris Watts, and Richard Station.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Elk Fork Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Tommy Ellis, Lacy Walters and Willie Blackburn.

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 Station 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 Station 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 Thornsbury, 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: Ted Robinson, Edwin May, 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, David Crigger, 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 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Billy Williamson, Arvid Blevins, Richard Staton, 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: Lacy Walters, 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 and Mark Murphy.

JUNE, 1994

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: Tom Dials, Garland Deel, Otis Williams, Jerry Thompson and Walter Mullins.

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.

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, also Elder Homer Muncy, Sr. and all others buried on the Ruby Muncy Cemetery. Sister Garnet (Lowe) Maynard who is buried on the cemetery near the mouth of Lackey Branch will be included in this Memorial, at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Freddie Maynard, James Tackett and Wendell Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING: There will be a special memorial meeting of Elder Bill Jude and his family at the old home place on Wolf Creek on the second Sunday evening at 3:00 p. m. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols and Arvid Blevins.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Mary Lowe at the home on Big Creek on the second Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert SESCO, Wendell Hamilton and Hobart 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, Bobby Scott, 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: Richard Staton, Tom Dials and Hobart Hamilton.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Danny Runyon, Joe Evans and Frank Sheppard.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Millie Roberts will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Sunday services will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Jarrett Smith Cemetery on the right fork of Brushy Creek, weather permitting. In case of rain or bad weather, the services will be at the home on Robinson Creek. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Paul Vance, Andrew Maynard and Roger Stepp.

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, 1994

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Sunday at the Maynard Cemetery in Warfield, KY. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Virgil Fields and Sabert Nichols.

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

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Vernon Rose and Clifford Williams.

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, Thomas J. Dials and Paul Vance.

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: Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, 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, Dale 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 at the Sardis Church house on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Isom Hannah, Charles Jarrell and Billy Adair.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel Stacy, his wife, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Homer Muncy, Jr., Tom Dials and Moderator attending.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Kirk and Fields Cemetery on the Meathouse Fork of Wolf Creek a mile below Leannah Church on the odd Sunday (July 31st) at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Freddy Ramey, Wendell Hamilton and Vernon Rose.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on July 31, the odd Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert SESCO, Hobart Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, on Winn Branch on the odd Sunday in July (July 31, 1994) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Teddy Robinson, Richard Staton and Bobby Scott.

AUGUST, 1994

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of the Cline family on the right-fork of Gilbert Creek on the first Sunday at 5:00 p.m.. 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 D. Lowe and Wayne Herald, Jr.

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 Clinton Moore.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Don Little and Leonard SESCO.

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: Hatler Kiser, Marvin Bryant, Lacy Walters and Jethro Hampton.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Hurshell Huff, Bobby Scott, Wendell Hamilton, Ted Robinson and Don Little. Dinner served near the Church on Sunday. Church starting time is 10:30 a.m.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, Marlon Preece, Sr. W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts, A. A. Sheppard and all the deceased members of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Otis Williams, Glen Dixon, Hobart Hamilton, Zeke Branham, Ellis Holbrook and Richard Staton.

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, Clifford Williams, Hobart Hamilton and Moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosa Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Kelly Castle, Wallace Muncy, 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: Dale Williamson, Billy Williamson, Don Little, Danny Runyon, Richard Staton and Moderators attending. Dinner will be served nearby.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, West Virginia, on Sunday after second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, 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: Johnny Bentley, John P. Hamilton, Kenneth B. Jude and David Crigger.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, David Crigger, Berlin Thornsby, Darrell Damron, Paul Vance 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: Jimmie Hall, Virgil Fields, Tom Dials, 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 Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Virgil Fields, Ben Scott, Gabe Lowe and Roger Stepp.

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MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Gulnare, KY 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.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meat House Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday, September 4, 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, Gabe D. Lowe, Clifford Williams, and Moderator attending.

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

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Lower Brushy Creek on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Sabert Nichols, Danny Runyon, J. L. Nichols and Tom Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the A. C. and Bertha Young Cemetery in memory of A. C. and Bertha Young and other deceased on Sunday after the first Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Roger Stepp, Larry Thacker, Dale Williamson, Danny Runyon, 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: Don Little, Richard Staton, Lacy Walters, Monroe Jones, and Milford Lowe.

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, Andrew Maynard, Lacy Walters and Wallace Muncy.

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

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude, America Jude, their three sons, other family members and of the Howells on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Isom Hannah, Sabert Nichols and Tom Dials.

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Leonard SESCO, Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott, Sabert Nichols and Wayne Herald, Jr..

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, Hobart Hamilton, Don Blake Little and Joe Evans.

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: Monroe Jones, Richard Staton, Arvid Blevins, Gene Johnson and Dewey Roberts.

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

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

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Junior Ruggles, Raymond Stapleton, Ivory Sowards, Jerry Runyon and Lacy Walters.

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, Roscoe Crouse, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans, Leonard Napier and Richard Staton.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of John Jude and Belle Jude, his wife, Annie Jude and her son T. J. Jude on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy, Clifford Williams 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: Woody Pack, Wendell Hamilton, Kermit Newsome and Clyde Jacobs.

OBITUARIES

ELDER LESLIE EARL BLAIR

It is with love and respect and wonderful memories of the courage, wisdom and understanding that my father had throughout his journey of death that I write this obituary of my father for my sisters and my brothers and their families.

Leslie Blair, a son of the late Jessie Thomas and Martha Bell Blair, was born in Gregoryville, KY on March 3, 1911. He was married to Ella Adkins Blair in Gregoryville, KY by the Reverend Andy Kiser on November 22, 1930.



Leslie was baptized by Elder Ellis Cotton in 1936 in Gregoryville, KY. He was ordained in 1937. He devoted his life to Old Regular Baptist Church. He loved his church and helped support it in every way he could. I truly believe that my dad did everything he could in showing God's love through his example of reaching out to those people in need, loving his brothers and sisters in the church, and putting God as the center of his life. He loved working for his church and spreading God's word to everyone.

Leslie was self-employed. He worked in his grocery business and worked for Powellton Coal Company as a miner for 52 years. He was a member of the United Mine Workers. Leslie, 82, of Hunt, WV, died of stomach cancer on April 21, 1993 at his home. Surviving are his children: three daughters: Fern Burtovoy of Murphy's, CA; Alice Vance of Columbus, OH and Anna Hart of Alexandria, VA; two sons: Jessie Blair of Davin, WV; Landen Blair of Jacksonville, FL; thirteen grandchildren and twenty one great grandchildren.

We miss our father but our love for him will continue to grow in our lives and through our children. Our father was ready to be with Jesus and we know that God is doing more for him than we can possibly understand.

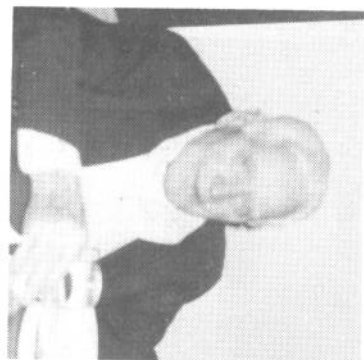
Written by his daughter, Anna Hart
for the Leslie Blair Family

ELDER ROOSEVELT LOWE

With the help of the Lord I will write my dad's obituary. Roosevelt Lowe. My dad Roosevelt was born on April 4, 1903 at Henor, KY.

The son of Anderson Lowe and Ruth Scott Lowe who preceded him in death. He also had five brothers and one sister who also preceded him in death.

On May 21, 1932, he was married to Okie Marie Smith Lowe, who the Lord blessed us children to still have with us. The Lord blessed them to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary together.



The Lord blessed them with three children, one son Haskell Lowe of Norfolk, VA and two daughters, Peggy Goble of Waverly, OH and Ruth Wellman of Williamson, WV. He blessed him with 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

My dad worked for the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company 41 years and retired from it December 30, 1966. He worked hard all his life to support Mom and us children. His legs would hurt and cramp him at night where he walked so much at his work. My dad was a wonderful person and I could write a book all the pages in it couldn't tell how much I loved my Dad and how proud I was of him.

In March 1952 my dad gave his life to the Lord Jesus Christ and joined the Salem Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized by Brother Less Blanton and Brother Harrison Bevins. He was ordained as a Deacon of the church in 1952 and in January 1965 he was ordained as a Minister of God. He preached the Gospel for many years and was loved by many people.

The Lord called my Dad to his new home on October 9, 1992. He called him away from all his pain and sickness to a land of joy, peace and rest. And although it is a sad thing to have to write his obituary I have peace in my heart knowing where my Daddy is, and to know that he will never have to suffer any more. And I have the comfort in knowing by the Grace of God if I will live my life for the Lord and endure to the end I can go to that Land of Peace and rest where my Dad is.

We children all miss our Dad so much but I know that we don't miss him half as much as our Mother does. Her home is not the same since Dad left, because when my Dad left, half of my Mom left too. Dad's chair at the table is empty now, but we know he would not want to trade what he has now to come back if he could. I had the chance to be with my Dad before he got real sick. I stayed with him while my Mom was sick in the hospital.

We went to church together and talked about many things. And I know my Dad is in Heaven and whoever wants to see him again will have to give their life to the Lord and be borned again.
I wrote this for my Mom Okie Lowe who loved my Dad very much.

His oldest daughter,
Ruth Ann Wellman

ELDER RUSH STANLEY

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of Elder Rush Stanley who was a precious brother to all of us. He was born February 21, 1926 and died February 20, 1993. The son of the late Marvin and Emma Lou (Brown) Stanley. He was a member and Elder of the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. Survived by his wife, Arminda (Blackburn) Stanley and one son, Larry Stanley, three daughters, Linda Hale, Barbara Pistone and Connie Vandenburg. He had 11 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, brothers Trimble and Kelly Stanley, and sister Bessie Gannon. Preceded in death by brothers Coda and Victor Stanley, sisters Minnie Crigger, Mary and Mixie Stanley.



Brother Rush joined the Old Regular Baptist Church Called Dix Fork, and a few years later took his letter to the Philadelphia Association. He was Moderator of the Mt. Olivet Church at the time of his death. Brother Rush was wonderfully gifted in preaching and singing. The song that is on my mind now that he could sing so well is (I am dwelling on the Mountain). He will sing again some great morning which is in the resurrection of the bodies. The Lord will call and Brother Rush will wake up from a short sleep. Both soul and body will take their flight home to be with our Lord forever.

To all of the family, Brother Rush left a light hanging in the window and his works proved that. So be good to everyone and think of the advice he gave. I know all of you miss him but he is much better off than we are. I miss him very much for we were close to one another. Brother Rush is resting from his labor and taking his peaceful sleep.

May the Lord bless all of you.
Written by a brother-in-law and brother in hope,
Elder James Gannon

ELDER ALSON THORNBURY

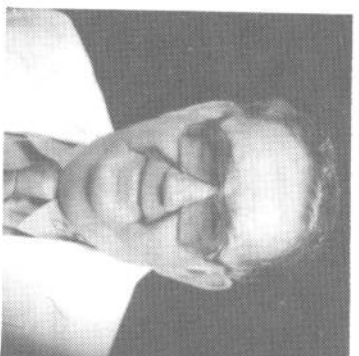
With a sad and lonely heart, I will attempt to write the obituary of my late husband Elder, Alson Thornbury. Alson was born November 20, 1922 at Kimper, KY to the late Frank and Genia (Plymoli) Thornbury. Alson deceased from this life, January 9, 1993, after a three year struggle with cancer tumor of the lungs.

Alson was a resident of Kimper, KY most of his years on earth. He was married to Lee Etta (Scott) Thornbury January 18, 1946. She was the daughter of the late John and Gay (Justice) Scott, also of Kimper, KY.

To this union was born six children, two girls and four boys: Barbara Wright of Pikeville, KY and Alfreda Ridley of Madisonville, KY; Kenneth Thornbury of Louisville, TX, Kenney Thornbury of Kimper, KY, Alvin Thornbury of Damascus, VA and James Thornbury of Kimper, KY. Alson served in the Armed Forces for over four years. He was a coal miner for approximately 31 years. Alson was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Little Virgie of Kimper, KY for forty-three years. He was ordained into the ministry March 26, 1966.

Alson left a grieving family, a host of church friends and relatives that will mourn his loss for a long time.

Written by his loving and devoted wife,
Lee Etta (Scott) Thornbury.



ELDER LEONARD W. (L. W., "WES") WOODS

By the help of the good Lord, we will try to write an obituary of a most precious brother-in-the Lord, and a Father in the church to us both. Brother Wes was born September 5, 1911 in Lawrence County, KY. He was the son of the late William and Anzie Woods. Brother Wes exchanged this unfriendly world for a peaceful rest in the Lord on August 7, 1993, making his stay on this earth 81 years, 11 months.



Very early in his life he met a young girl who captured his heart and on July 11, 1931 he married Sister Francis Sullivan Woods and from that day until now, 62 years later, those twain became one flesh. Unto this union God added six children who loved and respected their Daddy. Three sons: John Wesley Woods, of Illinois, William Edward Woods, of Nebraska, and David Woods of Columbus, OH. Three daughters: Margaret Louise Blum, of Flatwoods, KY, Edith Marie Skaggs of Illinois, and Mary Evelyn Medley of Oldtown, KY. Also left to mourn his absence is one sister, Caroline Clark, of Garrison, KY. Fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren, as well as a host of relatives, friends, and brothers and sisters of the church far and near.

Many years ago Brother Wes found himself in need of the saving grace of our Lord, after a long suffering journey through a travel of repentance. Brother Wes found peace with the Lord through a new birth in Christ Jesus and offered himself to the New Mount Olive Church on the first Saturday in October 1948, telling and showing what great things the Lord had done for him. He was baptized by Elders James Adkins and M.E. Clark. Several years later Brother Wes realized, after many failed attempts that he couldn't run away from another work that the Lord had for him. He began in his loving, humble way to warn men and women to repent of their sins and be born again. He was examined at the New Mount Olive Church on the second Saturday in November 1959, and ordained into the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by laying on of the hands and prayer.

Brother Wes served the Lord, his brothers and sisters, the Churches, and the association wherever and whenever it fell his lot. He served for several years as the Assistant Moderator of the Philadelphia Association, as well as Moderator and Assistant Moderator of several different Churches. His membership was at the Little Tavie church, Sardis Association, at the time of his death. For many years he went, when he wasn't really physically able to, but he said time and time again that God didn't call a man to sit at the house.

Now after many years of service and much labor, the Lord has allowed him to lay his armor by and rest for a little season. One of the writers wrote, "A Prince and a great man has fallen today in Israel." Perhaps not everyone, but we feel and believe that this scripture could apply to Brother Wes. We can now look back and cherish the memories of seeing Brother Wes in the stand, watching his pant legs shake and listening as his voice changed and the spirit took over. We remember the way he would kid with everyone and before he was through, he would always be sure you knew he was only kidding. We recall the way he loved little children and the special love they had for him. To Sister Francis and the children, we share in your grief and mourning, but let us remember the scripture, "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." That is where the Lord takes his children home with him, never to be separated again. His

entire life Brother Wes has directed you to the Lord, he has piled up some stones and left the markers for you to follow, by the life he lived before you. The rest is left up to you. I pray you will take heed if you haven't already, before it's everlasting too late. Sister Francis, continue to lean upon the Lord, He won't fail.

"Sleep on Brother Wes until the morning of eternity, when we awaken with his likeness to walk together again, serving the Lord forever more"

At the request of the family,
Elder Donnie Brown and Elder William H. Cochran

BERNARD CAINS, SR.

With much love, respect, and many fond memories, we write this obituary of our loved one, Bernard Caines, Sr. Bernard was born in Pike County, KY, on January 18, 1911. He was the son of the late James Jackson (Jack) and Lou Emma Francis Cains. On November 30, 1992, in Pikeville, KY, Bernard passed away after a lingering illness at the age of 81 years, 10 months, and 12 days.

On March 24, 1934, Bernard was united in marriage to Gredis Ray at Williamson, WV. They were blessed with five children. Their eldest daughter, Dorothy Caines Stollings, preceded her father in death in February 1966. Surviving children are Juanita Morrison of Pikeville, KY, Eugene Caines of Ocala, FL, Barbara Kelly of Carmel, IN and Vernard Caines, Jr. of South Williamson, KY. Also left to mourn are 4 sisters: Ida Janet Young of Charleston, WV, Charlotte Burnette of Ypsilanti, MI, Essie Charles of Alabama, and Beulah Robinette of Pikeville, KY, 15 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. Bernard was preceded in death by 4 brothers, Walter, Willard, Bruce, and Jackie Caines, and 2 sisters, Goldie Robinette and Lacie King.

Bernard confessed Jesus Christ as his Savior on January 19, 1975. At the time of his passing, he was a member of the Pilgrim Home Church at Varney, KY. Bernard's health prevented him from attending church for many years prior to his passing, however, he continually read his Bible and sang songs of praise to his Lord. He was a wonderful witness to those around him.

Bernard was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He always



provided the best that he could for his family. He was a retired coal miner from N & W Coal Mine of New Camp, KY, and a retired bus driver for the Pike County School System. Bernard was a very patient and loving man. During his lingering illness he relied on the Lord for his physical and spiritual comfort. Even though his last days were very painful, he seldom complained of pain and continued to praise the Lord. He was and still is a blessing to those who knew him.

Bernard loved his family and we knew it. He loved being around his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. We know he is at rest with the Lord.

The Family

WALKER CLINE

It is with great sadness that I try to write the obituary of my father Walker Cline. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Buck Creek. He was born May 13, 1911 to the late Lee Cline and Virgie (Howell) Cline at Threeforks, KY. He died August 27, 1993 at the age of 82. Making his stay here on earth 82 years, 3 months, 14 days.

He was the husband of Victoria (Jones) Cline. They were married October 14, 1934 making their life together a total of 48 years, 4 months, 13 days.



Survivors include two sons, Glen S.

Cline of Milo, KY and Prentice Cline of Inez, KY. Three daughters: Christine Maynard of Inez, KY, Rodean Turner of Columbus, OH and Irene Staten of Pilgrim, KY. He had 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Deceased is one son Paul Cline of Inez, KY, one grandson Johnnie R. Cline of Inez, KY and one infant grandchild. Four brothers: Johnnie Cline of Inez, KY, Oscar Cline of Columbus, OH, Jerry Cline of Jackson, MI and Arthur Cline of Lovely, KY. Two sisters: Hazel Muncy of Lovely, KY and Liddie Fletcher of Lovely, KY.

Dad will be sadly missed by all the family, his friends, and neighbors.

Written with love, by his daughter
Christine (Cline) Maynard.

CHARLES VERNON CRIGGER

Charles Vernon Crigger, the only child of the late Lenard Crigger and Rebecca Brown Crigger, was born January 18, 1917 in Canada, KY. On May 15, 1937 he was married to Darlene Blackburn Crigger and the union was blessed with three daughters: Karol Mullins of Marysville, OH, Beulah Stone of Woodstock, GA and Kathy Stacy of Sidney, KY, three grandsons and two granddaughters.



Dad was a generous man who was known for helping his neighbors in times of need and befriending those who needed it most.

He was a talented man who served the community in many ways; as a logger, a block mason, a saw mill operator, a grocery store owner, and a carpenter. He was also a retired coal miner from Eastern Coal Corporation and a member of Local Union 3757. These will provide us and his many friends with rich, lasting memories; but, mostly he will be remembered by his family as a devoted husband, father and grandfather who lovingly labored long hours all his life to provide us a safe and comfortable home.

March 8, 1992 was the victorious day that dad was baptized into Christ by Brothers Berlin Thornsby and David Crigger of the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, filling a void that he had felt for years. On December 20, 1992, he left this earthly home for a better home in heaven. "In my Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you...that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1,2.

Lovingly remembered and missed
by his family.

HEZEKIAH FRYE

This obituary is the hardest thing I have ever tried to write. It is with an abundance of love, admiration and precious memories of dad whom we loved very much.

Dad was born Dec. 11, 1907 at Wayne County, WV and departed this life Oct. 8, 1991 at Verdunville, WV at the age of 84 years. At birth he weighed only two and one half lbs. and his mother died when he was three weeks old. He was reared by his grandmother and grandfather, old preacher Kiah Frye. The Lord watched over his frail body and gave his precious grandmother the knowledge to care for him. She filled fruit jars with warm water and lined a dresser drawer as a bed to keep him warm. No modern incubators in those early days.

From the beginning of his life God had a purpose for this man, he grew up in a christian home filled with love for everyone. His uncles were like brothers. They didn't have much but they shared what they had. At the age of 22 yrs. he met and married his wife Vangie Thompson of Wayne County July 7, 1929. They moved to Logan County where they made their home for 62 years. To this union they were blessed with two daughters and three sons. He was preceded in death by one son, Eldon Frye in February 1990, two grandsons, Wayne Lesley Perry, age 11 yrs. and Paul Douglas Frye age 8. Survivors are his wife Vangie; daughters: Mrs. Rufus (Beatrice) Perry of Verdunville, WV, Mrs. Corrie (Barbara) Varney of Clinton, MD and Noaman Frye of Adrian, MI; 20 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and a host of friends, neighbors and sisters and brothers of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

At the age of 36 years, he was born again by the grace of God and baptized in the year 1943. He loved the way of the Lord. Through out his life he worked hard to raise his family and give them counsel and advice that they might live and die by. Our Dad was very sick for years before his death, as long as he was able to drive he went to church somewhere every Sunday, traveling long distance at times. Serving the Lord and preaching his Gospel was his greatest joy on earth. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, fellowship with Samaria Church at Dingess, WV.

He always fought back after surgeries, heart attack and strokes singing Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see; Twas Grace that



taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. Thru many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come "Tis grace that brought me safe this far and grace will lead me home.

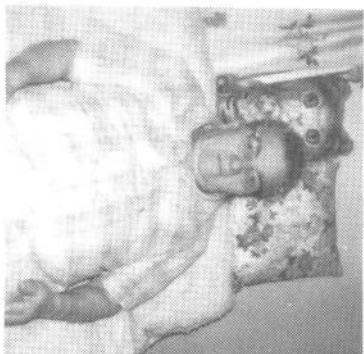
Our family would like to thank brothers Paul Vance, Isom Hannah, Kelly Castle, and all the wonderful church members for their prayers and help to our family during his sickness and death.

Written by his daughter
Beatrice Perry

REBECCA JANE GIBSON

With God's help I will try to write the obituary of a dear friend and sister in Christ, Rebecca Jane Gibson, known to most in the community as Beck. She was born the daughter of the late Ishmel Esau and Ellen Gibson Lawson.

Sister Rebecca was born February 27, 1902, making her stay here with us 90 years, 9 months, and 7 days. She died November 4, 1992 at the Phelps Community Medical Center, where she had lived for three years.



Sister Rebecca was united in marriage to the late John Gibson, and to this union seven children were born; two sons, Roland J Gibson and Tony Lee Gibson. Three daughters: Claudia Mae Thompson, Ellen Elizebeth Murphy, both of Varney, KY and Mary Lou Gibson of Phelps Community Medical Center. Sister Rebecca had two children to precede her in death: Martha Ann Gibson and Ishmel Lawson. Also two grandchildren, Gene "Bear" Gibson and an infant Haze Jr., Murphy died at birth. Preceding her also in death were, two sisters; Mary Pinion and Wilda Lawson, and a half-brother Will Lawson. Surviving to mourn her passing are; 12 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and one brother, Wesly Lawson on Chobe Road, Pikeville, KY. She is also leaving a host of friends and neighbors who will truly miss her here on earth.

All her brothers and sisters in Christ will mourn her leaving. She was a faithful sister for over 42 years, and being afflicted for many years she called in the brothers and sister and for several years she had church services in her home. There, we enjoyed each others presence, but to soon

part. Now no one will ever leave her, but we shall gather to her where parting will be no more. We the community, and brothers and sister in Christ should not forget her daughter Mary Lou who lives at the Phelps Medical Center. We need to reach out to help her, as the Lord reaches out his arms to help us.

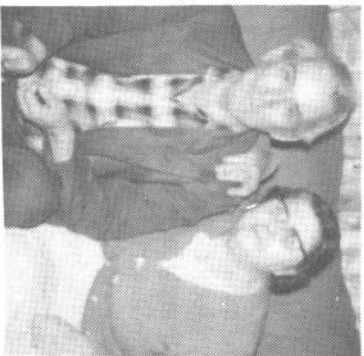
Sister Rebecca joined the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church April 22, 1950 and was baptized April 23, 1950 by Elders Emmet Case and Jonah Ester Williamson.

Her suffering is over, and now she is resting in the peaceful arms of the Lord. No, her final resting place is not here. And mother's hands will no more swaddle her, neither will human hands ever girt her again, but Christ will dress her in the morning adorning her with a body most glorious. One that will never grow old. One with which she will be satisfied.

Written by:
Sharlene Cline

MARY ELIZABETH (HAGER) GOODMAN

It is with loving memories that we try to write the obituary of our mother and grandmother. Mary Elizabeth Hager Goodman was born September 27, 1914 at Ransom, KY. She was the daughter of the late Carl and Martha Hager. She went to be with Jesus February 22, 1993. Making her stay here on earth 78 years, 4 months and 25 days.



She was united in marriage to Grover Cleveland Goodman on November 5, 1936. Grover had passed away only five months before her, on September 24, 1992. Making his stay here 78 years, 4 months and 19 days. Oh, how she missed him. She used to say she could hear him calling. They were married almost 56 years and to this union were born 2 sons and 6 daughters: Carlos Harmon Goodman of Williamson, WV, William Floyd Goodman of Aftex, KY, Betty Jean Hinkle of Hatfield, KY, Virginia Dayhene Church of Williamson, WV, Julie Ann Parsons of Pikeville, KY, Shirley Yvonne Smith of Aftex, KY, Evelyn Nadene Woods of Rossville, GA and Elene Goodman, who preceded her in death. Shortly after her death was the passing of her son-in-law, George Hinkle Jr., whom she was greatly concerned about, and I know she would want us to mention him. Junior was born July 29, 1931. He was a friend to all that knew him, and all our hearts are broken. But we know, God had mercy.

Mary had been a member of the church for many years. She had her membership at the Mount Pleasant Church of Sidney, KY. She was a faithful member and attended church for as long as her health permitted. When we would sit and talk with her, she would always mention the church and how she missed those old time meetings of singing and preaching. Rest on Sister Mary. We're going to be in a meeting soon. On that day, you will be walking, singing, and shouting forever. You are greatly missed.

Written by her daughter, Betty,
granddaughter Belinda, and Sister Eva

STANLEY HENSLEY JR.

I pray that God will direct my mind and dry my eyes long enough that I may write the obituary of my husband and father of our children.

Brother Stanley Hensley Jr. was born Dec. 4, 1929 at Justicetown, WV, and departed this life on March 14, 1993 making his stay on the earth 63 years, 3 months and 14 days. He was the son of the late Stanley Sr. and Yantus Hensley. He was married to Ruth Marie (Maynard) Hensley on Jan. 30, 1960 and they were blessed with five children. Four daughters: Cathy



Hamilton, Shelby, OH; Frances Dixon, Lima, OH; Vicki Strine, Willard, OH, and Rhonda Carey, Shelby, OH; one son Ed Hensley, Shelby, OH. He also left behind to mourn his loss nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by four sisters, Ethleen Neal of Oceana, WV.; Lola Napier, Shelby, OH; Ruth Lowe of Ocala, FL, and Clara Sawyer of Ragland WV. Four brothers precede him in death Clayburn, Ernest, Harold and Earl Hensley.

Stan was baptized in March of 1982 and had his membership at the New Mt. Zion Church of Shelby, OH. He was a faithful member as long as his health permitted him to go. Though he suffered very much in his last days due to a bad heart I feel he is at rest with all the Saints of God. He will be missed by the New Mt. Zion Church, family, and his friends when they see his special seat at the church empty. To the rest of my family, dad is gone from our presence and is resting from his labors. I believe he 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 he taught us, to

love one another and be good to each other. Dad will be well over there and he won't have anymore heart failures or heart aches.

To my family, friend, and loved ones who knew Stan, there's not a lot I could tell you that you don't already know about him and the sweet life he lived. I'm sure you will miss him very much but God has made it possible for all of us to meet him again someday if we do what HE commands.

So farewell my dearest, loving sweet husband. I loved 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 my dearest friend for my prayers are to meet you someday in HEAVEN.

Written by his wife and children,
Ruth M. (Maynard) Hensley

HERMAN C. HUGHES

Brother Herman C. Hughes: Age 73 at the time of his death on March 9, 1993. Married to Lora Elkins Hughes for 55 years. They have five daughters: Leona Chafin of Logan, WV; Shirley Dotson of Wayne, WV; Linda Frost of Azle, TX; Wanda Barboza of Vista, CA and Marilyn Henson of Chesapeake, OH. They have two sons: Richard Vernon Hughes (deceased) and Clifford Hughes of Proctorville, OH. There are also 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.



Dad was a member and deacon of the Kaiser Branch Church in Grahm, KY. Dad was a faithful member for 41 years in the Old Regular Baptist family.

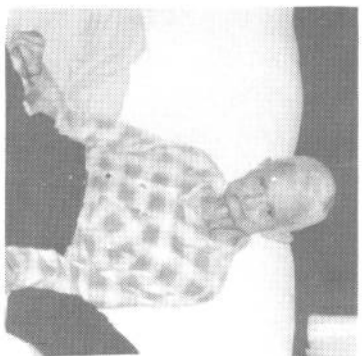
He left a good report of his travel through this life. There is no reason for anyone to doubt his walk with the Lord. The Lord prepared a place for him, and he came and received him unto himself—just as He had promised. Sleep on, Dad, in that perfect peace and rest that only the Lord can provide.

Remember, children, the little jewels that the Lord blessed Dad to pass out to each of you before he left for his eternal home. Children, remember that Christ has made a way for us all and He is that way. But we all must repent to God and have our faith in Christ. Until then...

Wife, Daughters and Son

EULAN F. JUSTICE

It is with great respect and love that I write the obituary for my dear grandfather, Eulan F. Justice. Eulan, the son of the late Johnny Justice and Annie (Hunt) Justice, was born on June 15, 1903, in Pike County, KY, where he spent his entire life. After a short illness, he departed this life on April 16, 1993 in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.



Eulan celebrated 71 years of marriage to Emmy Clarice Pymale. They were united in marriage on November 30, 1921. As a result of this union, seven children were born. He was preceded in death by three of his children. Four surviving children mourn the loss of their father: they are Orville "Bob" Justice, Wayne David Justice, and Opal Stump all of Kimper, KY; and Ethel Virgili of Roanoke, VA. Other survivors with sad hearts include nine grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; two sisters, Zella Stittner of Kimper, KY, and Annis Bolding of Argo, KY.

All those who knew Eulan spoke of him as a very hard worker. He was a retired merchant, lumberman, and farmer. At his death, he was a member of the Little Virgie Old Regular Baptist Church of Kimper, KY. Because of his labors in life, he left a great legacy to his children, grandchildren and all who knew him. He will be sadly missed.

Written by his granddaughter,
Kimberly M. Justice

SANFORD LAYNE

With God's help I'll try to write the obituary of my daddy, Sanford Layne.

Daddy was born April 22, 1922 in Hurley, VA and passed away January 28, 1993. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Floyd and Sarah Ida Matney Layne; my mommy, Juanita Cline Layne and a brother, Izear Layne. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church of Baisden.

Survivors: daughters, Cynthia Delores Little of Hurley, VA and Regina Cline of Hampden, WV; sons, Quincy, Danny, Joda and Timothy Layne all of Baisden, WV; sisters: Ethel, Amanda, and Pauline Cline and Jean Layne all of Baisden, WV; Toby Matthews of Ocala, FL, Molly Bailey from Kermit, WV and Ann Moore of Lithopolis, OH; 20 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 3 step grandchildren.

Daddy enjoyed attending church when he was able. Daddy and Mommy enjoyed going to church at places such as Panther, WV and some-where in Kentucky and other places. Both of them enjoyed church very much as they enjoyed the brothers and sisters also. I can recall them going places to church with Charles and Faye Testerman, Howard and Opal Sammons, Jerry Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Evans, and Hershel Hurley to name a few and when they would come home you could tell they had good services when we would hear them talking.

Daddy and Mommy both are gone home but it's so sad and lonely when I go to the house where we all grew up and I can't see my Mommy or Daddy anymore. I hope and pray that I'll be able to see them.

Written by his son,
Timothy Layne



IDA MAE LOWE

It's been almost two years now and it is still hard to believe that our mother and grandmother is no longer with us. The Lord called her to him on December 14, 1991.

Born September 25, 1907, she was the daughter of the late Wash and Elzize SESCO of Gulnare. She is survived by two sons, Oliver and Bill Lowe both of Pikeville; one daughter, Annie Coleman of Pikeville; one brother, Merlin SESCO; two sisters, Maudie Maynard and Florence Scalf; 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Her funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 17, 1991, in the J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home Chapel in Pikeville. She was laid to rest in the Lowe-Lynch Cemetery at Gulnare. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ance Lowe; one daughter, Violet Lowe; one sister, Virgie SESCO.

Mama Ida spent the majority of her life taking care of others. Her sister, Virgie, suffered from mental retardation, but Ida refused to have her institutionalized like so many were at that time. Instead, Ida took her sister into her home and cared for her after her parents' death and until Virgie's death. Virgie lived a healthy and happy long life and was loved by Ida. In addition to taking care of her husband and sister, Ida later opened her home to her daughter, Violet, who died at an early age of tuberculosis, but not without the love and support of her mother during her final days.

Mama Ida joined the church during September of 1987 and shortly thereafter she began her decline in health. Mama Ida was a petite woman who loved and cared for her family deeply. She loved to laugh and spend time with those closest to her. To know her and to be part of her life was like being on a great carnival ride and we are all richer for having bought a ticket.

We will always remember our mother and grandmother and every day will be a little less sunny without her. Our days will brighten though as we'll meet with her again when we are called to join the Lord as well.

Written by her grandson, Don Lowe



LUCY MAYNARD

With a sad heart, and the help of my lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of our dear mother, Lucy Maynard.

Mother was born July 10, 1909 in Pike County, KY. The daughter of Billy and Parlee Nichols. She departed this life April 24, 1993 at the age of 83 years.

She was married to Epton Maynard on February 27, 1927 and to this union was born 12 children. Dad and three sons, (2 infant twins and 9 month old Randell Maynard) preceded her in death.

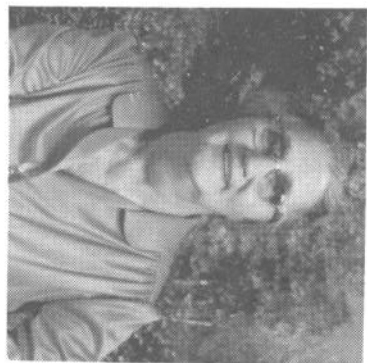
She is survived by 9 children. Four sons: William Maynard, Reddick, FL, Elwood Maynard, Rush, KY, Paul Maynard and Fred Maynard of McCombs, KY, five daughters: Irene Remington and Lois Bennett of Summerfield, FL, Paulene Jeffers of Belview, FL and Beatrice Morrison and Doris Branham of McCombs, KY. She is also survived by three brothers: Phinas Nichols, Guhnare, KY, Robert Nichols, Inez, KY and J.L. Nichols, Belfry, KY; one sister: Sally Canada, Varney, KY, 26 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter, and many nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors are left to mourn her death.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the 1st Sunday in October 1938 and was baptized by Elder Ernie Runyons and was a faithful member of the Apple Orchard Church of McCombs, KY until her death. Most important of all she was faithful to her Lord and Savior. Nothing made her happier than to be with her family and her brothers and sisters in the Lord. She was a wonderful mother and loved her children beyond anything in this world.

I would like to say to all my brothers and sisters and family, Mother lived a life we can all be proud of. She served her master well, she kept the faith, always praying for all of us. She was a shining light to the neighborhood, and a friend to those in need. We all miss her so much, but you can go to meet her if you will call upon the same Lord she served, and live the life she lived.

To the ones who don't know the Lord as their Savior, time is running out. Call on him while you have time and opportunity. Mother missed dad so much, she wanted to go with him, in that happy land where she would have no more pain or sorrow. We will all miss you Mother, our homes will be sad. But by the Grace of God, we'll see you soon.

"The Perfect Rose" - God came walking through the garden, to pick a Rose today. One with beauty and perfection, for his heavenly bouquet. It's stems were straight and strong, each leaf was in it's place, it's color was



of purest white, kissed with God's love and grace. Upon each perfect petal were three shining drops of dew, filled with faith, love and kindness, that perfect Rose, mother, was you.

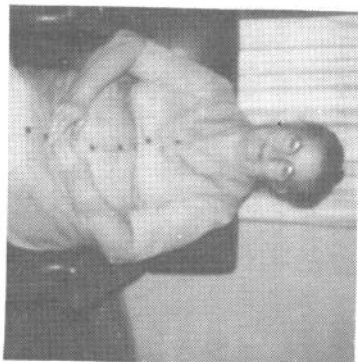
Written by Your daughter and sister in the Lord, Lois Bennett

MARY M. (YOUNG) MAYNARD

It is with much sadness we attempt to try and write the obituary of our dear sweet mother, friend and sister in church, Mary M. (Young) Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY. She was the daughter of John and Fannie Stone Young. Born December 10, 1923 in Pike county. Died December 23, 1992 making her stay on earth 69 years and 13 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John & Fannie Stone Young, two sisters, one brother, one grandson and one son-in-law. She was united in marriage to Rell Maynard, March 1, 1940. To this unit was born four sons: Condor Lee Maynard of South Carolina, Clifford Maynard of Chattery, WV, Virgil Maynard of Turkey Creek, KY and Tommy Dale Maynard of Ransom, KY; two daughters: Rita Ann Pinson of Sidney, KY and Nancy Ellen Yates of Huddy, KY; two brothers: Ester Young of Covington, KY and Elbert Lee Young of Hatfield, KY; two sisters: Lillian Ray of Varney, KY and Eunice Pinson of Louisa, KY; 22 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 5 step-grandchildren.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church September 3, 1961, was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Ester Williamson and Brother Wayne (Bob) Ray. She placed her membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church where she was a faithful and loving sister in Christ until she became ill and where she bore her sickness with passion until she was unable to attend church regularly. She was a faithful and loving wife to her husband Rell Maynard until she departed this life. She was a kind and loving neighbor & friend to all that knew her. She was a loving Mother & Grandmother to us all. She has gone but never forgotten because she lives in our hearts forever. There is a vacant place in our home that can never be filled. But we can all be with mom in heaven someday where there will be no more pain or sorrow, only peace and happiness forever more with Christ our Savior. I know mom is rejoicing with the Angels. She will sadly be missed



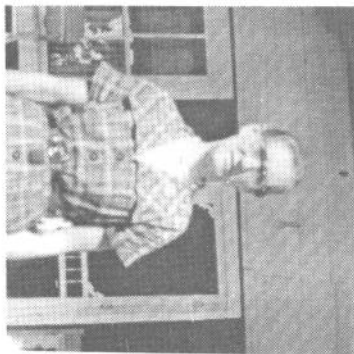
by a host of brothers & sisters of the Mary Elizabeth Church and all who knew her.

Written by: Bro. Wayne (Bob) Ray, Daughter,
Nancy Yates and Daughter-in-law, Eva Gail Maynard

FANNIE MCCOY

It is with sad and broken heart that I will attempt to write the obituary of my sweet, kind, and precious grandmother Fannie Robinson.

Mama was born March 2, 1908, at Thomas, KY to the late William T. and Mary Jane (Sherman) McCoy. Mama was called home to be with Jesus on July 2, 1993, making her stay here on God's footstool, 85 years and 4 months.



She was a homemaker, housewife, and took care of the elderly. She done this job with love and kindness for approximately 30 years. Mama was preceded in death by her first husband, Ben Blackburn, of Brushy Creek.

Her second husband, Tom Robinson, of Pilgrim, KY, also preceded her in death. Left to mourn her loss is her only son, Homer McCoy of Lovely, Ky, seven grandchildren: Louise Howard and Tille Muncy of Pilgrim, Ky, Eddie McCoy of Indiana, Kenny McCoy, Bill McCoy and Debbie Pearl all of Ohio and Jimmy Barger of Virginia, and 13 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Audrey, and two brothers, Joe and Condor McCoy. She has three living sisters: Rebecca Maynard of Jamestown, KY, Zella Taylor of Johns Creek, KY and Mary Jane Gore of Twelvepole Creek, WV. There are a host of friends and relatives, especially a grandson by marriage, Clinton B. Howard, whom she loved dearly, who will sadly miss her presence among us.

Mama gave her heart and soul to Jesus Christ some over 50 years ago. She was baptized into the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church by the hands of Elders Harvey Lowe and Jonah Ester Williamson. She was a faithful member as long as her health permitted. When she wasn't able to be there in person she was always there in spirit and in her heart.

The last few weeks of her life I watched her suffer so much it just tore my heart into. I truly believe she is at rest now, asleep in the arms of Jesus, where she will never know no more heartaches nor pain. Happiness will be hers forever more as she walks the streets of gold hand in hand with her

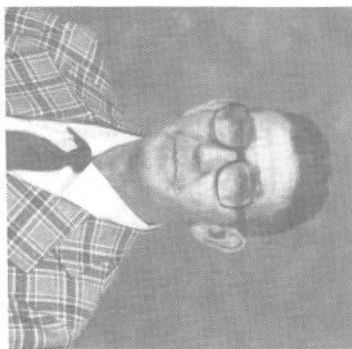
sweet savior.
If mama could talk to us all she would tell us as she has many times before, children, you have to make peace with God and repent. Mama's advice is the only advice. Hopefully we will all heed to that advice and go to be with her when Jesus calls for us.
Till we see your loving smile again.

Written by your loving granddaughter
Louise Howard

FOREST MCGUIRE

With much sadness and sorrow in my heart and with the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my dear Daddy-in-Law, Forest McGuire.

He was born to the late Thomas and Emma Blackburn McGuire in Tazwell, VA, on December 22, 1908. He was called home to be with Jesus on August 9, 1993, making his stay on earth 84 years, 7 months, and 17 days. He was a retiree of the N & W Railroad.



Daddy was united in marriage to Effie Williamson McGuire on December 25, 1930. To this union were born seven children. Two preceded him in death, one daughter Magdalene McGuire and one son, Forest Leon McGuire. Also preceding him in death was his wife Effie McGuire and seven brothers and five sisters. Left to mourn his passing are three sons, Charles McGuire - Pikeville, KY, Leslie McGuire - Varney, KY, Ralph McGuire - Kinper, KY, and two daughters, Elkie Catherine Robinette - Varney, KY and Dolly Mae Robinson - Pikeville, KY. He is also survived by six grandchildren three great grandchildren.

Daddy was baptized on May 23, 1940, by the hands of Elder Emmit Case and Rudolph Sesco. He placed his membership at Pilgrim Home Church where he was a faithful member for 53 years and a Deacon for 33 years. Daddy was not able to attend church for the last two years, but his heart was always there. He would tell us even though he was not able to attend church that Jesus was there with him at all times.

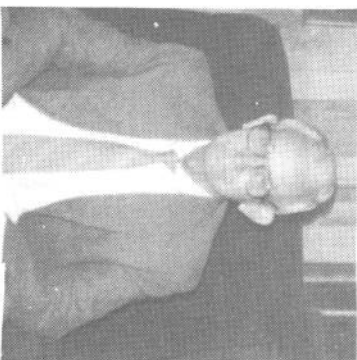
There is a vacant place in our home today, but we know that he has gone to the heavenly home that he talked about so many, many times in the last few weeks of his life. There he will be able to walk again and will have no more pain and suffering. If you want to see Daddy and Papa

again, you have to fall out with sin and get Jesus in your lives like he did so many years ago.

Written by Daughter-in-Law,
Gloretta McGuire

OLLIE JAMES MORRISON

With a sad and aching heart and with the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved Husband, Ollie J. Morrison, who departed this life May 15, 1993, making his stay here on earth 76 years one month and four days.



Ollie was born to the late Robert and Cora Stanley Morrison, both preceded him in death. Ollie had two brothers and five sisters. They are listed as follows: Lizzie Lowe, Guhnare, KY, Nona Vires, Varney, KY, Mattie Adams, deceased, Dortha and Dora Morrison, both deceased, Irvin Morrison, Turkey Creek, KY and Robert Jr. Morrison, Varney, KY. He leaves his wife, Margaret Morrison, and nine children to mourn his loss, two sons and one foster son and seven daughters: James E. Morrison, Staffordville, KY, Aaron R. Morrison, Varney, KY, Kenneth Young, Salyersville, KY, Irene Bond, Pontiac, MI, Shelly Young, Rutledge, TN, Mary Roach, Clinchport, VA, Gail Robinson, Varney, KY, Tammy Maynard, Varney, KY, Jacqueline Priode, Pikeville, KY and Eulah Ritz, Varney, KY. Ollie had twenty one grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews who will miss him very much.

Ollie joined the church called Old Regular Baptist July 1st Saturday 1984 placing his membership at the Apple Orchard Church. Ollie was ordained as Deacon May 1st Saturday 1986. He was a faithful member until death took him away. Church was his life. He never missed many church times during the time he was in the church. He loved all his Brothers in church. Ollie always wanted peace in the church. When he would go to church and come home he would say we had a good meeting today. He could tell me what was preached and who preached. He is gone now from all of us but not for long. I want to say to the Brothers and Sisters in the church to love one another, be good to each other and keep peace in the church is my prayer, that is what he would say.

Ollie I miss you more every day. I hope by the Grace of God to meet you soon. As I come to the end I will say just gone away with a friend.

Written with love by his wife,
Margaret Morrison

OLLIE OOTEN

In loving memory of Ollie Ooten, wife, mother and "Granny." Ollie was born April 16, 1907 in Trace Creek, WV and died January 10, 1993 at the age of 85. She was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Letty (Estep) Runyon. She left seven daughters and one son, several grandchildren and great grandchildren as survivors. She also leaves four brothers and three sisters to mourn her loss. She is loved and sadly missed by family and friends. She was a member of the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church at Trace Creek, Route 1, Delbarton, WV.

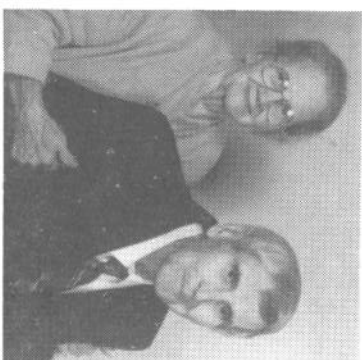


Written by the family

ULEY PERRY

With God's help I will try to write this obituary of my dear beloved husband, Uley Perry, who died at home on January 28, 1993. Uley was born October 8, 1902 at Gilbert, making his stay on earth 90 years, three months and 20 days. He was the son of Jasper and Elizabeth Cline Perry. Uley and I, Hallie Cline, were married December 7, 1927. We lived together 65 years and now I am left alone. The Bible says Husband and wife are both of one flesh. I do feel like part of myself has gone out of me. I am thinking about him when I go to bed and the first thing when I wake up in the morning. He will never be forgotten. Uley and I were blessed with nine children. Two preceded him in death. A son, Thurman, two years old, and a daughter, Betty Jean, four years old. They died just one and a half days apart. Surviving are three daughters - Kathleen Punturi of Mount Clemens, MI, Garnet Van Horn of Robinson, IL, and Drema Ferrell of Gilbert, WV, and four sons - Simon Perry and Huey Perry of Huntington, WV, Mervil Perry of Man, WV and Winston Perry of Gilbert, WV. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

One of Uley's greatest joys was cooking for the church. We cooked



for the church before either one of us come into the church. Most people thought we were members then. Uley told me that one day when he was sowing grass seed, he fell to his knees and prayed and felt that the Lord had forgiven him of his sins. Uley joined the Rosa Regular Baptist Church and was baptized August 21, 1949. We moved our membership to Dix Fork Regular Baptist at Sidney, KY by Letter in the year of 1974. Uley became a Deacon of the Church. He stayed there until death came and took him home. I feel that he is resting from all his labor. He had a stroke in the year of 1976. He went to church until about two years before he died. He loved to go to church - that was his joy. He loved for the Brothers and Sisters to visit us. He was always saying, "Morn, do you have anything for them to eat?" We had church at home as often as we could. He loved that song -Gone Away With A Friend.

One night he was patting the side of the bed with his hand. I asked him what he was doing. He said that he was loving on Thurman and Betty and that they were coming after him. Then one night he dreamed he died and went to heaven and they both met him at the golden gate to let him in. All the things he told me make me feel good that he is asleep with God. He will come out of that great sleep one of these days and what a happy time to be with the children of God. What will the poor sinner do on that day? They have had a choice but have never listened to God calling.

I want to say thanks to all our preachers and Brothers and Sisters that visited and prayed and sung with us in our time of need. I want to especially thank our dear Brother and Sister, Paul and Barbara Moore, who called all the Preachers and people from far away and for always calling and visiting during Uley's illness and for being so good to me now that he is gone.

Written with love by his broken hearted wife,
Hallie Perry

BRADLEY RAY

Bradley Ray of Joe's Creek Road, Pikeville, KY, departed this life at 4:00 a.m., Monday, December 28, 1992 at his home. He was born in Pike County November 17, 1896, making his stay on earth 96 years 1 month and 11 days. He was the son of the late Alex and Etha (Thompson) Ray. He was a member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church for over 50 years.

He was united in marriage on January 8, 1920 to Liza Jane Stanley. To this



union nine children were born. He was preceded in death by his wife, Liza Jane
(Stanley) Ray, one son, Elmer Ray, one daughter, Dixie Kathlene Ray, and one grandson, Lewis Ray. He is survived by one son, Emy Ray of Joe's Creek Road, Pikeville, KY and six daughters: Alice Gillespie of Bent Branch Road, Pikeville, KY, Alma Tackett of Douglas Parkway, Pikeville, KY, Maxine Leslie of Cowpen Creek Road, Pikeville, KY, Easter Ellis, Aster Lynch and Lula Ray of Joe's Creek Road, Pikeville, KY. Two brothers, Curtis and Taylor Ray, and one sister, Bitha Ray all of Joe's Creek Road, Pikeville, KY. Twenty one grandchildren, twenty seven great grandchildren, eight step grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Daddy will be sadly missed by his many friends and family.

Written By: The family

CHARLES WAYNE RAY

Charles Wayne Ray, son of the late Wayne and Martha (McGuire) Ray, was born February 17, 1932, and departed this life August 18, 1993 making his stay here 61 years, six months and one day.

Charles leaves one brother, Clifford and wife Gracie Young of Varney, KY, one sister, Lillian and her husband, Martin Struhs of Arlington, VA, four nieces, Lela Maynard, Elizabeth Young, Pamela Huttenstine and Martha Struhs, one great nephew, Dustin Huttenstine, a dear friend who helped raise him, Truly Young, and a host of cousins, friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord. He will be sadly missed by us all.

Charles accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior in June of this year and was baptized August 13, he placed his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church. Jesus said he'd gone away to prepare a place for us. I believe he finished Charles' mansion Wednesday evening and said, "Come on home my good and faithful servant." This heaven we talk about is real — with streets of gold and walls of jasper and a cool river flowing through it, so drink of that cool water, my dear Brother Charles, and rest in your brand new home.



Written by:
Clifford and Gracie Young

JOHN RAY

With much sadness I write the obituary of my humble Uncle John Ray. He got sick at his home at Myers Towers, Thursday, October 8, and was taken to the Pikeville Methodist Hospital where he died a few hours later.

He was the son of the late Perry and Lucinda SESCO Ray who preceded him in death. John was born July 10, 1909, making his stay on earth 83 years, 2 months and 28 days.

John was united in marriage to Martha "Della" Adkins Ray on December 24, 1936 and to this union seven children

were born. His oldest son, Jimmy Lee Ray, and the youngest son, Johnny, preceded him in death. John is survived by one son, Phillip Dean Ray of Pikeville, KY and four daughters: Jacqueline Williams of Fairhaven, MI, Virgie Lucinda Elliott of Anchorage, AK, Judy Annett Capshaw of Roseville, MI and Nancy Ruth Murtha of Louisville, KY. He is also survived by fifteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers: Wayne "Bob" Ray of Varney, KY and Vernon Ray of Hatfield, KY; five sisters: Stella Williamson Chaffins and Alice Maynard both of Varney, KY, Gredis Carnes of Ratliff Creek, KY, Odessa Thompson of Meta, KY and Fannie Porter of Oakwood, VA. Brothers preceding him in death were Willie "Bill" Ray, Grover Ray, James Bennett "Ben" Ray and Archie Ray, an infant.

John was ill a lot in his younger years but he managed to keep on working. He served in what was known as the Three C's. And as most of the family he worked in timber and logging, then later in the coal mines for many years. After leaving the mines he went to school to be a carpenter and made furniture.

John joined the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church in February of 1950 and for many years he and his wife Della attended church every weekend visiting brothers and sisters all through these hills. After Della's passing, though sick and feeble, brother John continued to attend church. Before his passing John often talked with his brother-in-law, "Burn" Carnes, about the Lord and was able to see him join the Pilgrim Home Church, Sunday at Myers Towers, his home, was the last service we shared. There, we were able to rejoice in the Lord as an old woman came up the aisle, and confessing the Lord to be her Savior, asked to be baptized. Our parting that day was with such sweet sorrow but our next meeting will never break up and parting will be no more.

Uncle John never liked being alone and now having been saved by



Grace he will never be alone again. Jesus was with him when he left and has promised he will never leave him. Children as Dad and Mom rest for a season waiting for the coming of the Lord, I know they would say, as they have for many years, "be good to one another, serve the Lord and come and see us in our New Home."

Written by a nephew and niece:
Billy Williamson and Sharlene Cline

A Message from the Children: Daddy you will be sadly missed by all of us. We know that you are out of pain and sorrow now. We know how much you have suffered and the loneliness you have lived since mommy died. We know you are at rest and peace now with mommy. You will always be in our hearts and we hope to meet you some day. We love you Daddy.

Your Children

JOE ROBINETTE

With the help of the Lord I will try and write the obituary of our beloved brother, Joe Robinette.

Joe was born March 23, 1926 to Elbert and Bertha Robinette, who both preceded him in death. Brother departed this life here on earth October the 27th of 1992, making his stay here on earth 66 years 7 months and 4 days.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jo Robinson Robinette, two brothers, Earl and Roland both of Varney, KY, four sisters:

Lizzie Blackburn of Varney, KY, Alta Mae Walters of Hatfield, KY, Lucille McCoy of Texarkana, TX and Eunice Aileen McCoy of Dallas, TX. He also had two sisters who preceded him in death, Elzie SESCO and Almada Johnson. Brother had a host of friends, relatives, nieces and nephews to mourn his death.

Brother joined the Regular Baptist Church September 6, 1992. He was a strong believer in the Lord. When he would be in so much pain he couldn't bear it, he would say, "Sissy, pray for me."

Sometimes when I look out the door I can almost see him coming up the road. Brother is gone but not forgotten. I believe Brother is just gone away with a friend, with someone who loves him more than we did. He is sadly missed by his family. I believe when we meet Brother again his body



won't be wrecked with pain. I believe he'll be walking down the streets of gold singing that new song, I've been redeemed. So, sleep on Brother and with the help of the Lord, we'll meet you in heaven some sweet day.

Written by:
The Robinette Family

WAYNE AND NANCY (GILMAN) SHEPPARD

I will attempt to write this loving memory of Uncle Wayne and Aunt Nancy (Gilman) Sheppard.

They were both members of the Elk Fork Regular Baptist Church. Aunt Nancy joined the church at the age of 16. She remained a member until her death, 71 years in the church. Uncle Wayne was a member for over 40 years. He served the church as a Deacon and Clerk for many years.

Uncle Wayne was born February 22, 1901. He went to his eternal home on December 28, 1992. Aunt Nancy was born May 15, 1906. She followed Uncle Wayne home on September 12, 1993.

They were joined in marriage on March 16, 1926. To this union was born 14 children. They were preceded in death by 3 sons and 2 daughters. Uncle Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Harrison and Martha (Brewster) Sheppard. Aunt Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Betty (Farley) Gilman.

They are survived by the following children, two sons: Phillip Sheppard of Bias, WV and Wayne Sheppard of Tampa, FL; daughters: Celia Pratt of Elk Creek, WV, Lula Pack of Columbus, OH, Susan Curry of Waldo, OH, Emma Pinkerton of Royal Palm Beach, FL, Margaret Williams of Cedar Rapids, IA, Lakie Spaulding of Jennings Creek, WV and Dixie Moser of Toddville, IA; 38 grandchildren and 53 great grandchildren. Uncle Wayne is survived by one sister, Waytes Baggot of Columbus, OH. Aunt Nancy is survived by two sisters: Tennessee Curry and Celia Baisden both of Elk Creek, WV.

They were loved by all who knew them. They will be missed by the church and family. If more people lived like they did the churches would overflow. They could find good in the worst of us. If we could learn by the life they lived we would love everyone, even our enemy. They showed love and fellowship not only to the Brothers and Sisters of the church but to strangers. They lived what they believed everyday. They met the world



with a smile, a hug and a kind word and a friendly handshake. They spoke well of their fellow men. Aunt Nancy would call you down if you even, in a joking way, spoke unkind.

I believe God welcomed his two children home the same way they had welcomed us, with a smile, a hug and a well done with his arms wide open.

The family would like to send a special thanks to the church, friends and neighbors who showed us your love and support.

Written by
David Baisden and Louise Diamond

ANNIE SESCO

It is with fond memories and a loving heart that I write the obituary of my grandmother, Annie SESCO.

Granny Annie was born June 5, 1899 and passed away March 2, 1993, making her stay here on earth 93 years, 8 months and 25 days. She was the daughter of the late Mont and Dona Smith Stanley. She was a member of the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church for 45 years, and attended faithfully until she became too ill to go.



Granny Annie was preceded in death by her husband, Willie SESCO, who passed away September 7, 1970. She also had a daughter, Ethel Jackson, of Wayne, WV, to die 34 days after her death. A daughter, Exie Kendrick, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons: Lloyd SESCO and Billy Gene SESCO of Meta, KY and Chester SESCO of Ocala, FL. Three daughters: Nettie Pastell of Lincoln Park, MI, Bronis Brown of Dayton, OH and Vernice Johns of Otter Creek, FL; one brother, Carlos Stanley of Pikeville, KY; two sisters, Mrs. Ireland (Pernie) Stanley and Mrs. Dewey (Trudy) Maynard, both of Pisco, KY. She also leaves 25 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren.

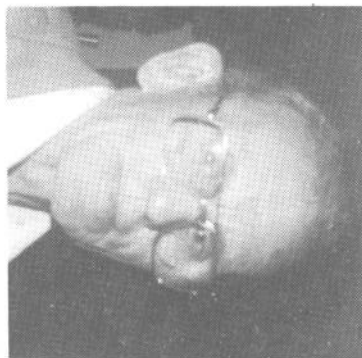
She will be missed by all who knew her, but she has gone to a better home to rest until the resurrection day.

Written by her granddaughter,
Della Sue (Sesco) Reed

LEONARD SESCO

With the help of the Lord and my family I will try to write the obituary of our dear father and brother in church, Leonard SESCO.

Dad was born April 19, 1910 in Pike County and died March, 13 1993 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, KY. He was the son of Rodolph SESCO and Eliza (Maynard) SESCO. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Pilgrim Home Church at Varney, KY. Survivors are sons: Lowell Thomas SESCO, Elder Bobby SESCO, Gene SESCO, Vernal SESCO, Elder Leonard SESCO, Jr., Kenneth SESCO, Elder Harold SESCO, John Wayne SESCO and James Ferrell SESCO all of Hatfield, KY, Elder Elbert SESCO and Ernest SESCO both of Turkey Creek, KY, two daughters: Doris Fletcher of Chattaroy, WV and Debbie Spears of Sidney, KY, brothers: Oliver SESCO of Elkhorn City, KY and Rodolph SESCO, Jr. of Florida, sisters: Elkie Young and Eisie Lawson both of Pikeville, KY, 33 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and seven step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eisie SESCO; brothers, Ira SESCO and Denny SESCO; father, Rodolph SESCO and mother, Elisa (Maynard) SESCO.



We all want to thank all of the wonderful friends who showed our family so much love through our sorrow. Our thanks to the Hatfield Funeral Home and the Brothers who took care of the funeral services in the way father wanted.

To the rest of the family who haven't turned to the Lord: If you want to see Dad again come to the Lord before its too late and someday you can see Dad again in Heaven.

Written by his loving family
and daughters-in-law

GEORGE STANLEY

Our precious husband and father, George Stanley, was born January 4, 1916 at Canada, KY. He was a son of the late Mose and Nancy Jane Smith Stanley. He passed from this life on the 7th day of September, 1993, making his stay on earth seventy seven years, eight months and three days. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters and one daughter, Lois Mae Stanley. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Edna Maynard Stanley, one son, Kenneth Roger Stanley, and four daughters; Shirley Moore, June Scott, Lola Hatfield and Susie Igo. Also surviving are two grandchildren he raised, Rodney and Sandy Moore, and twelve other grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was a retired coal miner and a long time resident of Hardy, KY. He was a member of the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church for forty four years. He was also a Honorary Kentucky Colonel. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U. S. Army.



How can we describe the loss of one so dear to us. He was a meek and humble person who loved to go out for his breakfast every morning so he could sit and talk with his neighbors. He attended church regularly when he was able, and had a special seat where he always sat, which we will always look for him to be sitting there, knowing that his seat will be empty, for, one by one their seats are empty, one by one they went away. We feel that he has just "Gone away with a Friend", and that Heaven is his home. He loved his family very much and would have liked to stay with them a while longer, but every breath he took was a struggle for him the last few years, and the Lord, with such great mercy, took him home so his suffering would be over. We believe that he entered into that rest that remaineth for them that love and serve the Lord, that he is asleep in Christ Jesus, waiting for the redemption of his body, then, both soul and body will be able to go to that heavenly home that is prepared for the Children of God, that Jesus went away to prepare for all that believe in Him.

He will surely be missed by all who knew and loved him. His memories will always remain with us even though he is gone, but there is a Glory that is yet to come, that is not to be compared with this earth. One day our loved one will raise without pain or death, able to breathe without struggle, neither will there be any tears, for he shall have a Glory that will outshine the sun and with God's tender mercy we will meet again on Heaven's Golden Shore.

So, rest on Precious One, for a season. We will wait here, listening

for the Trumpet to sound, our longing eyes looking for the coming of our Lord, patiently waiting until the call comes for us too and then we will be together again.

Written by his broken hearted wife and family,
assisted by his Son-in-law, Elder Bobby Scott

MARY JANE (TUCKER) STANLEY

It is with a saddened heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear sweet grandmother, Mary Jane (Tucker) Stanley. Mamaw was born on January 20, 1915 in Pike County, KY to the late George and Arlie (Williamson) Maynard, and left this earth on October 23, 1992, at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville, KY.

Mamaw was a faithful and devoted member of the Pilgrim's Rest Church of the Old Regular Baptist. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior in April of 1950 where she became a member of the Pilgrim Home Church. In January of 1969, Mamaw came with an arm from the Pilgrim Home Church to help establish the Pilgrim Rest Church in which she served the Lord with much happiness until her death.

Mamaw was married to Willie Stanley on July 13, 1944, who preceded her in death in 1982. Mamaw is survived by four sons and four daughters: Lee Roy Stanley and Oliver Stanley of Ecorse, MI; Ezra Lee Stanley of Lincoln Park, MI, Larry Stanley of Pikeville, KY; Margaret Young, Betty Maynard, Nancy Irene Stanley and Mary Helen Burke all of Varney, KY. Also left to mourn the loss of Mamaw are 13 grandchildren, one great grandchild, one brother; Arthur Maynard of McCombs, KY and two sisters; Nancy Elkins of Meta, KY and Condolee Runyon of Ocala, FL. Besides Mamaw's immediate family, she will be sadly missed by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends in the community.

Mamaw was not just a mother and grandmother to her children and grandchildren, she was also a friend that we could always turn to for advice and someone that could always guide us in the right direction.

Although we may never get to hear Mamaw's kind words and sweet laughter again on this earth, we will always have her in our memories and in our hearts. Mamaw, it is not goodbye because we will all meet you again in Heaven someday. We love you Mamaw.

Your Family

VIRGIL STANLEY

By the request of the family and help from the good Lord we will try to write the obituary of Brother Virgil Stanley, husband of Sister Maudie Jane (Scott) Stanley, Brother Virgil was born November 18, 1915 at Hardy, KY. Departed this life July 7, 1993 making his stay here on earth 77 years, 7 months and 29 days. He was the son of the late Elder Willie (Pa) Stanley and the late Emma (Ma) Stanley, also deceased is one son, Virgil Stanley, Jr. who lost his life in Vietnam at the young age of 23.

Brother Virgil was a retired coal miner from Eastern Coal Company and a member of United Mine Workers of America, Local No. 5737. He was a life long resident of Hardy, Pike County, KY. He was a faithful member, ordained Deacon and Treasurer of the Narrows Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist, being baptized by the hands of Elder Willie Stanley and Elder H. C. Maynard, 2nd Sunday in June in 1955.

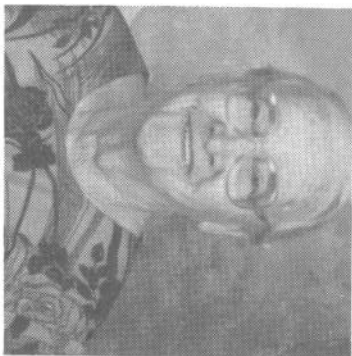
At an early age in life he met Maudie Jane Scott and they were married July 2, 1939. To this union were born 6 children, 2 beautiful daughters and 4 handsome sons: Virgil Stanley, Jr. (deceased), William Darrell Stanley of Clewiston, FL, Eddie Lee Stanley and Larry Bruce Stanley of Hardy, KY, Mrs. Joe (Betty Jane) Ousley of Pikeville, KY and Mrs. Clarence (Carolyn) Varney of Jeffersonville, IN. Other survivors besides his wife and 5 children are 18 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren, also 2 brothers, Ersel Stanley and Ervil Stanley, and one sister, Birdie (Stanley) Anderson, all of Hardy, KY.

Brother Virgil will be sadly missed by his loving wife and family, not only by his family, but by a host of friends and the church whom he dearly loved. Brother Virgil had many friends and was loved by all that knew him. He loved everyone, especially little children, whom he loved to joke with and give them candy and chewing gum. Makes us wonder why God called him away. We can't question God, because God said in His word, "It is appointed unto us that all must die," and after that the judgement.

Children, this is the only way we can reach our eternal home, where we can live forever and forever, where we won't have to suffer again. Children, your Daddy is at rest, so when God calls for us, let us all be prepared and ready to go meet him. Be good to one another.

We believe our loss here on earth is Heaven's eternal gain.

With help from the family,
Written by a Brother in Hope,
Brother Clyde Brown



LUSHIE FRALEY STEPP

It is with a proud and grateful heart that I will try to write the obituary of my precious mother, Lushie Fraley Stepp.

Lushie was the youngest daughter of J. M. and Nancy Lowe Fraley. Born February 17, 1907, she went to her heavenly home, September 17, 1979 at the age of 72.

Mom was married in 1925 to Anthony Stepp. To this union was born 11 children, three preceding her in death. A son, R. G., a Korean War veteran, and two infant daughters, Nancy and Josephine. Her parents and a sister, Laura Deskins, also preceded her in death.

Our father passed away in 1950, after a long illness, leaving Mom with nine children. They were: Ersel Stepp and Ruby Fish of Sparta, TN; Betty Lou Chafin of Turkey Creek, KY; Anthony Stepp, Jr. of Chicago, IL; Laverne York of Columbus, OH; Buddy Carl Stepp of Ashville, OH and James Freddie Stepp of Oakland, CA before his death. She has 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. One granddaughter that Mom raised until she was six years old just returned from Russia. Her name is Nancy (Fish) Damron.

All of us were so proud of Mom. She was such a strong woman with a heart of pure gold. She never wavered under the pressure of raising a large family by herself. There were many friends and family that helped her, especially her brother Zader Fraley and his wife Elva, and her sister, Laura. Also, my Dad's brother and his wife Andy and Hazel Stepp, and Dad's sister, Josie Gilman. Without their help Mom would have had it a lot harder.

Mom had so much wisdom. Any time any of us had a problem, we would discuss it with her. She always had the perfect answer. Mom worked so hard farming, canning, piecing quilts. I remember when they put the road through Hatfield and they had to move our house, they tore off one of the rooms which we needed so badly. She took control of the situation and never complained. I saw her nurse us all through insurmountable illness, making onion poultices and nursing my brother back to health when he had typhoid fever. During my Dad's long illness with tuberculosis, I would find Mom alone, praying for God's help. That was the time I almost saw Mom break, but God was kind and took poor Dad to heaven so she didn't have to watch him suffer any longer. Elder Harold Edmonds was so much comfort to Mom during this time. Mom loved the 23rd Psalm and Amazing Grace was her favorite hymn.

Mom was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist church



at Hatfield ever since I can remember. She brought up her children to love and reverence God. Every Sunday she made us go to church. Losing you, Mom, was so hard to bear but someday in Heaven we will see you there.

Written by her daughter, GERALD ANN EDEN, with the prayers of all her children who love and miss her so.

RUTH SMITH VARNEY

Sister Ruth passed away on Sunday, August 1, 1993. Jesus said ye are the light of the world, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. He also said, let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself.

This beloved Sister was a light to those around her, she had a never ending smile, and a kind and gentle nature that few possess. She loved the Lord above all else. Her desire was to be with His people as much as possible. After she left Kentucky, she missed those she had to leave behind, but someday she will be with all the family of God at the greatest family reunion of all, around the glorious throne of God. Her precious family was so dear to her, so children treasure her memory, take heed to the sweet advice she gave you and strive to meet her in Heaven's land. Job said, "Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." She will live again.

Sister Ruth has been a light to the world since she joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1932. Her membership was at the Mt. Pleasant Church at Sidney, KY. She was 81 years old, being born March 25, 1912 at Dix Fork, KY. Sister Ruth was the daughter of Floyd and Pricie Bevins Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Varney. Two brothers, Tom and Bryan and two sisters, Roberta and Pearl also preceded her in death. Left to mourn her loss are: one brother-in-law, William (York) Varney of Lexington, KY; three nieces: Joann Copley of Forest Hills, KY; Linda Manley of Lexington, KY and Shirley Davidson of Fort Wayne, IN, with whom she resided and to whom the entire family will be forever grateful for her tender and loving care of Aunt Ruth; eleven nephews: Jesse Lee Williamson, Kingsport, TN; Rodney, Roger and Gerald Varney all of Forest Hills, KY; Jack Smith of Charlotte, NC; Jack R. Varney of Loveland, OH;



Larry G. Varney of Frankfort, KY; Emerson (Ralph, Jr.) Varney of Pikeville, KY; Harry Varney of Ocala, FL; Bill Varney of Chicago, IL and Fred Varney of Virginia. We will miss her but our loss is Heaven's gain. It was a great blessing to have known her and loved her.

Sister Judy Hensley

If God ever called an angel from this world below, it was you my precious loved one when he said tis time to go, your conversation always here, your kind and loving ways, will be remembered in our hearts for our remaining days, God let you fall asleep to suffer child no more, He lifted you from this world to live on Heaven's shore.

IVE LAFORIS GILLEY YOUMANS

With loving, precious memories, I am honored to write the obituary of Sister LAFORIS YOUMANS. She was a loving mother, wife, grandmother and dedicated servant of the Lord.

Granny, as she was known by many loved ones, was born on March 20, 1933, at Cross City, FL and died August 19, 1993 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL. She was sixty years old. She was the oldest of nine children of Curtis Gilley and IVE MOTT Gilley. Her mother preceded her in death.



She was married to Arthur Youmans on May 14, 1949. Six children were born to this union, one whom preceded her in death. Surviving children are: Paul Edward Youmans, Robert L. Youmans and Arthur Ronald Youmans all of Sparr, FL; William Dennis Youmans of Ocala, FL and Debora Ann Houck of Valdosta, GA. She had twelve grandchildren.

She joined Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Citra, FL on June 24, 1979, and was baptized by Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. and Elder Hiram Young. She was a faithful member, dedicating her life to the service of the Lord. She worked diligently for the Church and was an inspiration to all she knew.

She loved nature, enjoying her river home where she spent most evenings fishing off the dock while singing old Baptist songs. The owls, hawks and squirrels were her friends, coming to eat from her hand. She lived a peaceful life, enjoying the time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren. She did those special things that only a grandmother could, such as filling each a stocking at Christmas or baking their favorite cake.

She taught them to bait a hook and cast a line, but more importantly, to trust in the Lord for everything and live a good Christian life in His love. Even in her sickness, she was able to lift her hands toward Heaven and praise the Lord. All of the members at Southern Home will miss her beautiful shouting and singing but we know she is shouting and praising Him in a land where she'll never suffer again. The Lord blessed her to call her children to her bedside and tell them to meet her in Heaven. Refusing machines to spare her life, her strong faith was evident to all. She told us she was going to a better home and we rejoice in the hope of being with her again where we'll never more part.

Written in love and admiration by her daughter-in-law
and Sister in Christ, Mary Adair Youmans

EVAN NASH YOUNG

It is through loving tears and unconditional love that I write the obituary of my only son, Evan Nash Young. June 29, 1992, is a day that is very special and dear to my heart, for it was the day I was blessed with the small miracle that was Evan. I had the great honor and privilege of caring for and loving him, one of God's own, for the short time he spent here on this earth.

It was, of course, with great sorrow that I had to let him go on October 6, 1992, when he was three months old. Yet it was



also with great joy that I gave him to the Lord Knowing I too have the hope of someday entering those same pearly gates to live eternally with my Savior Jesus Christ and my very own precious little Angel I long for him through each passing day and will cherish the memories of him always.

Evan was the son of Brian K. and Cynthia D. Young, Grandson of Earnest and Judith Young and Claire Downes, Great Grandson to Tommy and Margaret Adair, Sr., Hiram and Mahala Young, and Ransom and Juanita Downes.

Written by his loving mother,
Cynthia D. Young

DIXIE PINION

Born July 7, 1926 at Brushy Creek, KY, a daughter, Dixie, to William Merdia and Mary Lawson Pinion. She lived there with her family as a child moving to Hardy, KY years later. She had lived at Hardy since the early 1940's. She cared for her mother, never marrying. She helped with the upbringing of her younger brothers and sister. Although never bearing children, she became a mother figure to many nieces, nephews and neighbors. She and her mother raised her niece, Naomi Maude Pinion.



We often wondered how she found the time and energy for her many and varied accomplishments. She enjoyed caring for the home, sewing, gardening, canning and preserving her harvest, her yard and flowers. She also enjoyed going to church. Her talent and interest in crafts had produced many cherished pieces. Her handmade pieces of crochet, embroidery and her quilts will be priceless to our family.

Dixie Pinion, 66, of Hardy, KY, died Monday June 7, 1993 in the emergency room of the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, KY. Dixie was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Berlin, Bennett, Oscar, Cap and Jessie; a sister, Sally Jane and her niece, Naomi Maude Roberts, whom she reared. Survivors include her brother Joe, whom she has resided since her accident and a sister, Lokie Rose, both of Hardy, KY, many nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends who will greatly miss her. Burial will follow in the family cemetery at Hardy.

Dixie so loved the earth and its fruitful bounty and harvest that we place her back to the earth where she can be peacefully at rest. We feel that she will walk again with Jesus. We will miss her sweet smile, kind words and her friendly and loving way, but she is at rest now, gone from our midst, but never forgotten. For those who ever knew her feels, as we do, that we were greatly enriched by her presence.

In loving memory,
The Pinion Family

LENORA SOLANA

With much sadness and heartache, with the help of my dear sister, Retha, we will try to say a few words about our dearly departed mother, Lenora Solana.

She was born December 11, 1915 at Baisden, WV, the daughter of the late Floyd Cline and Virginia Davis, and departed this earth on November 8, 1992.

Our mother bore 12 children during her lifetime: Dennis, Retha, James and Carlos Mounts; and Bobby, Filbert, Hibbert, Frankie, Ronnie, David, Teddy and Gloria Justice. Frankie and Filbert preceded her in death. She also left behind 17 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Other survivors include 2 brothers: Johnnie and Lawrence Cline of Baisden, WV; 6 sisters: Stella Trent and Opal Sammons of Baisden, WV; Nealie Cline of North Spring, WV; Mary Cline, Blonnie Dotson and Naomi Cline of Mohawk, WV.



Mom was very poor when we were growing up and she had very little help in caring for so many children, but, she always managed somehow to put some food on the table, always putting her children first. Even though there were times we may not have had all we wanted to eat, we all knew mom tried her best and that she always loved all of us.

When Gloria called us to Detroit, MI in October 1992, very few of us ever thought she would get to come home again. She was on life support and looked so sad laying there in the hospital. I guess she was so glad to see all of us as she improved dramatically and the tubes were taken out and we returned home only to hear she had a relapse and was put back on life support. A few days later her heart just gave out and she was called home.

Mom told all of us she was ready to go, but, she hated to leave her children. We feel mom is at peace now and none of us would want her back in the shape she was in. Her funeral was preached by Elders Ralph Caudill and Johnny Bentley.

She doesn't have to worry about her breathing machine now. Mom always loved the Old Regular Baptist Church and we believe she is now with her dad and mom, her siblings, and her children who have gone on before her. We also believe all her children must repent and be born again if they ever want to see mom again.

Written by son and daughter,
Dennis Mounts and Retha Matney

CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences we, the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and, upon their producing Letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

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

ARTICLE 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the Churches nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in the Union.

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

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

ARTICLE 6. New Churches may be admitted to this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and to send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

ARTICLE 11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association who shall receive a compensation for his services.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power to provide for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have the power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God; the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost; and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

ARTICLE 2. We believe the scripture of the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.

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

ARTICLE 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the saviour is needed for our redemption.

ARTICLE 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none shall fall away and be lost.

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

ARTICLE 7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's Church on earth and the mode IMMERSION, back foremost, so as to cover all over.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by use of bread and the fruit of the vine, and feet washing should be kept up until his second coming by his believers.

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

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as are regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the Church.

ARTICLE 11. We believe it to be the duty of all Church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the Church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.

ARTICLE 12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous, and such doctrine shall be rejected by us.

ARTICLE 13. We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and one another, and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.

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

ARTICLE 15. None of the above Articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men, nor shall any of those Articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

ARTICLE 3. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

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

ARTICLE 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Mt. Pleasant	Lloyd SESCO	100	100						3		24	10:00/10:00	2	July
Apple Orchard	Thomas J. Dials	75	100						2		31	11:00/11:00	1	June
Enon	Lloyd SESCO	75	75								14	11:00/11:00	1	June
Rebecca	Edward Runyon	150	175						1		54	11:00/11:00	2	May
Bent Branch	Edwin May	150	150					1	1	1	64	10:00/10:00	3	Aug
Sardis	Joe Evans	150	200	1	1			1		1	69	11:00/11:00	4	Aug
Big Branch	Richard Steton	125	150						1		25	11:00/11:00	3	July
Mary Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	125	150	1				4	2		44	11:00/11:00	3	July
Bethany	Isom Hannah	75	200						1		40	11:00/11:00	4	Aug
Elk Fork	Joe Evans	50	75						1		15	11:00/11:00	3	Aug
Pilgrims Home	Elbert SESCO	300	275	10	1				8	3	110	10:00/10:00	4	Aug
Salem	Elbert SESCO	100	100	1	3				1		46	11:00/11:00	1	May
Sidney	Wallace Muncy	125	200							1	28	2:00/10:30	4	June
Dix Fork	Ernest Cochran	175	200						2	1	55	11:00/11:00	1	July
Narrows Branch	Bobby Scott	100	100	4					1		39	11:00/11:00	4	July
Leannah	Steve Robinson, Jr.	125	100	9	2					6	53	10:30/10:30	2	July
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dials	125	150	1					1		26	10:30/10:30	3	June
Tabitha	S. D. Hensley	75	100	2							17	2:30/11:00	1	Aug
Little Rosie	Joe Evans	40	40	1	2				1		12	11:00/11:00	2	Apr
Turkey Creek	Andrew Maynard	100	100						2	1	74	11:00/11:00	2	May
Samaria	Edward Runyon	100	150	5						2	50	11:00/11:00	1	July
Rosa	Virgil Fields	150	150						1	2	49	2:00/10:00	3	Aug
Muncy Valley	Tommy Ellis	25	50		1						8	/11:00	2	June
Little Virgie	Richard Steton	75	75							2	11	11:00/11:00	4	June
Southern Home	Tommy Adeir, Sr.	200	200	2					1	1	61	2:00/10:30	1	Apr
Pilgrims Rest	Elbert SESCO	50	50						1		16	10:30/10:30	2	June
Okeechobee	James Berney	100	135	1					1		23	4:00/10:00	3	Apr
Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	75	75	1					14		25	10:30/10:30	1	June
Little Tavie	W. H. Cochran	100	75		10					1	18	10:30/10:30	2	July
TOTALS		3215	3700	39	20	0	0	28	32	19	1101			

