

**MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**In session and assembled at the
SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky
September 7, 8 and 9, 2001**

Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator

Elder Hobart Hamilton - Assistant Moderator

Brother Archie Prince - Clerk

Elder Thomas Jason May - Assistant Clerk

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FRIDAY
September 7, 2001

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled in the Business Room of the Sardis Association Building at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, with our host, the Pilgrims Home Church, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2001.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the Stand, welcomed the congregation, announced the arrangements and stated that is was good to see each other. God has blessed us another year. If the Love of God is inside you it will come to the outside. We are here to uphold God. He said he was thinking of the song, " The Old Ship of Zion." God set the course and the plan. What we have to do is to get in the plan. The course will not change.. If we want joy today look to God. If we let God direct us there is nothing we cannot do. It is such a great blessing to see one another. He stated God is in control and we need to let him lead and guide us. We draw people by our love and kindness. He explained that Elder Steve Robinson, Jr. was in the hospital and could not be with us to preach the Introductory Sermon, therefore Elder Elbert Sesco, the moderator of the host church will come in the opening of these services and Elder Berlin Thornsby will preach the Introductory Sermon.

Elder Elbert Sesco, the moderator of the host church, came in the opening for this years Introductory Sermon and said he hopes the Lord will be mindful of him. Without the Lord we can do nothing but through him we can do all things well. He said he hopes the Lord will keep him feeling small. He wants to tell people about the Love of God. If you go down the road so far God will turn you over to a hardness of heart. It is not his will that any should perish but that all come to repentance and live. The foundation to build upon is Jesus Christ. Build upon it by faith, not by natural things. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. There is no other way to be saved except by Jesus Christ. He said, I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. One day Heaven will open up and we will see the one who died for us. When we awake in the likeness of Jesus we will be satisfied. Jesus said If you believe in God, believe also in me, I will go away and I will come again. Brother Elbert said the ones looking for him are the ones born of God. Work when it is day when night comes no man worketh. To die in the Lord is gain. Today is the day of salvation, harden not you heart. You must turn loose of the world. If God has built the house it will stand forever and ever because you have a foundation. The wise man built his house upon the rock and that rock is Jesus Christ.

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. then led in prayer.

Elder Berlin Thornsbury came to preach the Introductory Sermon and sang "The Gospel Ship." He asked everyone to pray for him. He said you are looking at a weak creature but God is mighty. He stated that he hopes God will direct us this weekend. If he does it will be right. He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world. To be carnal minded is death but to be spiritual minded is life and peace. Heaven is real and the lake of fire is real. The Lord said if you love me you will keep my commandment that you love one another. The Church will not fall.

God blessed the holy men to write the scriptures. He blessed John on the Isle of Patmos. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Paul said all shall appear before the judgement seat of God. The closer you live here on earth the bolder you can stand on that day. The Gospel is not preached by the wisdom of the world it takes God's Spirit. Hope is the anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power.

Melchisedec, priest of the most high God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of kings, and blessed him. Melchisedec was without beginning of time. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. Brother Berlin said children it is real when you come down to die. He said neither powers, nor things present, nor things to come can separate us from the love of God. God's love is strong enough to hold us in this life. God made everything that was made and nothing was made but by God. Adam and Eve when in the garden were in a state of Heaven. God said it was not good for man to be alone he made him a help meet and they became one. Our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees. The Pharisees tempted the Lord saying to him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? He told the Pharisees that from the beginning it was not so. The only cause for putting away is fornication. Brother Berlin warned to be careful how you live; you cannot get out of dying.

God's love is real and if in you it will hold you. God's love is sufficient. If you want to make your calling and election sure, do what the Lord says. He said he believes the joy of God is down in him and believes God blesses him. He said children make your calling and election sure. Pray that your flight be not in the winter or on the seventh day. The wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life. Charity suffereth long and is kind. God told Abram he would be his shield. God will not let the devil take over. God is able to take this body and use it. God has all power. When he leaves Heaven to take up his jewels he hopes you will be there. Every knee will bow when they see God. Brother Berlin said he dreamed of plowing and had bars on both sides of him keeping him straight. He dreamed of Brother Ed May. He believes Brother Ed's soul is in Heaven. The Lord does the healing and gives eternal life and knows when to give it. The Lord said when in the world he was the light of the world; now ye are the light of the world. The Lord said buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich. Bless is the man who endureth temptation for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life that fadeth not away.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations remained in the Business Room for the Work of this Association and, as is our custom, the many non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends were dismissed to assemble in the Preaching Room to hear the preaching of:

George Baker, Old Friendship Association
Sam Franks, Norther New Salem Association
Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association
Frank O'Quinn, Union Association
Jimmy Dye, New Salem Association

The delegates having assembled themselves in order, Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, called to seats the delegates from our Churches sent to represent them in this Association and the delegates sent by our Corresponding Sister Associations.

Brother Tommy asked Elder Ted Robinson, of the New Salem Association, to open the services. Brother Ted said it was a great honor for him. He hoped God would bless him and the delegates. If you don't get what you want don't get puffed up and go away. He hoped we do God's way in everything in life, and let God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. He begged to the brothers to be slow to speak. He proclaimed that this morning he came this way to be revived. There is Victory in Jesus today. I love this highway. He instructed the delegates "don't just tell me you love me, show me you love me." He then lead in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said we have a wonderful start. We need to let the Lord lead us. Pray to let God lead us and direct us. You better be sincere about it. Let God lead us and it will be good. There is not a thing the Bible doesn't answer. While here in this land let us live together. We have to realize that God is the one that looks down upon us. If we differ let us differ in love.

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

Brother James Blackburn
Elder Gary Adair
Elder Chester Cochran

(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 Letter from the Pilgrims Home Church was read, 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 \$5065.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged, by regular move and second.

(6) The Moderator appointed a Committee to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association, and the entire delegation from the host church.

(7) 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 Roy Caudill, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 2001 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and the Committee of Tellers was discharged:

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator
Brother Archie Prince, Clerk
Elder Thomas Jason May, Assistant Clerk

(9) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Freddie Kidd, New Salem Association
Elder John Paul Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Ted Robinson, New Salem Association
Elder Roger Hicks, New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder Bill Tackett, New Salem Association
Elder Windell Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder Raymond Stapleton, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union 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 Gary Young
Brother Les McGuire

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

(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: Frank O'Quinn, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jesse L. Williamson, Danny Belcher, Ked Adkins, Ira Williams, Estill Hamilton, Lonnie Staton, Jerry Staton, Frank M. Coleman, John B. Hamilton, Roger Coleman, Bill Owens, Paul Coleman, James Gannon, Curtis Carroll, Jerry Newsome, Bobby Robinson, Floyd Jude, Clarence Bowersock, Gary Varney, Howard Daniels, Billy May, Doug Thompson, Terry Bryant, Vernon Conway, Herman West, Douglas Coleman and Paul Hogston. Letter in the hands of Elder Franklin O'Quinn.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Hershel Conn, Jr. Potter, James P. Hensley, John E. Hicks, James Tackett, Troy Samons, Bud Bates, Ted Robinson, Coy Combs, Burton Ratliff, Norman Conn, Ellis Holbrook, Clyde Lewis, Woodrow Dye, Ted Burke, Gary Compton, Reuben L. Gillman, Ledes Hamilton, Freddy Kidd, Spencer Hall, Windell Hamilton, Danny Hamilton, John Justice, Buster Turner, Terry Hall, Bill Tackett, Paul Griffith, John Paul Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Roger Hicks, Chuck Hall, Gene Conn, Bill Cotton, William Elkins, Jeff Hicks, Carlos Akers, Red Alley, Monroe Jones and Jimmy Dye. Letter in the hands of James P. Hensley.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Sam Franks, Raymond Stapleton, Roy Caudill, Roy Collins, Arvid Blevins, John Jude, John M. Elkins, Delmas Hall, Ray Hamilton, Leonard Hamilton, Lavone Issac, Charles Edwards, Elbert Hagerman, C. W. Turner and Jay Sammons.. Letter in the hands of Elder Delmas Hall.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Harlan E. Barney, Lowell Adkins, Walter Morrison, David Gilliam, Luther Ramey, Jr., Creed Thomas, Willis Tolliver, Silas Stumbo, Bill Triplett, Jim Wicker, Julius Wicker, Paul Boggs and Charon Gilliam. Letter in the hands of Brother Lowell Adkins.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Danny Hurley, Dewey Matney, Roy Lester, Phillip Estep, Shird Mullins, Kevin Salmons, David Lester, Gary Justus, George Baker, Kermit Lester, Dave Gibson, Herbert May, Danny C. Justus, Roger McCoy, John R. Justice, Gary Brown, Benny Stacy and Monroe Matney. Letter in the hands of Elder Dave Gibson.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Delmar Jones, Bert Caudill, Ted Amburgey, Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Randy Combs, Ronnie Combs and Leo Slone. Letter in the hands of Elder Haston Whitaker.

(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: Bobby Sesco, W. H. Cochran, Teddy Williamson, Archie Prince, Jason May, William Adair, Sr., Richard Staton, Eddie Marcum and Stanley Campbell.

(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 2:30 p.m. today.

(16) On motion from Brother Kenneth Chaffin, second by Brother Johnny Adair, Jr., the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 8, 2001.

SATURDAY

September 8, 2001

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sardis Association Building where, about the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials came to the stand and stated how thankful he is to be back and how good the Lord is to us. He gave us the opportunity to stand up for God's way. He said he was proud to be part of this Family. He is looking for a better place and a better time. God is still in control of everything. Life and death are still in the hands of God. Life is fragile. He stated that he did not want anyone mad at him. He loves the Old Baptist Family and what it stands for. He wants to live with this family, die with this family and to go to Heaven with this family. He asked Elder Bill Cotton of the New Salem Association to open these services.

Brother Bill came to the stand and sang, "I'm Homesick for Heaven." He stated that he loves everyone here and believes that God gave him that love and it will cover a multitude of sins. God gave us something that will take care of us. He said he loves God's family. He said he could not make himself an old time Baptist. He loves the doctrine of this old Baptist family.

He believes Jesus looked right down in his heart when he was in sin. He believes that when he was praying for his sins he did not know about the inward and outward man. He began to learn about a stone that was laid up in Zion. Jesus said come and lay your burdens upon me. Jesus came and let them hang him upon the cross; then came the new and living way wherein all men and women can be saved. Jesus loves you better than all. Sin is sin. Come to obedience. Let us let our love show. Let your love shine as a city set upon a hill.

Brother Bill led in prayer.

Before beginning the work of our beloved Sardis Association, Brother Tommy again, as Moderator, encourage everyone to work in love and stated that he is glad that everyone is here.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees. At this time the Moderator released the Brethren, Sisters and friends to assemble in the preaching room.

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

(3) Read a Request from the Pilgrims Home Church that our practice of appointing delegates to attend our Corresponding Sister Associations, at Page 11, Item 12, of our 2000 Minutes, be changed only as to how the names of our delegates to attend get recorded on the list of brethren to attend each Sister Association as follows:

Our Clerk will prepare a document to each of our Corresponding Sister Associations showing each Association name on every page thereof and place these documents in a convenient place in the Sardis Association Building on Friday and Saturday of our Association to be signed by any of our brethren wishing to attend either or all of these Sister Associations. On Saturday a delegate from each Corresponding Association would continue to announce when, where and directions to the several Associations.

By regular move and second, the request was granted and that this become effective next year and that the names of the delegates appointed be read during the Association.

(4) Appointed a Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our year 2002 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder C.W. Turner, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association

Appointed a second Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 2002 Association:

Elder Herman West, Union Association
Elder Ray Hamilton, Northern New Salem Association

These Committees reported as follows and were discharged by regular move and second:

Elder Joe Evans, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Steve Robinson, Jr., Alternate
Elder Sabert Nichols, Prepare Circular Letter

(5) The Committee appointed Friday to arrange the preaching met and selected the following Brethren to preach Saturday night and Sunday and was discharged by regular move and second:

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Gary Compton, New Salem Association
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association
Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association
Elder Terry Bryant, Union Association

SUNDAY

Elder Herman West, Union Association
Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association
Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

(6) Called for the Sardis Association Treasurer Report. A move and second was made to receive the following report and commend Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. on a job well done:

Balance on hand 9-01-00		\$ 5,661.06
Add 2000 Income:		
Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 4,900.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 602.00	
Interest Income	\$ 150.14	
Rent Income	\$ 2,125.00	
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00	
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 8,748.59	
Food Fund Contributions	\$ <u>6,454.00</u>	
Total 2000 Income		\$23,479.73
Total Available for 2000		\$29,140.79
Less 2000 Expenses		
Building and Land Cost	\$ 5,589.06	
Equipment Cost	\$ 100.00	
Minute and Mailing Expense	\$ 5,131.96	
Clerk Expense	\$ 115.63	
Building and Land Expense	\$ 1,389.66	
Electric Expense	\$ 2,515.67	
Insurance Expense	\$ 480.70	
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 6,266.15	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ <u>130.00</u>	
Total 2000 Expense		(\$21,718.83)
Balance on Hand 8-31-01		\$ 7,421.96

(7) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2001 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

(8) Received the report of the Building Committee and, by regular move and second, ordered that it be discharged, commended on a job well done and the Moderator appoint a new Building Committee to be responsible for all use, repair, improvements, maintenance and preservation of the property. Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. requested that he be replaced on this committee. Brother Tommy stated that the Building Committee had done such a good job that he did not want to replace them all but that he wanted to add Brother James Blackburn and encourage everyone to come and work and help this Building Committee anyway they can. The Building Committee is as follows:

Elder Larry R. May	Elder Jack Robinette	Elder Paul Maynard
Brother Les McGuire	Brother David May	Brother Charles Canada
Elder Donald Joe Evans	Brother Archie Prince	Elder Leon Robinson
Brother James Blackburn		

(9) 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 \$300.00 for his expense.

(10) Elder Hubert Glandon chosen to prepare the Circular Letter for this session of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand and read his letter. By regular move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minute.

(11) It is ordered, by regular move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, Old Friendship Association and Old Indian Bottom 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, KY, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 2001: Bobby Scott, Sr., James Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Ron Hamilton, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Bobby L. Scott, Liburn Staten, Hobart Hamilton, David Crigger, Jack Robinette, Condor Maynard, Lacy Walters, Joe Evans, Charles Jarrell, Brian Dillon, Wallace Muncy and Eddie Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 2001: James Blackburn, Berlin Thornsby, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Bobby Scott, Sr., Bobby L. Scott, Billy J. Robinson, Condor Maynard, Hobart Hamilton, Lacy Walters, David Crigger, Charles Jarrell, Richard Staton, Wallace Muncy, Jack Robinette, Joe Evans, Hubert Glandon, Bill Cochran, Marion Duncan, Les McGuire, Chester Cochran and Ron Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2002: Chester Cochran, Marion Duncan, Hobart Hamilton, Jim Cochran, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Ron Hamilton, Richard Staton, Bill Cochran and Charles Jarrell. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the South Fork Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2002: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Ron Hamilton, Condor Maynard, Edward Smith, Jason May, George Jude, James Blackburn, Johnnie Adair, Gary Adair, Charles Jarrell and Clyde Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Old Samaria Church, Jolo, WV, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2002: Berlin Thornsby, Thomas J. Dials, Marion Duncan, Hobart Hamilton, Ron Hamilton, Joe Evans, Charles Jarrell, Wirt Brumfield, Bill Cochran, Charles Testerman, Johnnie P. Cline, Emerson Thompson, Vadis Blackburn, Hubert Glandon and Condor Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsby.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the host Churches at their permanent association site at Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2002: Joe Evans, Berlin Thornsby, Thomas J. Dials, Gary Adair, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Ron Hamilton, Condor Maynard, Hobart Hamilton, Johnnie Adair, Charles Jarrell, Virgil Fletcher, Butler Fletcher, Wirt Brumfield, Brian Dillon, Hubert Glandon, Larry R. May and Lester Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Joe Evans.

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

(13) (a) Read a Request from the Turkey Creek Church asking that the name of Leonard Sesco, Jr. be removed from the Sardis Association Minutes as an ordained minister and, by regular move and second, the request was granted.

(13) (b) Read a Request from the Sidney Church asking that the name of Henry Jude be removed from the Sardis Association Minutes as an ordained minister and, by regular move and second, the request was granted.

(13) (c) Read a Request from the Pilgrims Rest Church asking that the name of Foster Blackburn be removed from the Sardis Association Minutes as an ordained minister and, by regular move and second, the request was granted.

(14) Read the Request from the Sidney Church (Elizabeth Church request was acknowledged but not read because it was very similar to Sidney Church's request) asking that Item (15) of our 1999 Minute be replaced with Item (17) of our 1998 Minute, and publish it in the 2001 Minute.

After a brief discussion a move by Elder Harold Sesco, second by Brother Harvey White to send the request back was met with an objection filed by Brother Virgil Fletcher. The vote of the delegates showed 51 for the move and 32 for the objection. Therefore, the requests were rejected.

By regular move and second, it is ordered that Item (15) of our 1999 Minute be reprinted as follows:

“It is a sin for anyone to put away their wife or husband for any cause except for fornication and marry another. In regards to going behind one's experience or receiving one in the Church with more than one living companion, we say that each Church shall be the sole judge to the validity of one's experience. Churches should not be forced to receive members, however, that would destroy the body. (Receive should be interpreted to include all means of receiving members.)”

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

(16) Having received no request to host the Association for the year 2002, the Moderator ask Churches to volunteer and received the following with Samaria Church being the host:

Rosa Church
Little Rosie Church
Mt. Pleasant Church
Bent Branch Church
Sardis Church
Samaria Church
Elk Fork Church

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2002, to:

Brother Archie Prince
3475 Whites Creek Road, Box 96F
Prichard, WV 25555

The Sardis Association Building is located on KY Route 881 at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, KY. Follow US Route 119 from Pikeville, KY, toward Williamson, WV, for about 12 miles to the foot of Bent Mountain and turn left onto KY Route 881 for about 10 miles to the large Sardis Association sign on the left and onto Brushy School Road. If traveling from Williamson, WV toward Pikeville, KY on US Route 119, the distance is about 16 miles and turn right onto KY Route 881.

(17) We are extremely overjoyed with, perhaps, the largest Congregation to ever attend the Sardis Association! But our host Churches and wonderful friends on the many Committees performed their assigned jobs without a hitch. All of this love and great effort bore fruit on Sunday as our enlarged Business Room was "full" and, at the wind-up of a Spirit filled service, the Holy Ghost overshadowed the Brethren and Sisters who broke out in Preaching and shouting for a least forty minutes before dismissal could be called! Holy Father, we feel so humble in your presence.

We pray for God's blessing upon every soul who helped in any way with this Association and we "Thank You" for every effort, big or little. We take this opportunity to say Thank You to Everett and Diane Hannah of Hannah Lumber Co. at Varney, WV for their continued support of our Churches and Association; to Pike County Sheriff Charles "Fuzzy" Keese and his staff, to Chris Meade for the ice; to Chief Will Stepp of the Johns Creek Voluntary Fire Department and to EMT Richard Weddington and Anthony Smith who attended every day and handled two emergency situations and to Neal McGuire of Pepsi Cola Company who handled the soft drinks.

(18) 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 Sardis Association.

(19) On motion from Elder Joe Evans, second by Brother Gary Adair, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2002.

(20) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Haston Whitaker of the Old Indian Bottom Association, who then led in prayer.

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



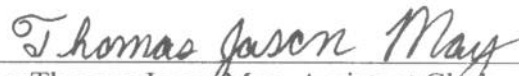
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator



Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator



Brother Archie Prince, Clerk



Elder Thomas Jason May, Assistant Clerk

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

We would like to express to you our Sister the Sardis Association our sympathy in the loss of your beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last setting.

May the Father of mercies give you comfort, as we wait in hope of the glorious morning. At which time and place we hope to meet our love ones in the land of the redeemed.

They left us with pleasant memories that shall cause we that remain to remember the happy days we spent in their company.

Respectfully,
Brother Newsome
Brother Turner—Clerks

STANDING ITEMS

Item 1. Item 14 of our 1975 Minutes is reprinted, without the preamble, as follows:

Sardis Association
of Old Regular Baptist

September 13, 1975
Dingess, West Virginia

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 fast, 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

Item 2. 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.

Item 3. It is 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)

Item 4. It is ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any Minister who has two living women. (1919 minute)

Item 5. It is ordered that requests for Union, Communion and Memorial meetings be published in our Minutes.

Item 6. 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. Also, friends of the Churches that are recommended by the Churches be printed in a separate section of our minute. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$15.00 will be made for a picture with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

Clerks Note: Please note the above order - it is incumbent upon the churches in the Sardis Association that they be the screen and recommending body of Obituaries of Friends to be printed in our minutes and identify the same (by note or otherwise) to the Clerks when the Obituary is turned in. Each Church Moderator is further required to screen and approve any Obituary of a Friend of the Church and to reject any Obituary that has language that is offensive to the Sardis Association.

Item 7. "We the Sardis Association, advise our Sister Churches that it is not our practice to use sisters or double-married men in any function of the ministry, including leading prayer, in any of our Church services."

SUNDAY

September 9, 2001

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said he hoped the Spirit will bind us together. God watches over us. He stated the he is thankful for what we have accomplished in expanding the meeting room. God can link us together in spite of everything. He said he was glad that everyone is here and he was thankful that God has blessed us. Trust in God. God has a way for everyone to get in this family. Brother Tom announced the arrangements for this service and requested we remember the sick and the afflicted.

Elder Herman West of the Union Association came to the stand and stated that he is thankful to be here. He hopes God will bless us to say what we say. We can't have our minds on two things at the same time. We may be getting harder and harder to preach to. The Church don't need to be for entertainment. We need to hear good preaching. We know that God is able but sometimes we might be a little bit reluctant. He said if he gets blessed that he wants the brothers to get blessed. Sometimes we ought to sit still and listen. There is a drawing power. God is going to do right by all mankind. Jesus said, ye must be born again. A part of us must go in the grave but a part of us will never die. I being in the way the Lord led me to the house of my master's brother. The Lord comes in a small still voice and at the right time. Brother Herman said when he was in sin and went to do evil, God knew it. Get out of the land you are dwelling in and get into the house that the Lord will show you. He then led in prayer.

Elder Monroe Jones of the New Salem Association came and said it was a great blessing to be in the house of God. He enjoyed what we have been listening to, not only enjoys being here but in the presence of God. You, the congregation, know as much about what I am going to say as I do. He said if a man could quote every scripture in the Bible, he could quote them all and still not preach the Word of God. He believes in a divine calling. God calls his servants and commands them to preach the self same thing. To preach the Word. He said he believes in the original sin. He said the Bible is the written word, but there is another Word who is the author of this book. Seven thunders uttered, seal up the book and write no more. God made man from the dust of the earth. When God blesses him he preaches a man in a man. Man was lifeless until God breathed into him the breath of life. God put man in the garden and he had everything he needed. We were all in that garden, the law entered and the offense abound. We are everyone just multiplied Adam. All souls died in trespass and sin. That is when we left that garden. To get back in ye must go through that door. Jesus said, I am the door. When you get concerned about the welfare of your soul fear will set up in your life. The Spirit will lead that man to a fountain of living water. He said that he preaches a travail from nature to grace. You are not alright until you drink of that living water. That living water gives man eternal life. The man that drinks of that water is the inward man. You must be resurrected from a dead state to a lively hope. The inward man came from Heaven and to get back to Heaven you must repent. The inward man dies in trespass and sin and repentance is required. Man is commanded everywhere to repent. Repentance is required at the hands of all men. You must go through a travail of suffering. Fear must set up and the Spirit giveth them understanding. God has an appointed time to ransom natural man from the grave to be reunited with the soul.

The natural man will be changed from natural to Spiritual to go to the third and eternal Heaven. He preached two men and a door for each man. There are two ways to travel and the man of God will travel just one of these ways. Prayer is the sincere desire of the heart and God will answer prayer. The water that runs outside is for the natural man, the water for the inner man comes from Heaven. You must have the Blood of Jesus, a fountain was opened by the Roman soldier. The inner man is the one who drinks of this water. Brother Monroe preached that people ought to be baptized to answer a good conscience. Jesus said I am the light of the world; I go away, ye are the light of the world. There is a Kingdom of God and a Kingdom of Heaven. When a man is baptized this is into the Kingdom of God. If God's Light shines it must be through his people. If you want to go to Heaven you must cleanse your hands. When the inward man gets eternal life the outward man receives a hope. Jesus said I am the way.

Elder Creed Thomas of the Philadelphia Association came forward stating how glad he is to be here. He said he got a blessing from the singing. He was glad to be among the living. There is no greater love than the love of God. That love is born into us, restored by the fire. We are looking for Jesus to come back. God will put laws in our hearts and write them in our minds. The covenant we have today is the Grace covenant. Jesus came and died for me and you. He will open the door and no man can close it, he will close the door and no man can open it. God loves you today. Jesus made the atonement on the cross, he suffered there for you. Peter said tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be empowered from on high. The Holy Ghost come. The way today is set up for you. Get in the ark today, its not going to be here forever. Repent of your sins and come to the old Church. You are called out of the darkness into the marvelous light. The call has gone out; choose this day whom you will serve. Jesus went to the cross and laid down his life for you so you could have eternal life. He laid down his life for me. Jesus gave up his glory in heaven but he knew he was going to be glorified again. The outward man goes back to the dust of the earth but the inward man waits. Jesus said, I am the light of the world. He preached Jesus anointed his eyes with eye salve and put him in the way. The atonement was made with the blood of Jesus. We are walking by faith today. To please God, we must believe that he is God. There is one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism and we are all baptized into the one body. Jesus is coming back, get ready today. There is a way, that way is Jesus today. It is not God's will that any should perish but all come to repentance and live. Repent young people of your sins and put your light on the candlestick and let it shine today. God's people love one another. Get in the way. God will bring you in if you follow the Spirit, the Church is dressed up today and she is going home.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, came to the stand declaring that you are my family. There should be a closeness about God' people, because we have riches that aren't seen. If you have that love, it will be shown to sinner men and women. We have God's love, we have God's mercy, that is what men and women need to get. He preached how wonderful it is to go to the different Associations because he said he wanted to see his family. He wants to feel their love. The Kingdom of Heaven is like the man who build his house upon the rock. If you are born of God's love it will keep you. Every house born of the Lord will be beat upon. He still loves everyone that beats upon the house. God has a place over in Heaven for his people.

God will get praise out of some of his creation. We can't give up, we must keep asking people to come to be with us. Keep showing the love of God to people. Where the Spirit of the Lord works there is not anything else. He can remove all pain. We owe God everything, God doesn't owe us anything. God will hear sinners if they come to him with a contrite spirit and a broken heart. God's children; the closer they live the more blessing they will receive. If you follow Christ he will take you home. God will bless you if you do whatsoever he commands you.

Elder Thomas J. Dials came to close the service. He said God's love binds us together. God loves you. The man on the inside gets washed in the blood of Jesus. You can see a change in the man on the outside. This love will cause you to love your brother. He believes we must cleanse our hands and must seek after the good things. A Godly sorrow must set up in your life. You must not just say it from the mouth, you must give it your all. You must try to please God above everything else. Brother Tom preached that when he was young he was afraid of the dark. He said when traveling from his home to his cousin's home he was even afraid of an old cat. He was okay as long he could see a light on either end, but when he got where there was no light to see that is when he got afraid. Jesus came down and was the perfect sacrifice for our sins. This body must die. Brother Tom preached that he gets homesick for that land where there doesn't have to be that natural light, Jesus is the light of that city. He was like Zaccheus, he had a problem where he was so small. Zaccheus went out in front of Jesus so he could see. There will be no more trouble over in Heaven. You must get that living water. And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God. You must lay down things contrary to God's will for God to bless you. Except ye eat of his flesh ye have no life in you. You must get upon the foundation that has already been laid. You must build upon the rock and that rock is Jesus. The day you give your whole heart, Jesus said, I will be found with you. Jesus will come into your life when you get in the right condition. Jesus will give you a drink of that living water. When you get a drink of that water you won't need more. Narrow is the gate and strait is the way. Take heed to that light that shines to you. The Lord made the way, he has paid the price. Some day we will be together over in Heaven forever and forever and we won't have to part.

After much rejoicing by many, Elder Milford Lowe dismissed the service.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association:

Having been chosen by the Delegates of the 2000 Session of the Sardis Association to write the Circular Letter for approval at our next Session of the Sardis Association in the year of 2001. Brothers and Sisters it is such an honor that you have chosen me to do this. My heart can't express how I feel, but I want you all to know with much Prayer and the help of the Lord I will try to fulfill my obligation to you Brothers and Sisters. I know this letter will be examined by you Brothers and Sisters and I hope it meets your approval.

In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth and darkness was upon the face of the whole Earth and God said, Let there be light and there was light. He created two great lights, one to rule the day and one to rule the night. God also created land and the seas. He created all animals on the land and fishes of the sea.

God created Man. He planted a Garden and put the man in it and told him to dress it and keep it. He planted trees in it and he told Adam that he could eat of all the trees in the garden except to one in the midst of the Garden. If he ate of this tree he would die. God created Adam a help meet and brought her to Adam to name her. Adam said, she is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh she shall be called Woman. He also told her that God had forbid them to eat of the tree in the midst of the Garden, if they did, they would die.

The woman was in the Garden looking for food and she met the old serpent and told him what God had said and forbid them not to do and if they did they would surely die. The serpent told her that God was wrong that they would not die, but God knew they would not die but they would become as gods, their eyes would come open and they would know good and evil. She then looked on the trees and saw that they were good for food, she did eat and gave unto her husband and he ate also. Their eyes came open and they knew that they were naked. And by this they had did what God had forbid them not to do. So this brought forth sin and death on all Mankind.

Brothers and Sisters after that they had disobeyed God he still loved them. God told the woman he would multiply her sorrow and that she would be saved in child bearing and her desires would be unto her husband and that he would rule over her. God also told the Devil what his punishment would be also. God told Adam also that he would till the ground and make his living by the sweat of his face till he returned back to the ground. He also cast him out of the Garden and made a decree and said, now unless he puts forth his hand and takes hold of the tree of life and eats and lives forever.

Brothers and Sisters, even after that God had cast Adam out of the Garden he continued to bless Adam. He gave him two sons, Cain and Able. He also blessed Cain and Able, and Cain became jealous of Able because God had respect to Able's offering over his. And Cain killed Able.

God continued to work with mankind, the more he did the worse man became. So it repented God that he ever made man, so he decided to destroy all mankind and everything he had created on Earth, because he had learned that mans heart was evil from his youth. Noah, a righteous Preacher, found Grace in the eyes of the Lord.. God created a great flood to come upon the Earth and destroyed everything on Earth except Noah and his family and two of all animals on Earth, male and female. After the flood God went with his people everywhere they went and provided for them food and all their needs and fought their battles as long as they kept his commandments.

Even after this they still were not satisfied. They were led astray by Jezebel and Baals prophets. They deceived them, so they tore down all the altars of God and killed all the prophets of God except Elijah. They were so deceived in their beliefs they thought their god had more power than Elijah's God. They decided to have a contest and said they would build an altar and put their offering on the altar and put no fire under it and the god that answered by fire let him be God. Elijah decided to let them go first. They prepared their offering and laid it on the altar and they began calling upon Baal, they leaped on the altar, they cut their wrists calling upon Baal and fire never came from morning till evening. Then came Elijah's turn, Elijah repaired the altar and laid the wood in order and put the sacrifice upon the altar and dug a trench around the altar. He poured twelve barrels of water over the sacrifice.

It filled the trenches, then he called on the God of Abraham and Israel and Isaac and fire came down from God out of Heaven and consumed the offering on the altar. And the heat licked up the water that was in the trenches. Then the people of Israel said the Lord he is God and that there is no other God. Then Elijah told the people to take the prophets of Baal down to the brook Kishon and slew them all.

Brothers and Sisters it will be the same way with us. God will tell all his Angels to cast all of us into the lake of fire if we do not keep his commandments. Brothers, even after all this the people were stiffed necked and rebelled against God and back slid and God still loved them. And he sent a deliverer to redeem them according to the teaching of Isaiah 59:20 says that a redeemer shall come to Zion and unto them that turn from their transgression in Jacob saith the Lord. Isaiah 59:21, and this is my covenant that I will make with them saith the Lord, my spirit that is upon me and my words which I have put in thy mouth shall not depart out of my mouth forever and ever. Thy light is come and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee and his Glory shall be seen upon his people and the Gentiles shall come to the Light which is Christ the Lord.

So Brothers and Sisters, we were in darkness lost without a hope, but God still loved us according to John 3:16, That God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:17 says that God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved. Revelations chapter 5 says to prove what I am saying, (1) And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside sealed with seven seals (2) and I saw a strong Angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?

(3) and no man in Heaven nor Earth, neither under the Earth was able to open the book neither to look thereon. (4) and I wept much because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book neither to look thereon. (5) and one of the Elders saith unto me weep not behold the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David hath prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereon. (6) and I beheld and lo in the midst of the throne and of the beasts, and in the midst of the Elders stood a Lamb as it had been slain having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the Earth. (7) and he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. (8) and when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty Elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps and golden vials full of odours which are the prayers of the Saints. (9) and they sung a new song saying, thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.

Brothers and Sisters I have written just a few lines on the fall of man in the Garden and the resurrection of man from sin and death through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Brothers let us love one another and seek to please God in our works and not mankind and the Devil. Brothers I have loved this old Church and Association. When we meet I think of how much it will be like this in the Resurrection when we all meet again. And it has took me the most of the year to write this letter. It's been a hard year, a lot has happened. I lost my mother and it has been a very sad year. Brothers I have did my best and I hope it meets your approval.

Written with love,


Your Elder Brother Hubert B. Glandon

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

AND

MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL, 2002

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Frank Sheppard, Billie Brumfield, Larry R. May, Thomas Jason May and Henry Adair.

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby SESCO, Albert Cable, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Elbert SESCO and Wayne Herald, Jr.

OKEECHOBEE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Chris Watts, Sr., William Campbell, Jr., Bruce P. Forsyth, Richard Staton with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

MAY, 2002

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion 3:00 p.m. following the regular Saturday service. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton and Jerry Estep.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Windell Hamilton, Leon Robinson, Danny Runyon, Harold SESCO, Bill Blevins, Arvid Blevins and Floyd Jude.

JUNE, 2002

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson, Jerry Estep, James Tackett and Don Little.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday at 4:00 p.m. after business meeting at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Windell Hamilton, Lacy Walters, Kenneth B. Jude and Richard Staton.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Kenneth B. Jude, Milford Lowe and Bobby Scott, Sr.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans, Jack Robinette, Brian Dillon and Elbert SESCO.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Richard Staton, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Ted Robinson, Willie Stiltner and Steve Robinson, Jr. with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsberry, Homer Muncy, Jr., Chuck Hall, Vernon Rose, Arthur May, Larry R. May, Albert Cable and Richard Staton.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Homer Muncy, Jr., Berlin Thornsby, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson and Thomas J. Dials.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Bobby SESCO, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Jimmy Dale Sanders.

JULY, 2002

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Herman West, Marvin Bryant, Roger Hicks, Frankie Scott and Wallace Muncy.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Murl F. Caudill, Wayne Herald, Jr., Chris Watts, Dee Osborne and William Campbell, Jr.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert SESCO and Leon Robinson.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ellis Holbrook, Bobby Scott, Sr. and Gabe Lowe, Jr.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Sam Franks, Danny Carty, Murl Caudill, Harrison Runyon and Scott Hamilton.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Paul Hamilton, Sabert Nichols, Billy Joe Robinson and Leon Robinson.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Monroe Jones, Richard Staton, Berlin Thornsby, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Thomas J. Dials and Curtis Crouse.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Danny Runyon, Jerry Estep, Lacy Walters, Wallace Muncy, Willie Blackburn and Gary Young with Moderator attending.

AUGUST, 2002

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Steve Robinson, Jr., James Stumbo, Arthur May, Billy Joe Robinson and Albert Cable.

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

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Leon Robinson and Jerry Overstreet.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans, Leon Robinson, Elbert SESCO and Danny Runyon.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, David Crigger, Harrison Runyon, and Wayne Herald, Jr.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Windell Hamilton, Ted Robinson and Jerry Overstreet.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Robert R. Clay, Stanley Campbell, Bill Campbell, Larry R. May, Willie Blackburn, Roger Hicks, Berlin Thornsby and Bruce Forsyth.

OCTOBER, 2002

CHARITY: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: William Adair, Sr., Stanley Campbell, Joe Evans, Henry Adair, Danny Runyon and Billy Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH, 2002

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, Charles Jarrell, James Barney, Otes Williams and Doug McCarty.

APRIL, 2002

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Jerry Thompson, Elbert SESCO and Billy Joe Robinson.

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Ellis Holbrook, James Tackett, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone bring covered dishes.

MAY, 2002

MUNCY VALLEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Muncy Valley Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, William Adair, Sr., Dale Williamson, Chris Watts and Richard Staton.

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the White family on Sunday following the second Saturday at the Church. Ministers called: Steve White, Larry R. May, Harold Sesco, Albert Cable, Condor Maynard and Gary Young with the Moderator attending.

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: Tommy Ellis, Larry R. May, Arthur May 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, Danny Runyon, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Richard Staton and Dale Williamson.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Zella May (Fraley) Harrison and son, Charles E. Harrison and family at the Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters and Joe Evans.

CHARITY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Charity Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Bruce Forsyth, Chris Watts, Bill Campbell, Robert Clay, and Billy Brumfield.

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: Herald Sesco, Jerry Estep, Gary Compton and Thomas J. Dials.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters and Bobby Scott, Sr.

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 Fork of Wolf Creek on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Thomas J. Dials, Milford Lowe, Lacy Walters and Wallace Muncy.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Larry R. May, Jack Robinette with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending. Everyone is welcome.

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: Don Little, Billy Williamson, Richard Staton and Leon Robinson.

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 and Berlin Thornsby.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. Ministers called: Billy Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran and Berlin Thornsberry.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on Memorial Day at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Thomas Jason May, Frank Sheppard, Tommy Ellis and Mark Murphy.

JUNE, 2002

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Cemetery next to the Church for all deceased members of the church on the first Sunday in June at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Hank Forgey, Raymond Stapleton, Johnny Thornsberry, Sam Franks and Hargis Tuttle.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the first Sunday (June 2) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

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: Tommy Ellis, Danny Runyon, Odes Williams, Gary Young and Billy Williamson.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, Chester Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Thomas J. Dials and Hubert Glandon.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Mary Thompson, husband George, and all the deceased on the Thompson Cemetery will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on the first Sunday in June at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, 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 as well as Sister Garnet (Lowe) Maynard who is buried on the cemetery near the mouth of Lackey Branch. This will be at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial of Elder Bill Jude, Sister Sally Jude and other family members at the old home place on Wolf Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Estel Hamilton, Floyd Jude, Arvid Blevins and Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Glen Lowe and his wife, Mary E. Lowe, at the home on Big Creek on the second Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Windell Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on the third Sunday (June 16, 2002) at 11:00 a. m. Ministers called: Jimmy Dye, Richard Staton, Leon Robinson, Gary Young, Lacy Walters and Gary Compton.

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 third Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr..

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: Don Little, Larry R. May and Dewey Roberts.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Frank Sheppard, Brian Dillon and Thomas Jason May.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sardis Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Rex Napier, Wallace Muncy, Arthur May and Greg Scott.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the odd Sunday in June, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. This will include Elder E. F. (Frank) Fields, his wife, Rebecca, Ellen (Kirk) Moore and Dim Moore, Vina (Fields) Kirk and Andy Kirk, Jean K. Webb, David Fields, Elmer Fields and Mint Fields and others. The cemetery is located about a mile below the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Leon Robinson and Lacy Walters.

JULY, 2001

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the church house for all those buried on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Willis Fletcher, Richard Staton and Hobart Hamilton. Dinner will be served nearby.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery near the Leannah Church at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr, Terry Bryant and Clifford Williams.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek in West Virginia. All corresponding ministers are invited. Everyone is welcome.

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: Virgil Fields, Wallace Muncy, Thomas J. Dials, Ben Scott and Wayne Herald, Jr.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Narrows Branch Church for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY, on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Berlin Thornsby, Bobby Scott, Sr., Wayne Herald, Jr. and Lacy Walters.

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, Terry Bryant 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 and his son Willis Raymond (Wig) 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 7:00 p.m. Ministers called: Chris Watts, Thomas Jason May, Charles Jarrell, Henry Adair, Dale Williamson and William Adair, Sr.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel Stacy, his wife, and of Cora Stacy, Tan Howell, Ora Howell, his wife, May Jude, Mary Moore, Ralph and Carey Reed, Robert Howell and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Butler Fletcher, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Thomas J. Dials.

AUGUST, 2002

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of the Cline family on the right hand fork of Gilbert Creek on the first Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

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 Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Lonna Staton, Milford Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. and Wayne Herald, Jr.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Arthur May, Brian Dillon, Joey Evans and Jeffrey Dillon..

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of the Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Danny Runyon, John Paul Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters, and A. B. Thacker.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Apple Orchard Cemetery, the Pine Grove Cemetery in Lennox, GA, the Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL, the Joe Taylor Cemetery and Joe Taylor family buried at Maher, WV, Bent Ridge Cemetery and Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland, KY on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Ted Robinson, Richard Staton, Willis Fletcher, Hershel Huff and Thomas J. Dials with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, WV, on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Kenneth B. Jude. Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Steve Robinson, Jr.

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, Homer Muncy, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson and Ben Scott.

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosie Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Bobby Sesco, Larry R. May, Joe Evans, John Jude and Wayne Herald, Jr.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for the deceased members of the Church and the community. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Sabert Nichols, Gurney Bartley, Teddy Honaker and Richard Lowe with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending. Dinner will be served.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Sunday in August at 5:00 p.m. at the Turkey Creek Church house for Rell and Mary M. Maynard and deceased family. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Gary Young and Lacy Walters.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all the deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the Third Saturday. Ministers called: Vernon Rose, Bill Tackett, Lacy Walters and Albert Cable with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy family including Johnny Nichols, Sr., his wife and family, and the Lowe family of Gulnare, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson and Gabe Lowe, Jr.

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: Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Floyd Jude and Thomas J. Dials.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sidney Church and of Elder W. W. Fields and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Thomas J. Dials, Kenneth B. Jude, Milford Lowe and Floyd Jude.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. 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: Virgil Fields, Ben Scott, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Kenneth B. Jude and Roger Stepp. Dinner will be served nearby. Everyone welcome to bring a dish of their choice.

SEPTEMBER, 2002

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Runyon Cemetery in the head of Dan's Branch on the odd Sunday (September 1) at 11:00 a.m., weather permitting. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Wayne Herald, Jr., Danny Runyon, Hobart Hamilton and Richard Staton.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, at 4450 West Tunnell Hill Road, Sharpesburg, KY (near Mt. Sterling) on the odd Sunday (September 1) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Richard Staton and Berlin Thornsby.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Hobart Hamilton, Joe Evans and Albert Cable.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meathouse, about a mile above the Leannah Church, on the first Sunday in memory of Shirlen McCoy, his wife, Lucy McCoy, Van Avory McCoy, and others buried on this Cemetery. Also, Elder Dike Blackburn and his wife Ora Blackburn, and daughter Mae Blackburn and all others buried near the mouth of Wolf Creek are included. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Richard Staton, Wayne Herald, Jr., Milford Lowe and Ben Scott.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of Brother Ira Robinson and Brother Malcomn Muncy on the first Sunday night at 5:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Thomas J. Dials and Leon Robinson.

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, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Claren Williams, Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones and Bobby Scott, Sr.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, Inis Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, David Crigger, Clifford Williams, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Bobby Scott, Sr.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Jeff Robinette Cemetery on the third Saturday (September 14) at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco and Danny Runyon.

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

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: David Crigger, Berlin Thornsby, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Tommy Ellis.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ervin Morrison will be held on the Maynard Fork Cemetery on Wolf Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Minister called: Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude, America Jude, his wife, their three sons, Ambrose, Matthew and Russell, and other family members on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Hershel Jude, Milford Lowe and Larry R. May.

OCTOBER, 2002

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Floyd Jude, Vernon Rose and Raymond Smith.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Gary Compton, Lloyd Brown, Terry Bryant, Jimmy Dye and Bobby Scott, Sr. with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Lowe Cemetery on Big Branch of Brushy Creek for all deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. and Marie Lowe who are buried at Maher, WV on the first Sunday in October. Ministers called: Thomas J. Daial, Richard Staton, Lacy Walters and Kenneth B. Jude.

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: Richard Staton, Johnnie Bentley, Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton and Gary Young.

MT PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mt Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, James Tackett and Richard Staton.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting 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 Steve Robinson, Jr.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Bob Adkins, Don Lawson, Thomas J. Dials and Russell Hicks.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Dave Gibson, Raymond Smith, Dale Williamson, Richard Staton, Zeb Justice and Phillip Estep.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday for John Jude and Belle Jude, his wife; Annie (Howell) Jude, wife of Warren G. Jude; J. T. Jude, son of Warren G. Jude and Annie Jude; Mark Jude, infant son of Kenneth B. and Dolly Jude; two daughters, Mary Ann and Betty Jane, children of Henry and Connie Jude. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials and Clifford Williams with Moderator attending.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Billy Williamson, Richard Staton and Elbert SESCO.

OBITUARIES
of
BRETHREN AND SISTERS

LEOLA BEVINS

Leola (Pinson) Bevins of South Williamson, KY died on June 17, 2001, at the age of 89, following an extended illness and disability. Born at Williamson, WV on June 1, 1912, she was the daughter of the late Sidney and Mary (Blackburn) Pinson. Her husband, James Arnold Bevins, also preceded her in death. She was a member of the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church at Goody, KY.



Mother loved life and people and could always find something good in both. Her eyes were always smiling and her gentle ways let her meet and make friends with many, many people. Times were hard in the Mountains as Mother grew-up, married and raised her children, but she never complained and always worked hard. She worked several years past retirement age before retiring from Food City grocery store at the age of 81 and received awards for her long service.

Surviving are her children: a son, J.T. Bevins of Meta, Ky.; daughters, Lola (Bevins) Canupp of Orlando, FL and Deborah (Bevins) Waller of Williamson, WV; brothers, Eugene Pinson of Forest Hills, KY and Clayton Pinson of Sun City, AR; a sister, Francis South of Holly Hill, FL; and grandchildren, Cecil Beckett, Michelle Waller, J. T. Bevins, Jr., Cynthia Bishop, Matthew Bevins, Vida Simpson, Rodney Canupp and Jeffrey Canupp.

Our loss is hard to bear, but our faith and wonderful memories sustain us.

Her Children and Grandchildren

OCTAVIA BOYD

Octavia Boyd went to be with the dear Lord on January 16, 2001. She is sadly missed by her surviving family of two sons, Ernest and Roy, and two daughters, Violet and Norma, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three husbands: Grayson Charles, John Maynard, and Cam Boyd. She was also preceded in death by three sons: Curtis, Dewey, and Clyde; and two daughters, Janet and Olive. Her daughter, Imal, followed her home to be with the Lord one week later. Tave was a wonderful and loving mother. She lived in



Pikeville, KY at the high rise until she became sick and went to live with her daughter, Imal.

Norma also would go to Imal's home to help take care of her mother. She was always so kind to everyone and would cook for her friends until she became bedridden.

She loved gospel music and would play tapes and sing. Sometimes she would cry and talk about her children. She also lived for the Old Regular Baptist preachers' visits when they would sing and pray with her and this brought her great happiness. She was the oldest member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved her church family and never missed a handshake! She was laid to rest at Johns Creek beside her first husband, Grayson Charles and infant daughter (Janet) on January 20, 2001.
Oh, how we miss her!

Written by her daughter-in-law,
Betty Charles

CLARENCE DESKINS

With the help of our Lord and wonderful memories, I will try and write the obituary of my brother-in-law, and brother in the Lord, Brother Clarence Deskins. Clarence was born October 16, 1928 in Pike County, KY the son of Jeff and Junie (Spadlin) Deskins; both now deceased.

Brother Clarence went to be with the Lord on Sunday morning, November 19, 2000, after suffering a stroke during open heart surgery. He lived almost a year after surgery.

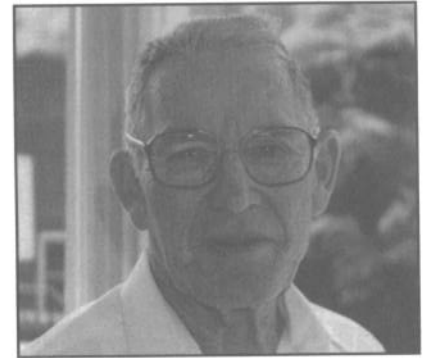
Brother Clarence was married to my sister, Vonna O. Stepp on December 20, 1947. They were married fifty two years and eleven months. And to this union was born three

sons: Gene Douglass, who they lost in an auto accident at the age of seventeen, Gary Kent of Harrison County, KY and Bryan Goble(Kim) of South Williamson, KY. He leaves behind five grandchildren. He leaves behind a daughter-in-law, Junita and three brothers: Cecil(Jean) of Columbus, OH, Frank(Lois) of Iowa and L. D.(Dorthea) of Hatfield, KY. His only natural sister, Elva Fraley, passed this life three weeks before Brother Clarence. One brother, Major, died a few years back.

Clarence joined the Church on October 31, 1982 placing his membership with the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church at Hatfield, KY. Soon after, he became a Deacon and served the Church with great honor. He worked very hard in the upkeep of the Church and visiting the sick until his health failed him.

After he became so sick and lost almost all his speech, his family, friends and brothers and sisters of the Church would walk in his room and he would try so hard to talk with them. His expression would let you know he was so pleased to see you.

Sis Vonna has been so very lonely since his leaving. He was her husband, best friend and brother in the Lord. They had a very special marriage. One I feel nothing could weaken; it took death to separate them, but I'm sure the wonderful memories she has of him make life just a little less lonely. And knowing that someday all God's people will be together for ever; no more sickness,



separation, or loneliness. Just joy for ever and ever.

I must say a few words about their wonderful friend, Sister Jean Ann Thacker. She was right there to take Vonna to the hospital, nursing home or any place she had to go. Also, giving comfort to Vonna and Brother Clarence. I know Clarence would have been so pleased for all her help if he could have spoken.

Boys, by good to your mom. You know that is what your dad would want you to do. But, most of all, try to live your lives so God can be pleased with you and you can all be together in Heaven, giving thanks unto the Lord.

Written by: Sister-in-law
Louis Walters

ALBERT EVANS

It is with a sad and broken heart, but with precious memories I will try, with the help of the Lord, to write this obituary of my husband, Albert Evans. He was born June 10, 1937 and went to be with the Lord August 8, 2000. He was the son of the late George and Betty Evans.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Asa Evans and three sisters: Hattie Brewster, Elsie Brumfield and Mary Maynard. He leaves behind one brother, Pattersen Evans of Delbarton, WV and two sisters; Nelson N. Darnell of Cincinnati, OH and Rebecca Brumfield of Delbarton, WV.



Albert married Inas (Cisco) Evans June 21, 1957 and they both began a wonderful life of love together. He is survived and remembered with great love by his wife and soul mate for forty three years, Inas Evans.

They have four children: William A. Evans of Matewan, WV, George Evans of Williamson, WV, (twins) Linda Damron of Turkey Creek, KY and Michael A. Evans of Williamson, WV. They have two granddaughters; Heather Marcum of Morehead State College, Morehead, KY and Tiffany Marcum at home and one grandson, William Nathan Evans at home.

He was a retired employee of a chemical company, Maxus Enery Corporation of Delaware City, Delaware. He was a Member of the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church of Delbarton, WV.

It broke our hearts to loose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. Our loss is Heaven's gain. You will be in our heart and memories forever.

Written with loving memories by:
His wife, Inas Evans and Children

NOLIE MAE FARLEY

It is with very heavy hearts and with the help of our dear Lord and Savior, we will try to write the obituary of our dear mother.

On October 2, 1915 there was a daughter born to Perry and Ollie Mae Hunt, their first little girl. They named her Nolie Mae Hunt. She grew up, later married Lawrence Farley on December 31, 1932. To this union was born fifteen children. Mother went to be with Jesus, May 15, 2001 about 4:30 p.m.; making her stay on earth eighty-five years, seven months and thirteen days.



She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son; Darrel Farley; one daughter: Eba Helen Farley; three brothers; Warren Hunt, Dennis Hunt and Sessil Hunt; three grandchildren and three great grand-children.

She was a very loving mother, a homemaker and a member of the Narrows Branch Old Regular Church, where she was baptized the fourth Sunday in May, 1996 at the hands of Elders Elbert Sesco and Bobby Scott, Sr. She didn't get to go to church often due to sickness but enjoyed it when she blessed to go.

She leaves behind to visit the old home place ,now, five sons: Harold (Ruth) Farley, Forest Hills, KY; James (Carol) Farley, Cincinnati, OH; Charles (Eula) Farley, Cincinnati, OH; Donnie (Betty) Farley, Hardy, KY; Jerry (Carol) Farley, Hardy, KY; eight daughters: Barbara (Roscoe) Williamson, Sidney, KY; Ollie (Johnny) Scott, Cincinnati, OH; Daisy (Vernal) Sesco, Sidney, KY; Connie (William) Huddle, McCarr, KY; Amanda Cleo Farley, at home; Patsy (Gary) Dotson, Ramson, KY; Patty (Lewis) Luster, Sabina, OH; Judy (Clayton) Stanley, Sidney, KY; one brother, Jonah Hunt, Bridgeton, NJ; three sisters: Bonnie Scott, Pikeville, KY; Loretta Sanders, Sierra Vista, AZ; Texie Young, Williamson, WV: thirty-one grandchildren; thirty-six great grand-children and one great-great grandchild.

Mother's last years on earth was filled with sickness and pain, but she never complained. She was so patient and humble about it all. She was so pleased to see Brother Bobby Scott, Sr. coming to see her. She really loved him.

Mother tried to prepare us for her leaving in the last few weeks of her life. She would tell us we would have to learn to live without her and she was right, we are all having a hard time learning to live without her. She let us know time and again how good her children had been to her and how thankful she was. She always told us how much she loved us when we left to go home. She has just went away with a (her) friend. This is not GOOD-BY, just farewell for a little while.

Let us all live so we can meet Mother and Daddy again and it won't be good-by, but be able to live for ever and ever with them and Jesus. They would be so happy to see us all crossing over to meet them in Heaven. Daddy won't need a breathing machine to get a good breath or Mother won't need that old oxygen tank or a wheel-chair up there. They can wonder the streets of gold together, with us and Jesus in stride. God help us all to meet that goal?

Written by her broken hearted family.

ELVA OPAL (DESKINS) FRALEY

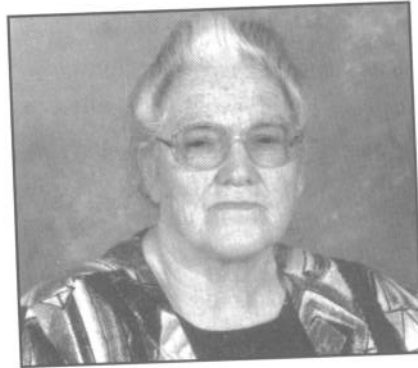
Elva Opal (Deskins) Fraley, 76, passed away October 26, 2000 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Mom was born October 11, 1924 at Borderland, KY. She was the daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Junia (Spradlin) Deskins. She was survived by four brothers: Cecil Deskins of Columbus, OH; L.D. Deskins of Haffield, KY; George F. Deskins of Boone, IA and Clarence Deskins of Haffield, KY (now deceased); and three brothers who died in infancy.

Mom was married to Zader Fraley on September 27, 1946. Into this blessed marriage was born seven children: Judy, Russell, Neal, Sarah, Martha, Barbara, and Ellen. We children mourn the loss of our mother but her memory will never fade. Mom also leaves behind one grandson, Richard, and one great-granddaughter, Emily. Dad preceded Mom in death on June 14, 1976.

The Bible gives us many examples of a mother's love, Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Eunice. All devoted mothers who set examples for us to follow. We can follow no greater example than our own mother. She was kind, loving, caring, and humble. She was, perhaps, the greatest diplomat I have ever known, and taught me more than I ever realized. We all learned from her by following her example. She wasn't afraid to face tomorrow because she knew that with God's presence in her life there was nothing to fear. She instilled in us pride, patience, love, and understanding. She taught us what we needed to know to become what we are today. This was Mom's greatest legacy to her children, the same children she nursed and cared for and loved. The children who mourn her with glad hearts and a smile because we know she has gone on to her reward, to be with God. We shall see her again one day, of this I am sure.

Mom was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church, having given her hand to be baptized on October 18, 1987. She was baptized by Elders David Crigger and Hobart Hamilton. She enjoyed going to church; the preaching, the fellowship, and sharing her love of humanity and of God with her brothers and sisters in Christ. She loved them all.

I shall never forget my mother; memories that I cherish will help me with the grief that I have. I'm sure my brothers and sisters feel the same way. We miss Mom, her guidance, her answers to our questions, her advice and her presence in our daily lives. There is none to fill the void, but we have hope. The hope of the everlasting life that is offered to us when we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior the way our Mother did. Thank you, Mother, for being there for us. We will always love you and cherish your memory. Thank you also for my brothers and sisters, for affording me a family that I am so proud of and I love them with all my heart. We shall share our memories and our grief shall be lessened by the bond that we have. I give God the praise.



Written by her eldest daughter, Judy,
with the blessing of her brothers and
sisters.

WILLIAM THOMAS (TOM) FRALEY

It is with great sadness, and so many loving memories, that we write this obituary of our dear, wonderful Dad . He was born November 15, 1907, to the late John Henry and Vicie (Lowe) Fraley, at Hatfield, KY. Dad passed away on December 13, 2000, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. His stay on earth, God's wonderful footstool, was ninety-three years and twenty-eight days.

On August 17, 1938, Dad married the late Martha Inas Jackson and to this union was born eleven children; two (2) preceded him in death, Lowell Thomas and Tommie Ester. He leaves to mourn his loss, three sons: Wendell (Joan) Fraley, Paul (Dianne) Fraley, and Donnie (Ruby) Fraley. He also leaves six daughters: Margaret (Oscar) Stepp, Jo Anne (Blake) Williamson, Alice Cochran, Peggy (Tennis) Hatfield, Edith Fraley Clark and Betty (Bobby) Robinson.

He also leaves twelve grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and nine step great-grandchildren. Also left to mourn Dad's loss is several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Tom (Dad) was preceded in death by his father and mother and his wife, Inas, who deceased on March 9, 2000; two brothers, George I. Fraley and Elder S. B. Fraley; two sisters, Verla P. Harrison and Zella Mae Harrison; and a half-sister. He was also preceded in death by two sons, four grandchildren and a son-in-law, Bob Young.

Tom (Dad) joined the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church on August 24, 1947, and was baptized by Elder L. G. Lowe and Elder S. B. Fraley. Dad became a deacon on May 19, 1951. He was Assistant Clerk, then Clerk and Honorary Clerk; and served the Church, faithfully, until he was unable to attend.

Tom (Dad) leaves all his family, the Mary Elizabeth Church members and all our friends to mourn his loss. Our home is forever broken, and is so lonesome without Dad and Mom. We miss Dad so much, seeing the beautiful smile and his face light up when we came in the door. He gave us a wonderful path to follow, if we will just choose to follow him and the Lord. Dad and Mom gave us a wonderful home, and good examples to grow up and follow in their footsteps. We will always miss them, each and every day. We hope to meet them both in Heaven some sweet day.



Written with a special love and hope for tomorrow,
His children and grandchildren.

VERNIA GLANDON

With the help of our Lord and Savior, I will try and write the obituary of our dear and loving mother, Vernia Glandon. Vernia Glandon was born June 2, 1920 and passed away to a better place December 6, 2000 making her stay here on earth eighty years and six months.

Mom joined the Rosa Regular Baptist Church at Baisden, WV over twenty seven years ago and was baptized by Elder Johnny Cline and Ted Glandon.

She was the daughter of the late Dave and Lydia Thompson of Baisden, WV. She was married to Fred Glandon on August 31, 1941, who preceded her in death. They had six children, three daughters preceded her in death. They were: Glenda Glandon, Judy Glandon, and Sandra Glandon Sims; all of Baisden, WV. She is survived by a son, Hubert Glandon of Hampden, WV and two daughters; Patsy Carter and Bernice Henderson both of Baisden, WV. She had nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by three brothers: Clarence (Tootie), Danny and Ray Thompson and is survived by three brothers: Emerson and Benny Jo Thompson both of Baisden, WV and Leroy Thompson of Hampden, WV. She is survived by two sisters; Edra Trent and Myrtle Thompson both of Baisden, WV.

Mom was a loving and kind person, she loved everybody especially little children. Her face would light up when they were around. I miss mom so much. There is an empty feeling all around since she went home to be with Jesus. I will never forget how wonderful mom's hand's felt when I would have a bad headache and she would rub my head. They were just like my grandmother's hands. They had been through a lot of years working and taking care of their family but they never complained.

The most of all, I will never forget the joy and the blessing from God when foot washing meetings came. Mom would wash my feet and last year when I was washing her feet my brother ,Hubert Glandon, came over and helped me wash her feet. She was so blessed she just looked like a little angel praising God and thanking her savior for his blessing.

I really miss mom but we will always have the wonderful memories and I believe with all my heart every time we lose a loved one a part of us goes with them. It is so lonely here without her but I believe that our loss is heavens gain. I just hope and pray all her children and grandchildren can follow her and repent of their sins and be born again and meet her in Heaven. Sadly missed by family and friends.



Written by:
Daughter and Sister in Christ, Patsy Carter

CHARLES EDWARD HARRISON

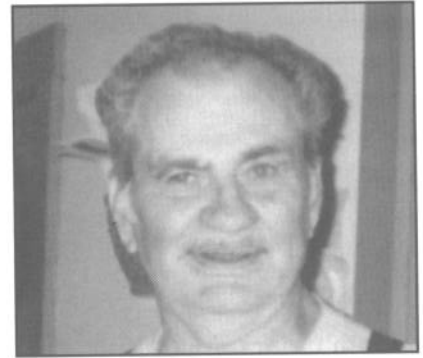
It is with great sadness, but an abundance of love as we attempt to write the obituary of our beloved daddy, Charles Edward Harrison.

Dad was born June 7, 1936 at Whitepost, KY to the late John and Zella Fraley Harrison. Dad departed this life August 1, 2001. He was preceded in death by two brothers; Bud and Layton Harrison and sister, Opal Tackett. He was a disabled carpenter and a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church.

Dad was married to mom, Nancy Thompson Harrison for forty three years and to this union was born four children: Charles Timothy of Delbarton, WV, Clayton Doyle of Knoxville, TN, Rebecca Darlene of Chattaroy, WV and Edwina Ruth Maynard of Marion Center, PA. He had six grandchildren: Brandi and Brett Phillips, Courtney Harrison, Zane and Whitney Maynard and Hannah Harrison. Daddy to them, also leaves behind three brothers: John B. of Warfield, KY, Chester Ray and Clifford Harrison of Hatfield, KY and two sisters, Alma Ruth Vanhoose and Wilma Jean Scott of Chattaroy, WV. Dad and his brothers and sisters were very close to each other, they were truly blessed.

Daddy was a strong man and endured a lot in his sixty five years, he never complained. The Lord and his church family was his comfort. Oh, how he loved the old time preaching and singing. As mom said one loss is heavens gain, but we will miss him so. Written in honor of our daddy with hearts full of love.

Written by: "Daddy's Kids" Darlene, Chuck, Ruthie and Clay



SAMUEL DANIEL HENSLEY JR.

Brother Dan was born October 3, 1954 and departed this old world December 25, 2000. He was the son of Gearldene Fouch Hensley of Cow Creek, WV and the late Elder Samuel D. Hensley.

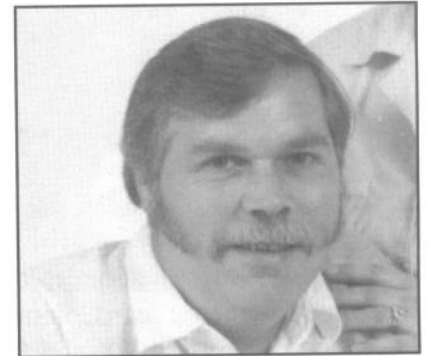
He left his loving wife of twenty seven years, Donna Jean (Callaway) Hensley of Chapmansville, WV and two sons; Daniel Allen of Crawley, WV and Chad Alex of Peebles, OH and one daughter, Ladeana Curry, also of Crawley, WV.

Also there were six grandchildren, whom he loved dearly: Daniel, Allen Jr., Devin, Alex and Jacob Hensley, and Chad Allen Curry, and one grand daughter Donica Jean Curry.

Brother Dan had three brothers: Alex of Verdunville, WV, Avery of Hillsboro, OH and James of Mill Creek, WV and three sisters: Barbara Curry of Cow Creek, WV, Nioka Cline of Hillsboro, OH and Arlene Taylor, also of Cow Creek, WV; including all their husbands and wives and many friends.

He came to the Church and was baptized the first Saturday in June, 1998 at Tabitha Old Regular Baptist Church on Mud Fork, WV, where he was very faithful until he left here.

I don't think I could express with words how much he will be missed by me and all his family and friends.



Brother Dan had so much love for his family and he worried about whether he would ever be with them again or not. Brother Dan loved nature; hunting, fishing and just being out doors. I can't think about these things without thinking about him.

I do believe he is resting now, and I hope to be with him again some day.

By his family, With Much Love

CLARICE P. JUSTICE

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Clarice P. Justice. Mom went to rest with our Lord on the morning of June 8, 2001 at the Pikeville Health Center in Pikeville, KY.

She was born September 28, 1906 in Grundy, VA to the late Miles and Pinkie Smith Plymale. She was preceded in death by her husband Eulan F. Justice and three children; two sons and a daughter.

She is survived by two sons; Orville "Bob" Justice and Wayne Justice of Kimper, KY, and two daughters; Opal S. Faul of Kimper, Ky. and Ethel J. Virgili of Roanoke, VA. Also, she is survived by two brothers, Roger Plymale of Pikeville, KY and Ralph Plymale of Freeburn, KY and two sisters, Ezel Smith and Alice Varney of Huddy, KY. Also ten grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mom joined the Litthe Virgie Old Regular Baptist Church in April, 1981 and was baptized by Elders Willie Stiltner and Alson Thornsby.

She was a faithful member until she got too sick to attend. Mom was loved by everyone who knew her and will surely be missed by all.

Written by: Her Son and Wife: Mr. And Mrs. Bob Justice

MARIE JUSTICE

Marie Justice was born May 16, 1912, and passed away at 2:35 P.M. October 24, 2000. She was the daughter of the late W.A. May and Ethel May. Her husband Elder Ohlan Justice preceded her in death on May 1, 1962. They had three daughters: Jean Coleman of Pikeville, KY, Lorraine Hamilton of Kimper, KY and Gladys Bowling, who passed away on April 27, 1980. She had eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She is survived by one brother, John May, of Phyllis, KY and two sisters; Lucy Spears of Kimper, KY and Ida Justice of Meta, KY

She was a member of the Little Virgie Regular Baptist Church, a Church which was formed by Marie and other members having been given off as an arm of the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church of Sidney, KY.

Written by her daughters



CLYDE (BUD) DOUGLAS LAWSON

With great sadness we will attempt to write the obituary of our brother, Clyde Douglas Lawson, known by everyone as Bud.

Bud was born December 12, 1942 on Brushy in Pike County, KY to the late Denny and Maggie Sartin Lawson. Bud passed away on November 11, 2000 at Good Sheppard Nursing Home at Phelps, KY. Bud leaves behind three brothers: Phillip (Tom), Charles and Lloyd (Pug); and three sisters: Sue Stalker, Judy Ziarek, and Linda Ray. He also leaves a son, Danny and a daughter, Maggie and step-daughter, Janet Lawson. Bud is also sadly missed by several nieces and nephews and special cousins who were a great help to the family during his illness.

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Written by the family



LIZZIE LOWE

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Mother was a quilter at heart. All her spare time was used for making quilts. She made many quilts and they were purchased by people from several states and local communities. She also enjoyed attending her home makers club.

She requested that the song, "Thank You Lord For Your Blessings On Me," to be sung at her funeral. This request was granted by Elder Billy Williamson who did a superb job.

She was laid to rest on October 17, 2000 at the family cemetery on the home place on Sycamore Creek. Both mother and daddy are gone but not forgotten. Rest in peace.

Betty Sue Scalf, daughter

CHARLES C. MAYNARD

Loving memories of our dear husband, dad and grandfather. Charles, age sixty five, passed away at his home in Waterford, MI on January 28, 2001 at 2:59 a.m.

He was born April 26, 1935 at Dix Fork, KY. He was the son of Prosper and Etta (Brown) Maynard, both deceased. Also, deceased is his sister Faye (Maynard) Cochran.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Lois (Bevins) Maynard of Waterford, MI, daughter

Janey (Maynard) Cochran of Bowling Green, KY, grandson, Steven Cochran II of Bowling Green, KY; mother-in-law, Carl C. (Oma) Bevins of South Williamson, KY; sister, Dollie A.

(Maynard) May of Ashland, KY; brother, John L. Maynard of Dix Fork, KY; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Charlie worked at Pontiac Motors in Michigan, where he retired. He joined the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church on October 2, 1999. He was baptized by the hands of Elders Bobby Scott, Sr., Donnie Brown and David Crigger at Dix Fork where he grew up. Charles was sick for a long time. But tried hard not to show it. He would set for hours, listen to his tapes of Church and cry and sing for hours. Charles was a lonely sad person. He wanted so much to be back home with family and friends. He loved life so much.

Charles, you were my life. I miss you so much, I'm lost without you. We has a lot of good life together. You will always be in my heart and thoughts each day.

Dad, I miss you so much. You were my strength from day to day. I will never forget the joy and good times we had. I loved you so much.

Pa Paw you were my best friend. I'm so lost without you. Will always remember the things you taught me. You were like a dad to me.

It saddens out heart to be without you. Rest on in your new home. Your kindness, love and laughter you touched each one. Sleep on dear husband, dad and pops. We will meet you one day.



We love and miss you
Lois, Janey, Steven II

MYRTLE ELIZABETH MAYNARD

Myrtle Elizabeth Maynard, age 88, of Smithville, KY formerly of Brushy, KY, passed away Friday, November 10, 2000 at her residence. She was a homemaker and a member of the Apple Orchard Regular Baptist Church.

She was born in Pike County, KY on June 3, 1912, the daughter of the late Ruth Leona Taylor and James Montabelle Lowe.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Craft Maynard and a daughter Artie Ruth (Maynard) Taylor.

She is survived by one daughter, Lois Johnson of Smithville, KY and one brother, Byrd Lowe of Pikeville, KY. She is also survived by four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Maynard will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.



JOHN H MAYNARD

Gen: 1 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good.

The Little Rosa Church, many friends and loved ones are saddened by the passing of our beloved Brother, John H Maynard. Brother John passed away on Friday, January 12, 2001 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital at Williamson, WV. Brother John was a good man.

Brother John was born in Pike County, KY, on April 17, 1911 and was the son of the late Mordecia and Judy Philips Maynard. He was preceded in death by brothers: Jamie, George, Abraham, Thomas, Woodrow, Garland, Cornwell and Jesse James Maynard. Left to mourn his passing are children, Kenny Maynard and Judy Prichette, addresses unknown; one sister, Virginia Mullins of Huntington, WV and half sisters; Sarah Evans of Columbus, OH and Bobby Sue Cury of Omar, WV.

Brother John was a retired coal miner and a long time member of the Little Rosa Church at Chattaroy, WV. Brother John told me many times the old Church was his life and he attended as long and often as his health permitted. Brother John was very able in prayer and knew the Scriptures well and stood for the old time way.

Brother John suffered from cancer and had a lot of pain and many heartaches, during his last days here on this Earth. I remember many times he would have to stand in the back of the Church, because he could hardly set on his seat, because of his health problems.



The Apostle Paul said in Romans 8:18 *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed in us.* Brother John's body is sleeping in the dust of the Earth but his Soul has entered in to that rest that remaineth for the children of God. Paul said to be absent from the Body is to be present with the Lord. So, sleep on, take your rest Brother John, till the God of Heaven declares that time shall be no more and he tells his Son Jesus to go get his children and bring them home. You have been faithful over a few things, He said, I'll make you ruler over many.

And when our days are past and we from time removed o may we in thy bosom rest the bosom of thy love.

Written By: Your Brother in Christ, Elder Wayne Herald Jr.

BERTHA (JONES) MUNCY

It is with a broken heart and many precious memories that we will attempt to write the obituary of our wonderful wife and mother.

Mom was married to Elder Wallace Muncy of Hatfield, KY on May 19, 1955. To this union was born one daughter, Sue Stepp of Lovely, KY. She also leaves behind son in law, James Stepp and granddaughter, Misty Stepp.

Bertha Muncy was born June 09, 1930 at Pilgrim, KY to Freelin and Gustavia (Jude) Jones. Mom was a member of an all girl family. Left to mourn the loss are sisters: Mae Marcum of Hatfield, KY, Jean Marcum of Hatfield, KY, Bessie McCarty of Warfield, KY and Sadie Preece of Louisa, KY. Preceding her in death were sisters: Victoria Cline, Gertie Lowe, Elsie Lowe and Rebecca Jude; and special friend, Vona Deskins of Hatfield, KY.



She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly and they truly showed their love for her during her illness. They all have mentioned their memories of mom as being a loving, caring, and giving aunt. Their favorite memory of Mom is that she always had gum for them and a little surprise at Christmas.

Mom was baptized by Elder Milford Lowe and Johnny Nichols in August of 1961. Her membership was originally placed with the Leannah Church and later years was placed with the Mary Elizabeth Church which was closer to her home. She was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Church for twenty seven years. She loved her church family dearly and considered them as family.

Mom lost her battle to cancer on May 30, 2001 in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She had been in the hospital several times in the past year. She was a true fighter and bore her illness with patience. I truly believe Mom got a glimpse of the mansion that was awaiting her. Several days before she left us, she would mention her new home and the angels surrounding her. Before leaving she said, "My King, My King." I am going to my new home.

I thank God for the wonderful mother that was given to me and I will always treasure the many wonderful, priceless memories I have.

She left her love with us which in the end is all that we have to give. She was always telling Dad how much she loved him and her family. Her heart's desire was that all her family would accept and live for the Lord so that we all could be together in eternity.

We have a very lonely home now and we know things will never be the same, but when our burden seems so heavy, I pray that we can receive strength from the wonderful testimony she left behind.

Written By: Daughter Sue Stepp
Husband Wallace Muncy

WAYNE (BOB) RAY

It is with sad and lonely hearts that our family is trying to write this obituary in memory of our father, Wayne (Bob) Ray. Dad was born June 1, 1929 to Perry Ray and Lusinda Sesco Ray. He was united in marriage to Lillian Marie (Young) Ray on October 11, 1949. To this union was born six children: Nadine Jones of McAndrews, KY, Linda Blackburn of Varney, KY, Lenna Dotson of Zebu Ion, KY, Scotty Ray of Varney, KY, Johnny Ray of Gulnare, KY and Bobby Ray of Varney, KY. Dad left behind nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Dad worked hard all of his life retiring from Quadrangle Coal, then doing carpentry work. He had a zest for life that you just had to feel. Dad was baptized in June, approximately fifteen years ago. He then placed his membership at Pilgrim Home Church where he has always been a faithful member.



Dad came from a big family where there was a lot of love. He had six brothers, all deceased: John Ray, Grover Ray, Willie Ray, James Bennett Ray, Vernon Ray, and Archie Ray. His sisters were: Alice Ray of Varney, KY, Dessie Thompson of Meta, KY, Fannie Porter of Oakwood, VA, Stella Chaffins (deceased), and Greedis Caines (deceased).

From the stories we have been told, and through knowing our dad, grandparents, and his brothers and sisters, we are very rich in things that money can't buy. The morals and love that were instilled in our dad by his family are what our dad implanted in us during our youth and adult years. Dad was a complicated man, but he had values that made our life together so wonderful. After his mother and father passed away, his wife and children were his life. He always had to know we were safe. There is so much we could say, but nothing says it better than that dad knew that his wife and children loved him very much, and we also knew that he loved us, unconditionally.

Dad was a sick man in his latter years, but he was strong in his faith, witnessing to everyone about Jesus. He would talk for hours.

So many times on our trips to his doctors appointments in Lexington, KY he would sing praises to the Lord. We still can hear him singing. Dad, we don't know how to go on without you, because you have always been the one to hold us together. You would let us know your thoughts on the situations that were taking place in our lives. So many times disappointment has shown in your face, but always the love shined brighter. Dad, we won't say good-bye because you never liked those words. We know you are not scared now of things like a bad storm, or not having a light on during the night. We know that you are in Heaven now, smiling, laughing, and rejoicing with Jesus. So, this isn't good-bye, but so long until we see you again in Heaven.

Written With Love:
His Wife and Family

CURTIS RAY

Curtis Ray, age 91, of Pikeville, KY, formally of Joe's Creek, KY and Brushy, KY, passed away at 3:10 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2001 at the Pike Health Care Center following an extended illness.

He was a farmer and general laborer. He was a member of the Apple Orchard Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was born in Pike County, KY on April 29, 1910, the son of Alexander and Etha Thompson Ray. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by eight brothers: Isom Ray, Bradley Ray, Joseph Ray, John Ray, Robert Ray, Jasper Ray, Nichodemus Ray and Taylor Ray and two sisters; Bitha Ray and Laura Ray. He is also preceded by two half-sisters; Rebecca Maynard and Minnie Lowe. He is survived to eighteen nephews and nieces

Curtis will be sadly miss by his family and many friends

LEROY (CAT) REED

It is with a very sad and broken heart, and precious memories I will try, with the Lord's help, to write the obituary of our beloved Dad, Leroy Reed of Turkey Creek, KY. He was born April 4, 1918 and departed this life on June 29, 2001, making his stay on this earth eighty two years, four months and twenty nine days. He was a coal miner forty plus years and a member of the U.M.W.A.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents Ken Reed and Elzie (Curry) Reed; three brothers: Sidney Reed, Bill Reed and Toy Reed and two sisters; Salie Mullins, and Artha (Tootsie) Smith and one grandson, Darby Daniel Reed.

He leaves to mourn his death a loving wife, Leo Marie (Blackburn) Reed. They were married December 12, 1940, making them blessed with sixty loving years. Surviving are three sons: E. David Reed and wife Mary, Ellery D. Reed and wife Carla, George Matthew Reed, and one daughter, Betty L. (Reed) Harris and husband, Eddie.



Also surviving are five grandchildren: Donna Smith, Mark Harris, David L. Reed, Eddie D. Harris and wife Samantha and Amanda Reed and two great grandchildren; Christopher Smith and Allison Smith. He is survived by three sisters: Francis Lockard, Rebecca Runyon and Goldie Webb and one brother, G. C. Reed.

Dad was saved and baptized in the Old Regular Baptist Church, July 4, 1952, where he served as a deacon for many years, until health didn't permit.

Dad loved his Lord, Church, family, and friends, and is missed by all. Life is made easier knowing you are walking with our Lord and Savior.

Written with fondest memories and much love,
His daughter, Betty, wife Leo, Sons David, Ellery, and Matthew.

KERMIT (KERM) E. ROMANS

On March 2, 2001 the world lost another flower when the Lord called one of his Christian soldiers home. Born May 26, 1919 at Hatfield, KY Poppaw was the son of Melvin and Carrie Stepp Romans. His siblings included Leonard Romans, Jane Hankins, Hope Lowe, Lenna Bevins, Alice Stepp, and several half brothers and sisters. He was preceded in death by his wife, Billie Lou Romans and son, George Romans. He is survived by his sons; Kermit (Pete) Romans of London, KY and Larry L. Romans of Hatfield KY and five grandsons, one granddaughter, and several great grandchildren.



My grandfather gave his life to the Lord on October 21, 1973 when he was baptized at the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. From baptism till death he was a proud member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church of Hatfield, KY. Poppaw was a distinguished Purple Heart veteran of World War II and a devoted member of the UMWA.

I have often spoken to people about my grandfather and it seems they always mention the fact that he was a very strong individual. Indeed my grandfather was a brute of a man. I have personally seen him do things with his body that would just make the jaw drop. However, I wouldn't be doing my grandfather justice if I didn't talk about his real strength, his faith in God. It has often been said that if ye had the faith of a little mustard seed, ye could move mountains. My grandfather had that faith. I recall as a boy seeing my grandfather and a couple of his brethren breaking the ice on a nearby frozen creek. I remember asking my grandfather what they were doing and he told me that they were getting ready for a baptism. I was a young lad, but I was old enough to know that the water at that time was very cold and could make a person deathly ill. I asked my grandfather, "Won't the people freeze?" and he responded saying, that "the Lord will not let them feel a thing". How could this be, for it was February and everyone knows the water is deathly cold in February? To my own surprise I saw my Grandfather and others wade into the icy water to baptize the person, but no sign of being cold came across their face. It is well known that my grandfather was a "faith doctor". People would come for miles around to have him pray for them. As a child I was confused and really wasn't sure in my beliefs that prayer would actually help another individual until that individual was me. I had been diagnosed with a severe seed wart on the palm of my hand. Doctors had tried burning the

wart off, but the wart remained there. So much work had been done on the wart that it had become quite unbearable. I recall asking my grandfather if he could help with the wart. He asked me if I believed that God could take the sickness out of my body. For some reason I knew that God could and would help me. My grandfather and I knelt beside each other and prayed. He placed his hand on my wart and asked God to heal me. When we were finished he told me not to worry about the pain anymore that God had heard our prayers. The next day I was watching a basketball game cheering for my school team. I remember rubbing my palms together and feeling the wart there. The next thing I recall the wart was gone. I was in shock. What the doctors couldn't do, God did in a manner of hours. I believe God cured me not for the fact that I had faith that he could, but for the fact that my grandfather had enough faith for both of us.

My poppaw was a man of faith, and if the world had just an ounce of faith that he did we could move mountains. Grandpa served his God, his family, and his country. Poppaw you are truly missed, but I know in all my heart we will see you again. Till we meet at the river, rest in peace.

Missing you always, The family.

Written by: Cortney Romans,. Grandson

JAMES S. SCOTT

With the help of the good Lord, we will attempt to write the obituary of Brother James S Scott. Brother James was born July 3, 1921 at Hardy, KY the son of the late Rush and Georgia Ann Hager Scott. Brother James went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 29, 2000 at Homestead Nursing Home, Lexington, KY where he spent his last years on earth. He was a very sick man, making his stay on earth seventy-nine years, five months and twenty-six days.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clayton Scott and Dock Scott and two sisters, Millie Brown and Myrtle Smith.

He was a member of the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church for forty-plus years and a U. S. Army Veteran of World War II.

Brother James leaves behind to mourn his passing, his wife of fifty-seven years, Bonnie Hunt Scott; one daughter, Carolyn Sue (Larry) Hankins of Johannesburg, MI; two sons, Donald Ray (Judy) Scott of Clawson, MI and Ronald Lee (Sandy) Scott of Commerce, MI; one sister, Maggie Hall of Hardy, KY. and five grand-children, six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews who loved him very much.

Before Brother James got so sick he loved to go to Church and loved to sing. He had a beautiful voice. Children keep striving in the way of the Lord and see Daddy again some sweet day where he won't need a wheelchair or a nursing home to be able to survive. He will be able to walk and sing on the street of pure gold with all of you. PRAISE THE LORD!

Written by: His loving wife, Bonnie Scott
And niece, Barbara Williamson



EDNA STANLEY

One cold and cloudy evening on December the sixth at about seven thirty, the Appalachian Hospital called for Lola and me to come and see about Mother. We were there in less than fifteen minutes but we were too late, for an Angel had already came and carried her precious little soul back to God, who gave it. We knew Mother was sick and her poor frail little body was worn out and she was weary and tired of carrying her load, however, we always thought we would be with her to say good bye and kiss her one last time and tell her what a kind and loving Mother she had been for so many long years. Also, we were just parting for a little season while she got to go rest from her labor on earth and in a short space of time we would be with her again where we will never have to say good bye. Mother was born January the twenty-sixth Nineteen Eighteen, making her stay here on earth eighty two years, ten months and six days. Mother was blessed to live eighty two years. That is a long time but when life ended it seamed so short, for we are never ready to say farewell to a loved one, especially a Mother.



Edna was the daughter of the late (Sunny), Harrison J. Maynard and Sarah Ellen Francis Maynard. She was preceded in death by five brothers: Elzie (Tank) Maynard, Delmond, Wade, Arnold and Claude and two sisters, Sadie Chaffins and Mae Bushinell. She left one brother still living to morn her leaving, Irson Maynard. Mother got to enjoy the privilege of spending time with Irson in the same church (The Old Narrows Branch Regular Baptist). She left one sister also, June Sparks of Puente Ct., FL.

Most precious and heartbreaking of all Mother followed her husband in death. Daddy was called to heaven September the Seventh, Nineteen and Nighty Three. They were married March the Second, Nineteen and Thirty Six. Mother and Daddy were joined together for fifty seven years. When Daddy's work on earth was done and time could be no more, half of Mother passed away too, she could not get alone without Daddy (George Stanley).

Mother gave up trying to live and had very few happy days after that time. Her only joy was often in church she would feel the spirit of the Lord and raise her feeble little hands and clap them together and shed tears of joy. Mother and Daddy had five children. One preceded them in death Lois Mae Stanley was eight months old, so she is a little angel, resting now with her Mother and Daddy. Next, was Shirley "Sissy" (Jack) Moore of Florida. Sissy said to know how sick Mother was and to live so far away, was harder than living close by, because she could not help when we needed her. With the help of the good Lord, Sissy made each one of us a throw blanket out of Mother's precious pajamas. Each blanket she gave to us is so special, I can see Mother wearing each and every little square. After that a son was born, Kenneth "Buddy". He was Mothers only son and in her eyes he could do no wrong. Then I was born, June (Elder Bobby) Scott. My special time was belonging to The Narrows Branch Church together with Mother. We cried together and rejoiced and had many happy years with Mother and Daddy in Church. I got to wash my Mothers feet year after year, and that was such a privilege. I want to walk in their foot steps, because each step they took left a hallow spot. I was blessed to sing and shout with Mother for many long years, she loved to sing in church, that was her joy.

Lola was the next child born to this union. Lola was Mother's baby, she never moved away from home for very long at a time until she was back home again. Lola lived with Mother and took care of her for seven years after Daddy left. She cooked three meals a day, cleaned house and worked. Mother spent the last year and a half in Appalachian Skilled Hospital Unit. Her body just wore out and wouldn't let her take care of herself any longer. Lola visited Mother twice a day to make sure she was taken care of. No matter how bad Lola's body felt, she never missed a day. The last child was Susie (Timothy) Igo, who lives in North Carolina. She came to visit all she could and now she feels as if she has no one left to love her. Mother had twelve grand-children and seventeen great grand-children, a host of friends in and out of the church and relatives who miss her very much.

Mother loved her children and was a homemaker until the Lord called her home. But just to say she was a housewife seems to say too little. Mother was a cook, a housekeeper, a wife, a Mother, a friend, a nurse, a church member and much more. I still can feel her little hand rubbing my forehead when I was sick, that would feel so soft and warm. I knew I was safe as a child because of Mother's tender love and care. She was a faithful member of her church for sixty-four years. Mother joined church at the age of eighteen.

Mother would have been so pleased with the way all her children joined together to carry out her funeral wishes. She picked her own casket out many years before. We picked a white dress and on her casket the spray had eighty-two roses, one for every precious year the Lord blessed her to live. We sang the songs she asked for. The day of the funeral her grandson, Elder Gregory Scott, whom she was so proud of, introduced services. He wanted the Lord to bless him so much for granny, and He did. Brother Lacy Walters followed and her son-in-law, Elder Bobby Scott, whom she depended on for everything, was wonderfully blessed to preach and close. It was hard on him because Mother loved him so much, when anything went wrong he was the first she would call. She thought he could fix anything. She rejoiced many times when the Lord would bless Bobby to preach.

She would have been so pleased the way her family took care of the body that was left behind. Mother was laid to rest on my hillside beside of Daddy. It even worked out when the grave was dug we saw Daddy's vault. So Mother was placed as close as she could get to Daddy. I know she would have loved that.

So Mother I must come to a close, but I will work all the days of my life to live a Christian life so I can be found worthy to meet you again around God's great throne, and so will all of your other children. We will miss you until our death comes. Thanks be to God, when he steps off the throne and declares that time will be no more, we will get up at the same time and go shouting through the air and go home to live forever and forever.

Written with a broken heart and with the help
Of sweet Jesus, her daughter, June Scott

BESSIE THACKER

It's with sad hearts and lots and lots of memories that we attempt to write the obituary of our beloved mother, Bessie Thacker. Mom was born on June 30, 1917 to Will and Arminda (Runyon) Scott at Hardy, KY (Narrows Branch) and Mom went on to be with the Lord on January 5, 2001, having lived on this earth eighty three years. Mom was raised in a Christian home. Her mother was a chartered member of the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. Grandma Arminda Scott died when Mom was about six years old. Afterward, Mom was blessed to have a wonderful stepmother, Esta (Stanley) Scott.



Mom was preceded in death by one brother, John Scott; three sisters: Emma Stanley, Octavia Conley and Hattie Hunt; and one infant brother. She has one living half-brother, Verlin Scott of Bedford, KY.

Mom married our Dad, Russell Thacker, on February 21, 1934 and they built a life together that lasted just short of sixty seven years and there was born into this family ten children. Four babies: Ruth, Linda, Brenda Sue and Bertha preceded her in death. Chester, her eldest son, went to be with the Lord five days after Mom died. What a reunion! Being Mom's oldest daughter, I can just imagine Chester seeing Mom just up ahead of him and calling, "Mom, wait for me!" I told Chester and Mom to look for me by the river that Revelation 22:1 talks about and I believe they'll be there watching and waiting just like all our loved ones and friends that have gone on. If we are to see one another again, we have to put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the only way! The surviving five children are: Russell Thacker, Jr. of Columbus, OH, Donald Thacker of Hardy, KY, Christine West of Hardy, KY, Phyllis May of Hillsboro, OH and William Thacker of Gilbert, WV.

As we reflect back on Mom's life, she and Dad struggled to make a living being so young and times being so hard. Mom helped to feed and cloth her children and all these things testify to who Mom was (to her inner-strength). We always knew we were loved, not just us children, but our friends that came to visit in our home. She also was a good cook. Everyone remembers her chicken and dumplings. She always made them for the Church dinners at Narrows Branch.

When we as children or a grown ups needed a hug, Mom would give us that hug, or if we needed a spanking, it was Mom that gave it to us girls, or if we needed to hear someone say, "I Love You," Mom would be there to say it. How much we miss her. She'd say, "I love all my children" And she did, Dad is still with us and we're thankful for him, but Mom has left a void in our lives. We did a little article about her chair and how she would sit where we could just see the little bun on top of her head. Billy Williamson read "Mom's Chair" at the funeral and he testified to seeing Mom's little arms reach out to hug him when he came to visit our home. You know, I believe Mom even enjoyed hearing about her chair. Her chair is still there in the living room, Her kitchen is still her kitchen. We do so many things that remind us of those precious memories. They testify of her presence still so much with us today.

Thirty years ago she gave her life to the Lord and was a faithful member in the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. We were there (I'll never forget that day) when Mom walked to the front and gave her hand and asked to take membership. She had already made her profession of faith in Jesus. It snowed that day she was buried in water baptism and it snowed softly again when she was buried in the ground. We believe Mom is happy and rejoicing. Mom wanted so much to stay on her feet until the Lord called and she did. Being the youngest daughter, Mom and I had a special relationship. We were very close. That evening while sitting by her bed I asked God to put his angels around Mom's bed, then I prayed, please, not only the angels, but I want Jesus here, also. I felt that Jesus was there. Less than twelve hours later Mom went to be with her family in Heaven. I am thankful that the last thing she said to each of us was "I Love You." We are thankful that Dad was in the room next to Mom's at the hospital where we could gather all in one room to visit. Mom's grandson, Ray and his wife, Norma, were there to hear Mom take her final breath. She was asleep, yet as she took that last breath, she moved over into eternity. God was so good to Mom and to us. We miss her so much, but we wouldn't ask her to give up the things she's enjoying and come back to this world full of problems. Mom is at peace. I know each one of us miss her and long to see her again. Now I say this with all the love in my heart, it's not going to happen unless we know Jesus as our personal Savior; children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, you know your Mom and Grandma would want you to choose Jesus and she would want to see you again!

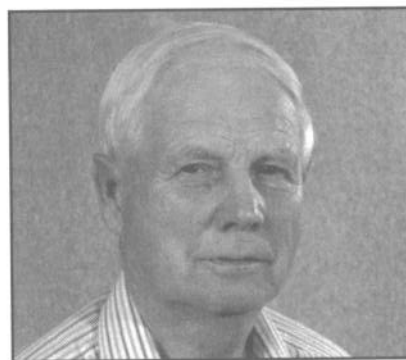
Mom was buried in the Scott Cemetery at Hardy, KY (Narrows Branch) on January 8, 2001. We can go to the cemetery, but Mom's not there, only the shell she lived in for over eighty three years is there. At this time we won't say good-bye, Mom. We'll just say "see you soon."

Written for the Family by:
Her daughters, Christine West and Phyllis May

RUSSELL THACKER

It's with sad hearts and lots of memories that we attempt to write the obituary of our beloved Dad, Russell Thacker. Dad was born June 27, 1916 to Rueben and Mary Jane (Justice) Thacker at Phyllis, KY. Dad went to be with the Lord on September 5, 2001 in the Williamson Memorial Hospital, just a short eight months to the day after Mom passed away, having lived on this earth eighty five years and sixty nine days.

Besides his parents, Dad was preceded in death by Mom, Bessie Thacker, and his oldest son, Chester Thacker, who went to be with the Lord just five days after Mom died. Dad and Mom have four little baby girls in Heaven: Ruth, Linda Lou, Brenda Sue and Bertha. He was also preceded in death by two brothers; Ferrell and Green Thacker and five sisters: Bernie Stollings, Sarah Justice Minnie Justice, Ersie Webb and Ora Hunt.



PARLEE (JUSTICE) VARNEY

Mom went home to be with the Lord on June 9, 2001. We didn't know how ill she was until a few days before she passed away. The doctors said she had cancer for almost two years, however, we didn't know the end was so near. When they told us we could bring her home from the hospital we didn't know how short her time was here on earth. Every second and minute counted because she was drifting away so swiftly. Mom lived two days after we brought her home.



As she lay on her death bed we gathered around and sang her favorite hymns and had prayer. A little past midnight angels slipped in the room and carried her home to be with the Lord. Mom was one of eight children born to the late Clayburn Justice and the late Dolly (Evans) Justice. She was born April 23, 1916, making her stay here on earth eighty five years. She was a Christian for fifty of those years and a member of the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church at Delbarton, WV. Six of her brothers and sisters preceded her in death. She was married to the late Elder, Willie Varney, who also preceded her in death. They were the parents of nine children, three of whom are deceased; they are Ronald Varney, James Henry Varney, and Johnny Ray Varney. The following seven children and her daughters-in-law still mourn their loss: Donald Lee (Glenna) Varney, Margaret (Raymond) Sleeper, daughter-in-law Helen Varney, Minta Gay (Raymond) Gilman, Dolly Fay Baisden, Clayburn (Maxine) Varney, Glenna (Neal) Robinson, twelve grand-children and twenty great grandchildren.

Mom worked long and hard for this final journey that she had to make. She had fought many a battle, but she still kept the faith that Heaven was going to be her home.

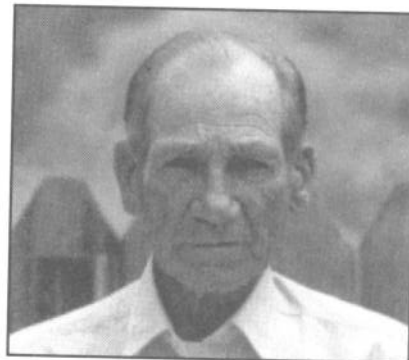
Mom is gone home now, but she will never be forgotten. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain and one day we will meet her again where we will never have to say goodbye. We were so blessed by the life she lived before us. She taught us about the Lord and how merciful he was to all those who would call upon his name. The family wishes to thank Elder Steve Robinson, and Sister Mable Robinson for all the support, love, and prayers that they showed our family during the time of mom's illness and death. We know that God has a special place for them where they will one day see mom again. The only thing I would like to add is the following verses of scripture found in the book of Proverbs Chapter 31: *Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. Her children arise up, and call her blessed, her husband also. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that fearth the Lord, she shall be praised.*

Sadly missed by family, friends, and all who loved her.

ARTHUR YOUMANS, JR.

It is with great honor and respect that we write the obituary of our Brother Arthur Youmans. He was our father, grandfather, friend and most importantly our Brother in Christ. He was known most lovingly as Papa.

Brother Arthur was born on December 21, 1914 in Estil, SC. He was the eldest son of five children to Addie Elizabeth Griener Youmans and Arthur Youmans, Sr. His sister, Mary Smith of Lake Charles, LA and his brother, Marion Youmans of Thomasville, GA survive him.



He was married to Ive Laforis Gilley Youmans on May 14, 1949. They made their home on the Withlacoochee River, which had been their life-long dream. Brother Arthur and Sister Laforis loved the quiet evenings and fishing for hours on end. Sister Laforis was a dedicated wife and church member of the Southern Home Church. Brother Arthur always said that Sister Laforis was "the strong one that held the family together" and he was deeply grieved when she passed away on August 19, 1993.

Surviving children are: Debora Ann Houck, Paul Edward Youmans, Arthur Ronald Youmans and William Dennis Youmans all of Sparr, FL; Robert L. Youmans of Ocala, FL; Barbara Ann Buffocovolo of Seffner Hills, FL and Wilbur Youmans of Lake Wales, FL. Brother Arthur was a proud Papa of fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Brother Arthur became a member of Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Citra, FL when he gave his hand on May 6, 1989. He was baptized by Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. and his son Robert L. Youmans. In his latter years, Brother Arthur became too ill to attend church, but always expressed a deep desire to be with his Brothers and Sisters at Southern Home. Due to his failing health, Brother Arthur stayed at the homes of his son, Robert L. Youmans and then with his daughter, Debora Ann Houck. Brother Arthur passed away on February 26, 2001 at Estelle Hospice House with his family by his side.

Brother Arthur was a very devoted grandfather and was happiest when he was with his grandchildren. In his last days he was able to draw his grandchildren and family around him to tell them to be good to each other and love one another.

The Lord blessed Brother Arthur to live a very long life, in which he touched many lives. His family and friends dearly miss him.

Written by: Sister Melissa Campbell
and Brother Edward Youmans

OBITUARIES
of
FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

DENNIS AND JAUNITA CLINE

It is with much sadness and with the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituaries of our friends Dennis and Jaunita Cline at the request of her mother, Sister Ethel Cline and their sons: Michael, Danny, and Randy Cline.

Dennis Cline was born June 1, 1931 and died December 1, 2000. He was the Son of the late Wyatt and Louinda Cline of Bull Creek, WV. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Cline of Gilbert WV and Nellie Cline of Bull Creek, WV and two brothers Epp and Herbert Cline of Bull Creek, WV. He is survived by three sisters: Effie Lester, Ellen Stewart and Sis Hurley and three sons: Michael Cline of Baisden, WV, Danny Cline of Hampton, WV and Randy Cline of Roanoke VA. He is also survived by five grandchildren.



Jaunita Cline was born June 27, 1934 and died Feb 20, 2000. She was the daughter of the late Dewey Cline and she is survived by her mother, Sister Ethel Cline. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Arthur Cline. Jaunita is survived by two sisters, Patty Stanley of Wharncliffe, WV and Drema Haggerma of Oceana WV and a brother, Roy Cline of Gilbert, WV. Sister Ethel misses them very much because they took her just about every she went and to Church. Some people thought they belong to church because of their action and support; and their support of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church. Some people called them Brother and Sister The Rosa Church has lost a great friend. They attended the Rosa Church most of their lives. They will also be missed by a whole host of special friends every where they went. Dennis was a truck driver and he made friends every where he went.

Michael wanted to let everybody know that they loved their parents and wanted to thank them both for the good job they did raising them and the things they taught them about honesty and that God loved them.

A special note to the boys and Sister Ethel: I know that you all will miss Dennis and Jaunita very much because I have just lost my mother to and its really hurts but with the help of the good Lord I hope that we all will meet again someday.

Written by special friends:
Elders Hubert Glandon & Elder Jerry Thompson.

GLADYS M. HALE

I will try to tell a fragment of my Aunt Gladys Marie (Dials) Hale's life, who I have laughed, cried and discussed many hours on the phone about a variety of life challenges. Gladys was the daughter of the late Pete and Wilda (Pauley) Dials whom she cared for faithfully until their death. Her sister, Oma (Dials) Muncy, Ellis, and Jerome Dials precede her in death. Surviving her is her husband Aaron Hale; brothers: Elmer Dials of Tomahawk, KY, Acey P. Dials of Medicine Lodge, KS, John Dials of Columbus, OH, Burgess Dials of St. Albans, WV and sisters: Nona Mills, Hattie Mae Castle and Mary Ellen Moore of Inez, KY.



From an early age Gladys was a strong caregiver. Gladys was a young lady when she started teaching students in our community. She freely showed compassion and care for all her students inspiring and coaching them to give all they had to achieve an education and never allowing them to be idle in the classroom. Her caring ways continued as she helped her parents ease into old age returning the nurturing she received from them as a child. And as her brother Ellis and later her sisters Nona Mills and Hattie Castle each became elderly and stricken with afflictions; she was once again beckon call, helping them to be comfortable and content. We can all learn a lesson from Gladys that often the most satisfying and enriching experiences we can have is from giving with a free heart and not concerning ourselves with receiving.

Gladys was a great historian for our family. She was blessed with a strong memory and a will to share that memory with the younger generations of our family. She loved to tell stories of times long passed and to explain the genealogy of our family. Though many of our family members stretch well beyond the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, Gladys stayed in touch with all her brothers and sisters and all their children and grandchildren. She could always tell you how each of them had been doing lately and how to get up with them if you needed to. I can still see the excitement in her eyes as she prepared for the Dials Family reunion at her house in 2000. She talked many times about how much she enjoyed seeing everyone and preparing food for the family. Little did we realize that it would be her last time at the reunion.

Gladys was a very hard worker and seemed to get very little relief in life but one thing that she was so thankful for was her marriage to Aaron Hale. She had finally reached the stage where she could love and be loved for what she was. She talked many time about how good he was to her and how much she cared for him. I am glad that she had these few years of enjoyment with Aaron. Thank you A for becoming such a great part of our family and loving Gladys.

Written by Brother Tommy Dials

JOE HESS

Joe Hess, age 69, of Scoff Fork Road, Pikeville, KY, passed from this world Saturday, June 2, 2001, at 9:40 a.m., following a brief illness. He was born February 25, 1932, in Pike County, KY. He was the eldest son of John and Maxie Robinson Hess of Kimper, KY. He was preceded in death by his mother and father; one sister, Donna Hess and one brother, Troy Hess.

Joe was a retired coal miner who worked over twenty two years for McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation; a valued employee who was dedicated to his family and his profession.

He is survived by his wife of thirty four years, Rebecca Maynard Hess; his son, Randall K. Taylor of Raccoon, KY; his daughters, Brenda Sue Collins of Pikeville, KY and Mary Ann Thacker, of Virgie, KY. Joe was a truly loving husband and a beloved father of his three children. Surviving brothers include; E.W. "Dub" Hess and Paul Hess, both of Kimper, KY; surviving sisters include: Leslie McGuire, Alkie Sanders, and Vada Walker of Louisville, KY; Patty Hess of Atlanta, GA, Phyllis Gabbard of Mouthcard, KY, Colley Hess and Hazel Thacker, both of Kimper, KY. He is survived by seven grandchildren, in order of their birth: Ashley Dawn Collins, Joshua Keith Taylor, Jarrod Keith Thacker, Amy Leigh Collins, Jordan Kyle Thacker, Lucas Aaron Taylor and Adam Wesley Taylor. Papaw loved his grandbabies and they loved him.

Joe was baptized into the Christian faith at the age of 18, making his travel through this land in God's care approximately fifty one years. Joe was a very special man, who lived for his wife and family. Even when Jesus was calling him home, he wanted to stay and take care of "Mommy", but he had to go. He was loved more than anyone can say and he gave that love back hundred-fold to his family. He was heaven sent, and it's only appropriate to say that when his work here on earth was through, that he went home to be with Jesus. Joe will never know what an impact he made on the lives of all those who knew and loved him, he will never be forgotten and he will be sadly missed.

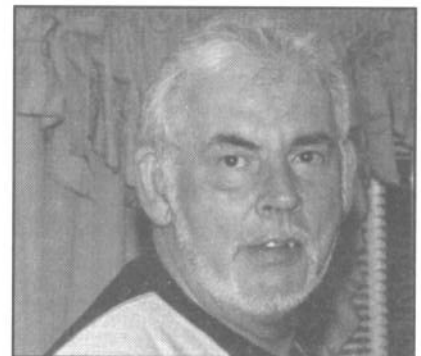
Written by his loving family.



MICKEY HUBBARD

It is with much sadness, that I try to write this obituary with the help of the Great God of Heaven. Mickey Hubbard, age 54, of Hardy, KY went to be with the Lord Saturday, September, 1, 2001 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital at Williamson, KY. He was born on June 13, 1947 and was the son of Gladys and the late Jess Hubbard. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Sue Hubbard and brother, Tony Hubbard.

Mickey leaves behind two loving sons: Allen (Teresa) Hubbard Mickey Shawn (Jennifer) Hubbard, Two loving brothers Larry (Ruby) Hubbard and Eric (Alma) Hubbard and a host of family and friends.



Mickey was a member of the Blue Springs Freewill Baptist Church. He was a faithful member until he passed away. Mickey would always make you laugh, that's the kind of guy he was. The last year of his life was really hard on Mickey he was mourning the death of his companion Ruby Sue. Any where you would see Mickey you would see Ruby Sue they were never apart. Mickey was a hard worker he would work as long as you wanted to work it didn't matter to him. Mickey was a UMWA member, a retired coal miner, and a Vietnam War Veteran.

So, Mickey sleep on until the trumpet of God shall sound then we shall meet again, whether we be asleep or alive unto the coming of the Lord. For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout and the voice of the Archangel and with the trump of God the dead in Christ shall rise first then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord . Wherefore comfort one and other with these words. There is comfort in the Lord.

Written by:

The broken hearted family and friends of Mickey Hubbard

LOIS JEAN JOHNSON

With much sadness, but by the help of the Lord, we will try to write the obituary of Lois Jean Maynard Johnson. She departed this earth on Sunday, August 12, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry W. Johnson, her dad and mother, Craft and Myrtle Lowe Maynard and a sister, Artie Ruth Maynard Taylor. She is survived by two sons, Larry W. Johnson of Jeffersontown and Donald Johnson of Smithfield and one daughter, Beth Johnson of Clarksville, IN. Also, seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one nephew.

She was a homemaker and a member of Oldham Woods Church of Christ, LaGrange. She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Written by: Her loving Family

WILLIAM LOWE

It is with much sadness and with a broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of a dear cousin, William Eugene Lowe.

He died July 16, 2001 at his residence in Palatka, FL making his stay here on earth seventy one years and nine months.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lonzo Taylor and Ida Belle (Blackburn) Lowe. He is survived by seven brothers: Arthur Lindale, Dover Lee, and David Hayse all of Raccoon, KY, James Ester of Varney, KY, Moses of Howey-in-the-Hills, FL, Lonzo Taylor, Jr. of North Hills, CA and Joseph Paul of Oshkosh, WI. He is also preceded by three sisters: Helen Marie Harrison of Jacksonville, FL, Ona Mae (Lois) Richardson of Inverness, FL and Juanita Victoria Meeks of Raccoon, KY.

He is sorrowfully missed by friend and family alike.

Written by his cousins,
Harold and Betty Maynard

TELIA MUNCY

It is with much sadness that I shall attempt to write the obituary of a very dear friend, relative by marriage and Sister in Christ with the help of the Lord.

Sister Telia was the daughter of the late Garfield and Mary E.(Preece) Moore. Sister Telia was born August 21,1914 at the old home place on Wolf Creek, KY where Bill Howard now lives. She lived most of her life on Wolf Creek, KY and Meathouse, KY. She was preceded in death by her husband, William H. (Bill Hen) Muncy, daughter Lakie Mae Sluss and a son, Cecil C. Muncy.



Survivors include: daughter, Ruth E. Mollett of Laureville, OH; grandchildren; Sandy (Muncy) Kolak, Jeff Mollett, Victor Mollett, Lynette (Sluss) Allen, Michelle (Muncy) McCormick and Robbie Sluss; seven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Sister Telia had been battling a heart condition for quite a while and on February 17 had to be taken to Kings Daughter's Hospital. Her daughter, Ruth Mollett remained by her side during her stay there doing all that she could for her mother. Finally, a heart that had been so full of love could beat no longer. She departed this life the morning of March 3, 2001 and I trust that her soul was carried by the Angels to Father Abraham's bosom, thus making her stay here upon the earth eighty six years and seven months. The Lord lengthened out her life and she was blessed to exceed the three score and ten years spoken of in Psalms.

Sister Telia experienced a "Natural Birth" in 1914, but I believe that she experienced a "Spiritual Birth" in 1967. She was then baptized at Big Creek by Elder Wallace Muncy.

She took her membership with the Elizabeth Church of the United Baptist located on Upper Wolf Creek, KY. She was a faithful and avid church-goer and worked hard for her Church. She would help to raise money and she loved to cook for members as long as she was able. During our frequent talks on the phone and at her home, she would tell me that the Lord had been good to her. She would pray for people when they would come to the stand to preach. She liked to hear the Word preached. Sister Telia was a very friendly and clever person by nature. She loved to cook and bake things to give to visitors. She often said that she believed in being good to everybody if they would let her.

She will truly be missed greatly by one and all of us who came away somewhat richer just from having known her.

We traveled to Church together and to funerals. Although a member of the United Baptist, she was warmly received by Old Regulars, Tri-State Zion, etc., but now her journey here on earth is over:

Rev:14:13 And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their Labours; and their works do follow them.

Written by: Elder Homer Muncy, Jr.

LEAR STANLEY

Lear Stanley, age 71, of Detroit, MI, formerly of Brushy, KY passed away at 11:24 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at the Northeast Community St. John's Hospital in Detroit, Michigan following an extended illness.

He was a retired machinist and a Veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Korean Conflict.

He was born in Pike County, KY on March 28, 1929, the son of Carlis and May Caines Stanley. He was preceded in death by his mother, May Caines Stanley on April 14, 1961, and by his father, Carlis Stanley on August 7, 1997. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Lee Hall Stanley on March 2, 1984 and by his son, Robert Stanley on March 6, 2001.

He is survived by one daughter, Linda Stanley of Detroit, MI, one brother, Clifton Stanley and two sisters, Wannie Stanley and Myrtle Stanley of Pikeville, KY. He is also survived by a nephew, Steven Stanley, a great-niece, Hannah Shae Stanley and one great-nephew, Matthew Stanley.

His family and many friends will sadly miss Lear.

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
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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 OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

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APPLE ORCHARD: Paul Maynard, Elwood Maynard, Bobby Fields

ENON: Marlin Blair, Roger Bevins, James Spencer

BENT BRANCH: Dean Lowe, Phillip Justice, Billy Sesco

SARDIS: Joey Evans, Mel Mahorn, Phillip Brumfield

BIG BRANCH: James W. Blackburn, Mitchell Robinson, Gene Blackburn

MARY ELIZABETH: Oscar Stepp, L. C. Walters, Wallace Muncy

BETHANY: Arthur May, Monty Messer, Albert Cable

ELK FORK: Jonah Elkins, Wirt Brumfield, Joe Evans

PILGRIMS HOME: Dwayne Smith, Irvin Thacker, Harold Sesco

SALEM: Bobby Lee Scott, Steve Johnson, Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr.

SIDNEY: Sabert Nichols, John Butler Fletcher, Virgil Fletcher

DIX FORK: Edward Lee Smith, David Crigger, Berlin Thornsbury

NARROWS BRANCH: Clyde Brown, Kelly Stanley, Bobby Scott, Sr.

LEANNAH: Clarence Stacy, Clarence Robinson, Billy J. Robinson

BUCK CREEK: Liburn Staten, Marion Duncan, Vadis Blackburn

TABITHA: Rex Napier, Kenneth Chaffin, James Hensley

LITTLE ROSIE: Richard White, David Staten, Harvey White

TURKEY CREEK: Harold Blackburn, Ron Hamilton, Danny Reed

SAMARIA: Larry May, Larry Richard May, Joe Vance

ROSA: Hubert Glandon, Johnnie P. Cline, Charles Testerman

MUNCY VALLEY: Tommy Ellis, Jim Stumbo, Paul Coleman

LITTLE VIRGIE: Willie Stiltner, Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury

SOUTHERN HOME: Charles Jarrell, Brian Young, Eric Young

PILGRIMS REST: Vernon Maynard, Leon Robinson, Todd Werner

OKEECHOBEE: Ron Knox, Mosco Gilman, Randy Gilman

ELIZABETH: Mack McCoy, Calvin Howard, Randy Lowe

LITTLE TAVIE: Chester Cochran, Jimmy Cochran, Lester Cochran

CHARITY: Roy Hayden, Gary Adair, Johnny Adair, Jr.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	MODERATOR	MINUTES REQUESTED	CONTRIBUTIONS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	STARTING TIME	MEETING TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
Mt. Pleasant	Frankie Scott	75	300								17	11:00/11:00	2 July	
Apple Orchard	Sabert Nichols	75	150	2					1	1	22	11:00/11:00	1 June	
Enon	Richard L. Staton	75	100								14	11:00/11:00	1 June	
Bent Branch	Billy Williamson	150	250	4					5		55	10:00/10:00	3 August	
Sardis	Joe Evans	150	250				1	1	1		79	11:00/11:00	4 August	
Big Branch	Richard L. Staton	125	175	4							27	11:00/11:00	3 July	
Mary Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	125	150					2	6	1	29	11:00/11:00	3 July	
Bethany	Arthur May	75	250	1							47	11:00/11:00	4 August	
Elk Fork	Joe Evans	25	75	2			2			1	16	11:00/11:00	3 August	
Pilgrims Home	Elbert SESCO	325	450	7				4	4	4	110	10:00/10:00	4 August	
Salem	Elbert SESCO	100	200					4	4	3	64	11:00/11:00	1 May	
Sidney	Wallace Muncy	100	150			1					36	2:00/10:30	4 June	
Dix Fork	Ernest Cochran	175	300	1				1		1	40	11:00/11:00	1 July	
Narrows Branch	Bobby Scott, Sr.	150	150	1							31	11:00/11:00	4 July	
Leannah	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	200					5			41	10:30/10:30	2 July	
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dials	100	200					1			23	10:30/10:30	3 June	
Tabitha	Jack Robinette	75	100	1	1						24	2:30/11:00	1 August	
Little Rosie	Wayne Herald, Jr.	40	50	1	3				1		9	11:00/11:00	2 April	
Turkey Creek	Hobart Hamilton	150	200	2	2		1	2	1	4	53	11:00/11:00	2 May	
Samaria	Larry R. May	75	150	1			1				41	11:00/11:00	1 July	
Rosa	Hobart Hamilton	125	200	1	2			2	1	1	31	200/10:30	3 August	
Muncy Valley	Tommy Ellis	25	100	2	2				2	3	8	11:00/11:00	2 June	
Little Virgie	Richard L. Staton	75	150	1							7	11:00/11:00	4 June	
Southern Home	William Adair, Sr.	150	200	2	2			4	1	1	63	10:30/10:30	1 April	
Pilgrims Rest	Billy Williamson	75	150	6				5	2		18	10:30/10:30	2 June	
Okeechobee	Paul E. Barney	75	140								12	4:00/10:00	3 April	
Elizabeth	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	75	100							1	23	10:30/10:30	1 June	
Little Tavie	W. H. Cochran	100	125	1	1	1					17	10:30/10:30	2 July	
Charity	Charles Jarrell	25	50	1				2			5	4:00/10:00	3 October	
TOTALS		2990	5065	37	13		3	22	36	25	962			

SPECIAL MEETINGS

CHURCH	DAY AND TIME
Bent Branch	Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Bent Branch	New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.
Charity	Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Charity	New Years Eve at 8:00 p.m.
Elizabeth	Every odd Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m.
Elizabeth	July fourth Sunday evening 3:00 p.m. Lowe Cemetery Shed
Leannah	Every odd Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Little Rosie	Every third Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.
Muncy Valley	Every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.
Pilgrims Home	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Pilgrims Rest	Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.
Samaria	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Sardis	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Sardis	Every fourth Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.
Sardis	Christmas Day at 11:00 a.m.
Sardis	Communion fourth Saturday in February at 5:00 p.m.
Southern Home	Every third, fourth, and odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Southern Home	Communion first Saturday evening in October
Southern Home	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Rosa	Every first Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.
Turkey Creek	New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.
Turkey Creek	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.