

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH
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 13, 14 and 15, 2002

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
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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 Samaria Church, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2002.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the Stand and welcomed the congregation. Brother Tommy so patiently pleaded with the brothers to put everything in the hands of God and to let the inward part of us lead us. He stated that if we do that we can link up with each other. He said the Spirit will link us together. When we let the Spirit lead us, then it will be good.

Elder Steve Robinson, Jr. came in the opening, having been chosen last year as alternate for this years Introductory Sermon, stating he was glad to be here and to be able to stand on his two legs. He wanted to see his Brothers and let everyone know he is glad to be an Old Regular Baptist. He believes in the Old Regular Baptist doctrine and does not want to bring anything new, but to establish what we have. Brother Steve warned to call upon the Lord while he may be found. He preached about the Prodigal son. Every man and woman will have to be as the Prodigal son. He encouraged the Brothers to love one another and to work together; work like Brothers. He quoted I John Chapter 3 Verse 1: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

Brother Steve said that he feels honored to be here and asked the brothers to tell his family that Jesus died for them. He stated he wants to go to Heaven. He said to let the Lord lead us. There is a better meeting place after this life is over. Brothers pray that God may lead you. The Bible says for us to love our enemies and to pray for them that despitefully use us.

Elder David Lester, Moderator of the Old Friendship Association, led in prayer.

Elder Joe Evans came to preach the Introductory Sermon and sang "Oh, How I Love Jesus." He said that he was thankful that the Lord blessed him another year. He said that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Brother Joe said he wanted to use as his text the scripture Job chapter 33 Verses 29 and 30. "Lo, all these things worketh God often times with man, to bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living. He said he hopes to show what God has done, can do, and is doing. He said his mother taught him about Jesus. God is doing for us today. We could not get up in the morning without him. We have Jesus when this life is over. He has made precious promises to us.

Let us be glad and rejoice in the day the Lord has made for us. God talks to our heart. When we reject the Spirit, we reject him. God speaks to man in dreams. He wonders why man is not paying any attention. We forget what we were, when we had an opportunity, we rejected that loving Spirit. We must realize that God has spoken to us. He preached that he remembers Brother Isom preaching at the Elk Fork Church. Brother Isom's preaching affected him so much he broke down and started weeping and couldn't hide it. That day he did not come searching for Jesus. His dad came back and asked him if he wanted to join the Church and he told him no and he remembers feeling really bad about rejecting Jesus. Jesus will talk to you and you will know it is Jesus. You must be led to repentance. He will put a sorrow in your heart. God knows something has to be done for us. The devil is bringing you down in the pit. God will have mercy on you. He will save you.

Another is fear. He preached about Paul and Silas in jail and how the jailer had no idea what was about to happen. He was scared and asked for a light and wanted to know what to do. The Grace of God came to the woman at the well. She remembered how the Jews had treated her. Jesus knew what she was. Fear caused the jailer to turn. The Lord is working with us. Follow fear and it will lead you to that fountain. If you want to believe in Jesus, you can believe in Jesus today. Love is the greatest thing that causes men and women to repent. Love overcame the wild Gadarenes. When you get Jesus in your life you want to live right. It is your job to hold up the blood stained banner of God.

There will be a time that God will work with you. Sin is very terrible. An old United Baptist preacher, Cecil Fields, preached when he was sixteen years old. Brother Joe preached that when he was sixteen years old all he had on his mind was a ball. God troubles our mind. The word of faith is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart. He preached the Lord came to him and told him to repent. You cannot repent without believing. He will reveal himself unto you. He preached he hopes the Lord will be the one to lead and guide us. Heaven is working for us. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are working for us that we might be brought back from that pit. There is no righteousness except the righteousness of Jesus Christ. God offered a perfect son in the low ground of sorrow. God had been working on a plan. You need help to get out after you break the law. Be thankful for the grace and mercies of God. You must say you have sinned. Whenever you break the laws of God you cannot undo that. It takes the blood of Jesus Christ to undo that.

God don't have a sense of humor. It is life or death with him. When he drops that marvelous love, then you will walk and talk different. The grace of God hath appeared to all men and it will teach you if you accept it. It is good to feel that Spirit in your life. Brother Joe said he wants to fear the Master. He has so much control over our life. He wants to show the Grace of God working with the woman at the well. She is looking for the Messiah. Jesus said, "I am he."

Brother Joe said he wants to dedicate this sermon to his late wife, Sophia. He then extended an invitation.

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:

Arvid Blevins, Northern New Salem Association
David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Murill Caudill, Old Indian Bottom 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 Buddy W. Carty, of the Northern New Salem Association, to open the services. Brother Buddy said that he was thankful to be here and that he hopes the Lord will give him words to say. He stated that it does him good to see the faces of the ones here. He hopes God will bless this Association. He endorsed what Brother Steve had preached. Brother Buddy preached that when he was young and going to the associations that he sat and watched the old brothers work and that he wanted to be like them. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. He believes that when Jesus comes he will see him for himself and not another. There is a meeting place in Heaven and there will be no trouble there. Let us lean upon Jesus. Let us reach out to him and feel him. John came preaching in the wilderness saying he was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. The mercy of the Lord reaches out to our children. Pray that God will take care of everything. He is the same yesterday, today and for evermore. Reverence God above everything in this world.

Elder Ray Hamilton, of the Northern New Salem Association, led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said he hopes that we have already been praying. We are here to not represent ourselves, but to represent the churches that sent us.

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

Brother James Blackburn
Brother Richard Lowe
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 Samaria Church was read, and upon regular move and second, all Letters that were in regular form and order were received, the delegates seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements. No Letter of Correspondence was received from the Muncy Valley Church. Motion by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. and second by Brother Bobby L. Scott to refer a letter from the Muncy Valley Church to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$4955.00 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 Monroe Jones, New Salem Association
Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association
Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 2002 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 John Paul Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder Leonard Hamilton, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association

SATURDAY

Elder Creed Thomas, Philadelphia Association
Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association
Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association
Elder Roger Hicks, New Salem Association

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

Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.
Brother Chester Lackey
Brother Emerson Thompson

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

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

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Franklin O'Quinn, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jesse L. Williamson, Danny Belcher, Ira Williams, Estill Hamilton, Lonnie Staton, Jerry Staton, Frank M. Coleman, John B. Hamilton, Roger Coleman, David F. O'Quinn, Bill Owens, James Gannon, Curtis Carroll, Floyd Jude, Clarence Bowersock, Gary Varney, Howard Daniels, Doug Thompson, Vernon Conway, Herman West, Douglas Coleman, Steve Coleman, Howard Coleman, Bobby Charles, Fred Moore, Daniel Stanley, Ralph Clevinger, Mark Justice, Tim Clevenger, Jimmy Stacy, Ronald Hensley, Perry Hagerman, Wallace Mitchell, Jack Akers, Doug Stacy and A. B. Thacker. Letter in the hands of Elder Franklin O'Quinn.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Hershel Conn, James P. Hensley, James Tackett, Bud Bates, Coy Combs, Norman Conn, Ellis Holbrook, Clyde Lewis, Woodrow Dye, Ted Burke, Windell Hamilton, Danny Hamilton, John Justice, Buster Turner, John Paul Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Roger Hicks, Bill Cotton, Jeff Hicks, Monroe Jones, Tom Waddles, Charles Mullins, Glenn Hall, Clyde Newsome, Don Little, Paul V. Damron, Clifford Williams, Bobby Slone, Frank Adams, Charles Samons, Ralph Slone, Jr., Randy Newsome, Glen Frazier, Bill Dixon, Leonard Hamilton, Hiram Adkins and Jimmy Dye. Letter in the hands of James P. Hensley.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Sam Franks, Raymond Stapleton, Arvid Blevins, John Jude, John M. Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Lavone Issac, C. W. Turner, Don Lawson, Buddy W. Carty, Dan Thornsberry, Forrest Osborne, Arnold Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Carl Ousley and Floyd Newsome. Letter in the hands of Elder Buddy W. Carty.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Harlan E. Barney, Lowell Adkins, Walter Morrison, Creed Thomas, Willis Tolliver, Howard Adkins, Paul D. Moore, Bob Taylor, Jeff Allen, Curtis Seagraves, Ira Adkins, Jr., Gary Adkins, Robert Adkins, Gary Blevins and Bert Salmons. Letter in the hands of Brother Walter Morrison.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Danny Hurley, Dewey Matney, Roy Lester, Phillip Estep, Shird Mullins, Kevin Salmons, David Lester, Gary Justus, Kermit Lester, Dave Gibson, Herbert May, Danny C. Justus, Roger McCoy, John R. Justice, Gary Brown, James Stacy, Bill McCoy, George Thomason, Austine Salmons, Zeb Justice, Doug Reed, Allen Hunt, Will Matney and Monroe Matney. Letter in the hands of Elder Dave Gibson.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Ted Amburgey, Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Randy Combs, Ronnie Combs, Columbus Parks, Clay Haynes, Claren Williams, Marvin Thornsberry, Cecil Watson 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: Charles Canada, Billy Brumfield, David May, Berlin Thornsberry, Eddie Williamson, Richard Staton, Sabert Nichols, Archie Prince, Jason May and Thomas J. Dials.

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

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

(16) On motion from Brother Edward Smith, second by Brother Edgar Scalf, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 14, 2002.

SATURDAY

September 14, 2002

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 that he loves this old Association so much. We need one another so much. It is time we come together as a unit. If all the associations link up we will be stronger. We are in a battle against evil. Satan is a liar and the father of it. We are going to deal with our problems and move on and hug one another's neck. We are in this for our lives. It is God's will so let us support one another as long as it is backed up by the Bible. Let us come together, let us love one another. We are Old Regular Baptist and we are not afraid to stand on what Old Regular Baptist believe in. Control what you say and the tone you say it in. I love this Old Baptist family. Don't take advice that is not backed up by the Bible. He asked Elder Windell Hamilton, of the New Salem Association to open these services.

Brother Windell came forward stating that he was thankful to be here. He said down through life we take things for granted. There is a time that will come that will cause you to stop and to think about things in your life. The Bible says you can be sure your sins will find you out. He is an all wise God and he loves you today. Christ loved us enough to suffer and die. You can go to Heaven, if you want to. We are weak vessels. Work in the love of God. Our old brothers crossed these mountains to see one another and to go to church because they loved their brothers. The Sardis Association should be thankful for this wonderful place. The Lord has blessed you. He advised the Association to not pick at everything, but to come down on false doctrine. He advised the moderator to tell the one out of line to sit down. Everybody that is called to preach is not a moderator.

He stated again that he is glad to be here today. If we are willing for God's will to be done there won't be any arguing.

God is not the author of confusion. Brothers let us all be humble today; we want to do everything to honor the Lord; when all is said and done we are going to meet Jesus. We are going to Heaven to live forever and to give God the glory. There is a resurrection of the just and the unjust. We will meet Jesus. Let your light so shine before the world that they might see your good works. We get a little portion here and it is awful good!

Elder Haston Whitaker, of the Old Indian Bottom Association, led in prayer.

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) The Moderator advised the Association that because the Muncy Valley Church had not sent a Letter of Correspondence the matter had to be worked on and advised that he felt that the letter they sent should not be read. Motion by Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. and second by Elder Willie Blackburn to withdraw the right hand of fellowship, do not read the letter, and for the Moderator to appoint a committee to go to the Muncy Valley Church to get the reason why they did not send a Letter of Correspondence. No objection was filed. After an outburst by Elder Joe Evans the Moderator asked him to sit down. Brother Joe refused and stated the Moderator was out of order, not him. After repeated tries to establish order, the Moderator asked for a motion and second to set Brother Joe aside. Motion by Elder Chester Cochran and second by Brother Alex Hensley to set Brother Joe Evans aside and that he would have no right to speak. An objection was filed by Elder Phillip Brumfield. The vote of the delegates showed 53 for the motion and no vote was taken for the objection. The motion by Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. was withdrawn and the second by Elder Willie Blackburn was withdrawn. After discussion, Brother Ron Knox made a motion and second by Elder Chester Cochran to declare Muncy Valley Church in non fellowship, not read the letter, send a committee to see why the Muncy Valley Church did not letter up and to make a way for any member of the Muncy Valley Church, who wants to remain in the Sardis Association, to come into another Church through recommendation.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve on this committee:

Brother Ron Knox
Elder Joey Evans
Elder Elbert Sesco

Elder Wallace Muncy
Elder Thomas J. Dials

Elder Richard Staton
Elder Hobart Hamilton

(4) Read the request from the Leannah Church (Apple Orchard request not read because it was the same) asking that an "Advisory Committee" be appointed. At the request of Elder Sabert Nichols, the delegates from the Leannah Church and the Apple Orchard Church agreed to take these requests back.

(5) Motion by Brother Brian Crosley and second by Brother Ron Knox that if Elder Joe Evans will apologize the Association will reinstate him. Objection filed by Elder Chester Cochran. The vote of the delegates showed 48 for the motion and 20 for the objection. Elder Joe Evans apologized and was reinstated.

(6) 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 2003 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association
Elder Herman West, Union Association
Elder Ray Hamilton, Northern New Salem 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 2003 Association:

Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder Monroe Jones, New Salem Association

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

Elder Dale Williamson, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Danny Runyon, Alternate
Elder Albert Cable, Prepare Circular Letter

(7) 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 Charles Jarrell, Sardis Association
Elder Randy Combs, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Arnold Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Danny Runyon, Sardis Association

SUNDAY

Elder Haston Whitaker, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Clifford Williams, New Salem Association
Elder Coy Combs, New Salem Association
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

(8) Called for the Sardis Association Treasurer Report. A move and second was made to receive the following report:

Balance on hand 9-01-01		\$ 7,421.96
Add 2001 Income:		
Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 5,065.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 491.00	
Interest Income	\$ 80.93	
Rent Income	\$ 875.00	
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00	
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 4,788.41	
Food Fund Contributions	\$ 6,450.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ <u>4,622.21</u>	
Total 2001 Income		<u>\$22,872.55</u>
Total Available for 2001		\$30,294.51
Less 2001 Expenses		
Equipment Cost	\$ 5,171.28	
Minute and Mailing Expense	\$ 4,676.04	
Clerk Expense	\$ 34.00	
Building and Land Expense	\$ 2,855.86	
Electric Expense	\$ 2,502.32	
Insurance Expense	\$ 862.13	
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 4,323.51	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ <u>777.51</u>	
Total 2001 Expense		<u>(\$21,202.65)</u>
Balance on Hand 8-31-02		\$ 9,091.86

(9) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2002 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

(10) The report of the Building Committee was read in which Brother Jack Robinette requested that someone replace him on this committee because his health would not permit him to do what he wanted. The Moderator appointed Brother Alex Hensley to replace him. By regular move and second the Building Committee was given authority to do as recommended as money becomes available. The Building Committee is as follows:

Elder Larry R. May	Brother Alex Hensley	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		

(11) 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.

(12) Elder Sabert Nichols 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.

(13) 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, 2002: Bobby Scott, Sr., James Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Ron Hamilton, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Hobart Hamilton, Condor Maynard, Lacy Walters, Charles Jarrell, Wallace Muncy, Sabert Nichols, Leslie McGuire, Elbert Sesco, Todd Werner, Eddie Marcum, Charles Canada, Bob Justice, Ernest Sesco, Hubert Glandon and Eddie Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

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, 2002: James Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Bobby Scott, Sr., Billy J Robinson, Condor Maynard, Hobart Hamilton, Lacy Walters, Charles Jarrell, Richard Staton, Wallace Muncy, Hubert Glandon, Gary Adair, Johnny Adair, Sabert Nichols, Elbert Sesco, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Eddie Williamson, Edward L. Smith, Eddie Marcum, Charles Canada, Roger Spillman, Les McGuire, Chester Cochran and Ron Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Angel Church, 5733 Saltgaber Road, Columbus, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2003: Chester Cochran, Marion Duncan, Hobart Hamilton, Jim Cochran, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Ron Hamilton, Richard Staton, Gary Adair, Johnny Adair, Eddie Marcum, Clyde Brown, Lester Cochran, Wayne Blackburn, Bobby Sesco and Charles Jarrell. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the New Mt. Olive Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2003: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Ron Hamilton, Condor Maynard, Edward Smith, Charles Jarrell, Chester Cochran, Leslie McGuire, Elbert Sesco, Wallace Muncy, Ron Knox, Eddie Marcum, Albert Cable and Clyde Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the North Spring Church, Wolford, VA beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2003: Berlin Thornsberry, Thomas J. Dials, Marion Duncan, Hobart Hamilton, Ron Hamilton, Joe Evans, Charles Jarrell, Johnie P. Cline, Hubert Glandon, Chester Cochran, Sabert Nichols, Leslie McGuire, Elbert Sesco, Charles Testerman, Ivan Thornsberry, Eddie Marcum, Steve White and Condor Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsberry.

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, 2003: Joe Evans, Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Condor Maynard, Hobart Hamilton, Charles Jarrell, Wirt Brumfield, Hubert Glandon, Larry R. May, Leslie McGuire, Elbert Sesco, Ron Knox, Eddie Marcum, Wallace Muncy, Marion Duncan and Charles Canada. Letter in the hands of Elder Joe Evans.

(14) 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.

(15) Read the query from the Sardis Church asking the Association to recant the work that was done on the request from the Muncy Valley Church during the Association in the year 2001. Motion by Brother Virgil Fletcher and second by Brother Liburn Staten to send this query back. Objection was filed by Elder Joey Evans. The vote of the delegates showed 16 for the motion and 36 for the objection.

(16) Read the query from the Buck Creek Church asking the Association for an answer and hopefully a stop to the practice of women leading prayer and laying hands on the sick, which is against the Sardis Association advice and orders. Motion by Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. and second by Elder Joe Evans the we advise all the churches to abide by the orders we already have and if the churches don't abide by the orders, the Association has a right to call itself together and send a committee to any church that violates these orders.

(17) Read the request from the Little Tavia Church asking to have all the names of our elders to be listed along with the churches where their membership is. Motion by Elder Elbert Sesco and second by Brother Alex Hensley to grant their request and give the clerks the authority to work this out.

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

(19) Read the request from the Buck Creek Church and the Southern Home Church asking to host the 2003 Association. After much discussion, motion by Brother Jimmy Cochran and second by Brother Edward Smith to grant the request of the Buck Creek Church and to thank the Southern Home Church met with an objection filed by Brother Ron Knox. The vote of the delegates showed 41 in favor of Buck Creek hosting the Association and 32 in favor of Southern Home Church hosting the Association. The Little Rosie Church and the Bethany Church agreed to help.

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2003, 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.

(20) The Sardis Association is very pleased with the great job done by all of our Host Churches, the many members of other Churches and the loyal and faithful friends who worked so hard for so many days to get ready for and then take care of this Association, our Sister Association delegates and our many friends. The dining room lines were long and the food was great! We thank God for each of you and pray His blessings upon you.

We also extend our humble "Thank You" to Everett and Diann Hannah of Hannah Lumber Company at Varney, WV for their continued support of our Churches and Association; to Pike County Sheriff, Charles "Fuzzy" Keesee and his staff; to Chris Meade for the ice; to the Johns Creek Volunteer Fire Department for the E.M.T.; to Elder Jack Lucas of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home for the cleaning supplies; to Bobby Coleman of Velocity Market at Zebulan for ordering the food and supplies; to Joyce Hobson of Kentucky Fried Chicken at Pikeville for preparing the chicken; to Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders and Connie Caines of the Pike County Solid Waste Department; and to Neil McGuire of Pepsi Cola Company who handled the soft drinks. Our arms are too short and we pray God will reach out His long arm of mercy and bless each of you.

(21) 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.

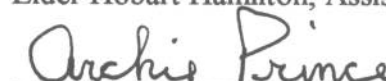
(22) On motion from Elder Chester Cochran, second by Brother Edward Smith, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2003.

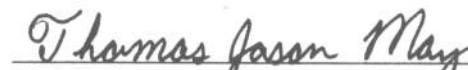
(23) The Sardis Association was closed through prayer led by Elder Hiram Adkins of the New Salem Association.

(24) 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

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 fact, Article 3 of our Constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on any internal right of the Churches.

Elder Wayne Herald

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

Brother James M. Ray

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."

Item 8. 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.)"

SUNDAY

September 15, 2002

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand saying he has been hoping we have been praying. He requested that we remember all the sick and afflicted everywhere and read a long prayer list. Brother Tom announced the arrangement.

Elder Haston Whitaker of the Old Indian Bottom Association came to the stand to preach the introduction. He told this large congregation to look over his head and to look to one the help comes from. God is yet with outreached arms. The scripture says God will not strive with man always. Don't put it off too late. He said when he was a young man he got scared. If you don't get scared you won't do anything about it. He believed God heard his cries and placed his feet upon the Rock. The Lord will give you an answer as he did Nicodemus. You must be born again. When the inward man is born again, the outward man is given a promise of a joyful resurrection.

The rich man had everything a man wanted and would not give the beggar named Lazarus the crumbs from the table. The beggar died and was carried to Abraham's bosom, a place of rest. That is what we want. The rich man died and lifted up his eyes in hell. In hell he lifted up his eyes and seeth Lazarus and cried to Abraham to send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame. If you fail to repent you will burn and never burn up. Children of God will get a perfect body. I beg sinners to look to the Lord. There was a great gulf that separated the rich man from God. The rich man ask Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his five brothers. And Abraham said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. The Lord is coming after his Church. What is the church? It is those baptized with Fire and the Holy Ghost. He then led in prayer.

Elder Clifford Williams of the New Salem Association came and said that he hoped that we all can gather up our minds. You should lay what you have been listening to near your heart, lest at any time you should let it slip. How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation. He said it is good to be here. Without God we could not be here. If we are counted as a servant only, we have done what we are supposed to do. Brother Clifford said that he loves his wonderful brethren. He ask all to pray for him, pray to God in his behalf. The only thing he knows to do is to try to lay aside every weight looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. You don't have any time. The Lord said all time belongs to him. God is our stronghold, we must trust in the Lord Jehovah for in him is strength. Brother Clifford asked the Lord to lead him up by the sheepfold, where there is peace for his cattle. A place for his sheep to get watered. Jesus said to Peter feed my lambs. Peter feed my sheep. And the third time Peter feed my sheep. God take us up by the hand and lead us up in green pastures. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. The voice of my beloved, behold he come skipping upon the mountains and hopping upon the hills. Awake my love when the day break. Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land. Rise up and come away with me. Wake up north wind and come thou south and blow upon the garden.

He said, 'Lord, it is good that I am here. I feel good down in my heart. What more can I ask for. My witness is in Heaven.' He said to make your peace calling and election sure for your sins will find you out. In the eyes of the Lord we are necked as a picked bird. If you have got the Lord you can overcome. Start now. Look for him while he can be found. "Today is the day of salvation, harden not your heart for tomorrow may be too late." Tomorrow may never come. Seek him while he may be found. He is right here with us today. He will never forsake his people.

When asleep you have no knowledge. Come let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee, bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart. If you have Christ, you have life. If you don't have Christ, you don't have life.

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Elder Coy Combs came forth and ask all to pray. He said he is glad to hear what he has heard and to feel what he has felt. He stated that he is scared knowing that he is among a lot of preachers here today. No one could be here if God had not awakened us this morning. He said sometimes he gets awful hungry to see his brothers. This past week he sat on his porch, under a shade tree and thought about his brothers here and gone. You still learn no matter how long you have been here. If you think you know something, you know nothing as you ought. If you don't have Jesus in your life and ruling over you, you are in bad shape. A man was told one time to seal her up. Daniel was told to shut up the words and to seal the book and Daniel sealed her up. When John was on the Isle of Patmos and about to write he was told to seal her up. If you want to live a long life, serve God. Seek the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. The Lord said set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live. Brother Coy preached that he knows where his blessings come from. He said he tells people, God scraped the bottom of the barrel when he got him. My dove she is but one. There is just one. Men and women have hope they are going to Heaven. Read in the record of God. In Zechariah it says in that day shall waters go out from Jerusalem. Where is it going? Some to the hinder sea to catch the old prophets. Half of the water flowed to the former sea. If you want peace get that water. That river gets blocked by the outward man. It is not the water you drink, it is the living water that makes your soul rejoice. You need to get a drink of that water. God said my spirit will not strive with man always. Do something about it today. There is a man at the head of that river in that garden. That river parted four ways and is passing by our children today. I have a feeling. I have a hope I received many years ago.

I know my redeemer liveth, and he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. Job said, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." He said the Lord will call and I will answer. I will answer for myself and not another. When I awake in his likeness, I will be satisfied. We'll be men and women in Heaven. Heaven is real. The day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth. We need more of this Bible doctrine.

Jesus come, born a little babe, and later began to preach, behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me. The Grace of God hath already appeared to all men and women teaching us how to live and treat one another. Sometimes we need schooling, sometimes brothers need to be told. Without God we are nothing. Without God we are in bad shape.

Christ became willing to come down here and he knew where he came from. Jesus has proved he was the resurrection. He showed his power. Brother Coy preached about Lazarus dying and that Jesus prayed that the great congregation standing by may believe. And Lazarus came forth and Jesus said unto them to loose him and let him go. In that day there shall a fountain be opened to the house of King David. The fountain was opened when that sword went into Jesus side.

Job said, and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. That fountain is running today. In revelations John was on the Isle of Patmos and the fifth seal was opened he saw the souls of them that were slain for the word of God and they cried with a loud voice and white robes were given to every one of them that they should rest for a little season. Jesus took Peter, James and John up into an high mountain and let them see Elias with Moses. We will be known as we are known. He told Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." If you want to go to Heaven, you can.

Elder Hobart Hamilton endorsed the preaching heard today. He said you should lay it near your heart. As we pass, let us leave a good impression. I love everybody here. When I was burdened down in sin and it seemed like I could find no relief. When I got rid of my pride God made me rich. Jesus was at wedding with his disciples and when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus said unto him, they have no wine. Someone greater was there, that knew where to get it. That dear old mother had to witness her son being crucified. Jesus's mother said unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. Jesus told them to fill the water pots with water and they filled them to the brim. When the Lord comes into your life he will fill you. He brings kindness and love. Jesus is the greatest friend a man ever had. When the governor tasted the wine he wanted the bridegroom to come and he said unto him thou has saved the best until last. God saves the best until last. We are enjoying that salvation today. Brother Hobart said he was a blind man once. He said I was blind and could not see Jesus. I want to hold up the blood stained banner of Jesus until taken from this land.

He preached that in a dream God let him fly all over the place. Evil was coming up but could not reach him. God will keep your soul until the day you die. How wonderful he is. God gave me the love to love everyone.

Jesus made spittle and put on the eyes of the blind man and told him to go wash in the pool. Jesus tells us to repent today. Leave an impression people will talk good about you and this Church. Repent and be born again.

Elder Thomas J Dials came next and said he is thankful to be here. The fountain will dry up one day and mercy will cease. Take time and opportunity to repent and live after this life in over. There is a place where the street is gold and the walls of jasper. There is not so good a place. Choose this day whom you serve. The way has been made. You make the choice.

There will be a getting up time. It will be a real resurrection. Man doesn't need to worry what he will look like, but worry how he acts today.

That blood was shed. Jesus broke down that middle wall of partition. Before, the lamb's blood stayed sin, but now it takes the blood of Jesus. We must make preparation. We must get ready. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Jesus is coming again. He is coming for his blood washed band. When Jesus comes back on the cloud of glory, he will take the blood washed band home.

There was water that came out of Christ. You must get a drink of the living water. And he shewed me a river of pure water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God. You must get a drink of that living water. Glory in tribulation. Jesus is coming again. In that morning there will be no more heartache. Brother Tom preached of the parable of the sower of the seed. He told about plowing a mule and how he had to get him in the chains and that he did not do so good. The ground he plowed did not look good. Later he started plowing ground to get right with God. He said you need to get a drink of that living water. It will be better in the morning of that eternal day. We will get up in that morning. Christ broke down that partition so we could get a drink of the living water. You have got to give it all up, give it all over to Jesus. He will come in. I believe he gave me something. He is coming after a blood washed band.

Dismission was called by Elder Chuck Hall.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

Greetings to all my precious Brethren of the Sardis Association and to all our correspondence and to all the old time Baptist people everywhere. Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

During our last assembly of the Sardis Association, I was chosen by the delegates to prepare a Circular Letter for your consideration.

So after many prayers, I come to finally sit down to attempt this letter, humbled and somewhat fearful, to address such a great crowd of witnesses, with the help of the Lord and a love in my heart that I know could only come from the Lord.

I do thank him and praise him for the wonderful feeling I have sometimes, what a loving Savior we have, this could be the last opportunity I will have to address this wonderful assembly of Gods people by letter, and I do feel honored and blessed to have the opportunity to say, "I love you". There is great love in the Hearts of God's people.

God loves his creation and has smiled upon us with his marvelous GRACE.

GRACE IS THE UNMERITED LOVE AND FAVOR OF GOD TO MAN.

In order to understand or establish God's eternal purpose in Grace, which was in Christ before the world began; in order to show where the eternal purpose rested, we must see that the council of the Lord standeth forever, and that the thoughts of his heart is to all generations; God's council is immutable. **(ISAIAH 46:10)** "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying my council shall stand and I will do all my pleasure".

(Proverbs 20:18) "Every purpose is established by council. The Lord hath promised and who shall disapprove it".

GRACE was purposed in Christ before the world began. Christ stood as a lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Does not wisdom Cry? The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his ways before his works of old, I was set up from everlasting from the beginning or ever the earth was before the mountains was settled, before the hills was, I was brought forth, before there were any fountains abounding with water, when he prepared the Heaven I was there, then was I by him, as one brought up with him.

The old time Baptist people believe in one true and living God, the creator of all things and for his pleasure they are and were created.

(St. John 1:1-2-3-4) "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God". 2. "The same was in the beginning with God".

3. "All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made". 4. In him was life, and the life was the light of man". The word of God, was in the eternal council with God his father, designed and advanced to the wisdom and power, with the father light and life, and all and all, both in the creation and in the redemption of the world. The only begotten of the Father, his beloved son **GOD'S WORD IS ETERNAL.**

(Gen 1:1) In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth. In the first sentence in the Bible, by an eye of Faith, we can see a portrait of Christ God's son, Purpose and Grace and Mystery with Christ in him.

(Gen 2:5 through 5:2) gives us a view of God's creative work as regards to man (Adam) it describes the garden of Eden and locations states God's law to Adam of the forbidden fruit, also relates to Adam naming of the animals, and also gives the account of the sacred institution of marriage, by making Adam a wife, of a rib taken from Adam, and brought to Adam in the garden. It is important to remember that she was in Adam when God gave the command to Adam and his law concerning the forbidden fruit. So God said "in the day thou eatest there of, thou shalt surely die". However the woman was in the transgression being deceived, she said the serpent beguiled me and I did eat, she gave to her husband with her and he also did eat. Adam, knowing full well the consequences of this disobedience, therefore bringing death, spiritual, natural, and eternal death.

God immediately points out the means by which his purpose will be accomplished; God preceded to say to the serpent "and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed, it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel". Adam's sin separated them from God, "**the wages of sin is death**". God loves his creation and here we have the blessed promise of Christ the savior, the seed of woman. God's Grace extended to them and to children of man.

In Adam all die, by one-man came death, therefore from dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return, by one man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Christ was to come by the seed of woman, which brings to mind this prophecy therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; "behold a virgin shall conceive, and bare a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, in the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman made under the law, to redeem them that are under the law. For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood. He (Christ) also took part in the same for verily he took not on him the nature of angels, but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Note: special attention to the righteous seed, from Adam to Abraham (he that readeth let understand) Abraham came from or through the lineage of Shem, Noah's son, the righteous seed, we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death God's precious word made flesh and blood and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory as the only begotten of the Father, Full of Grace and Truth, and of his fullness have we received the Grace for Grace. For the law came by Moses but Grace and Truth by Jesus Christ.

(John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have ever-lasting life. **17.** For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world, through him, might be saved.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John, to bear witness of the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. Preaching repentance and telling the people that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is on Christ Jesus, and baptizing unto repentance. **(Isaiah 40:3)** "the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight, in the desert, a highway for our God". **(Matthew 3:13)** Then came Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him and Jesus when he was baptized went up straight way out of the water; and lo the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. And lo a voice from Heaven, saying this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased". **(Isaiah 28:16)** "Therefore thus saith the Lord God behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation".

Jesus said "Father, I will that they also, whom thou has given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world".

According to the will of God, Jesus chose twelve apostles who were called according to his purpose, these twelve were baptized by John in Jordan these apostles were to be conformed to the image of his son Jesus that he might be the firstborn among many brethren, and he (Jesus) goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would; and they come unto him and he ordained the apostles that they should with him and that he might send them forth to preach, with power. The word apostle means sent by God.

Jesus Christ, who being in the form of God thought is not robbery to be equal with God but made himself of no reputation, and took on him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man, being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name, which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, therefore, we see the gentile people were without Christ being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenant of promise having no hope and without God in the world, but now in Christ Jesus you who sometimes are far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, Jesus went to the Cross that he might reconcile both unto God in one body, and came to preach peace to you who were afar off and them that were nigh. Through him both Jews and Gentiles have access by one spirit unto the Father. God made known unto the holy apostles and the prophets by the spirit that we should be fellow heirs of the same body, by the gospel.

The Apostle Paul was a chosen vessel to bear the word of Grace unto the Gentile world. He said "I was made a minister according to the gift of the Grace of God, by the effectual working of his power" and to make all men to see what is the fellowship, of the mystery which from the beginning was hid in God". "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek".

"By Grace and through Faith are ye saved and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God".

I must come to a close because of length and space in the Minute, but I feel I have only begun to talk about God's eternal Purpose and Grace which there is no end, all wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead, through the instrumentality of man, has manifested this saving Grace to all men, also he has brought immortality and life to light through the everlasting Gospel, of the son of God.

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of the Lord, it has pleased God that by the foolishness of preaching to save them that would believe. How can they hear without a preacher, which God has provided and will provide, the angel with the everlasting Gospel still flies in Heaven.

The Church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. The foundation has already been laid, take heed how you build there on, Jesus Christ is the chief corner stone; other foundations can no man lay. Jesus went to the old rugged cross, suffered; shed his precious blood for the sin of the world, for you and I. But Praise God, the God of peace that brought again from the death of our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant. Greater love than this has no man; than a man lay down his life for his friends. It is accomplished he has risen victorious and all power was given to him. And is sit down on the right hand of God the Father, Salvation is free, on the terms of the Gospel. The Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

So in conclusion, God has, through his eternal Purpose, Grace and Love, given all men a way, Jews, Gentiles, Bond and Free, through Jesus his son. "Whosoever will let him come and take of the water of life freely"!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. God giveth Grace to the humble. Nothing can separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Elder Sabert Nichols

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elder Sabert Nichols". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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

APRIL, 2003

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Brian Dillon, Phillip Brumfield, Billie Brumfield, 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: Chris Watts, Sr., William Campbell, Jr., John M. Lowe, Richard Lowe, Stanley Campbell and Otis Williams with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

MAY, 2003

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion 3:00 p.m. following the regular Saturday service. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson, Larry R. May, 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, Estill Hamilton, Lloyd Brown, Ted Robinson, Harold Sesco, Bill Blevins, Arvid Blevins and Floyd Jude.

JUNE, 2003

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Don Little with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday at 4:00 p.m. after business meeting at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Windell Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton, Leonard Hamilton, Ray Hamilton and Bobby Scott, Sr.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Kenneth B. Jude, Milford Lowe, Ben Scott and Spencer Hall.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Jack Robinette, Bobby Sesco and Wayne Herald, Jr..

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

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsby, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Ben Scott, Lacy Walters and Thomas J. Dials with Moderator attending.

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 with Moderator attending.

JULY, 2003

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Herman West, Richard Staton, 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 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: Hobart Hamilton, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Roger Hicks and Don Little.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Sam Franks, Danny Carty, Murl Caudill, Buddy W. Carty, Charles Edwards 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, Arthur May, Gayle Brown, Herman West and Curtis Crouse.

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

AUGUST, 2003

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Sabert Nichols, Condor Maynard, 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 R. 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, Teddy Honaker, Elbert SESCO, Jerry Estep, Leon Robinson and Jerry Overstreet.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Bill Cotton, Hobart Hamilton, Gary Young, 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, Leon Robinson, David Crigger, Harrison Runyon, and Wayne Herald, Jr.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Ellis Holbrook, James Branham and Larry Puckett.

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

OCTOBER, 2003

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, 2003

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Charles Jarrell, William Adair, Sr., Bruce Forsyth, Francis Akers, Jack Robinette and Freddie Kidd.

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (March 30) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Ellis Holbrook, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jimmy Dye, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone bring covered dishes.

APRIL, 2003

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, Wallace Muncy, Elbert Sesco and Billy Joe Robinson.

MAY, 2003

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 and Albert Cable 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: 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 (Frale) 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, Bill Campbell, Brian Dillon, Joey Evans 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: Harold SESCO, Jerry Estep 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: Wayne Herald, Jr., 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, Gary Young and Danny Runyon.

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, Clifford Stanley and Berlin Thornsby.

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

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 and Mark Murphy.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Williamson Family Cemetery located one fourth mile below the Pilgrims Home church on the fifth Saturday (May 31, 2003) at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jerry Overstreet, Richard Staton and Dwayne Smith.

JUNE, 2003

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the first Sunday (June 1) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the odd Sunday on June 1, 2003 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, Harold Sesco, Leon Robinson and Lacy Walters.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Cemetery next to the Church for all deceased members of the church on the second Sunday (on June 8) at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Hank Forgey, Raymond Stapleton, Johnny Thornsberry, Sam Franks and Eddie Wallen.

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: Danny Runyon, Odes Williams, Larry R. May, Joe Evans, Gary Young and Billy Williamson.

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Willis Fletcher, 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, Estill 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 Sunday following the third Saturday (June 22, 2003) at 11:00 a. m. Ministers called: Jimmy Dye, Richard Staton, Leon Robinson, Gary Young, Lacy Walters and Elbert Sesco.

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, Jerry Estep, Elbert Sesco and Larry Puckett.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: Joey Evans, Billie Brumfield, Brian Dillon, Thomas Jason May and Phillip Brumfield.

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, Jeff Dillon and Billy Williamson.

JULY, 2003

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: Willis Fletcher, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Gary Young and Richard Staton. 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., Vernon Rose 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, Albert Cable, 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., Albert Cable, 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, Lowe, Taylor, Scott, Blackburn and Nichols families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Richard Staton 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, Bill Campbell 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, 2003

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: Danny Runyon, John Paul Hamilton, Richard Staton and Kenneth B. Jude.

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, the McCealy Cemetery 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, Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Billy Williamson.

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, Paul Maynard, 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, David Crigger, 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, Richard Staton, Lacy Walters, Albert Cable, Willie Stiltner and Herbert May 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, Gary Young, Harold Sesco and Kenneth B. Jude.

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, Roger Hicks and David Lester.

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 and Brother Talbert and Sister Cora McCoy's 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, David Crigger, Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Jr., 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.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Collins Cemetery near the Annie Church on Saturday August 30, 2003 (the first Saturday before Labor Day) at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Billy Joe Robinson, Homer Muncy, Jr., Kenneth B. Jude and James Luther Scott.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on Saturday, August 30, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. for all those buried on the Alfred Young Cemetery. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton and Hobart Hamilton.

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 at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hillard Newsome, Don Blake Little and Frankie Scott.

SEPTEMBER, 2003

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Runyon Cemetery in the head of Dan's Branch on the odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m., weather permitting. If the weather is bad the meeting will be held at the Little Rosie Church house. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Wayne Herald, Jr., Danny Runyon, Albert Cable and Steve White.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Larry R. May 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 (September 7) in memory of Shirlen McCoy, his wife, Lucy McCoy, Van Ivory 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 (September 7) night at 5:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Gary Young, Ben Scott and Homer Muncy, Jr.

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.

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, Paul Maynard, and Bobby Scott, Sr.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Garnett (Lowe) Maynard and all others on this cemetery at the home of Sabert Nichols on Wolf Creek on the third Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Leon Robinson, Billy Joe Robinson with Moderator attending.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a special called memorial meeting of Sister Ruby Honaker Hunt and her family on Sunday following the third Saturday at 11:00 a.m. on the Honaker Cemetery which is located on the right, approximately three fourths mile up Sunshine Lane at Kimper, KY. Everyone is welcome and all Old Regular Baptist ministers are called.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, William (Tom) Fraley and his wife Inis Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, David Crigger, Frankie Scott, Berlin Thornsberry and Ted Robinson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Jeff Robinette Cemetery on the third Saturday (September 20) at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco and Danny Runyon.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: David Crigger, Berlin Thornsberry and Wayne Herald, 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, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Milford Lowe.

OCTOBER, 2003

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, Ben Scott, 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: Lloyd Brown, Jimmy Dye and Bobby Scott, Sr., Richard Staton, Monty Iverson and Wayne Herald, Jr..

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. Dials, Richard Staton, Berlin Thornsberry, 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: Monty Iverson, 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, Ellis Holbrook, Jerry Estep 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 Gabe Lowe, Jr.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Jack Robinette, Paul Boggs, 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, Wallace Muncy, Sabert Nichols and Clifford Williams.

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: Lloyd Brown, Elisha Branham, Windell Hamilton and Jerry Overstreet.

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

We your Sister the Northern New Salem Association wish to express to you our sincere condolence in the departure of your beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last setting.

As the seasons come and go, so do our precious love ones, leaving us with lasting memories of their love and fellowship. We were blessed to share in their joy, laboring here in the vineyard of the Lord with them.

As we wait in hope of meeting them again in a far away land called, Heaven, may we cherish their lives as a lasting memorial as they inspired we that knew them here in this life.

Respectfully,
Brother Newsome
Brother Turner-Clerks

OBITUARIES
of
BRETHREN AND SISTERS

ELDER HARVEY MAY

Today it is with great sadness and a broken heart that we write this for our family. Harvey May was born on April 4, 1929 to Harvey and Macie May. He left us on September 18, 2002. He was married to Fayette Adkins on July 21, 1949 and had four children. They are Michael Dale May, Randall Barrett May, Debbie Gail Clevinger and Robert Timothy May, three daughters-in-law: Annie Chong, Ada Robinson and Sheila Kent. One son-in-law, Ronnie Clevinger. They have ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. He had three sisters and two brothers living: Bernice Williamson, Margaret May, Charlotte May, Jack May and Bob May and has two deceased brothers James Foster May and Wayne Howard May.



Dad was a very colorful person especially in his younger years. My father was a man who had no problems in life, and lived life to it's fullest. His favorite pass times were painting, reading books, and he enjoyed writing just as much as reading . It was amazing the books that he read. I can remember when we were just little kids just about every night when daddy came home from work he would tell us a bedtime story. If my cousins where there they would enjoy them as much as we did. Some of them were so scary that it gave me an excuse to sleep with mom and dad. He loved music, there was hardly an instrument that he couldn't play.

He would find a tool of sort in the kitchen to make music, of course being the teenager I was he would get on my last nerve playing his music. But today I would give anything is this world to hear him play again. He loved playing the gospel and he played a little boogie woogie music too, (well that's what mom use to call it). Oh and mother's sisters Ona, Ellie, Madge and Ruby would sit around in the living room just singing along while he played. Ruth and Minnie Vee were there but they always said they couldn't sing. Those are such beautiful memories that I will always have.

Dad said he saw this beautiful young women coming from church with her sister Ona and fell in love at first sight. He said I'm going to marry that girl but it took Mom some convincing. Our Aunt Madge took Dad and Mom to the courthouse to be united in marriage they had four children to prove there love and ten beautiful grandchildren: Tracy, Teresa, Tammy, Todd, Mike, Michele, Melissa, Amy, Scott and Katyln. Later in life dad found another love that is truly his greatest love of all "Jesus" Christ our Savior. Daddy loved spreading the gospel and preaching the gospel more than anyone else I know. Oh, if he got to preach at church he was definitely a happy man. But he became even more so when he was able to be a part of a baptism or watch a baptism; I know he was there for me and my brother, Robert. Before Dad belonged to any one denomination his heart was searching. He would go to "Church of Christ, First Baptist, Southern Baptist, but he just wasn't satisfied. Really he stayed away from the Old Regular Baptist. Then one day he came home and was baptized in the Old Regular Baptist; he's been there ever since. Mom of course she was shouting and so happy because she had been an Old Regular since she was eighteen years of age, (close any way).

He loved his church and his brethren and sisters of the church. He loved to travel with the other ministers and talk about God, and how their day went, he was happy indeed.

Dad began to lose his smile later in his senior years when Mom was stricken with Alzheimer's, he had taken such good care of her at home for eight years until she was put in the nursing home. It took its toll on Dad, his first love was sick. He couldn't share the things that they had once shared together. But no matter what, he tried to make her feel so special everyday until he couldn't anymore. That is why I had asked Franklin to sing "You Are My Sunshine." Daddy never missed a day singing that song to Mom. Dad told Uncle Hiram one day when they were visiting mother "If I could just hear Mom bawl me out good just one more time what J would give." He will; her voice it will be heard from the heavens and it will be loud as thunder, rejoicing, yes she will be rejoicing. I'm finally home and I can walk, sing and shout "Praising God." They will be together again.

Dad's last few years were very hard on him, he became sick. He stopped singing, preaching, every now and then a smile, but not too often. Dad suffered for four months with a bleeding ulcer, pneumonia, staph, but he is well now, he has no more suffering. Ada told me one day when she was with Dad at the hospital and the nurses were working with him and he woke up and said "why did you wake me, I was almost home. Well, he's home now. I want to give my sister-in-law Ada one big hug, thanks Ada, for being there with our Dad when I couldn't be. And I believe I can say that for the rest of the family, the love that you showed my dad will never be forgotten. We love you, Ada.

"I Leave Behind," the song goes, "The foot steps I have made; while passing through life will they stand the test of time, will they have a hearing in somebody's life, will they be there for my children to find.

Dad, I can only hope we can follow the footsteps that you lovingly left behind. We love you Dad.

Written by Your Daughter and Sons

GLEN BLACKBURN

With a sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband and my children's dad, Glen Blackburn.

Glen was born September 28, 1928. He died February 6, 2002 at 12:25 a.m. at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, KY making his stay here on earth seventy four years, four months, and nine days.

He was the son of Trimble Blackburn and Rebecca Slone Blackburn. Glen was united in marriage to Nell Ruth Thompson in 1950, making their life together fifty one years and four months. To this union six children were born: Judith Kaye Blackburn of Powells Creek, KY, Glenn Douglas Blackburn of Meta, KY, Randall Neal Blackburn of Varney, KY, Sally Williams of Varney, KY, William Carlos Blackburn of Varney, KY, Michael Blackburn of Open Fork Road, Meta, KY and William Glen Cody Blackburn, our fifth son came to us years later (a blessing from God), of Varney, KY.

Dad left fourteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn our loss. Glen worked hard all his life, he worked in the coal mines fourteen years, and retired from Libby Iron Metal Company.



He had to retire early due to the illness of sugar diabetes, but he managed to keep busy around the house. He was saved in November of 1979 and then joined the Old Regular Baptist. Daddy was saved at home and baptized the following day, which was a glorious day for us. Glen came from a large family where there was a lot of love. He had two brothers, Willard Blackburn and Willis Blackburn, who are both deceased. Sisters Ethal Francis, Alma Miles, Grace Stanley, Alta Murphy are all deceased. Ada Stanley, a resident of Mingo Manor nursing home and Fannie Sanders, who resides in Virginia, both are living.

We were rich in many things that money couldn't buy. He was the backbone of our family. His wife and children were his life and he always wanted to know that everything was alright. Daddy was a sick man for many years but he never gave up, he always kept up the faith. He promised me he would never leave me but after fifty one years of marriage, the last few years the pain increased so; Jesus stepped in and took him home. He was my life and for him I will be good and do what he needed me to do.

"Glen I want to say this my darling, you will still be my world and I will be good and live for the Lord so that I can meet you in heaven; this isn't goodbye, this is I will see you soon. I will always love you and continue to watch over me. I'll miss you so much. I love you, your wife and children. Thank you, Lord."

Written by Your Wife Nell Ruth Blackburn

TINA BEVINS CARPENTER

With a sadness in my heart and the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of our mother. Tina Bevins Carpenter, the fourth child of the late William Patrick Smith and Victoria Street Smith passed from this life on May 7, 2002 at Laurel Heights Nursing Home, London, KY. Mom was born in Pike County, Canada, KY on July 2, 1910 making her stay on this earthly place ninety one years, ten months and five days.

She was united in marriage to Craft Bevins on October 29, 1938 at Myrtle, Mingo County, WV by Elder Hi Maynard. They were blessed in marriage for thirty eight years, six months and eight days before our dad left this world on May 7, 1977.

To this union was born two daughters, Carolyn Sue (J. Charles) Elkins of Sidney, KY, and Vida Nell (Larry R.) Hibbitts of London, KY. She is survived by two grandchildren, Larry Edward (Misty Sue) Hibbitts of Hilliard, OH and Tony Richard Hibbitts of London, KY.

Mom was preceded in death by her second husband, P.R. Carpenter, on September 11, 1993. Mom and our step father were united in marriage November 19, 1983 at London, Laurel County, KY

She was preceded in death by six sisters: Maxie Laferty, Ethel Layne, Grace Smith, Gertrude Thacker, Octavia Thacker and Mary Alice Thornsby. Mom is survived by a brother, John Joseph (Phyllis) Smith of Canada, KY and two sisters, Hazel Edmonds of Dover, OH and Flossie Blackburn of Canada, KY; and a brother-in-law, Stewart Laferty of Sidney, KY.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on May 29, 1938 at the Narrows Branch Church and was baptized by Elder G. Bennett Adams.



She placed her membership with the Mount Pleasant Regular Baptist Church and was a faithful member until employment forced the family to relocate to Laurel County. She did not get to fill her seat as often as she would have liked but her heart was always there. Even though the last few years she did not recognize us as her children, we know she is asleep with the Lord and is at rest at last, but we miss her dearly.

Written by her daughter, Carolyn Elkins

VIRGIL CHAPMAN

In loving memory of Virgil Chapman who passed away November 25, 2001. He was born May 28, 1917 in Pinson Fork, KY. He was a son of the late Tilden and Della Maynard Chapman.



He was a retired coal miner from Eastern Coal and a member of the United Mine Workers of America Local 5737. He was a deacon at the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. He served his country during World War II in Europe and Africa. He received the EAME Theater Ribbon with six bronze stars and a Good Conduct Ribbon.

Survivors include his wife of fifty six years, Opal Deskins Chapman; two sons, Garry Chapman and L. J. Chapman; three daughters: Connie Chapman, Glenna Chapman and Glemma Clevinger; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather who is sadly missed by his family.

With treasured memories,
Opal Chapman and Family

LOUISE CLARK

Our hearts are saddened and our home seems empty as we mourn the loss of our loved one, Louise Clark, 88, of Turkey Creek, KY. She was born February 9, 1914 in Pike County. She was the daughter of the late George and Vista (Lowe) Runyon. Louise met her Lord and savior in 1976 and was a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church of Brushy. She made the crossing on March 26, 2002. Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Boyd Clark, a grandson Ronnie Clark, and six brothers and four sisters. Survivors include three sons: Chester Clark of Turkey Creek, KY, Lester Clark of Borderland WV, Ed Clark of Amherst OH and two daughters, Mabel Gilliam and Joyce Atkinson, both of North Ridgeville, OH, fourteen grandchildren and twenty five great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Although Mom is gone, the memories of her smile will linger on in the hearts of those who loved her and we believe she is at rest with Jesus, for the Bible says, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for they do rest from their labor, and their works do follow after them." Loved and sadly missed by her family, (for there is no other as precious as our dear mother.).

Written by granddaughter: Kathryn Baisden

ALMA LOUISE CLINE

With very much precious loving memories and a sad broken heart, I will try with the help of my good lord to write the obituary of me sweet mommy, Alma Louise Cline. She was born July 2, 1941 at Baisden, WV and was called home to be with the Lord on October 5, 2001 making her stay on earth sixty years, three months and two days. The daughter of Elzada and the late Elliott (Bud) Cline, she had four brothers: Rutherford, Ralph, Johnnie and Randy Cline and two sisters, Darlene Carter and Fonda Adams. She left behind her husband, Jimmie Cline, of forty five years. They were married December 23, 1955. Also, she is survived by four daughters: Anita Blankenship, Lisa Blankenship, Fonda Hatfield and Misty Compton and two sons, Timmy and Jamie Cline, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Proceeding her in death is a son, Terry James Cline.



Mom joined the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at Baisden, WV on March 2, 1972 and was baptized by Elder Johnnie Cline and Elder Ross Cline. She was a devoted wife and mother who was considerate and kind to others, with a heart full of love and a big smile for everyone. Mom was loved by all. Her heart was filled with joy each time the family would get together, she loved to sing and work out in the yard as well as inside the home. She was a wonderful caring person who taught her children to seek the Lord in there everyday life.

My heart aches with great sorrow because you had to leave us, but ,Mom, you were an Angel and a rose waiting down here to be picked to go home. Each and every day you are thought of and many tears are shed. The pain just seems to never end for us , but for you, Mom, I know you are at rest. There are so many cherished memories of all the times we shared. I'm so glad that I was there through your good days as well as your bad. You are the greatest Mom and friend anyone could ever have. Someday when it comes my time we'll be together once again.

There's no more pain for you now, Mom, for your work on earth is done. It eases our hearts to know that your days are filled with happiness and forever bright tomorrows. You're waiting up there on your family so our circle can be again as one. Thank you, God, for giving us such a wonderful loving Mom.

Written with great respect and love By Daughter
Fonda Annette (Cline) Hatfield

ALTA MARIE CLINE

It is with a heavy heart and the sweetest of memories that I try to write our Mom's obituary. Mom was born January 10, 1926 and departed from this life January 21, 2002. She was the daughter of Melvin and Polly Cline. She was married to Edward Cline on January 17, 1942 and to this union was born eight children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Cine and son, Joseph Cline. She left behind seven children: Benson Cline, Ervin Cline, Richard Cline, Orville Cline, Billy Cline, Donna Jessie and Bonnie Gail Cline.

Mom joined church May 21, 1950. She was a member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist for fifty one years. Her faith in God helped her so much during her last months on earth. Her death was so untimely that it shocked all that loved her.

We miss her so much, but we know that she is with Dad now. We all have our own special memories, but mine is knowing that she loved me, no matter what I did. She told me not long ago that she knew we were not perfect but we were her kids and that she loved us. We know that she is in a better place. We only hope that God is as happy with her in Heaven as we were with her on earth. My grandson only saw her one time and he remembers that visit to Maw Maw's. I tell him stories about going to Maw Maw's house and going hunting. I'm sure that each one of us is keeping her memory alive for our families. I could write a complete book and still not be able to tell how much she meant to each of us. We hope that she knew how very much she was loved while she was here. She will always be in our hearts and memories.

When we lost Mom, we lost our best friend. We love you, Mom, just as much now as while you were with us.

Written by Orville Cline for the entire family



WILLIAM RILEY COBURN

Brother Bill was born in Euclid, KY, March 21, 1917 and passed away on November 19, 2001 at his home in Leesburg, FL. He was the son of the late Jacob Ryan Coburn and Sally Allen Coburn Hicks. He was married to the late Norma Jean Dials. He is survived by a daughter, Helen L Higginbotham, Oxford, FL, a son William A. Coburn, Lorain, OH; a sister, Ruby Wolfe, Grayson, KY; sixteen grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. A son, Leroy Coburn, preceded him in death. He retired from Changio Steel Co. of Columbus OH and was an old time "horse trader" and often told us stories about his buying and selling.

Brother Bill joined the Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Citra, FL April 6, 1986 and was baptized by Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. and Elder James Barney. He was faithful to attend church, although his body was severely crippled it rarely kept him from going. On church cleanup days, he was barely able to move around but he was there, rake in hand, and ready to do his part of the work. He left little excuse for those absent.



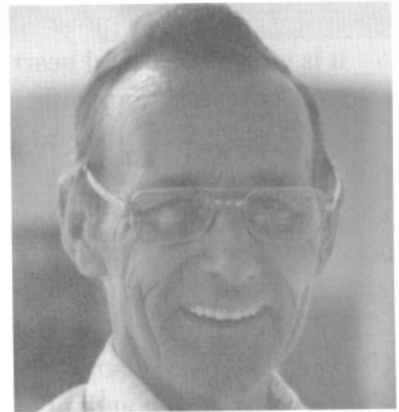
During his last days when we visited him in the hospital he could not see and could barely hear but still communicated. He always knew who was there and would ask questions, especially about church. His family was very important to him and he was always concerned about his children and grandchildren.

The Southern Home Church sadly misses Brother Bill, but he is living in that beautiful mansion and when we meet him again his body won't be crippled; he will be walking down the street of gold.

Written by his sister in Christ:
Lola Adair Campbell

JULIUS COCHRAN

With the help of the Lord, I'll try to write the obituary of Brother Julius Cochran, who also was a brother in the flesh. Brother Julius was born November 24, 1921. He was the son of the late John H. Cochran and Octavie (Stanley) Cochran. Brother Julius grew up in Pike County Kentucky at a place called Canada. In the year, 1942, he married a neighborhood girl named, Elouise Brown. To this union seven children were born. One son, Danny Edward, preceded him in death, leaving behind: John C. (Barbara) Cochran, Larry (Eva) Cochran, Bob Cochran (Marlena) and daughters: Mary (Jerry) Rusk, Janet (Johnny) Hall and Debra (Terry) Staats. After the death of Sister Elouise, Brother Julius met and married Donna Porter, to this union was born two sons, one Michael Julius preceded him in death, leaving behind one son, Donald Troy Cochran along with Sister Donna to mourn his death.



He also had sixteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Two grandchildren preceded him in death. He had eight brothers and two sisters. Two brothers preceded him in death leaving behind Ernest (Audrey) Cochran, Luther (Gerldene) Cochran, Bill (Edna) Cochran, Harold Cochran, Eugene (Connie) Cochran, Chester (Martha) Cochran. Sisters, Grace Slone and Mary (George Ed) Smith. He also had many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and Brothers and Sisters in the Church to mourn his passing.

In the year 1948, the first Sunday in June, Brother Julius joined the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized by the hands of Brother John Brown and Brother Henry C. Maynard. He was later ordained a deacon and served until the death of Sister Elouise. Then in the year of 1977 he came in an arm and helped establish the Little Tavie Old Regular Baptist Church in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, where he served as clerk until his health would not permit him to serve any longer, but he was still very active in the church. He and Sister Donna have been faithful to the Little Tavie Church. Brother Julius made his living as a carpenter. He also was in the United States Army during World War II and served over seas in Patton's Third Army Division and was awarded several medals. The Bible speaks of in Israel a great man has fallen today. Brother Julius will be missed by a great many people in the Church. But, thanks be to God there is a land where no sickness or death can come, for there remains a rest for the children of God. Brother Julius is just waiting for the redemption of his body, and the bible says they that wait upon the Lord will have their strength renewed and they will be able to run and not be weary.

This natural body gets weak by afflictions, but when this natural body goes through the refinery of the Lord, it will be strong again. Children it took me about five times to try to write this obituary and at times I felt I couldn't do it, and now I can't seem to stop, but I know time will not permit me to go on. Brother Julius was Blessed with two wonderful companions in this life, but Sister Donna is left behind. So, in closing I would like to say to all the family, weep not for Brother Julius, but weep for yourselves and your children, and remember there is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun. I hope to meet you all in Heaven. I know I don't have to say this but be good and don't forget Sister Donna. I have never seen a woman be any better to a man than she was to Brother Julius. So God Bless you all is my prayers.

By an unworthy Brother Elder William H. Cochran

HARMON EDMISTON

It is with a sorrowful heart that I write the obituary of our beloved father and grandfather. Harmon was born in Pike County on May 21, 1917 the son of the late Wayne and Anna (Marcum) Edmiston. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Fayne (Justice) Edmiston, five brothers: Raymond, Pearly, Cal, Lawrence and Wayne, Jr. and one sister, Mary Church. Harmon was a retired coal miner with S & J Mining of Cinderella, WV. He was a member of the UMWA. He was also a member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church and a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II.



Surviving are his daughter, Emma Smith of Sidney, KY; three brothers, Charlie Edmiston of Canada, KY, Alex Edmiston of Hatfield, KY and Dewey Edmiston of Carlsbad, NM; two sisters, Bobby Jean Rowe of Belfry, KY and Mae Hatfield of Oklahoma City, OK. He is also survived by three grandchildren: David Warren Smith of Columbus, OH, Linda Ayala and Jamie Smith of Sidney, KY and three great grandchildren: Brittany and Bradley Hall, and Michael Beavers of Sidney, KY and a host of nieces and nephews.

Grandpa was an amazing man. He spent his life helping others. Without him it is hard to say where we would be. He was always there for us when we needed him. He lived his life in a way so to be a good example to those around him. He was always sweet and never angry. He is missed more with each passing day and our thoughts of him are always good ones. If one day when I die I can leave behind someone to think of me with the love and respect I feel for grandpa what a blessed woman I will be.

It is with sadness that I write this, but at the same time I feel such a blessing that grandpa went into the water that day and gave his life over to the Lord. What I thought to be the most humble man on earth became an even more humble man that day. And the smile on his face and the peace that seemed to be with him is one that I'll never forget and it lets me sleep at night to know that he is in a better place.

Written with love, his granddaughter, Linda Ayala

LUKE ESTEP

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I write the obituary of my childhood friend and husband of thirty two years. Luke was born January 25, 1938 at Delbarton, WV. He was the son of the late Greenway and Virgie Estep of Delbarton, WV. He is survived by wife Minerva Marcum and daughter Veronica Briggs of Ceredo, WV. He is also survived by brothers: James Toney of Townsen, DE, Bob of Beech Creek and Van of Tennessee and a sister, Delila of Pennsylvania. One sister deceased, Lucinda Collins and a baby brother, Wesley.



He was a member and deacon of Sardis Church in Delbarton, WV, also a steady church goer at Muncy Valley, Elk Creek and Chattaroy churches.

In all his pain he was relieved by prayers and was cheered up by the brothers who visited him. While I have lost everything he has gained a better home of no more pain and sorrow. Drinking from the gold cup in his vision after baptism. Greenway came and talked to him about a week before he died. As he told me, don't weep or grieve for me. I have a better place to go. Keep going to church and someday we'll be together again never to part.

Written by a sister in Christ
Minerva

SOPHIA LEE TILLEY EVANS

On October 22, 1966 Sophia took her companions by the hand and began her journey through the Valley of Baca, this valley of tears. God allowed her to bath in the lovely pools of Zion and drink from the well that Abraham drank. On January 3, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. she dropped her weather beaten frame and took her flight to New Jerusalem.



She was a faithful member of the Sardis Church and will be sorely missed by all of her Brothers and Sisters.

She was born December 10, 1942 to John and Rebecca Tilley. She was married to Elder Joe Evans on November 13, 1961. To this union was born one son, Joey Evans, and his wife Angie. Her grandchildren whom she loved deeply were Kimmie, Joseph and Franklin.

I hope to meet her on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance.

Written by her loving husband, Elder Joe Evans

FLOYD FLETCHER

With great sorrow and blessed hope of seeing my daddy again when this life is over, that I try to write this obituary.

Dad was born September 17, 1913 and died April 19, 2002. He was a retired coal miner. He was the son of Richard Fletcher and Elizabeth Tiller. He was married to Dencie Maynard September 5, 1932. To this union was born thirteen children; eight daughters and five sons. Two daughters preceded him in death.

His greatest love was God Almighty. He loved his Brothers and Sisters in Christ and his home church, the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church.

Rest on, Dad, in the arms of our sweet Jesus.



With love always,
Daughter, Elizabeth Parsons
Granddaughter, Dencie Faye Hatfield

DOVER FRANCIS

It is with much sadness and a broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Dover Francis. Dover was born December 1, 1919 at Sidney, KY to John and Belvia (Ray) Francis. He departed this life on November 14, 2001 making his stay here on earth eighty two years, eleven months and thirteen days.

He was united in marriage on May 23, 1942 to Dixie (Pinson) Francis. To this union was born four daughters: Phyllis Whiteford, Patty Bevins, Joan Blackburn and Gail Cornish. He leaves four granddaughters, four grandsons and five great grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters, Hazel King and Irene Robinson Williamson. Four brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Dover joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in December, 1995 and loved to go whenever he was able. He was a hard worker, a good husband and a loving father. He was always honorable and kind to everyone. Our home is so lonesome without him. My hope and prayer is to meet him in Heaven some day soon. May God bless and keep everyone.



Written by his wife,
Dixie Francis

WANDER H. HALE

With many precious memories I will try to honor my father's life. He was born December 13, 1916 at Brushy Creek, KY. He was a son of Alonso and Fannie Taylor Hale.

He was also preceded in death by brothers, John B. and Joseph Hale and a sister, Sophia Williamson. He passed from this life October 2, 2000 in the Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, KY following a lingering illness.

He was ordained as a deacon March 6, 1971 and was an assistant clerk and member of Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, Goody, KY. He was retired from Sears and was an auctioneer.



Survivors include his wife of sixty years, Winnie H. Burgess Hale, daughters: Wilma H. Hale, Columbus, OH, Susan E. Hale, Williamson, WV and Frances C. Wilkinson, Augusta, GA. Grandchildren: Prudence E. Evans, Kokomo, IN, Laura Suzanne Rouse, Williamson, WV, Charles Brent and Christopher Burgess Hale, both of Columbus, OH. Great grandchildren; Tiffany Nicole and Brittany Victoria Pinson, both of Kokomo, IN and Holly Brienne Rouse of Williamson, WV. A special sister-in-law, Gaythel Warren, Jacksonville, FL.

He was humble and always had a big smile. He was a good father and is missed by his family. Ever since I can remember Daddy always talked about dying, I believe that because his father was killed when he was sixteen years old and him being the oldest that he felt that he had to take care of people. He has taken people to the grocery, given a man a bed for the night when the man asked him for a blanket and gave quarters to many little children. But the one memory I have of his dying and leaving us was the year before he died. He had to have surgery and had so many other health problems that we were very concerned, but when Wilma told him that he had to have surgery because he could not continue to be in agony, he told her that if he didn't make it through surgery that we would know where he was.

I am so thankful that God allowed him to be my father and have hope that my family and I will be with him where he is now.

Written by his daughter

CORA EVELYN HANNAH

It is with extreme sadness but much rejoicing that we write these farewell words to honor our mother, Cora Evelyn Hannah, of Dingess, WV, who went to be with the Lord on February 14, 2002, at 6:15 p.m. at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY. Mommy was 78 years old and had been in poor health for a few years before the Lord called her home.

Born July 12, 1923, at Kirk, WV, she was the daughter of the late William and Fannie (Booth) Messer. She married Everett Hannah who died on November 4, 1969 and to this union were born ten children, one of whom, Billy Ike, preceded them in death. Left to carry out God's plan for this family are five sons: Everett (Pamela),



Phillip (Peggy), Edgar (Janie), Chris (Barbara), and John (Sandy), four daughters: Elcana (Honer) Hall, Carol (Silas) Canterbury, Merle Hannah, Stella (Jorge) Ottavian, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mommy and Daddy were baptized into the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church in April, 1948, by Elder Willie White. Daddy was a deacon in the church, and both parents were faithful members and servants until the Lord called them home.

Mommy's greatest legacy to her children whom she nursed, loved, and cared for would be the bond of love we share with each other. Her heart's final desire was that all of her children would accept and live for Christ so that she could see them again in Heaven soon. We shall miss Mommy and her presence in our daily lives, but we know that she is with the Lord today, and we have the hope of seeing her and Daddy again one day.

Our loss is great, and our home is forever broken; but our memories will lessen our grief as we follow in the footsteps that our parents set before us.

Written by her children

ALBERT RUSH HENSLEY

In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather who is sadly missed. Brother Rush passed away September 3, 2001 in Guyan Valley Hospital at Logan, WV. He was born February 1, 1922 in Kentucky.

He was baptized at the Tabitha Church by Elder Acia Evans and Elder John Henry Hensley in 1949. He was the son of the late John Henry Hensley and Melinda (Evans) Hensley. He leaves his loving wife, Vivian, one daughter Brenda Dingess and three sons: Denny (Atto), Burns and Lawrence. And seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He also leaves on brother to mourn his leaving, Charlie Hensley of Kermit, WV.



He is greatly missed by his family who mourn his loss and the church members who he loved so dearly. We hope that someday we can see Daddy again with his smiling face. Daddy left here going to a better place, and if Daddy could speak again he would say live for Jesus. He attended church regular before he got sick. We knew that Daddy could never get well again, here on earth. It broke our hearts to lose our Daddy, and Daddy, we love you and by the Grace of God we will see your smiling face again someday.

We love you,
wife and daughter

GEORGE W. JUDE

With the help of our Lord and Savior, we will try to write this obituary of our brother in Christ. Brother George Jude was born on September 29, 1945 and went to a better home on December 14, 2001. He was a member of the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church at South Williamson, KY and was baptized by Elder Elbert Sesco and Elder Danny Runyon.

He was the son of the late Harrison and Ollie Maynard Jude. He was married to Kathy May Jude. Their children are Tony Jude, Tammy Reiche, George Jude, Jr., Thomas Jude and George Isaac Jude. His brothers are Lacy Jude, Charlie Jude, Floyd Jude and Joseph Jude. His sisters are: Vicky Fletcher, Aileen Crum and Vicky Luther. He is preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

Brother George was our "water boy" at our church. He also kept our candy dish filled. Brother George was a spiritual man who loved the Lord and wanted everyone to go to Heaven. Brother George's seat is empty now but we feel in our heart that he is resting in the arms of our Lord. To the family; Daddy is gone but you can see him again if you will go to Jesus Christ. We feel in our heart that Brother George would tell you the same thing. Our heart is with you all and praying that you will go to the Lord, so you can see Daddy again.

Written by: Sister and Brother in Christ
Sister Gerri Coleman and Elder Elbert Sesco



SALLY LOWE

I will try to write the obituary of my sweet mother. She was born April 9, 1909 on Brushy Creek, KY. She passed away February 10, 2002 soon after I put my beloved husband in the ground to be with Jesus. We had just got Glen buried when the call came saying mother had passed away.

Mother was a special person in my life. She always tried to do the right thing. She was a member of the Pilgrims Home Church since 1945. She worked outside the home, did many kinds of work, so she could keep me in school. She wanted me to have a good education. I tried to do everything she wanted me to do, and I'm glad I didn't worry her.

Mother was married to Prill Lowe April 2, 1945. They had no children, but he had a son Arnold Lowe who lives in Eastern, KY; three daughters: Orth Sherver, lives at Bakersfield, CA, Olga Blackburn lives at Mt. Sterling, KY, Dorthy Maynard of Raccoon, KY. Mother thought of these children as her own, and she loved them as much as she loved me, and they loved her. I wish I could put all about these children and their spouse, but I don't have room. They all had her love.

Papa and Mother had a good life together. They were together in everything they did. Mother came from a large family. She was the daughter of George and Mary Thompson. She had five brothers: James, Harold, Elmer, Clyde, and Henry who are all deceased.



Sisters: Stella, Tempa, and Virgie who are deceased; Oma Bevins, South Williamson, KY, Gracie Robinette, Hagel Port, MI. She has them to mourn her loss, and a host of nieces and nephews. Mother had six grandchildren: Judith Kaye Blackburn and Glenn Douglas Blackburn both from Meta, KY, Randall Neal Blackburn, Sally Marlene Blackburn, and Carlos Blackburn, all from Varney, KY, and Michael Blackburn from Open Fork Road. She had five great grandchildren. Mother had a special little person in her life, Carlos Shawndale Blackburn. He was with her and he was like her own.

Mother and Papaw ran a lunchroom in Majestic for eleven or twelve years. They worked together and loved each other so much.

In her last days she made her home with Judy, my oldest daughter. She stayed the month of January in the hospital, part of the time she stayed at Judy's. I miss my mother so bad. I stayed the month of January in Central Baptist Hospital with my darling, Glen, and didn't get to see mother. Marlene, Timmie, and I all stayed with him and we didn't get to see mother for a month. Mother, I love you and I will do the things you ask me to do. I will meet you. I know you are resting. Watch over us mother. God Bless you.

Your Daughter, Nell Ruth Blackburn

MAUDIE VIRGINIA GRUBB MAHORN

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." (Ecc 3:1) We can never know the reason the sweet Master called our loving mother, wife and grandmother home on October 2, 2001 at the age of 66. Maudie Virginia Grubb Mahorn was born July 19, 1935 in Delbarton, WV, to the late Carlos Oscar and Rebecca Evans Adair Grubb. She married Melvin Elias Mahorn, Sr. in Compton, CA on April 16, 1955. To this loving union of forty six years, three children were born: Melodie Elaine Alfred, Linda Carol Pfof and Melvin Elias Mahorn, Jr. Her death was sudden and has left family and friends at a great loss.



Six brothers and three sisters preceded her in death; Billy Adair, Elder Tommy Adair, Sr., Albert Adair, Johnny Adair, Clarence Grubb, Rush Grubb, Melissa Adair, Nancy Rowlands and Clara Grubb. Surviving brothers are Elder Henry Adair of Sacramento, CA and George Adair of LaMirada, CA.

She loved serving the Lord and was a great teacher and comforter to many. Everyone remembers her great love of singing, always praising our Lord in song. We miss her prayers and steadfastness in our lives. She loved her family and especially her grandchildren; Dean II, Carlos, Cortney, Noah, Jared and Matthew. She prayed fervently for them daily. Heaven, sweet Heaven, was her aim and we know that she is where she lived her life to be. One of the things she always quoted was "This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalms 118:24). We are certain that the day God called her home she rejoiced beyond measure. Joy unspeakable and full of glory; that must be how she feels today. Our Lord has promised us this. We can only live to join her now. Please keep us in your prayers. Looking forward to that glorious reunion day.

Her Loving Husband and Children In Christ,
Mel, Melodie, Linda and Mel, Jr.

ALENE MALONE

Alene Malone, age 76, of Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY passed away at 12:15pm Wednesday, February 13, 2002, at the home of her daughter. She was born in Pike County on June 19, 1925, the eldest child of the late John and Anna Bevins Maynard.



Alene is survived by her loving daughter, Jona Lynn Simpson, wife of Danny Simpson; beloved granddaughter, Melinda Kaye Branham, both of Pikeville, KY; four brothers, James Maynard of Ironton, OH, Gene Maynard of Dayton, OH, Paul Maynard of Pikeville, KY and Billy Maynard of Miamisburg, OH; three sisters, Alice Rivard of St. Clair Shore, MI, Rebecca Hess of Pikeville, KY and Sylvia Lynch of Pikeville, KY. She is survived by a host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews and is dearly loved by all.

Alene was a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. She dearly loved her church and the Old Regular Baptist ministers. She was an employee of the G. C. Murphy Company in Pikeville, KY for forty years, until her retirement in 1988.

Aunt Nean touched many lives through her lifetime. During her mother's illness and after her mother's death in 1962 she helped her father raise the younger children. If her brothers and sisters needed anything, all they had to do was ask and she would try her best to get it for them. After her dear father's death in 1970, she became the "head" of the family. She was always there with a smile and a kind word for anyone she came into contact with.

She was devoted to her daughter and granddaughter, she was always so proud of her grand baby, Melinda. Aunt Nean has been through many trials in her lifetime and in 1998 she became paralyzed after almost losing her life. She realized then that God had spared her this time and while still in the hospital she gave her life to Jesus. Not long ago she said, "I wish I hadn't waited so long to live for the Lord". She would often comment on being able to walk again when she got to Heaven and always said this with the sweetest smile. We know she is there now. Aunt Nean loved her church and her ministers. She loved to see her brothers and sisters from church and to hear the good singing and the message from the Lord. She dearly loved her "adopted sons", Brother Dwayne Smith and Brother Andrew Walters. I know she would say don't grieve for me, rejoice, for I am free. Aunt Nean will be sadly missed by all her family and will always be remembered for her abundance of love, sweet smiles and kind words for everyone.

Written by her loving family

ELDER LEWIS CARL MARCUM AND GOLDIA ELIZABETH MARCUM

It is with fond memories I write this obituary of my parents, Elder Lewis Cart Marcum and Goldia Elizabeth Mullins Marcum. My father passed away March 30, 1990 in a Roanoke, VA. hospital, making his life on earth eighty one years and five months. He was born November 26, 1908 in Wayne County, WV, to Jacob and Susannah Pack Marcum.

He came to the Turkey Creek area as a young man and soon joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and a few years later he was ordained as a minister. He lived his life for the Lord and his greatest pleasure was to attend church and win souls for the Lord or to help someone in need. He loved everyone and especially little children.



My mother passed away on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2001 in the Montgomery County Hospital in Blacksburg, VA, making her life on earth ninety five years and six months. She was born June 16, 1906, in Morgan County, KY to Jerry and Hessie Jane Mullins. My parents married December 5, 1928. My mother came to the Turkey Creek area as a young bride. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the same time my father did. My mother was a quiet woman. She loved peace and everyone loved her.

They are survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Nola Jane Marcum Francis and Walter Junior Francis of Christiansburg, VA. Two granddaughters: Lana Francis Tucker and husband, David O. Tucker of Roanoke, VA and Linda C. Francis of Mt. View, CA. They are also survived by two great-grandsons: David Harth Tucker of Blacksburg, VA and Joseph Walter Tucker of Roanoke, VA and many nieces and nephew.

I know they are enjoying being together in Heaven and I hope to join them there some day. I would like to thank my sister-in-law, Goldean Burke Francis of Riner, VA for all the help and support she gave me during my mothers illness and my cousin, Lois Blackburn for submitting this obituary to the Minute for me.

Written by their daughter, Nola Jane Francis

IRSON MAYNARD

With the help of the good Lord we attempt to write an obituary of my loving husband and father, Irson Maynard, who passed away on Sunday morning, April 7, 2002.

He was born January 3, 1924 and was the son of Sonny Harrison J. Maynard and Sarah Ellen Francis Maynard. He was preceded in heath by five brothers: Elzie "Tank" Maynard, Delmand, Wade, Arnold and Claude Maynard and three sisters: Sadie Chafins, Edna Stanley and Mae Bushinell. He left one sister living to morn his leaving, June Sparks of Puente Ct, FL and lots of family and friends who sadly miss him.



He was a member of the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church since 1996.

He was a loving husband and father who loved to go to Church and listen to the preaching and singing. In my heart he will never be forgotten. We miss him so much but God needed him more than we did. He will not be sick anymore up in Heaven. We cried together and rejoiced together. We had so many happy years together. There was no one like his daughter, Teresa. I love her so much. She was so good to him and myself, there was nothing she would not do for us.

I want to say thank you, God, for saving a lost soul like me. In closing I would like to give praise to a wonderful husband and father.

Sadly missed by wife, Janice
Daughter, Teresa, stepchildren and grandchildren

MINTA MAE LOWE ROBINSON MAYNARD

It is with love and respect for our mom that I write the obituary of Minta Mae Lowe Robinson Maynard who was born January 21, 1917 and who passed away August 28, 2001 in Ocala, FL and was laid to rest in Millwood Cemetery at Reddick, Florida. She was the daughter of the late Willie Lowe and Glatice Stamper Lowe of Pike County, Kentucky.

She was married on February 3, 1937 to Elcana Robinson. To this union was born seven children. There are three sons: Ray Robinson of Liberty, SC, Clell Robinson of Summerfield, FL and Willie Robinson of Ray City, GA and four daughters: Maxine Blackburn of Anthony, FL, Peggy Compton of Americus, GA, Eula Hernandez of Ocala, FL and Sharon Carter of Citra, FL. Twenty-one grandchildren, twenty five great grandchildren. She has two sisters, Dora Griffey of Belleview, FL and Martha Nichols of Pikeville, KY and one brother, Eldon Maynard of Ocala, FL.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Eula Case and Luna Nammoth and a brother, Elster Gene Maynard.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist, Apple Orchard Church of Brushy Creek, KY the first Saturday in June, 1947 and was baptized by Elder Emmett Case. At her death she was a member of the Naomi Church in Hollister, Florida. In 1974 she married Van Maynard.

Her favorite song was, "Troublesome Waters," sung by Elder Billy Adair. When she wasn't able to attend church she would call and ask about the meeting and ask if Brother Billy sang her song.



Written by
Maxine Blackburn, daughter

RICHARD HARRISON MAYNARD

Brother Richard Harrison Maynard, "Uncle Dick," died on Friday, November 16, 2001 at the Veteran's Hospital in Huntington, WV at the age of eighty four. Uncle Dick fought a long battle with rheumatoid arthritis and other complications. Although the arthritis had crippled his body, he kept attending church as often as his body would let him. During the last years of his life, his trips to church were a source of joy. It was a comfort to him that Sardis had built a new church. He believed that a new church was needed for the younger members.



Uncle Dick was born on October 2, 1917, at Cinderella, WV. He was the son of the late Wallace and Rebecca Evans Maynard. He was preceded in death by his brothers: Moses, Ray, and Sarvis Maynard and sisters, Flora Stepp and Rena Harold. He is survived by his sister, Millie Justice of Delbarton, WV.

Sadly, Uncle Dick was also preceded in death by his wife, Mary Evans Maynard. Uncle Dick died almost three years to the date of her death. Sister Mary Evans Maynard, "Aunt Mary," died on November 25, 1998. They both belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church called Sardis. Brother Dick was baptized on March 24, 1968 and was ordained a deacon of the church on October 25, 1969.

They were married on October 26, 1940. They spent fifty eight years together as husband and wife. The years after Aunt Mary's death must have been very lonely for him. Attending church was an important part of both their lives. It was common for Uncle Dick and Aunt Mary to be the first people at church on Sunday morning. As a child, I remember getting up before daylight to attend church with them. It was almost like they couldn't wait for the day to begin.

Even though they were unable to have children, they became like parents or grandparents to their nieces and nephews. When I think of their place on Buffalo Mountain, I remember a warm fireplace, church songs sung in an old rocking chair, and "holding on to your hat." There was love and peace in that home.

Although Aunt Mary and Uncle Dick lived for a little while in Tennessee and Ohio, their home was always in Delbarton, WV. Uncle Dick worked in the mines and was a retired coal miner. He was also a drafted veteran of WWII. During the war, he developed rheumatic fever and fortunately wasn't sent overseas.

Uncle Dick had a firm belief in the workings of the church. A time came when the Sardis members thought that calling roll would help bolster church attendance. Uncle Dick said plainly, "I only want my name on one roll." He didn't feel as if he needed to answer to anyone's roll but God's. Consequently, on that night in November his name was called and he went home.

TRUDY STANLEY MAYNARD

"Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Solomon could have been speaking about Trudy when he wrote those words many years ago in the Book of Proverbs. Trudy spent her life taking care of those around her during trying times of hard work and none of the modern conveniences to relieve her of any of the burdens.



Trudy was born on August 8, 1906 to Nancy Bowling Stanley and Mont B. Stanley, and she had five sisters and three brothers. They were as follows: Pearnie, Carlos, Annie, Fannie, Jerry, Willie, Zella and Wilda. Many times Trudy would talk about the love which she had for her family and about the fun things they got into while they were growing up. Her tales of their antics entertained her own children in the years that followed.

Trudy was united in marriage to Dewey Maynard on January 9, 1925 at Pikeville, KY. To this union was born eight children and they are Fayette, Peggy, Archie, Helen, Earsel, Jean, Junior, and Janet. Trudy and her little family went through many hard times, but her children know that she loved them very much. She could always make them smile with her singing and her laughter. One of her favorite songs was "A Poor Wayfaring Stranger", and her sweet voice sang it up until the Lord called her home.

Trudy gave her life to God and was baptized at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home on September 5, 2000. She was baptized by Elders Elbert SESCO and Leon Robinson and took her membership at the Pilgrims Home Church at Varney, KY.

The Lord called her home on February 4, 2002. I can hear her singing, "I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home". The yearning and longing to see her and to hear her say, "I love you. You just don't know how much" will never go away, but she left a hope behind that we can meet again when Jesus comes. A mother's love is never forgotten, and our memories of her, whether good or bad, will be taken out and savored as long as we live. She is resting from her labors and waiting for the Lord to call her name once again!

VERNON MAYNARD

I did not know that the morning of June 27, 2002 that God was going to call your name, Vernon Maynard, age 49, of Varney, KY.

He was born April 28, 1953, a son of the late Condor and Lizzie Maynard of Varney, KY. He was preceded in death by his parents. A daughter, Vernetta Sue, died at her birth on July 25, 1977. Three brothers all preceded him in death, Virgil, Oscar and Raymond Maynard, all of Varney, KY.



Since Vernon's death, another daughter, whom he adored so much, Angela Ruth Walters passed away on August 10, 2002.

Vernon is survived by his wife, Phyllis of 27 years, Jason M. Walters, son-in-law and granddaughter, Abigail Ruth Walters. One brother, James R. Maynard of Pikeville, KY. Two sisters, Ledna J. Parsons and Ruth Maynard, both of Varney, KY. Our loss is truly Heaven's gain.

Vernon was baptized by Elders Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson and Richard Staton, the last Sunday in May, 1992. He placed his membership at Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, where he was a faithful member.

We have got so much more to go to Heaven for than we had yesterday. The broken chain will link again where there will be no more tears. Burdens down here are so heavy, but one day they will be lifted away and we can rejoice with Jesus and the angels gathered around God's throne that he has prepared for us.

Written By His Loving Wife, Sister Phyllis Maynard

VADA MUNCY

It is with great sorrow that I attempt to write the obituary of our dearly beloved mother, who left us in the early morning hours of November 22, 2001, Thanksgiving Day. She peacefully crossed over into her eternal home in Paradise. She was ninety three years and eleven days young.

Mother was born on November 11, 1908 to the late Caudill and Vicie (Francis) Williamson. She was preceded in death by: husbands, Joe Ray and Bascum Muncy; sons, James Monroe Ray and Emery Ray Muncy; daughter, Maudie Muncy Thompson, brothers John B., George, Marshall and Jonah Esther Williamson and a sister, Cordelia W. Stanley.

She is survived by the following: Luola (Thomas) Young, Joanna (Ralph) Williamson, Eleanor Ruth (Emmons) Stepp, Mildred (Floyd) Woodson, Jay Dee (Evelyn) Muncy, Mary Lois (Hursell) Stevens, Claude Conley (Judy) Muncy, Eddie Leon (Janice) Muncy, and Freddie Muncy; one brother, K. H. "Hi" Williamson; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Mother was know as "Aunt Vada" to the many nieces, nephews, and other children who grew up in the Ray Branch area of Brushy Creek. She was a homemaker, wife, and mother.

In Proverbs 31, we read , "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Mother epitomizes this statement in the eyes of her family. Mother became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ called Pilgrims Home Regular Baptist Church in April, 1947. For fifty four years she faithfully filled her seat every church meeting until she became disabled and even then her heart was there.

Mother was blessed with a wonderful memory. She was often called upon by family and friends to get information about their ancestors as well as other information. She was very proud of her children. She believed that she had taught them that faith in God, hard work, and high morals would lead the way to success.

This Martriach will be sorely missed by her family. May she rest in peace in the arms of God.

Written by her daughter, Luola Ray Young



SADIE PAULEY

It is with a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my sweet mom, Sadie Pauley, who went to be with the Lord September 15, 2001. She was born March 6, 1918, making her stay here on earth eighty three years.

She was the daughter of the late Elder Lark and Ellen Lowe. She was married to her first husband, Jeff Staton at the age of sixteen and to this union was born three daughters: Betty Goble, Anna Lois Francis and Nella Thompson.

Mom joined the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church in 1936 and was baptized at the hands of her dad, Elder Lark Lowe and Elder Ester Hopkins. She was a member of that church sixty five years. Dad died April, 1957 and seven years later she married James Pauley, who she lived with until he died October 4, 1995.

Mom lived with my sister, Betty Goble at Forrest Hills, KY for three years until she no longer could care for her. Then she stayed in a nursing home at Inez, KY where she stayed three years until she got so sick she could not make it anymore here on earth and Jesus took her home where she will rest forever.

Sleep on sweet Mom, I will meet you some day.



Written by her daughter,
Anna Lois Francis

MIRTIE (ROBINSON) PREECE

It is with great sadness that we write this obituary of our dear mother. She was born October 12, 1924 to the late Tom and Tinie (McCoy) Robinson at Marie, KY. Mom passed away at home on May 18, 2002, making her stay here on earth seventy seven years and seven months. Mom was baptized in July of 1989 by Elder Steve Robinson and Elder Sabert Nichols. She was a member of Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church at Pilgrim, KY.

She was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Connie Sue Preece. Also, one granddaughter, Crystal (Preece) Fletcher; two brothers, Hayse Robinson and Charles Robinson; two sisters, Marie Lowe and Nadine Preece and one daughter-in-law, Jean Preece.

She is survived by five sons: Donald Lee (Gay)Preece and Randall Preece of Pilgrim, KY, Bobby Joe (Doris) Preece and David Preece of Inez, KY and Paul Preece of Columbus, OH and four daughters: Betty (Dwight) Bowers and Brenda Kay (Buddy) Moore of Louisa, KY, Mary (Dwight) Sammons of Warfield, KY and Patsy (Don) Muncy of Inez, KY. Mom, also, left behind thirteen grandchildren and eleven great grand children; two brothers, Rush Robinson of Warfield, KY and Bill Robinson of Inez, KY and one sister, Betty Jean Bradford of Roann, IN.

Mom gave us a loving home and we will always miss her. But we hope to see her in Heaven some sweet day.

Written with love by Donald Lee and Gay Preece



HELEN MAE RAY

Jesus Christ, our Lord called Mom to her heavenly home on November 12, 2001. She was born April 12, 1919 making her life on earth eighty two years and six months.

She was born to Arizona (Morrison) Walker Elswick and George Elswick in Mingo County, West Virginia. Her mother died when she was ten months old. At age seven she came to Brushy Creek to live with her aunt, Minnie Ray and uncle, Mack Ray.

She was married to Willie (Bill) Ray on February 24, 1940 and to the union was born three children: Cleo Maynard of Pikeville, KY, Wanda Madeline Muncy of Tecumseh, MI and James Billy Ray of Ypsilanti, MI. She had six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her aunt and uncle and her husband, Bill, of fifty one years who died May 4, 1991. Also, her sister, Gladys Ray, her half-sister, Mattie Sammons and her half-brother, Reaford Walker.

She Joined the Regular Baptist Church on March 24 and was baptized on March 25, 1955.

Our mother was both a meek and mild; a most gentle lady. She was a very caring and always found something good and beautiful in everyone she met. When we think of mom, we always think of Matthew, Chapter Five, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God". These verses have special meaning for us as they seem to describe the way she lived and died and we believe how she will live in eternity.

We know all her nieces and nephews who loved her so very much and all the friends and neighbors in this community will miss mom everyday. Our prayers will be answered when we meet her in Heaven.

Written by Cleo, Wanda and James B



JAMES M. RAY

It is a great honor to be asked to write the obituary of this great and humble Brother in Christ and a close family member. James was born to the late Joseph (Joe) Ray and Vada Williamson (Ray) Muncy on April 7, 1928 making his stay on this earth seventy two years, eight months and twenty nine days.

Brother James served as a corporal in the United States Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Organization.

James was united in marriage to Goldine Elswick on August 25, 1950 and to this union three children were born: Susan Elaine Bentley of Pikeville, KY, Emma Lou Clark and Joe Ray both of Varney, KY.

Left to mourn his loss are his children, three grandchildren: Synthia Josephine Ison (Cindy), Charity Lee Barrett, Kecia Lynn Ray, four great grandchildren: Kasey, Derricka, Jeremy and Blake, who James called "Little Curly headed man", his mother, Vada Muncy, five sisters: Jo Ann



Williamson of Varney, Louola Young of Sidney, KY, Mary Lois Stevens of Dix Fork, KY, Mildred Woodson of Berea, KY, Ruth Stepp of Kopperston, WV, four brothers: J.D. Muncy of Amesville, OH, Eddie Muncy of Columbia, TN, Claude Muncy and Freddie Muncy of Varney, KY.

James was preceded in death by his dad, Joe Ray, his wife, Goldine, one sister, Maudie, one brother, Emery Ray Muncy and stepfather, Bascum Muncy.

Brother James joined the Pilgrims Home Regular Baptist Church on February 2, 1960. He was baptized by Brother Jonah Williamson and Brother Emmit Case. He was the clerk at the Pilgrims Home Church for many years and the Assistant Clerk for the Sardis Association.

James attended Pikeville College and Morehead State University where he got a bachelor's degree in Science. He then became a school teacher and taught many children on this creek until he became ill and retired.

After an extended illness, God called his precious servant home on January 29, 2001. He expired at the home of his daughter, Susan Bentley, with his children and family by his side. Our sweet brother has not been satisfied in this world since his precious wife was called away. James stayed at his home place as long as he could with his children by his side. Oh, how he loved his children. As he got worse he would live with Emma and Basil or Susan and Jody. Basil and Jody, Thank God that James had sons-in-law like you. You treated James as if he were your Dad. God bless you both. For a while he lived with his precious grandchild, Cindy, whom he adored so much.

As I write this obituary, I am remembering my last visit with James. His favorite phrase was "I love you". Just a few days ago I went to see him and even though he couldn't speak, I knew what he was saying by the movement of his lips and the tears in his eyes.

My heart goes out to his family, but remember James has gone on to the home he loved and worked for, for forty two years. He is finally with Christ and his precious wife, Goldine. I could still see the hurt in his eyes when our precious mom (Stella) went home.

Stay close children, it is lonely in this world when mom and dad have gone on. Remember God's arms are long, so call on him. James will be dearly missed by a host of friends and all of this community.

Written by: Sharlene Cline and Francis Collins
with the assistance of his mother, Vada Muncy
and his brother, Claude Muncy

EARL "JACK" ROBINETTE

Earl "Jack" Robinette, 77, was born on January 30, 1925 in Pike County, KY. His parents were the late Jeff and Mary (Stanley) Robinette. Earl passed away June 27, 2002 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Earl was preceded in death by six brothers: Homer, Willard, Leonard, Ferrell, Tony and Vergil. He is survived by two brothers, John and George Calvin and two sisters, Ruby Walters and Marie Stratton.

Earl enlisted in the army when he was seventeen. His service was during World War II, a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division. He was severely wounded during the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium. He was in multiple hospitals the following year recuperating from his wounds. He received a Purple Heart Medal for his duty to our country.



Earl married Neva Jean Hughes on April 6, 1951. They were married 51 years and to this union was born three children: Judi Nichols, Jerry (Loretta) and Terry (Rita) Robinette. Earl had six grandchildren: Kristi (Charles) Edmonds, Patrick (Brandi) Nichols, Lora (Mark) Compton, Jeremy (Leisa) Robinette, Barry and Wesley Robinette. Earl also had four great-grandchildren: Haley Robinette, Matthew Compton, Abigail Robinette and Hannah Edmonds.

Earl and Neva Jean attended church regularly for many years. On May 28, 1995 Earl gave his life to the Lord and was baptized by Elder Billy Williamson and Elder Hobart Hamilton. He placed his membership with the Pilgrims Home Church, Varney, KY. He was ordained as a deacon on May 26, 2001. He loved his church and his church family. Earl read his Bible regularly and loved to tell people about the impact it had on his life.

Earl fought cancer for twelve years. It never broke his spirit or sense of humor. Anytime you would ask Earl how he was doing, he would tell you he was OK. His battle was long and painful. Early Thursday morning, Jesus took him home where his suffering is over. We have many happy memories of Papaw taking us places and telling us stories of how things used to be. All the wonderful years are filled with an abundance of memories that we will never forget. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written with love by his family

LOIS ROBINETTE

By the help of the Lord, I'll try to write the obituary of Lois Robinette. She was a devoted wife and mother and a wonderful sister in the Lord. Lois is preceded in death by her father, Marshall Williamson, and her sister, Betty Jean Williamson.

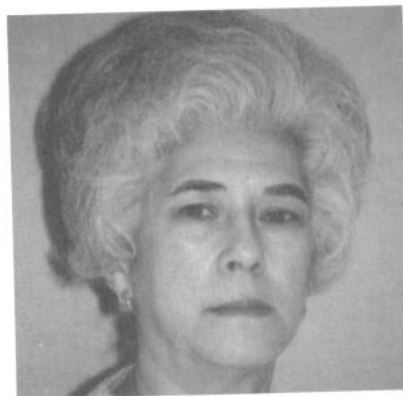
Left to mourn Lois's passing is her husband, Tobie Robinette of forty seven years. Her mother, Mary Williamson. Two daughters and their husbands, Sandy and Mitchell Bledsoe, Drema and Charles Paige, and her son, Dannie Robinette.

She also leaves seven grandchildren, Sandy and Mick's children: Jennifer, Micky, Adam; Andrew and Dannie's children, Tobie III and Cory. Drema and Charles's child, Christina. She also leaves three great grandchildren: Shiana, Austin and Cody.

Lois also leaves behind three brothers and their wives and three sisters and their husbands: David and wife, Rosie of Ypsilanti, MI and their children, Bennie (John) and Bessie Jane Williamson of Varney, KY and their children, Mary and James Robinette of Ypsilanti, MI and their children, Barbara Joyce and Gary Ratliff of Tennessee and their family, Vera Faye and Lonnie Walters of Varney, KY and their children.

Lois was a member of the Cedar Bottom Old Regular Baptist Church and a dedicated employee of Gilbert Residence for over thirty one years where she worked as a Social Worker and Nurses' Aid.

Lois will always be remembered for the great love she had for her family, always fixing everything, making sure they were taken care of and in its proper place. She also loved her beautiful flowers, making sure they were just right. Lois was always preparing for one thing or another. Preparing to build her new home and to retire, spending her remaining days with Tobie and her



family. I'm glad that many years ago she prepared to make her home in Heaven. There everything will be perfect, just the way she liked them to be.

I know we will miss our precious Lois but God will take care of her. The most precious thing she left us with is hope. That someday we will meet her in her new home, where there is plenty of room for the entire family.

She was and is an example for us to follow. Let us prepare for the journey when we will leave this life. Live your life in a way that will be received into the Kingdom of God. This has been prepared for us from the foundation for the World. Let us keep our lamps all trimmed and burning waiting for the coming of the Lord. I thank God for the life he gave Lois, for her family and for the love she showed each one of us. I hope we can all hold each other up, stay close to one another, until we can all meet again in a better land.

Children, Tobie will need you all now more than ever, be close to him, he is a wonderful Dad and was a good husband to Lois. I hope you all understand what Aunt Lois was talking about when she said "Today is my lucky day." Everything is complete in her life now, so get prepared to join her in Heaven.

Your Brother in Christ, Brother Dale Williamson

LOKIE ROSE

It is in loving memories and a broken heart that I try to write the obituary of my mother-in-law, Lokie Rose. She was a very loving mother, mother-in-law, nanny, sister, and friend. We all miss and loved her dearly. We also know that she is not suffering anymore. Lokie was born on November 30, 1929 at Brushy Creek, KY. She was married to Marvin Rose for twenty nine years. Lokie and Marvin had one son, Mitch Rose who they both loved so dearly.



Lokie passed away on June 4, 2002 at the ARH Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility making her stay here seventy two years, seven months, and four days. The Lord saw that Lokie was suffering so much with her cancer and called her home to be with him to suffer no more. That was Lokie's prayers. She did not want to lay and suffer. She told us that she prayed that the Lord would see fit to take her home. The Lord did answer her prayers. Her suffering is now over. Now she is resting in the arms of the Lord.

Lokie was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Rose; brothers: Bennett, Berlin, Cap, and Oscar Pinion; sisters, Dixie and Sally Jane Pinion. Survivors are son, Mitch Rose, daughter-in-law, Teresa Rose; granddaughters, Kayla and Shasta Rose; brother, Joe(Margaret) Pinion and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Lokie and Marvin both belonged to the Enon Old Regular Baptist Church. They were baptized on August 8, 1976 by the hands of Brother Lloyd Sesco and Brother Alison Thornsby. Lokie belong to the church for twenty five years. She loved going to church and fellowshiping with her brothers and sisters in the Christ. I think that is really what kept Lokie going. Just knowing that they were all praying for her and wanting her to get better.

All of Lokie's Family miss her dearly. One day I pray that I will see her again.

Written by her son and daughter-in law,
Mitch and Teresa Rose

MARTHA JANE (PRINCE) RUNYON

Martha Jane (Prince) Runyon age 75 of Dingess, WV went to be with the Lord December 31, 2001 at the home of her daughter, Causby Marshall. She was born February 6, 1926 the daughter of the late William Henry and Mary Hannah May. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ersel Prince; granddaughter, Crystal Prince and great-grand daughter, Ryanna Prince-Bird. She was also preceded in death by brothers: William May, Sherman May, Blackburn May, Jeff May and sisters Pearl Dillon and Georgia Vance.



She is survived by her husband, Elder Edward Runyon. Left to mourn her death are children: Mary (Glen) Marcum of Dingess, WV, Beuleah (Sam) Keck and Archie (Joan) Prince of Prichard, WV, Causby (Bob) Marshall of Huntington, WV and Ersel Prince, Jr. of Neibert, WV. She is also survived by a twin sister, Causby Stanley of Prichard, WV and two sisters; Wilda Dillon of Radnor, WV and Lola Lackey of Big Rock, TN. She left behind twelve grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She had a good friend, Jackie Dingess and two special sisters-in law, Garline May and Dorothy May of Dingess, WV.

She was a retired cook for the Mingo County Head Start and a retired merchant. She was a member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church where she faithfully attended since March, 1945.

Mom grew up poor and worked hard most of her life. She had little formal education, but God blessed her with great knowledge and much inner strength. Five years ago, because Mom was so sick, it appeared that she could live no longer. But God blessed her so very much, and through that blessing God showed many in our family, many relatives and friends how good He really is. St. Matthew Chapter 5 Verse 16 says: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Mom did and we must.

Written by her family

OLLIE MAE SCOTT

It is with so many wonderful memories that I have of my dear sweet mother-in-law and a sister in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and with his help I will try to write the obituary of one so dear to my heart, Ollie Mae (Davis) Scott.

I was always like Ruth was about Naomi-Ruth Chapter 1, Verse 16 for whether thou goest I will go and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.

Ollie (Mamaw) as we all called her was a light for me, she let her light shine. So every one could see her works, she didn't hide it under a bushel. She had it lit and shining bright, she was always reading her Bible and studied God's word as long as she was able.



She loved to read and if you had a question she could always give you an answer or tell you where to find it. She loved to read aloud to anyone. So you could understand what she was talking to you about. She loved to go to church as long as she was able and loved to sing and had a beautiful voice. I know I'm getting on and on about what a wonderful person I think she was, and one of God's special angels here on this earth. She has been in the old time way for many years, around seventy two or seventy three the best I can remember

Ollie May (Davis) Scott, ninety years of age, went home January 25, 2002. Her sweet spirit went back to God who gave it and her body is resting on the Thompson Cemetery at Chattaroy, WV beside her second love, her second husband, George F. Scott, whom she was married to for around sixty two years at his death, December, 1990. I don't think Mamaw was ever really happy after that. They were so very close. When Papaw left us, Mamaw was getting Alzheimer's and then fell and broke a hip. She didn't get better, we saw her slowly leave us, her body was there but she could not remember the family. Her mind wouldn't let her at times. She would remember something in the past and then she had a stroke and then she couldn't speak to us anymore for the last four or five years. She was in skilled nursing at South Williamson, KY. But when we talked to her she would get a tear in her eye and she would point her little finger up. I believe she wanted to go home to her new home where there is no more sickness.

Mamaw Ollie was born December 3, 1911. She was the daughter of the late Ramson and Nancy (McCallister) Davis of Belo, WV. She was preceded in death by her husband, George F. Scott, three brothers and four sisters. She has one son, Jim (Jean) Scott, a loving and caring son he was. He took such good care of her as long as he could. She had two grandsons, George R. (Beth) Scott of Chattaroy, WV and Jimmy B. (Kim) Scott of Princeton, WV and three great grand children: George Ryan II, Sara Beth and Raechel Brooke Scott.

I would like to say to the family the ones that do not know God in the pardon of your sins, to call upon God ask him for forgiveness before it is too late, that is what Mamaw would tell you to do if she could speak to you. You all know how much she loved Jesus and how much she loved you. So if you want to see her again, get ready as she did. She left some stones for all of us to follow and then we can go where the family circle won't ever be broken anymore. This I can say from the depth of my heart, Mamaw, I love and miss you, but Jesus loved you more, but I know that you are at peace now and resting from your labor. So rest on, take your rest in just a little while. All of God's children will be together and we can shout down the street of gold and you will be able to sing again and you can sing that new song that only the angels can sing. You loved that song, "On the Other Side of Jordan." Well, you are on the other side of Jordan now and I know you are happy. So rest on Mamaw, I love and miss you, all of the family does, be we all have so many wonderful memories in our hearts. Thank you, God, for giving us such a special, loving, caring mother, mother-in-law and grandma. The old saints they are leaving, they are going to Heaven one by one, the old saints how we miss them, but we'll join them in the New Jerusalem.

Written in love by Sister Jean Scott
Daughter-in-law and sister in Christ Jesus

RICHARD LEE SMITH

Richard Lee Smith, 79, of Pikeville, KY passed away October 28, 2001, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was born in Pike County, December 9, 1921, the son of the late Walker and Mary Adams Smith. He was a retired employee of Diamond D Coal Company and a member of the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church.



One brother and two sisters preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife whom he wed March 17, 1942, Joetta Ratliff McCoy Smith, three sons; Eddie McCoy (Phillistine) of Stanville, KY, Richie Smith (Peggy) of Pikeville, KY, and Johnny Smith (Phyllis) also of Pikeville, KY. Also, two daughters, Brenda Nichols (Wilburn) of Columbus, OH and Linda Talbot (Jack) of Naugatuck, CN, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Brother Lee joined the Big Branch Church on October 21, 2000. He was an honest, hard working man who always knew God was in control. Brother Lee taught his children to be honest, trustworthy, charitable, and to love all of God's creation. He was a great gardener and had food to share. Brother Lee was full of wisdom and knowledge beyond his time.

He will suffer no more and is at peace in his heavenly home.

GREETIS STANLEY

It is with many precious memories, that we attempt to write the obituary of our mother, Greetis Stanley. She was born March 15, 1915 at Piso, KY. She was the daughter of the late William Landon Hinkle and Wilda Stanley Hinkle. She died February 27, 2002 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, making her stay here eighty six years, eleven months and twelve days. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Stanley; one son, Reaford Stanley, four brothers: Glenville, Thurman, Irvin and Lawrence Hinkle. Three sisters, Gracie Stanley, Gusta Thompson and Magdalene Hinkle. Two grandchildren, Rodney Darrell Stanley and Vernetta Sue Maynard, two daughters-in-law, Carol Sue Stanley and Sharon Kaye Stanley. And just a short time later on February 27, 2002 a great-grandson, Orion May followed her in death.



Greetis was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Varney, KY, where she gave her hand on the fourth Sunday in August, 1951 and that being a Communion meeting was permitted to participate in what would be her first of many foot washing meetings.

Greetis married Charlie Stanley on July 20, 1937.

To this union was born thirteen children, twelve of which survive her; six sons: Landon Ishmael (Carrie) Stanley, of Hurricane, WV, James Issac (Kathy) Stanley, of Sidney, Clayton (Judy) Stanley, of Sidney, KY, Kenneth (Rose) Stanley of Sidney, KY, Clifton (Debbie) Stanley, Pikeville, KY, Raymond (Freda) Stanley, of Sidney, KY, six daughters, Anna Lou (Gene) Trout, of Sidney, Fannie Marie (Harold) Cochran, of Huddy, KY, Fayette (Ervin) Thacker of Sidney, KY, Phyllis Jean (Vernon) Maynard of Varney, KY, Carol (Jack) Sammons and Patsy Ruth (Wayne) Coleman both of Sidney, KY. Two Sisters, Lishia (Charles) Philpot, Laporte, TX and Clara (Lynn) Blevins of Lincoln Park, MI. twenty three grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren.

Just a few months have passed and already resting with Mom, is other family members and many friends. A son-in-law, Vernon passed away June 27, 2002 and just a few days later, his daughter, Angela Walters, on August 10, 2002.

Words are inadequate to express our loneliness since Mom and Dad are gone. She was our light in dark times, a counselor in time of trouble, the life to every party, a chef that could take a little and satisfy us all, turn tears to laughter, a teacher of right from wrong. With just a word from a sentence from one of us it was not unusual for her to be reminded of ole time hymns or be made to recall a poem, that she learned at school when just a very young child. With that, I leave you with a verse from one of those ole hymns, that she used to love to sing: Should you go first and I remain to finish with a scroll, no lengthening shadows will creep in, to make this life seem droll. We've had a lot of happiness, we've had our cup of joy, and memory is one gift of God, that death will not destroy.

Written by her daughters,
Patsy Coleman and Fayette Thacker

MAUDIE JANE STANLEY

By the request of the family and help from the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of Sister Maudie Jane (Scott) Stanley. Sister Maudie was born November 17, 1918 at Hardy, KY and departed this life December 15, 2001 making her stay here on earth eighty three years and twenty eight days.

Sister Maudie was the daughter of the late Julius and Polly (Sissy) Hatfield Scott. Preceding her in death was her husband, Virgil Stanley, Sr., after fifty-four years of marriage. Also preceding her in death was a son, Virgil Stanley Jr., who lost his life while serving his country in the Vietnam War at the young age of twenty-three. Six brothers also preceded her in death: Pete, Ermon, Sherman, Charley, John B. (Dock) and Bankie Scoff.



Sister Maudie was a life long resident of Hardy (Pike County), KY. She was a faithful member of the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the hands of Elder Willie Stanley and Elder Henry C. Maynard on Sunday, June 12, 1955.

At an early age in her life, Sister Maudie met Brother Virgil and they were married on July 2, 1939. To this union were born six children: two daughters and four sons. Daughters include Mrs. Joe (Betty Jane) Ousley of Pikeville, KY and Mrs. Clarence (Carolyn) Varney of Jeffersonville, IN. Sons include Virgil Stanley, Jr., deceased, William Darrell Stanley of Cleviston, FL, Eddie Lee Stanley of La Bell, FL, and Larry Bruce Stanley of Hardy, KY with whom she made her home.

Bruce and Leann took very good care of Sister Maudie as everyone knows. She leaves a great number of grandchildren and great grandchildren whom she loved dearly. Survivors also include three sisters: Magdalene Blackburn of Hardy, KY, Georgia Brown of Lavalette, WV and Fern Brown of Ceredo, WV.

Her family, many friends, and a host of church members will sadly miss Sister Maudie. She loved everyone, and everyone who knew her loved her. She always made them welcome in her home. She is now resting in a new home where she will live forever and forever. So children be good to one another if you want to see Maudie again and make ready to be prepared when Jesus comes to take us to our eternal home. May God bless all of you.

Written by a brother in hope^s of eternal life,
Brother Clyde Brown

BETTY JANE STEWART

With the help of the Lord and the assistance of my granddaughter, Rebecca Hartley, I will try to write a few words about my beloved wife of sixty one years. Betty Jane was born in Three Mile Hollow in Pike County, KY on August 22, 1922. Her parents were Minnie Cable and John Johnson; her grandparents, Tom and Jane Cable raised her.

Betty and I met at the Regular Baptist Church of Dorton, KY in 1937. On September 28, 1940 we were united in marriage in McRoberts, KY by Pastor Joseph Banks of the Free Will Baptist Church. After living in Kentucky, Ohio, and finally moving to Florida and retiring, Betty became a member of The Old Regular Baptist Church of Okeechobee, Florida.



To us were born nine children, seven sons and two daughters. Two sons, James and Daniel preceded Betty in death. James at the age of three while living in Kentucky, and Daniel at age twenty four, after moving to Florida. We have two sons that now live in Defiance, OH, Henry Lee and Benjamin Franklin. Our two sons, Thomas Leroy and John Jr. live in Fort Pierce, FL. One remaining son Troy Vernus and two daughters, Minnie Marie Crumit and Easter Stewart Hartley live in Port St. Lucie, FL. We have a total of fifty grandchildren and great grandchildren, three of those preceded Betty in death.

Betty's stay here on earth was seventy nine years and four months and seven days. Her spirit arose to live with the Lord on January 29, 2002. Betty's strong will, stubbornness, and great love has been greatly missed by our family and myself. But I ask that you not weep over my beloved. She has gone to live with her heavenly father and we can all take comfort in knowing that we will see her again one day, when we are called home from this life.

Thank you and the Lord God are with you,
John D. Stewart, Sr.

EDNA CURRY VINSON

Edna Curry Vinson, age ninety five, of Elk Creek, Delbarton, WV went to be with the Lord on December 1, 2001. She was born March 30, 1906 at Bias, WV. She was the daughter of the late Floyd and Loucinda Curry. She was preceded in death by her husband Everett Leck Vinson and a son Everett Vinson.

Besides her parents, husband and son she was preceded in death by brothers: Monroe Curry, Boyd Curry, Lloyd "Doc" Curry; sisters, Jane Murphy and Lucinda Blankenship; half brothers: William Curry, Ance Curry, Woodrow Curry, Grover Curry and Virgil Curry; half sisters, Annie Runyon and Fannie Sipple.

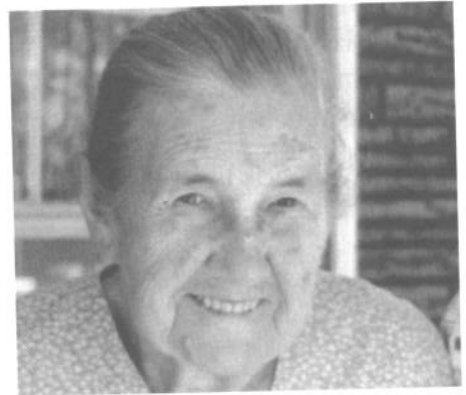
She is survived by her son, Floyd Curry Vinson of Elk Creek, Delbarton, WV, Flossie Irene Estep of Chattaroy, WV and Lucy Helen Aliff of Garrettsville, OH and several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, which she loved them all.

Our "granny" (as we called her) was loved by everyone who knew her. She also ran and operated a small country store on Elk Creek for more than forty years.

She was a member of the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church of Delbarton, WV. Services were held December 4, 2001 at the Sardis Old Regular Baptist Church and she was put to rest in the Curry/Farley Cemetery at Elk Creek, Delbarton, WV.

Just a special note about my granny Vinson, we all loved her so very much and will miss her deeply. But I will always remember the time we had together for it was so precious to me and my family. She touched our lives in a special way and we will never forget her. She taught me and my children so much and how to enjoy the gifts of life. We will cherish it forever. And I am sure everyone who know her will feel the same, since she knew so many. She will and forever be in our hearts. As she looks down upon us from Heaven. I pray that she will help guide us through our lives. Sadly missed by family, friends and everyone who knew her.

Written by her granddaughter



ANGELA RUTH MAYNARD WALTERS

It is with a broken heart, I will write the obituary of my wonderful daughter, Angela Ruth Maynard Walters. Angie was born on October 30, 1979, the baby girl of the late Vernon Maynard and Phyllis Stanley Maynard. Her time lent to us was twenty two short years with many good memories.

Angie is preceded in death by her sister, Vernetta Sue Maynard, her dad, Vernon Maynard and many others that loved her so much. Her mamaws and papaws, her aunts and uncles, Aunt Sharon always said she will be all right. Her cousins, Rodney and Vergil, how beautiful Heaven must be!

Angie is survived by her husband, Jason Marshel Walters of three years and Abigail Ruth Walters, fifteen months old and her mom, Phyllis Maynard, all of Varney, KY.



Angie made her choice on August 4, 2002, that she wanted to be baptized giving her hand to Brother Dwayne Smith and Brother Andrew Walters and a host of Elders and Brothers that stood faithful by her. She was buried with Christ on August 8, 2002, letting her little light shine.

My darling little baby, I will miss you so much. Jason, son keep striving and working harder to make Heaven your home to be with Angie. Aunt Ruthie I love you. Angie depended on you for a long time. To her aunts and uncles this is part of the Master's plan. Cousins, especially Beth and Ashley, Angie loved you all so very much. Now: "Miss Me - But Let Me Go"

Written by her mom, Sister Phyllis Stanley Maynard

DOVER WALTERS

Dover Walters, 85, of Hatfield, KY, died Monday, April 22, 2002, at his residence. Born in Pike County, KY, he was a son of the late Lace and Dixie France Walters.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Lucy Elkins Walters; second wife, Opal Pinson Walters; set of twins, Donnie and Peggy Walters; brother, Newton Walters; sister, Mary Burris; and grandson, Dover Wayne Pinson.

Mr. Walters was a retired coal miner and member of Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Ronnie Walters of Hatfield, KY; one daughter, Bonnie Pinson of Hatfield, KY; three brothers, Troy Walters and L.C. Walters, both of Hatfield, KY and Joe Lafe Walters of Varney, KY; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 26, at Pilgrims Home Regular Baptist Church with Elders Richard Staton, Lacy Walters, Gary Young and others officiating. Burial followed in the Smith Cemetery, Hatfield, KY. Daddy, we all love you and miss you very much.

Written by: Ronnie and Bonnie



GERTIE FAYE WEBB

Gertie Faye Webb, 91, of Varney, KY, passed away June 18, 2002, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She was the daughter of the late John Wallace and Dora Keesee Webb.

She was preceded in death by three brothers: Condor Webb, Pem Webb and Carl Webb; and one sister, Mary L. Webb.

She is survived by one brother, Virgil Webb of Varney, KY and two sisters, Bertha May Scott and Dora Muncy of Varney, KY and many nieces and nephews.

Sister Faye joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on June 29, 1993 and placed her membership with the Pilgrims Home Church. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2002, at Pilgrims



Home Old Regular Baptist Church with Elder Dale Williamson and Elder Billy Williamson officiating. Burial followed in the Wallace-Webb Cemetery at Varney, KY. Her family and friends will miss her. I miss you all the time. Love, Bertha.

Aunt Faye, I'll never forget you. I loved you so much, Nahdeen

CAROL JEAN YOUNG

It is with much sadness that we write the obituary of our dear wife, sister-in-law and Sister in Christ. Carol Jean Young, age seventy, of Varney, KY passed away February 17, 2002 in Pikeville Methodist Hospital, she was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrims Home Regular Baptist Church at Varney, KY.

She was born September 11, 1931 in Galia County, OH; she was the daughter of the late James Arthur and Alama Irene Rose Coughenour.

She is survived by her husband, James Malcolm Young of Varney, KY; a son, Mark (Debbie) Coughenour of Langsville, OH, a brother, Jacky James (Betty) Coughenour of Pomeroy, OH, three sisters, Wanda Irene McKinney of Delaware, OH, Patsy Ellen Rothgeb of Williamsport, OH, Ruby Lorraine Coughenour of Langsville, OH, two grandchildren, Kristopher and Bethany Coughenour of Coalton, OH, a great grandchild, Alex Clark and three step-grandchildren: Melissa, Cassidy and Tracy, a host of friends and relatives mourn her loss. "God looked around his garden, and found an empty space, He looked upon the earth, and saw mom's tired face. He put his arms around her and lifted her to rest, God's garden must be beautiful, for he only takes the best."



Written by her family

SUZIE MAHALA YOUNG

Mom was born on August 30, 1919 in Peter Cave, KY. She was the daughter of Roland Cline and Ibba Fields Cline. On November 11, 1938, she was married to Hiram Young, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by five brothers: Floyd, ansom, James, Jeff and Johnny Cline. She is survived by five daughters; Minnie Maynard, Reddick, FL, Una Painter, Springfield, MO, Hester Adcock, Ocala, FL, Maggie Bullard and Myrtle Davies, Silver Springs, FL and five sons: James Young, Williston, FL, Earnest Young, Anthony, FL, William Young, Live Oak, FL, Darrell Young, Ocala, FL and John Young, Reddick, FL. One brother, Jacob Cline, Pilgrim, KY. She had twenty seven grandchildren, thirty four great grandchildren and six great great-grandchildren.

Mom was always cooking, canning, quilting, sewing or crocheting.



It seems her hands were never still, but when one of her children or grandchildren came by, she would always lay aside her work. She was very interested in what they were doing and was never too busy for an intimate chat. As her heart grew weak and her eyes dimmed, she was unable to do the things that she loved so much but she never complained. She was a great storyteller and the grandchildren loved to gather round and listen to her tell stories of her childhood and the escapades of their parents. She never dwelt on the sacrifices she made, of which there were many but told of the happy times and humorous anecdotes, which kept them laughing.

She was baptized on June 6, 1996 and became a member of Southern Home Regular Baptist Church. It was one of my greatest blessings to be able to kneel down and wash her feet in the old church. She seemed to get so much joy out of the communion meetings. She will be sadly missed by all of her brothers and sisters in the church. I know her children and grandchildren have many wonderful memories of her and will sorely miss her but it is a great consolation to know that she is with the Lord and we can all be with her again in a land of pure delight.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Judy Young

OBITUARIES
of
FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

JOE S. BAISDEN

Joe S. Baisden was born November 24, 1907 and died Oct 29, 2001 making his stay upon this earth ninety three years and eleven months. He was the son of the late John Smith Baisden and Matildia (Ferrell) Baisden. He had three brothers, three sisters, one son, one granddaughter, one son-in-law and two daughters-in-law that preceded him in death. He was of the Baptist Faith.



He married Beatrice (Hannah) Baisden on August 24, 1937. They remained together sixty four years. She is the daughter of the late Mark Hannah and Edna (Davis) Hannah. Unto this union was born ten children: Tildia (Arthur) May, Thelma (Donald) Tennant, Carles (Rosa) Baisden, Curtiss (Henny) Baisden, Kenneth (Donnetta) Baisden, Eliza (Gid) Vance, Joann Baisden, Elma Lou (Hank) Czyzewski, Edna Biggerstaff, Adella Gail (Harry) Runyon. They had nineteen grandchildren, twenty one great grand children and a host of nieces and nephew and friends.

There is a vacant spot in our hearts and lives. He was loved and sadly missed by all. He was a father, grandfather and great grandfather; he was a very special person to all who knew him. "But God saw he was getting tired, And a cure was not to be So, He put His arms around him, And whispered come with me, With tearful eyes we watched him suffer, And saw him fade away Although we loved him dearly, We could not make him stay, A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us. He only takes the best."

Sadly missed, but not forgotten. Dad and Papa Joe

Written By: Tildia May, daughter
Regina Browning, granddaughter

ORION MICHAEL MAY

It is with a broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my precious grandson, Orion Michael May. He was born February 8, 2001 and died Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville, KY.

He is survived by his parents, Charles DeWayne and Kimberly Pruitt May, a twin brother, Gabriel DeWayne May, an older brother, Joseph Anthony May all of Tutor Key, KY, paternal grandparents, Raymond and Freda Stanley, Sidney, KY and Charles Dale and Kathy May, Louisville, KY. Maternal grandparents, Raymond and Pam Allen, Tutor Key, KY; Maternal great grandmother, Fannie Pruitt, Tutor Key, KY.



He is preceded in death by his paternal great grandparents, Charlie and Greetis Stanley and Dewey and Hazel Dotson. Greetis Stanley preceded Orion in death only a few hours apart. Maternal great grandfather, Floyd Andy Pruitt.

Our loss is surely Heaven's gain. He is sadly missed but not forgotten by a host of family and friends.

Written by his Papaw and Mamaw,
Raymond and Freda Stanley

IRVIN MAYNARD

Irvin Maynard left with the angels on July 11, 2002 at the age of sixty four. He was the husband of Minta Robinson Maynard for forty four years and six months. They were blessed with three children and their spouses: Bryan and wife, Dana; Jeff and wife, Diane; and Patricia and husband, Eddie. God blessed them additionally with six wonderful grandchildren: Jessica, Heather, Ashley, Amber, Tyler and Austin. Irvin was the son of the late Bud and Maudie Smith Maynard. He was preceded in death by one sister, Mae Hylton and two brothers, Tommy and Edgle Maynard.



He is survived by his brothers: Ernest, David and Bobby Maynard and sisters: June Young, Elsie Grey, Lois Blackburn and Gracie Simmons, one very special neighbor, Bertha Pinson, several nieces and nephews and an abundance of wonderful friends. Someone once told me that Dad reminded them of the Good Samaritan in the Bible. He was always thinking of others before himself. Dad was a Christian man leaving all of us with a solid foundation. I could go on for days and would never begin to tell his story, a story far to great. However, if you were blessed to have known Dad, this was shown to you daily. Dad was a giver; he gave love as a husband, dad, papaw, brother and neighbor. He will be extremely missed by all. Our wish as a family is that Dad's testimony will be an inspiration to each of you. Be a giver: one will never go wrong showing love.

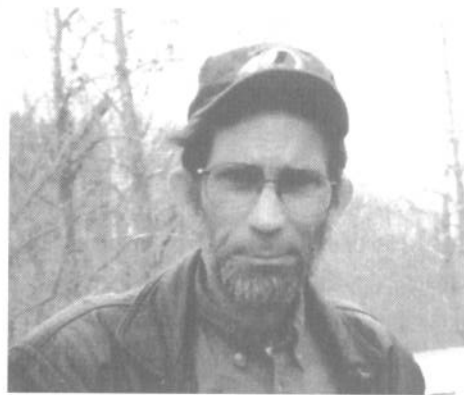
Written by his loving family

ERVIN MORRISON

Ervin Morrison, age 54, of Pilgrim, KY passed away July 8, 2001 at St. Mary's Hospital after fighting an illness for over three years. He worked on a strip job all of his life.

He was born May 18, 1947 at Pike County, KY. He was preceded in death by his father Wade Morrison, four half brothers: James D. McCoy, Columbus Jalboe McCoy, William Thomas McCoy and Russel McCoy and two half sisters, Estalline McCoy and Lucille McCoy.

He is survived by his mother, Olga Mae McCoy and his wife, Nellie Morrison. He has three daughters and son-in-laws: Grade and Marion Jude, Linda and Anthony Miller and Cindy and Kenny Preece.



He has five grandchildren: Ervin Joe, Johnny Ray, Dustin Oneil Jude, Willis Ray and Marrisal Lachelle Preece. Also five sisters: Angeline McCoy, Phylis McCoy, Freda Smyth, Lynn Ratcliff and Kathern Kraft. He also has six half brothers: Venus McCoy, Francis (pickle) McCoy, Sammy McCoy, Charles Morrison and Donald Morrison.

He is sadly missed by all his family and friends. We would also like to say there isn't a day goes by we don't think of him and that we will always love and miss him very much.

Written by his daughters

JACKIE D. REED

Jackie Darrell Reed, the fourth child of ten born to Clarence and Alberta Ruth Reed on April 29, 1952 and passed away on Sunday, November 18, 2001 at Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, KY.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Reed, Sr. and his brother, Ranzie Reed. Jack is survived by his mother, Ruth and his wife, Della Sue (Sesco) Reed and two daughters, Amy (Adam) Swiney and Erin Elizabeth Reed both of Sidney, KY. Jack also leaves behind six brothers and sisters-in-law: Clarence, Jr. and Shirley Reed of Sharps Chapel, TN, Jimmy Lee and Phyllis Reed, John Joseph and Sandy Reed, Douglas and Mary Rose Reed, and Lester and Treasa Reed all of Sidney, KY and Phillip Rodney and Luna Reed, of Manning, SC. Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Patsy Ruth and Elvie Gene Mullins of Sidney, KY and Mary Emma and Kevin Runyon of Hatfield, KY and several nieces and nephews.

Jack loved to spend time with his brothers, whether it was fishing or playing bluegrass music together. After he was diagnosed with colon cancer on August 28, 2001 and could no longer work, he would watch for them to come home from work because he knew they would call or come over to see him. His family was so important to him.

Jack and Della were so touched by the outpouring of love and prayers from the community. It helped so much to make a difficult time a little easier. Please continue to remember his family in your prayers.

Written by his wife, Della Reed



BRONICE YOUNG ROBINETTE

Our sweet loving mother was born April 18, 1909, the daughter of John W. and America (Stanley) Young. She deceased this life April 3, 2002, just short of being with us for ninety- three years.

Mom married our dad, Leonard Robinette, November 20, 1937. To this union was born six children, five boys namely: Sidney of Meta, KY, Paul of Ypsilanti, MI (who died sixteen days later April 19, 2002), James of Ypsilanti, MI, Charles of Varney, KY and Howard Robinette who died in infancy.



Also one daughter, Barbara B. Smith of London, KY.

She was preceded in death by; Howard Leonard, her husband (1980), her parents, five half brothers: Marion, Julius, Buddy, Amos, and John B. Young, one whole brother, Alfred Young of Varney, KY, one whole sister, Bertha (Young) Robinette (Curtis) and two half sisters Vada (Bud) Burris and Emma (Jim Joe) Burris.

One by one their seats were empty, One by one they've went away, But I hope by God's great power, To meet them all again some day.

Mom's greatest joy when she was in the nursing home was for someone to come and sing some old gospel songs. Tears would stream down her face as she would try to sing along. The last words I heard her say that one could understand was "praise his holy name, praise his holy name."

Mom attended the Pilgrims Home Church all my life and she would say, I'm an Old Regular. I know we serve a loving merciful Savior and his word says he will lean his head over to hear our cries and I believe he heard my mother's cries. I believe he bore her pain and suffering and that she is resting in Glory Land with all her family and the old saints that went on before. Where there is no pain, no suffering, no strokes, or brain hemorrhages nor Alzheimer's diseases.

I am living by faith and with the eternal hope of meeting her and dad and Paul and "Jesus" when he says welcome home my child by your belief and faith you've made it "home".

To my remaining brothers and their families, please come go home with me. I want all of us to be together in Heaven where we will all be whole again.

Written by her daughter, Barbara B. Smith of London, KY

PAUL H. ROBINETTE

Our brother, Paul Harmon Robinette, was born September 11, 1940, the son of the late Leonard Robinette and Bronice (Young) Robinette of Varney, KY. He died April 19, 2002, sixteen days after the death of his mother, Bronice.

Left to mourn the loss are his brothers: Sidney Robinette of Meta, KY, James Robinette of Ypsilanti, MI and Charles Robinette of Varney, KY. Also to mourn his passing is a sister, Barbara B. Smith of London, KY

He was preceded in death by his dad, Leonard (1980) and his mother, Bronice Robinette. He was also preceded in death by an infant brother, Howard Robinette.

Paul was not married at the time of death and leaves no children. For the past ten years he had been cared for by his brother, James; his aunt, Mae Robinette and her daughter, Bernice Kraft of Ypsilanti, MI. He will be sadly missed by all of us remaining and by aunt Mae, Bernice, by his friends in Michigan and his relatives and friends here in Kentucky. Before his death he professed his faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ. Farewell for a while dear brother.



Written by his sister, Barbara Smith

SAYLOR RUNYON JR.

With the help of our Lord and much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband and best friend, Saylor Runyon, Jr. He was a wonderful husband and father of two loving and wonderful children.

He was the son of Saylor Runyon, Sr. and Della Carter Runyon. Saylor was born on November 13, 1927 at Stone, KY. He became a member of the Stone Methodist Church at an early age, graduated from Belfry High School, a charter member of the Belfry Athletic Hall of Fame, veteran of the United States Army, Kentucky Colonel, 32nd Mason, and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Williamson, WV.



Saylor left behind a loving wife, Susie Jane "Hopkins" Runyon, a daughter, Pamela Sue Slater, son-in-law, Mickey Slater, a son, Randall Hugh Runyon and wife Jackie Cochran, and five beautiful and precious grandchildren: Buffy Slater, Matthew Slater, Tiffany Runyon, Kristin Runyon, and Caleb Runyon, whom he loved dearly. Saylor and I were blessed to be married fifty four years. Saylor, son-in-law of Elder Ester Hopkins, thoroughly enjoyed driving my daddy to church. He also loved and enjoyed being with all of the members and friends of the Salem Church and the Sardis Association. Saylor is sadly missed by his family and friends.

Written by: A loving wife: Susie Jane "Hopkins" Runyon
A much loved daughter: Pamela Sue "Runyon" Slater

DORIS DEFALCO SCOTT

Sometimes there are special people born on this earth and brought into our lives that teach us the true meaning of gentleness by having a quiet and meek spirit and then in a moment of time, they are gone, leaving behind the sweet aroma of beautiful flowers. That's how all our family felt about our precious little Doris.

She was born February 10, 1947 and deceased June 22, 2001, making her fifty four years old. She was married to David Lee Scott (Brother of Elder Frank Scott) on April 25, 1969 and to this union was born two wonderful children, Gina and Tim.



It will be impossible for me to say enough about this special person. She was born with a blood disease and all she knew all her life was suffering but her body and mind became programmed to survive and that is what she tried to do. Because of the blood disease, she had to have a liver transplant, which caused her to have diabetes and then cancer from the medicine she had to take.

But she was one to never complain and seemed to know the joy of living and how to spread sunshine and love to her family and all who knew her.

She never said a harmful word about anyone and her father said she was a special child who never asked for anything but was pleased with whatever she was given.

By having the liver transplant, the Lord blessed her to live to see three grandchildren. How do we summarize the life and death of such a wonderful person? It's not in us but in God's divine wisdom who holds the key and knows the very intent of the heart. She was a woman of many talents and all her family adored her. She tried so hard to live but it was God's will to release her.

The best way I know to end this obituary is a quote from a family member and that is "everyone should have a Doris in their family." Farewell sweet one. We all shall truly miss you.

Written by Sister Geraldine Crigger

GEORGE FLOYD SCOTT

I will try to write the obituary of my loving father-in-law, with God's help. It has been a few years since his passing.

George Floyd (Papaw), as all the family called him, was born March, 1907 and passed away December, 1990 and was laid to rest in the Thompson Cemetery at Chattaroy, WV January 1, 1991. He was the son of the late Ross and Maude E. (Thompson) Scott. He had five brothers and seven sisters. He has three sister still living and one son Jim (Jean) Scott and has two grandsons, George R. (Beth) Scott and Jimmy B. (Kim) Scott and three great grandchildren. At his heath he had only one great grandchild, George Ryan Scott II and now he has two grand-daughters, Sara Beth Scott and Raeche Brook Scott.



George was married to the late Ollie Mae (Davis) Scott March 15, 1928. They were married around sixty two years at his death. They loved each other so much. I always thought they acted like newly weds, they were always so happy together. He always went to church with (mamaw) Ollie every Sunday. He never gave his hand to the church to be baptized, but he loved and supported them. He helped take care of the Little Rosa Church just like the members there did. He and mamaw loved the Little Rosie Church. She was a member there seventy two or seventy three years. Papaw was a happy little man, he was always kidding someone. He always liked it when he would to church and his brother, Elder Faye Scott, would preach that day and people would come up to him and comment on what a good job he had done. I can remember him laughing about that so much. He was a good loving, caring man. It seemed he loved everybody and everyone loved him. Papaw, we all miss you, your grandsons love and miss you so much, so take your rest now; you are in God's sweet love and tender mercy. With God looking down on us all, we hope we can all be together again. I know that mamaw missed you so much, but she is resting beside you now, I know that she is happy now. I want us to be together in Heaven.

Written in love and wonderful memories,
Jean Scott, daughter-in-law

LULA MAE (WHITE) STURGILL

We pray to Jesus to remove the burden from our hearts and the tears from our eyes so we may write a few words about our beloved, Lula Mae (White) Sturgill.

She was born June 18, 1961 to Noah and Edith Faye (Lackey) White. She has three brothers and four sisters: William David, Betty Rose, Mary Alice, Noah "Bug" Jr., Phillip Adam, Janie Gail and Theresa Ruth. She is missed by many in laws, family and friends. No words were found that are strong enough, nor sad enough to express how much we all love and miss her. God took her home July 9, 2002.

Lula married Clinton July 13, 1981 and with their eyes full of dreams and their hearts full of love they worked hard building their home and raising the three children that the Lord had blessed them with: Rachel Layne, Clinton Anthony and William Daniel. She was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend. She said the Lord really blessed her when she married into Clell and Jacqueline Sturgill's family. She was in their family twenty one years and loved them as her own and they love and miss her as we do. We thank God our families are so close that we can share our memories of her and cry together for our loss.

She was baptized December 1, 1990. Her unwavering faith and humble acceptance for "God's will" to be done in her life gave her strength that she never realized she had. She fought a good fight and kept the faith and we were witnesses to his great mercy and kindness to her. We saw him take the pain away and the fear from her eyes. He was so merciful to her.

If Lu would say anything to us, it would be what she had repeatedly said, "I told you all not to worry about me that one way or the other I would be all right. I am; I'm with Jesus today. Come be with me in my new home. I love you all so much. And kids mind your daddy and be very good to him because he always was so very good to me." Rest on peacefully little one, safe in the arms of King Jesus. Soon we will walk down by the river of life together never to be parted again.



JACK DONALD WILLIAMSON

On February 26, 2002, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, WV, a valiant heart surrendered to that terrible enemy of the body, cancer. The beloved husband of Helen (Jones) Williamson and the only son of Sister Fannie Williamson slipped into eternity in the merciful hands of our God. Some weeks earlier Jack and his devoted wife and companion for over fifty years both experienced a new birth in Christ and, in great joy, Jack said to Helen, "Why didn't we do this years ago?" Unable to return home for baptism, he was of the Old Regular Baptist faith.

Jack, age 71, was born February 17, 1931 at Road Fork (now, Forest Hills), KY, the son of Fannie (Staton) Williamson of Matewan, WV and the late Floyd Williamson, both members of Salem Old Regular Baptist Church at Goody, KY.



Born into a large extended family of grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins, Jack developed a sense of "family", especially with his adoring parents and loving sisters. He set for himself a high standard of morals and integrity from which he did not waver.

Following a tour of duty in the U.S. Army, Jack left the area to find employment and worked about twenty five years for Thomas Summerville, Inc. in Washington, D.C. His desire to be re-united with family, friends and his community compelled him to return and construct a beautiful "log cabin" home on the site of his grandparents, Willard and Laura Staton, old home place at Forest Hills. He then worked for and retired from Persinger Supply Company after some twenty years of service. Always striving to benefit his community, Jack served on the Board of Directors for Belfry Fire Department, the Pike County 911 Emergency Communication System and devoted many hours to other area functions.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and mother, include: a daughter and only child, Yedda Rue Williamson of Forest Hills; sisters, Joann (Mrs. Frank) Smith of Matewan, and Muriel (Mrs Jimmy) Ireson of Maryland; grandchildren, Jasmine Slagle, Georgia Pullin and Luke Pullin; and step-grandchildren, Dana and Dwayne Thornsbury. The family and many friends are so thankful that God allowed Jack to become such a wonderful part of our lives.

The Family

JAMES K. (KENNY) WILLIAMSON

It is with much weakness and a broken heart that I will by the help of my God write the obituary of my beloved son.

Kenny was born on March 17, 1958 to Kenneth and Helen (Robinette) Williamson. Kenny died on April 19, 2001 making his stay on God's footstool forty three years one month and two days. Kenny lived only three months after he was diagnosed with the dreaded disease, cancer.

Kenny is survived by his parents, his two sons, Todd Williamson of North Carolina and Andrew Elkins Williamson of Hatfield, KY. I am very happy to say that both of his boys have good mothers and are always welcome in my home. When Kenny would be with the boys and as they were departing he would always tell them to be mindful to your mothers. Kenny has one brother, Richard (Kimberly) Williamson of Hatfield, KY. Two sisters, Lisa A. Phillips of Williamson, WV and Mavis E. Williamson of Pikeville, KY. He has one niece, Ashley D. Williamson and one nephew, Hunter L. Williamson whom he loved very deeply. Kenny was preceded in death by his grandparents; J. L. Williamson and Belle Williamson of Varney, KY and Millard and Lakie Robinette of Hatfield, KY.

Besides his family, Kenny had a host of friends in our community. He also had many friends in the Lexington, Georgetown and Versailles, KY areas to mourn the loss. He was employed by Rainbow Oil of Versailles, KY. I would like to thank them very much because they went beyond their duty to help during his illness. Kenny rented from Johnny Mulbery in Georgetown and I would like to thank them especially because they always checked on him because they knew he lived alone.

I can only hope that Kenny made it right with his Lord before he had to go. He told me many times I'm going to make it right with the Lord, which I hope he did and if so I will meet him again some day. Thanks to everyone, we were treated so good by everyone. May God bless.

Written by his mother, Helen Williamson



**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM 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.

**CHURCH DELEGATES
TO THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2002**

MT. PLEASANT: Lacy Walters, Edgar Scalf, Dewey Blackburn
APPLE ORCHARD: Paul Maynard, Elwood Maynard, Bobby Fields
ENON: Marlin Blair, Roger Bevins, James Spencer
BENT BRANCH: Dean Lowe, Chris Robinson, Hatler Slone
SARDIS: Joey Evans, Brian Dillon, Phillip Brumfield
BIG BRANCH: James W. Blackburn, Mitchell Robinson, Gene Blackburn
MARY ELIZABETH: Ransom Marcum, J. D. Walters, Wallace Muncy
BETHANY: Arthur May, Monty Messer, Albert Cable
ELK FORK: Frank Sheppard, Wirt Brumfield, Joe Evans
PILGRIMS HOME: Billy Williamson, Elbert Sesco, Les McGuire
SALEM : Steve White, Ernest Sesco, Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr.
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DIX FORK: Edward Lee Smith, Walter Bogar, Curtis Smith
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LEANNAH: Hayse Robinson, Lonnie Robinson, Billy J. Robinson
BUCK CREEK: Liburn Staten, Marion Duncan, Vadis Blackburn
TABITHA: Rex Napier, Alex Hensley, Avery Hensley
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TURKEY CREEK: Willie Blackburn, Ron Hamilton, Albert Smith
SAMARIA: Eugene Newsome, Larry R.May, Joe Vance
ROSA: Charles Paynter, Johnnie P. Cline, Charles Testerman
LITTLE VIRGIE: Willie Stiltner, Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury
SOUTHERN HOME: Charles Jarrell, Brian Crosley, Richard Lowe
PILGRIMS REST: Todd Werner, Leon Robinson, Clyde James
OKEECHOBEE: Ron Knox, John Barney, Paul Barney
ELIZABETH: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Calvin Howard, Dewey Jude
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APPLE ORCHARD	McCombs, KY	Elwood Maynard, 8172 East Hwy 60, Rush, KY 41168
ENON	McCarr, KY	James Spencer, P. O. Box 248, McCarr, KY 41544
BENT BRANCH	Meta, KY	Hatler Slone, 6598 Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501
SARDIS	Delbarton, WV	Billie Brumfield, Rt. 1, Box 18, Delbarton, WV 25670
BIG BRANCH	McCombs, KY	James Blackburn, 15520 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
MARY ELIZABETH	Hatfield, KY	Oscar Stepp, P.O. Box 137, Sidney, KY 41564
BETHANY	Lenore, WV	Archie Prince, 3475 Whites Creek Rd., Prichard, WV 25555
ELK FORK	Delbarton, WV	Wirt Brumfield, Route 1, Box 711, Delbarton, WV 25670
PILGRIMS HOME	Varney, KY	John H. Elkins, 31 Middle Fork, Hatfield, KY 41514
SALEM	Goody, KY	Ernest SESCO, Box 289, Turkey Creek, KY 41514
SIDNEY	Pilgrim, KY	Butler Fletcher, P. O. Box 282, Pilgrim, KY 41250
DIX FORK	Sidney, KY	James Brown, P.O. Box 152, Forest Hills, KY 41527
NARROWS BRANCH	Hardy, KY	Clyde Brown, 422 "B" St., P. O. Box 220, Ceredo, WV 25507
LEANNAH	Pilgrim, KY	Billy J. Robinson, HC 67 Box 3503, Pilgrim, KY 41250
BUCK CREEK	Beauty, KY	Wayne Herald, Jr., P.O. Box 348, Crum, WV 25669
TABITHA	Verdunville, WV	James P. Hensley, P.O. Box 338, Pecks Mill, WV 25547
LITTLE ROSIE	Chattatroy, WV	Thomas J. Dials, P. O. Box 31, Warfield, KY 41267
TURKEY CREEK	Turkey Creek, KY	Ron Hamilton, P. O. Box 329, Mt. Gay, WV 25637
SAMARIA	Dingess, WV	Larry May, HC 73, Box 2515, Dingess, WV 25671
ROSA	Baisden, WV	Charles Testerman, HC71, Box 55, Gilbert, WV 25621
LITTLE VIRGIE	Kimper, KY	Alvin Thornbury, 26335 Pewter Lane, Abingdon, VA 24211
SOUTHERN HOME	Sparr, FL	Bruce P. Forsyth, P. O. 396, Sparr, FL 32192
PILGRIMS REST	Right Fork of Brushy, Varney, KY	Terry Parsons, 4416 Right Fork of Brushy, Varney, KY 41571
OKEECHOBEE	Okeechobee, FL	Ronald Knox, 316 Holiday Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440
ELIZABETH	Rt. 3, Louisa, KY	Hershel Jude, 1441 Caudill Frk. Rd., Oil Spring, KY 41238
LITTLE TAVIE	Rt. 2, N. Pt. Pleasant, WV	Jim Cochran, Rt. 2, Box 640, Point Pleasant, WV 25550
CHARITY	Greensboro, GA	Johnny Adair, Jr., P. O. Box 2298 Blairsville, GA 30514

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	150						2		15	11:00/11:00		2 July
Apple Orchard	Sabert Nichols	75	150								22	11:00/11:00		1 June
Enon	Richard L. Staton	75	125						1		13	11:00/11:00		1 June
Bent Branch	Billy Williamson	150	250						1		54	10:00/10:00		3 August
Sardis	Joe Evans	150	250						5	1	73	11:00/11:00		4 August
Big Branch	Richard L. Staton	100	200	1					1	2	24	11:00/11:00		3 July
Mary Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	125	200	1							30	11:00/11:00		3 July
Bethany	Arthur May	75	250						2		45	11:00/11:00		4 August
Elk Fork	Joe Evans	25	75							1	15	11:00/11:00		3 August
Pilgrims Home	Elbert SESCO	400	600	1					10	2	98	10:00/10:00		4 August
Salem	Elbert SESCO	100	200	1	3	1			1	1	66	11:00/11:00		1 May
Sidney	Wallace Muncy	100	200	1					3	1	33	2:00/10:30		4 June
Dix Fork	Ernest Cochran	150	300	2					1	1	41	11:00/11:00		1 July
Narrows Branch	Bobby Scott, Sr.	100	125						2		29	11:00/11:00		4 July
Leannah	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	175			2	1		1	1	42	10:30/10:30		2 July
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dials	100	200			1					24	10:30/10:30		3 June
Tabitha	Jack Robinette	50	100	2					2		24	2:30/11:00		1 August
Little Rosie	Wayne Herald, Jr.	40	80						1	1	7	11:00/11:00		2 April
Turkey Creek	Hobart Hamilton	150	200	1	1				1		54	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	2					2		29	2:00/10:30		3 August
Little Virgie	Richard L. Staton	75	150								7	11:00/11:00		4 June
Southern Home	William Adair, Sr.	200	200		2				2	2	61	10:30/10:30		1 April
Pilgrims Rest	Billy Williamson	100	200	1					2		17	10:30/10:30		2 June
Okeechobee	Paul E. Barney	50	75	3					1	1	13	4:00/10:00		3 April
Elizabeth	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	75	100	1							24	10:30/10:30		1 June
Little Tavie	W. H. Cochran	100	125						1		16	10:30/10:30		2 July
Charity	Charles Jarrell	25	50								5	4:00/10:00		3 October
	TOTALS	2965	5080	18	9			7	39	13	922			

SPECIAL MEETINGS

CHURCH

Bent Branch

Bent Branch

Charity

Charity

Charity

Charity

Charity

Elizabeth

Elizabeth

Leannah

Little Rosie

Pilgrims Home

Pilgrims Home

Pilgrims Rest

Salem

Salem

Samaria

Sardis

Sardis

Sardis

Sardis

SARDIS ASSOCIATION AT BUILDING

Southern Home

Southern Home

Southern Home

Rosa

Rosa

Turkey Creek

Turkey Creek

DAY AND TIME

Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.

Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Easter at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas at 10:30 a.m.

New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.

Friday at 6:30 p.m. before Communion and Memorial Meetings

Every odd Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m.

July fourth Sunday evening 3:00 p.m. Lowe Cemetery Shed

Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Every third Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

New Years Eve at 8:00 p.m.

Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.

Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Meeting on Sunday December 21, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.

Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Every fourth Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day at 11:00 a.m.

Communion fourth Saturday in February at 5:00 p.m.

Every odd Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. (Except March, 2003)

Every third, fourth, and odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Communion first Saturday evening in October

New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.

Every first Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.

New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.

Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.