

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH  
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 10, 11 and 12, 2004**

**Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator  
Elder Hobart Hamilton - Assistant Moderator  
Brother Archie Prince - Clerk  
Elder Edward Lee Smith - 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 Little Rosie Church, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2004.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the Stand and welcomed the congregation. Brother Tommy stated that he loves this old Association. He said, "seeing everyone come in caused him to shed tears." It is time we come together. I believe God put a love in us and we need to let it shine. This is not a battleground; this is a worship service. The government of this Church is not on Brother Tommy's shoulders, it is on God's shoulders. Pray for our Brothers.

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr. came in the opening, having been chosen last year as alternate for this years Introductory Sermon. He said, I am looking for a better meeting than this. He sang, "I'll Never Walk Through The Valley." Brother Bobby quoted, "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. Thou prepartest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

He said he believes man has something to do. Brother Bobby was wonderfully blessed to warn sinner men and women that they needed to die dead to the love of sin and come to Jesus Christ. He preached of John being on the Isle of Patmos and seeing the Holy City, New Jerusalem come down from God out of Heaven. The City not built with hands, it's builder and maker is God. Jesus is sitting on the throne today. He is coming back, both soul and body will be redeemed and forever we will be over in God's Heaven.

Brother Bobby then led in prayer.

Elder Richard Staton came to the stand and sang, "Never Grow Old." He stated that he hopes that everyone would pray for him, he wants God's will to be done. Jesus Christ is the way to the Glory World. God knows all about you. If you don't know God, I hope you will get a little crumb today.

Jesus said, Father, I will go down and die in their stead. Jesus said I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. There is plenty in the storehouse if we will humble ourselves. By the grace of God, I am what I am. I heard about a land called Heaven and I have started to make Heaven my home. He said, I will put my spirit in you and when he does you will know God has performed it. Jesus said, it is expedient that I go away for if I go not away the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you. When we enter that city we will get a full meal.

There will be shouting in that city. Awake from your sleep and call upon the Lord. The Lord heard my cry and set my feet upon the Rock. He is my shelter in the time of storm. Who knoweth that he receive the little white stone, except he that receive it. Today is the day of salvation, harden not your heart as they did in the days of provocation. He said he thought of John baptizing in the river of Jordan, he looked up and saw somebody coming. Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. John looked for a sign. John felt so little. I feel so little today. John said to Jesus, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and cometh thou to me." Jesus answered and said unto him, "suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Brother Richard said if you are filled with the spirit you will desire to be baptized.; to be washed in the newness of life. I love to feel him, Brothers. If you have God, you can feel him.

I want to go to a land where the air is pure and real. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. Jesus said, "For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. When all is said and done and God gathers his children together and takes them home, it will be worth it all.

The devil came to Jesus and said, if thou be the son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, "It is written man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world and said unto him, all these thing I will give thee, if thou will fall down and worship me. Jesus said, get behind me Satan for it is written thou shalt not tempt the Lord thou God. Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. I believe our name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. We don't want to go back.

The preacher has a job to do. How shall they preach except they be sent? How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel. God knows where you are today. Open up the door and let God come in. I went as far as I could go. Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. God seeketh such to worship him in spirit and truth. He came down and took upon himself a body of flesh. No man was found worthy to open the book and release the seals thereof. There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism and ye are baptized into the one body. If you are born again, you are part of that body and you are going to Heaven. Jesus said all thou hast given me, I have lost none. You need God today. You can go to Heaven where there will be no suffering anymore.

The Bible says God forbid, let God be true, but every man a liar. The Bible says prove all things and hold that which is right. If we can't love our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen? God chastises his children. If you don't get chastised, you are not a son. Christ is making intercession for me and you today. Call upon him today. You must believe. Therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith. I would rather feel God. When my brother is blessed and I can feel it, I am as happy as can be. If you don't feel God, find a closet and take it up with Jesus.

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:

Elder Bert Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association  
Elder Ray Hamilton, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Tennis Sturgell, Union Association  
Elder 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 called upon Elder Bill Blevins, of the Northern New Salem Association, to open the Service. Brother Bill sang, "God On The Mountain." He asked that everyone pray that God will bless him. He said it takes God in all things. God does things at the right time. You will know when God comes in your life. I was raised in a newness of life. Jesus came into my life. If you don't know God in the pardon and remission of your sins, now is the time. He is the best thing that ever happened to this world. He came to seek and to save. He said, come and taste of me for I am good. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." He is my shelter. Brother Bill then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said, It's been a good start. The Lord has blessed us. He seated the Delegates and called this, the One Hundred and Twelfth Session of the Sardis Association, to order. He stated that some of us have left home not knowing what we will return to. We came trusting in the Lord. He said there has been much joy as we have worked this week. The Lord takes care of us. We are not in control. We must abide in the plan of God. There is a foundation, the Chief Corner Stone is Jesus Christ. We must stay within the Foundation.

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

Elder Billy Joe Robinson  
Elder 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 our host Church, the Little Rosie Church, was read, and, upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and the Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$4,800.00 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 Buddy Carty, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Chuck Hall, New Salem Association  
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 2004 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 Edward Lee Smith, Assistant Clerk

(9) The Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday reported. The following Brethren were used:

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Roger Hicks, New Salem Association  
Elder Delmas Hall, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association

#### SATURDAY

Elder Leonard Hamilton, New Salem Association  
Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Murl Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association  
Elder Coy Combs, New Salem Association  
Elder Chuck Hall, New Salem Association  
Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association

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

Elder Bobby Sesco, Sr.  
Elder Dale Williamson  
Elder Danny Runyon

(11) By regular move and second the reading of the Articles of Faith, the Rules of Decorum and the Constitution 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: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jesse L. Williamson, Danny Belcher, Ira Williams, Floyd Jude, Gary Varney, Herman West, Robert Clay, Allen Thacker, Floyd Ratliff, Robert Osborne, Charles Nitchie, Stephen Baldrige, Estill Hamilton, John Sanders, Bobby Robinson, Terry Hall, Earl Hill, Howard Coleman, Lee Lane, Dempsey Boling, Emerson Bush, Bill Elkins, Clinton Thacker, Fitch Reed, Jimmy Staton, Doug Staton, James Gannon and Paul Hogston. Letter in the hands of Brother Jesse L. Williamson.

**NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: James Tackett, Coy Combs, Norman Conn, Ellis Holbrook, Clyde Lewis, Woodrow Dye, John Paul Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Chuck Hall, Monroe Jones, James A. Waddles, Ronald McCarty, Forrest D. Hall, Bert Ratliff, Red Alley, Johnnie Stumbo, Omery Compton, Glenn Frazier, Roger D. Hicks, Leonard Hamilton, Frank Adams, Charlie Salmons, Clyde Newsome, Randy Newsome, Danny Hamilton, Don Blake Little, W. Lee Roberts, James Hamilton, Deffort Thornsberry, Glenn Hall, Darrell Calhoun, John Justice, Troy B. Samons, Lacy Fletcher, Hershel Slone, Leo Slone, John Thornsberry, Kenneth Newsome, Reed Kiser, Logan Kiser and Jimmy Dye. Letter in the hands of Elder Leonard Hamilton.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: Arvid Blevins, John M. Elkins, Delmas Hall, Ray Hamilton, Lavone Issac, Buddy W. Carty, Dan Thornsberry, John B. Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Bill Blevins, Karrel Addington, I. V. Hudson, John L. Mullins, Don Mullins, Larry Newsome, Basil Elliot, C. W. Turner, Thurman Jones, Don Lawson, Harrison Runyon, Dwayne Graves and Raymond Stapleton. Letter in the hands of Elder Buddy W. Carty.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following delegates: Walter Morrison, David Gilliam, Luther Ramey, Jr., Bob Taylor, Ira Adkins, Jr., Lowell Adkins, Jacob Seagraves, Willis Tolliver, David Tolliver and Charon Gilliam. Letter in the hands of Brother Walter Morrison.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** Represented by the following delegates: Danny Hurley, Dewey Matney, David Lester, Kermit Lester, Danny C. Justus, James D. Stacy, George Thomason, Dave Gibson, Fred Bailey, John R. Justus, Doug Reed, Allen Hunt, Will Matney, David Bailey, Shird Mullins, A. C. Matney, Gary Brown and Monroe Matney. Letter in the hands of Elder Dave Gibson.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Haston Whitaker, Murl F. Caudill, Columbus Parks, Claren Williams and Marvin Thornsberry. 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: Billy Williamson, Sabert Nichols, Larry R. May, Edward L. Smith, Eddie Williamson, Richard Staton, William H. Cochran, Charles Canada, Steve Robinson, Elbert Sesco, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Archie Prince.

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

(15) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our Corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business for Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second, this Committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. today.

(16) On motion from Elder Charles Jarrell, second by Elder Dewey Blackburn, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 11, 2004.

**SATURDAY**  
**September 11, 2004**

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 said, whatever you are doing keep doing it. I feel you have been praying. The attitude you bring in determines how things are going to go. The spirit was so strong last night. We want to continue that same spirit. We want to continue that same love. The devil is right among us. Let's push him to the back of the house. He then called upon Elder Estill Hamilton, of the Union Association, to open these services.

Brother Estill said he come for one thing; to worship God in the spirit and truth. If we come for any other reason, we come for the wrong purpose. He said, I would you like to be like Sampson when he took a little honey from the carcass. Look up to God for everything and let him guide us. When troubles come look to God. Jesus spoke to the winds and the sea and they obeyed him. The Lord can lift you up. I came thinking of Jesus Christ and him crucified. You should stay awake at night talking to God. God is the one our help comes from. We are going to a land where there is joy, joy, joy. I want to go to that land and see Jesus. The little woman had an issue of blood. She said, if I could only touch the hem of his garment I would be made whole. When I got down as low as I could go and touched the hem of his garment I was made whole.

When God cleans a man up he is made whole. The Lord has got all things in his hand. Jesus Christ is sweet today. He comforts me and my cup runs over. Brother Estill 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 Committee, appointed in Item 4 of our 2003 Minutes, reported that they had gone to the Elk Fork Church on November 15, 2003 with the authority of asking the Elk Fork Church if they wanted to remain in the Association and to remove any element that may prevent this from happening.

During the New Business of their meeting the Moderator, Elder Joe Evans, asked the Clerk to read a motion and second that had been made in their meeting in September, 2003. The motion and second by members of the Elk Fork Church, with no objection, was that the Elk Fork Church was withdrawing from the Sardis Association.

Therefore, this committee had no reason to be seated by the Elk Fork Church since the Elk Fork Church had answered the question through their motion and second. This committee respectfully departed being satisfied that the Elk Fork Church no longer wanted to be a part of the Sardis Association.

By regular move and second the report was received and the committee discharged.

(4) The Moderator called for the report from the Little Rosie Church concerning cost for showers for the campers as called for in Item 7 of the 2003 Minutes. No report was given. On regular move and second the Little Rosie Church was given another year to make the report.

(5) Read a Request from the Turkey Creek Church asking the Association to remove the ordinance in our Minute stating that the view of a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and woman only. The Turkey Creek Church requests the Association adopt the following and add it to the Articles of Faith as an additional Item: "We believe that a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and a woman only."



Also, we believe in receiving members into our fellowship that follow the natural dating relationship that leads to holy matrimony between a man and a woman only: thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother and children. Ephesians 5:22,23 and 28, St. Mark 10:6,7 and 8, and Romans 1:26 and 27.

By regular move and second the Request was granted and it is ordered that Item 12 of 2003 Minutes be removed and add the above to the Articles of Faith as Article 15 and renumber what was Article 15 in the 2003 Minutes to be Article 16 in the 2004 Minutes.

(6) Read a Request from the Salem Church asking the Sardis Association to permit, authorize and establish the housing and perpetual maintenance of a "Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist Historical Library" at the Pikeville-Pike County Public Library to receive, house and store in a "Private Collection" section of the Library, not accessible to the general public, at least two original copies of our Sardis Association Minute Books from the year 1893 and upward. This would include any related historical documents or old and current photographs. Also, if the request is granted, appoint a committee to gather and preserve what is still available of our history.

By regular move and second the Request was granted. The Moderator appointed the following committee:

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.  
Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.  
Brother Archie Prince  
Elder Edward L. Smith

(7) Read a Request from the Samaria Church asking the Sardis Association have printed an updated book of our standing orders and in the same book have directions to each Church in the Sardis Association. By regular move and second the Request was granted.

(8) Read a Request from the Southern Home Church asking that the obituary Sister Rebecca Brumfield be printed in the Sardis Association Minute as a member of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second the Request was granted.

(9) 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 2005 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association  
Elder Floyd Jude, 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 2005 Association:

Elder Bill Blevins, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association

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

Elder Harold Sesco, Preach the Introductory Sermon  
Elder Wallace Muncy, Alternate  
Elder Elbert Sesco, Prepare Circular Letter

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

**SATURDAY NIGHT**

Elder Eric Williamson, Sardis Association  
 Elder John Paul Hamilton, New Salem Association  
 Elder Greg Stanley, Sardis Association

**SUNDAY**

Elder Wayne Herald, Jr., Sardis Association  
 Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association  
 Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association  
 Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

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

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2004**

Balance on hand 8-31-03		\$ 4,685.64
Add 2003 Income:		
Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 4,770.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 655.00	
Interest Income	\$ 10.18	
Rent Income	\$ 1,453.05	
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00	
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 7,750.40	
Food Fund Contributions	\$ 6,489.00	
Pews Contributions	\$ 650.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3,785.22	
Total 2003 Income		<u>\$26,062.85</u>
Total Available for 2003		\$30,748.49
Less 2003 Expenses		
Equipment Cost	\$ 3,306.07	
Minute and Mailing Expense	\$ 4,881.35	
Clerk Expense	\$ 93.20	
Building and Land Expense	\$ 6,944.52	
Electric Expense	\$ 2,767.45	
Water Expense	\$ 269.73	
Insurance Expense	\$ 862.13	
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 6,327.66	
Bank Charges	\$ 11.84	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 50.00	
Total 2003 Expense		<u>(\$25,513.95)</u>
Balance on Hand 8-31-04		\$ 5,234.54

(12) Read a Request from the Okeechobee Church asking to change their regular meeting time from the third Saturday and Sunday of the month to the fourth Saturday and Sunday of the month.

By regular move and second the Request was granted.

(13) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2004 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

(14) Received the report of the Building Committee and, by regular move and second, ordered it be discharged and the Moderator appoint a new Building Committee to be responsible for all use, repair, improvements, maintenance and preservation of the property as follows:

Elder Paul Maynard	Brother Daniel Stanley	Elder Randall Lee Lackey
Brother Les McGuire	Elder David May	Brother Charles Canada
Brother Archie Prince	Elder Leon Robinson	Elder Condor Maynard
Brother Ervin Thacker	Elder Chester Cochran	

(15) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 3500 copies printed and that he be allowed \$300.00 for his expense.

(16) Elder Richard Staton 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.

(17) 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, 2004: Bobby Scott, Sr., Thomas J. Dials, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Hobart Hamilton, Condor Maynard, Wallace Muncy, Charles Canada, Paul Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Kenneth B. Jude, Leon Robinson, Wayne Blackburn, Curtis Smith, Daniel Stanley, Bob Justice, Bobby SESCO, Sr., Henry Jude, Lacy Walters and Liburn Staten. Letter in the hands of Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

**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, 2004: Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Bobby Scott, Sr., Condor Maynard, Hobart Hamilton, Wallace Muncy, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Eddie Williamson, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Paul Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Kenneth B. Jude, Leon Robinson, Donald Preece, Wayne Blackburn, Gary Adair, Daniel Stanley, Curtis Smith, Monty Messer, Lacy Walters, Roger Spillman, Bobby SESCO, Sr., Charles Canada, and Henry Jude. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Old Henry Road, Plymouth, OH beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2005: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Ron Hamilton, Richard Staton, Kenneth B. Jude, Eddie Williamson, Daniel Stanley and Bobby SESCO, Sr.. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

**PHILADELPHIA:** When convened with the Little Rosa Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2005: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Condor Maynard, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Wallace Muncy, Eddie Williamson, Leslie McGuire, Kenneth B. Jude, Wayne Blackburn, Daniel Stanley and Paul Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, WV, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2005: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Chester Cochran, Charles Testerman, Eddie Williamson, Roger Bevins, Emerson Thompson, Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy, Kenneth B. Jude, Wayne Blackburn, Daniel Stanley, Paul Maynard, Leon Robinson, Steve White, Bobby SESCO, Sr., Leslie McGuire and Condor Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Leon Robinson.

**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, 2005: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Condor Maynard, Hobart Hamilton, Eddie Williamson, Leslie McGuire, Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy, Wayne Blackburn, Gary Adair, Daniel Stanley, Charles Canada and Paul Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

(18) 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.

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

(20) Read a Requests from the Pilgrims Home Church asking to host the 2005 Association. By regular move and second the Request was granted. The Leannah, Apple Orchard, Bent Branch and Rosa Churches agreed to co-host the Association.

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2005, 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.

(21) The Sardis Association is truly humbled by the multitude of Brethren, Sisters and friends, along with our Beloved Host Churches, who have worked and prayed preparing for this the One Hundred and Twelfth Session of the Sardis Association. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Brother Roy Lee May, a Paramedic from Bethany Church, who set-up and handled an Emergency Medical Station with supplies provided by the Left Beaver Fire and Rescue Station at McDowell, Floyd County, KY; to Everett and Diane Hannah of Hannah Lumber Co., at Varney, WV, for their continued support of our Churches, our Association

and many of our communities during the floods this past year; to Velocity Market at Zebulon, KY, to Kentucky Fried Chicken at Pikeville for preparing the chicken; to Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders and Connie Canes of Pike County Solid Waste Department; to Neil McGuire of Pepsi Cola Co. at Pikeville who handled the soft drinks; to Gerald Fields Trucking for use of his equipment; to Brother Andrew Walters and Mike Walters of Cardinal Glass for replacing broken windows, to Brother Alvin Thornbury for two new weed eaters, to the six sisters who worked preparing the food on Thursday while to power was off at the building; to the Campers for being excellent guests and for their donation; and the Brethren and Sisters of the Pilgrims Home Church who staff the Concession Stand.

We cannot thank enough all who have helped throughout the year with the upkeep of the Association Building and helped make this one of the best Associations ever, through their hard work and prayers. We need to give God the glory for that is where it belongs. Let us thank God for blessing us with the joy, the love and the peace experienced at this Association.


(22) 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.

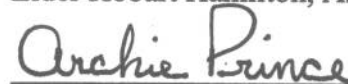
(23) On motion from Elder Butler Fletcher, second by Brother Foster Blackburn, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2005.

(24) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Hillard Newsome of the Northern New Salem Association. Elder Larry Newsome, of the Northern New Salem Association, led in prayer.

(25) 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 Edward Lee Smith, 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 12, 2004

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand to announce the arrangements and he thanked everyone for all the work that had been done during this Association. And he thanked God for all his blessings.

Elder Wayne Herald, Jr., of the Sardis Association, came to the stand and sang, "The Gates of Pearl." He said that he is thankful to be a part of this family. He is thankful to be going to a land where there will be no more sorrow or pain. He often thinks about his dad, the sermons and the advice he was given. The last enemy we have to conquer is death. The Bible says the sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law. For I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. I hope to get someone who don't know Jesus to call upon him. Hezekiah was told to get his house in order. He turned his face to the Lord and began to call upon him. If you don't ever pray, you will never be saved. God is able this morning. I am glad he had mercy on me. Be merciful to people this morning. If someone is praying on account of their sins, call upon him. If I never see you again, come on over to Heaven where the angels dwell.

Prayer was led by Elder Wallace Muncy.

Elder James Tackett, of the New Salem Association, came and stated that he is very thankful God has been mindful of us. Without him we could do nothing. A lot of praying has been going on. If you are not concerned about God's Way, his purpose, you will not do much praying. The way things went yesterday causes us to thank God. If you are going through life without God, you are not fighting the fight God wants you to fight. I try to read every day. As I try to read my mind goes to the problems.

When John was out there and in his troubles on the Isle of Patmos, being all alone he saw a new heaven and a new earth because the first heaven and earth had passed away. God told them there would be a new heaven and earth because heaven and earth had passed away. Everything became new to me when God came into my life and wiped the tears away. He gave life. I was crying for mercy. I got as low as I could get down. God said, son you are freely forgiven. He will take this natural life and there will be no more troubles. God told John, I will show you the Holy City, New Jerusalem. He told Israel to get up and raise you hand. Rise up, ye daughter of Zion, rise up and shine.

Jesus is coming back. He said I am going away but I am coming back. I am going back to where my father is at. I am glad he went away, glad he died and opened up the fountain. God came down and told Ezekiel he would put in a new heart, new spirit and make everything new. He was talking about this land that flows with milk and honey when he was talking about this Holy City, New Jerusalem. Like a crane did I chatter, like a dove did I mourn.

The apostle Paul told them I have been whipped thirty nine times. Five different times. Beaten with a reed and put in prison. Troubles cause us to worry. He told them I have been in pain, but I glory in my tribulation. Brethren, I knew a man fourteen years ago. Least I be exalted because I did good yesterday; don't be exalted. Stay on your knees and pray. Paul said, lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. Thy grace will make the whole. He is able today to make us have mercy today. Paul said, if thy brother has fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one. I know a man who knows all about our faults. Thy grace is sufficient for thee.



The time is rolling around. Jesus is coming back. He is not coming for men to smote him in the face, not coming to shed blood. The little lamb was the only perfect sacrifice. He is sufficient for every sin in the world. Satan is in this land, he is a thorn in the flesh. God is the judge of all things. He told the old writer, David you look on the outside, I will look on the inside. You judge a tree by the fruit it bears. The fruit that a tree bears will prove it. God being the judge of the heart. Do not judge to fast. Judge not that ye be judged.

God will punish everybody. God has everything fixed. You need to come to his way. A change must be made. Paul said, we are kept by the power of God. If you have the mind of Christ, you serve him. His life is right inside us. It is in our heart.

He said children, I am going to send you a comforter. When God answers your prayer, you can see everything fall in place. Sometimes we get bound up in our ways and pray. God can send you a deliverer. Jesus Christ, the son of God, will deliver you. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not, but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. You are responsible for what you do. When God comes into our lives he gives us a job to do. If you look to God you will find peace and joy.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, our Assistant Moderator, came to the stand saying it has been good today. It has been good throughout our Association. No matter how hard we strive to be perfect, we won't be. But we should try.

Satan is very hard at work. I think God proved what we can do if we come together with one mind, one accord. I am glad to be accepted. Christ came that God's creation would have a way. He told the woman with the issue of blood, thy faith hath made you whole. The householder went out one morning and invited workers to work for a penny a day. Take heed to the small still voice that comes to your heart. Without the Lord I am nothing. Without you I have no fellowship. If money could buy salvation we could work all our lives and not have enough money. You must pray to the almighty God. The householder went out again and invited more workers in. When the invitation is given, we need to hear a reason why you want to come in and work. If you are afraid to cry for help, it will never come to you. The householder went out again and invited more workers to come in and work. If you have salvation you need to be in the church where you can enjoy it. God brought peace to my soul. My friends went away. The best friend I ever had is Jesus Christ.

God still has mercy. The householder went out the sixth hour and invited workers in, and he went out the ninth hour and invited workers in. We are not perfect, but we can strive together to do God's will. The eleventh hour he went out to invite workers in. God has not given up on his generation. It would have been wonderful if we would have come in when we were all young. When young I did not think I would be found living for the Lord. I stopped having to worry about so much stuff; about making a living for my family. The ones who came in the eleventh hour he gave a penny, he paid all a penny. The ones who came early complained. He said, did not we agree for a penny. When we get to Heaven we will all be equal in the eyes of God. I hope that anyone who is not saved today will keep praying to God. If you do not repent you will not have a home in Heaven.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, our Moderator, came stating that he thinks it has been wonderful. Keep on praying, keep on living as close as you can. God wants glory out of us. There is a warfare going on. This old boy on the outside is never satisfied. There is a natural life, there is a spiritual life. This old boy has something to do. I realized I was dead in trespasses and sin. I could never remember when I didn't want to go to Heaven.

My mother taught me to fear. The Bible speaks of the beast, old Satan. We pushed him to the back seat. Tell him to get behind you. There is only one source of life.

When you are dead, you need something to make you alive again. You know what condition you are in. Dressing up the outside will do you no good. In order to do some good you must clean up the man on the inside. You must realize you are lost and undone. This world will be over with. This world will be destroyed. Our job is to make a choice where we are going to live. You do not have a promise of another breath. You must give an account of the deeds done in the body. There is a good place to live in and there is a bad place. We must get along in love. True love born down inside you will cause you to get along with you brother.

You must get in touch with something today. You must be born again. Get on the solid rock. The law church came up. God saw a need for a better way. This old church is going to bring a new and living way. It took a little baby being born. Jesus took sorrow from me and made me a child of God. I am glad I was willing to let Christ come in. We will be judged out of the books. We must abide by the laws of God. You must have the spirit put in you. When the inside gets clean the outside will come clean. That little baby came down and took the sins away. Cleanse your hands ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted and mourn and weep. The man on the inside must have the Holy Ghost baptism. When I came to the Church I looked for the children of God. When you get cleaned up you can see what kind of person they are by the action on the outside. Among those that are born of women there is no greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he that is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he. 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? God has blessed us this weekend.

You had better get in touch with that blood. And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb. The new and living way is here. Jesus Christ is the door. That door will be shut one day. The ones on the outside will hear him say, depart from me.

If you have been praying on account of your sins, continue to pray. When you have done everything you have been told to do he will come in. Set your feet upon that foundation that God has laid. That rock is Jesus Christ. The man on the inside is a perfect man. The man on the outside is not. On that day the outward man is going to change. The inward man has already been changed. The Church is going up to meet Jesus in the air. If you have experienced a birth, come on up and tell the brothers while we sing this song.

Dismission was called by Elder Willie Blackburn.

Your Clerks

## CIRCULAR LETTER

To all the Delegates, Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association

I feel very humbled that you chose me to write this circular letter last year. I know there are more able brothers to do this than me, but by the help of the Lord I will try to fulfill your request.

After much prayer, God has put some things on my heart to write about and the one thing that keeps coming back to my mind is the word Faith.

We know according to the scriptures that it is impossible to please God without faith and anything not of faith is sin. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. So when we repent we must have the faith to believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

When we consider the woman that had the issue of blood, she had spent all that she had for twelve long years and was nothing better but rather grew worse. When she had heard of Jesus passing by, she said that if I may touch his clothes I shall be whole. Immediately upon touching him the fountain of her blood was dried up and she was made whole. Jesus knowing that she had touched him said "be of good comfort, thy faith has made thee whole."

The scriptures say that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. By the one spirit we are all baptized into the one body and that body is Christ.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death. By faith, Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac. For by faith the elders obtained a good report.

Apostle Paul said I am ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only but unto all them that love his appearing. Brethren, so if we will keep the faith that Paul was referring to, we will be able to receive a crown of righteousness.

In 1st Corinthians Apostle Paul wrote; though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. Now abideth faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.

The scriptures say by Grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourself but it is a gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast.

When we hear the world talk, they talk about different faiths. The scriptures only support one faith and that faith is in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and God the Father. We don't walk by sight, we walk by faith. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross and has gone back to sit at the right hand of his father. One day he promised to come back and get all of his children and take them home. He will present them to his Father without spot, wrinkle or blemish. Then brothers we will have complete joy.

Brethren, I feel the Lord saved me twenty-two years ago and by faith I am still walking on that straight and narrow path. Brothers and sisters of the Sardis Association let us keep walking hand in hand following the spirit. The scriptures say do good unto all men especially those in the household of faith.

So let us walk in peace and love one with another that we may persuade the world of mankind that there is reality in serving the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said a new commandment I give unto you that you love one another, as I have loved you. That will let all men know you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.

I must come to the close of this letter, I feel the Lord has directed my mind and my heart so continue brethren in the good ole way and that way is Jesus. Let brotherly love continue.

Your Humble Servant,  
*Richard S. Staton*  
Elder Richard Staton

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

**APRIL, 2005**

**SOUTHERN HOME:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Condor Maynard, Sabert Nichols, Gary Young 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:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Chris Watts, Sr., Richard Lowe, Charles Jarrell, Gordon Akers, Bill Campbell, Glenn Dixon, Jim Miller and Otis Williams.

**MAY, 2005**

**SALEM:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion 3:00 p.m. following the regular Saturday service. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Creed Thomas, Jimmy Dye, Monty Iverson and David Lester.

**TURKEY CREEK:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Leon Robinson, Danny Runyon, Estill Hamilton, Lloyd Brown, Jack Robinette, Don Little, Harold Sesco, Bill Blevins, Arvid Blevins and Floyd Jude.

**JUNE, 2005**

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson, Jimmy Dye, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Wallace Sartin.

**ENON:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday at 4:00 p.m. after business meeting at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Sam Franks, Chester Cochran, Kenneth B. Jude with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

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

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following Regular Church Service. Ministers called: Bobby Sesco, Greg Stanley, Gary Young, Duane Smith, Paul Maynard and Dale Williamson.

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

**SIDNEY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Ben Scott, Homer Muncy, Jr., 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., Arthur May, Albert Cable, Hobart Hamilton and Billy Joe Robinson.

## JULY, 2005

**DIX FORK:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Herman West, Richard Staton, Danny Hurley, Ked Adkins, Curt Carroll and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**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 Ben Scott.

**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: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Thomas J. Dials, Wallace Muncy and David Lester.

**LITTLE TAVIE:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Murl Caudill, Don Lawson, A. B. Thacker, Gabe Lowe, 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, Jimmy Dye, 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, Glen Hall and Chuck Hall.

**NARROWS BRANCH:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Lacy Walters, Greg Stanley, Willie Blackburn and Gary Young with Moderator attending.

## AUGUST, 2005

**TABITHA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Sabert Nichols, Condor Maynard, Wallace Muncy, Paul Maynard, Arthur May, Billy Joe Robinson and Albert Cable.

**BENT BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Teddy Honaker, Willis Bartley and Jerry Overstreet.

**ROSA:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Gary Young, Leon Robinson, Bobby Scott, Sr., 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, Robert Haney, Leon Robinson, David Crigger, Harrison Runyon and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**PILGRIMS HOME:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Thomas J. Dial, Teddy Honaker, Richard Staton and Hobart Hamilton.

## OCTOBER, 2005

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

## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

### MARCH, 2005

**OKEECHOBEE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: William Adair, Sr., Bruce Forsyth, Arlice Peaden, Gary Holbrook, John M. Lowe, James Barney, John B. Hamilton, Roy Vanderpool and Doug McCarty.

### APRIL, 2005

**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, Harold Sesco and Billy Joe Robinson.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Williamson Family Cemetery located one fourth mile below the Pilgrims Home church on the fourth Saturday (April 30, 2005) at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Duane Smith, Eric Williamson and Dale Williamson.

### MAY, 2005

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (May 1) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Creed Thomas, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Chuck Hall, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone bring covered dishes.

**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.

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Richard Staton and Dale Williamson.

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

**CHARITY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Charity Church on the third Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.. Ministers called: Bruce Forsyth, Bill Campbell, Richard Lowe, Haston Whitaker, Sabert Nichols, Thomas J. Dials and Robert Clay.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the home of Brother Daniel Stanley at Dix Fork in memory of Brother Albert Stanley and Brother Rush Coney Williamson on the third Saturday at 4:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers welcome.

**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: Thomas J. Dials, Jimmy Dye, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Sabert Nichols.

**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 Sunday following the fourth Saturday. 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: Wallace Sartin, 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: Greg Stanley, Don Little, Billy Williamson, Gary Young, Teddy Honaker and Richard Staton.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork on Saturday before the last Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters, Clifford Stanley, Edward L. Smith and David Crigger.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday at 11:00 a.m.. Ministers called: W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran and David Crigger.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the odd Sunday in May (May 1) 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: Bobby Sesco, Harold Sesco, Leon Robinson and Kenneth B. Jude.

#### **JUNE, 2005**

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the first Sunday in June (June 5) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton 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 at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Raymond Stapleton, Sam Franks, Ronnie Combs, Raymond Smith, Jack Robinette and Wallace Muncy.

**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, Dale Williamson 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.

**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 Sunday after the second Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco, John Paul Hamilton and Hobart Hamilton.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on Sunday following the third Saturday (June 19, 2005) at 11:00 a. m. Ministers called: Lloyd Brown, 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: Ben Scott, 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, Clarence Bowersock, Richard Staton and Danny Runyon.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork on the fourth Saturday in June at 3:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers welcome.

#### **JULY, 2005**

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Brother Dewey Jude's Family will be held on the Jude Cemetery in the head of Big Peter Cave on the first Sunday in July. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott, Milford Lowe and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

**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, Lloyd Brown, Dale Williamson, Hobart Hamilton, Elbert Sesco, Gary Young and Richard Staton.

**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, Kenneth B. Jude, 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, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Bobby Scott, Sr., Chuck Hall, 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, Roger Hicks and Richard Staton.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at Pilgrims Home Church on the Sunday after the third Saturday (July 17) 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.

**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.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Elizabeth Church for Brother Joe Fletcher, his wife, Hazel Fletcher and son, Roger Fletcher on the odd Sunday in July (July 31), 2005. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

**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 (July 31) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hillard Newsome, Don Blake Little and Frankie Scott.

**LITTLE ROSIE** will hold a memorial meeting on the Runyon Cemetery in the head of Dan's Branch Hollow on the odd Sunday (July 31) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Wayne Herald, Jr., Albert Cable, Danny Runyon, Duane Smith and Steven White.

#### AUGUST, 2005

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Jeff Robinette Cemetery on the first Saturday in August (August 6) at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called Billy Williamson, Dale Williamson, Elbert Sesco and Danny Runyon.

**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: Lonnie Staton, Milford Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. and Wayne Herald, Jr. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Arthur May, Wallace Sartin 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 Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Greg Stanley and Leonard Hamilton.

**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, Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland, KY, Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida and Hennon Scalf Cemetery on Cerry Branch and Sister Hester Maynard and all that are buried on the Williamson Cemetery on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton, James Tackett and Danny Runyon with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

**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., Frankie Scott, Greg Stanley and James Tackett.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Sartin Cemetery at the home place at Emily Creek for Sister Eva Sartin, also Brother Tom Stepp and Johnny Dials and all others that are buried on the cemetery on the second Saturday in August (August 13) at 11:00 a.m.. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

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

**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: Elbert SESCO, Bobby SESCO, Larry R. May, David Crigger, Leonard Hamilton, Steve White 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: Teddy Honaker, Danny Runyon, Eric Williamson, Harold SESCO, Duane Smith 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: Bobby Scott, Sr., Lacy Walters, Danny Runyon and Harold SESCO.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on Saturday, August 20, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. for all those buried on the Alfred Young Cemetery. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton, Jack Robinette and Hobart Hamilton.

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the McCoy Cemetery and will include, Oscar McCoy family, Tolbert McCoy family, also Johnnie Nichols Sr. family and 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, Wayne Herald, Jr., Floyd Jude and Thomas J. Dials.

**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, David Crigger, Gayle Brown, Arthur May, Kenneth B. Jude and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Will and Charity Jude and all family members buried at the head of Peter Cave on Sunday following the third Saturday. Minister called: Ben Scott, Lacy Fletcher, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude. Church will be held at the cemetery.

**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: David Crigger, Sabert Nichols, Richard Staton and Dewey 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. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, David Crigger, Wayne Herald, Jr., Robert Haney and Leon Robinson.

**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.

#### SEPTEMBER, 2005

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Collins Cemetery near the Annie Church on Saturday September 3, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Billy Joe Robinson, Homer Muncy, Jr. and Kenneth B. Jude.

**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, Steve White, 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 3) 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, Billy Joe Robinson 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 3) night at 5:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Homer Muncy, Jr., Harold Sesco and Bobby Sesco.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Ervin Morrison and all else buried 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, Richard Staton, 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 and Billy Joe Robinson with Moderator attending.

**LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Ruby Honaker Hunt, her husband, Mont, their daughter, Lorene Honaker Hunt and others family members on Sunday following the third Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at the home of her son, Johnny Honaker, which is located approximately three fourths mile up Sunshine Lane at Kimper, KY. Ministers called: Teddy Honaker, Richard Staton, Leon Robinson and Paul Maynard. The family invites everyone.

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

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: David Crigger, David May 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, three great grandchildren, Mark Jude, infant son of Kenneth B. Jude, Dollie Jude and Tom Stacy, husband of Pauline Stacy on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Dewey Jude and Milford Lowe.

#### OCTOBER, 2005

**ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Spencer Hall, 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, Wayne Herald, Jr., Harold Sesco, Bobby Scott, Sr. and Billy Joe Robinson.

**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, Bobby Scott, Sr., 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, Ray 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: Albert Cable, Hobart Hamilton, Wayne Herald, Sr. And Bobby Scott, Sr.

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

**LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Bob Adkins, Eddie Walden, Danny Belcher, Thomas J. Dials, Danny Carty and Delmas Hall.

**ROSA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Jack Robinette, Albert Cable, Harold Sesco, Richard Staton, Zeb Justice and Phillip Estep.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the fourth Saturday 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; 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, Ted Robinson and Leon Robinson.

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

We your Sister the Northern New Salem Association wish to express to you our love, thoughts and prayers as you sorrow in the loss of your beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last gathering.

Their departure has left us with fond memories of days passed, that shall comfort we that remain. As we wait for that glorious tomorrow, at which time and place our Heavenly Father will gather all the redeemed unto His own good company, and there we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Yours sincerely,

Bro. Newsome  
Bro. Turner—Clerks

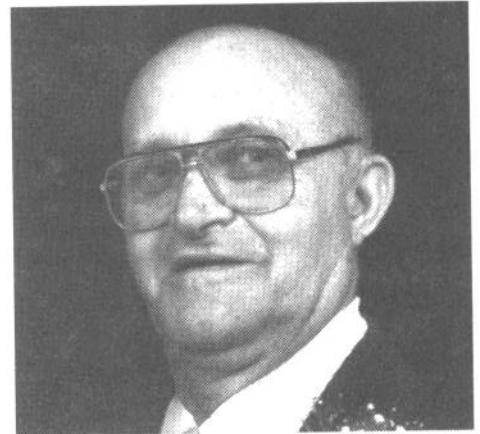
**OBITUARIES**  
**of**  
**BRETHREN AND SISTERS**

**ELDER EDWARD RUNYON**

In loving memory, we will try to write the obituary of our loving daddy, Edward Runyon. He was eighty six years old.

Dad was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of the Sardis Association for sixty eight years. He served as moderator of Rebecca, Samaria and Bethany Churches.

Dad was born July 15, 1918 and departed this life on September 7, 2004. He was the son of the late Nicholas and Letty Estep Runyon. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Irene Napier Runyon and his second wife, Martha Jane Prince Runyon and one daughter, Victoria; four brothers: Kenny, Isom, Nicholas, Jr. and Alex Runyon. He was, also, preceded in death by three sisters: Ollie Ooten, Leota Hall and Mable Gilman.



He is survived by three daughters: Wanda (Noah) Ooten, Jackie (Merl) Workman and Sue (Gene) Brinager, all of Delbarton, WV; two sons Thomas (Charlene) Runyon of Princeton, WV and Dallas (Nancy) Runyon of Delbarton, WV. He has fourteen grand children and seventeen great grandchildren. He is, also, survived by one brother Don Runyon of Delbarton, WV and two sisters; Novella Green of Ohio and Nellie Mounts of Delbarton, WV.

Dad always preached love and peace. Service was conducted on Friday, September 10, 2004 by Elders Wayne Herald, Jr., Steve Robinson and Albert Cable.

We feel that Dad is at rest and the memory of him is one gift from God that death cannot destroy.

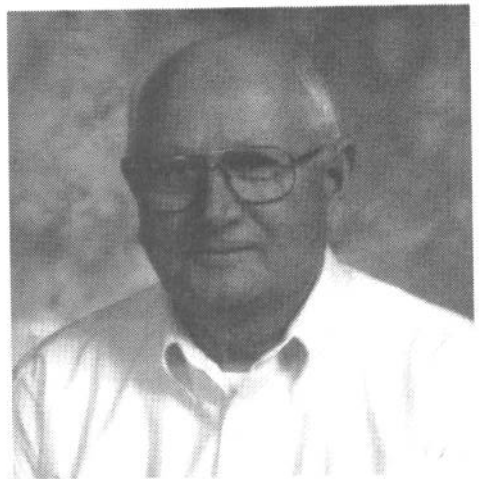
Written by his Children

**JAMES W. "JIMMY" BLACKBURN**

James W. "Jimmy" Blackburn, age 70 of Brushy Road, passed away at 3:50 a.m., Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at his residence. He was a Coal Operator and a member of the Big Branch Regular Baptist Church. He was born in Pike County, KY on December 8, 1933, the son of the late Floyd and Octavia Taylor Blackburn.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Carol Sue Blackburn and three brothers, Lester Blackburn, Elster Blackburn and Keither Blackburn.

He is survived by his wife, Iva Jean Scott Blackburn and two sons, James H. Blackburn and his wife, Debra of Brushy Road and Ben E. Blackburn and his wife, Vicki of Daniels Branch at Millard, KY and four daughters, Diana Reed and her husband, Gary of Brushy Road, Maretta Adams and her husband, Sammy of Brushy Road, Barbara Bentley of Harrodsburg, KY and Faye Thompson and her husband, Donnie of Meta, KY.



He is also survived by one sister, Brook Taylor of Johns Creek, KY and thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A host of relatives and friends join his family to mourn Jimmy's passing, but in Heaven there is rejoicing for one of God's children has come home. Jimmy spent his entire life on Brushy Creek. In Matthew 20: 26-27, Jesus said "*Whosoever will be great among you let him be your minister and whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant.*" These words are a true description of Jimmy's life here on earth.

Jimmy was a family man. Jimmy and Iva Jean were married March 29, 1950. Jimmy and Iva Jean lived with Iva Jean's parents, Ben and Myrtle Scott, until they built their home. This marriage was blessed with seven children. Jimmy always made sure that their "needs" were provided for. Iva Jean, Jimmy loved you very much, and you need to cherish each of those special moments you had together. God blessed you to celebrate nearly fifty four years of marriage together.

March 29, 1950 was a cold, windy, snow flurry day. It was on this day that seventeen year old James Wallace Blackburn and eighteen year old Iva Jean Scott decided to be married. All they needed was a way to Pikeville, KY. They didn't have a car or truck and even if they did it wouldn't have done any good, they couldn't have gotten out of Brushy in March anyway because the roads were so bad. They finally caught a ride with Ernest Lafferty who carried the mail. Ernest drove them in his jeep through Millers Creek where the roads weren't much better, but they finally made it to Pikeville.

Jimmy and Iva Jean were married at the court house by Noah Ward, a Freewill Baptist preacher, who charged them \$5.00 for the ceremony. Ernest Lafferty and his wife Etta Mae were their witnesses.

In the meantime Grandma Blackburn had found out about their plans to get married and she wanted to stop them. I don't know how she got across the hill, but she caught the bus at Thurston Lowe's, who was the driver. She looked all over town for them but never found them. She was too late anyway, they were already married. They had gone to the movies after the ceremony, a place Grandma never thought to look. Jimmy and Iva Jean planned to take the bus home and they were almost too late, it had already started to pull out. They hurried onto the bus and took seats in the front, not knowing that Grandma Blackburn was on the same bus. Thurston knew she was and he knew what was going on. He kept looking in the mirror and laughing all the way home. Jimmy and Iva Jean got off the bus at Thurston's and walked home across the hill never knowing that Grandma was right behind them.

Your fiftieth wedding anniversary was a wonderful occasion signifying the love that you shared during those years together.

James, Diana, Maretta, Ben, Barbara, and Faye, your daddy loved each one of you and was so proud of you. Also, Jimmy loved his sons-in-law and daughters-in-law as if they were his own children. Your dad made sacrifices to make sure you were provided for. Your dad was always there when you needed him. He was always there to help you with any kind of work that was needed around your home. He also encouraged each of you to be the best you could possibly be.

Jimmy was so proud of his grandchildren. He loved you and he wanted to help you in every way he could. I'm sure each of the children and grandchildren have special memories of their dad and grandfather. "Cherish those memories."

Jimmy also made a special effort to visit and spend time with his great-grandchildren, Ethan and Emily. It made Jimmy feel proud to have his picture taken with them.

Jimmy was always visiting his sister, Brook. He never neglected his sister even though her illness may have prevented her from recognizing him. Jimmy would talk to her and take her candies and fruits. He always tried to be a comfort to her.

Jimmy also kept in touch and was very helpful with his sisters-in-laws, Lucina, Fay, and Irene, after the death of his brothers.

Jimmy was the leader of our family. At our family reunions, family gathering, and even at the death of a family member, he would make sure he was there and would help in any way that was needed.

Jimmy could bring our family together in difficult times as well as in times of rejoicing.

Jimmy was a worker. Jimmy had the personality and drive to roll his sleeves up and get the job done. His early work experience began by working in a family owned sawmill with his brothers to help support his family and assist in the care of his mother following his father's death. He worked for the N & W Railroad in the 1960's. He also owned and operated a small dozer to use for individuals needing that type of work. Jimmy was also a mechanic and equipment operator. In the 1970's, Jimmy and his brothers, Elster and Keither eventually became self employed in the coal industry. They provided an opportunity for a lot of their family members and friends to learn an occupation to support their families. Jimmy enjoyed working with his hands. Jimmy enjoyed repairing things that were broken. Jimmy enjoyed working on the farm. I use the word "enjoyed" because that was his life.

Jimmy was a wonderful neighbor. In Matthew 20:27, Jesus said, "*Whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant.*" Jimmy was a *servant* to his community and neighbors. Recently, I heard someone say that Jimmy was a "community man". Being a servant means taking your neighbor to do their grocery shopping, taking them to the doctor, helping them in their difficult times, being there when they need help, being there when they lose a loved one to support and encourage them. Jimmy's neighbors will miss him. Jimmy had a big heart for people. He loved the people and the people loved him. He trusted in the people and the people trusted in him. Jimmy was always concerned for the well being of others. That is what being a servant means.

Yes, indeed, Jimmy left us a legacy of love, family devotion, commitment, sacrifice, a willing worker, and community spirited. Let each of us *encourage* one another to leave this same legacy. Jimmy's love for his family and others and his commitment to his community developed many lasting friendship. I encourage his family to cling to these friendships and continue to cherish them. Take comfort in the love and friendships they are willing to offer to you.

I think the greatest legacy Jimmy left us was the one of being a servant for the Lord Jesus Christ. Jimmy had a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized on October 21, 1984. He was a faithful member of the Big Branch Regular Baptist Church. Jimmy loved his brothers and sisters in Christ. He was a faithful servant. Jimmy's church will miss him. The residents of Pikeville Nursing Home loved Jimmy. He was always bringing them candies and fruit. Jimmy often visited people in the hospital. Jimmy regularly attended services for those who had passed on. The Bible says in James 1:22 "*But be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only*" "This verse describes Jimmy. Anyone who has been covered by the blood of Jesus was a brother or sister to Jimmy regardless of denomination or church affiliation.

Probably everyone here has eaten a meal at Jimmy and Iva Jean's home. They have always been great hosts. People have always been made to feel welcome in their home. If Jimmy could speak to us today, his desire would be for each of us to make peace with God, and to know Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. He would want all of us to be able to fellowship with him again in Heaven.

Today, even though we are greatly saddened, should be a day of celebration, knowing that Jimmy was a man of God, knowing that he loved each one of us, knowing that he is in a better place, knowing that the legacy he left his wife, his children, his grandchildren, his family, his neighbors, his community, and his church is one that should inspire us to be a servant to our family, friends, community, and our Lord Jesus Christ, and to focus not on earthly things but on heavenly things. In closing, I want to leave you with this verse of scripture. In Matthew 25:21, Jesus said, "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*" Jimmy was a good and faithful servant. Brother Jimmy may have never preached a sermon but he said so much to us with that great big smile and the warm welcome he always had for us.

Yes, Brother Jimmy loved his family and friends and always wanted to give them something to take with them. I think Jimmy left us all a little light shining the way to a better land. He was a good example to his family and also to the church.

Written by the Family



## REBECCA EVANS BRUMFIELD

It is with heaviness of heart that we attempt to write this obituary of our dear loving mother and sister in Christ, Rebecca Evans Brumfield, knowing that all flesh is grass and the glory thereof as the flower. We do find comfort and support in the loving memories and the heart felt love that was given by our Mommy in the many wonderful years that we shared.

Rebecca Evans Brumfield, eighty three, of Delbarton, WV departed this barren land on November 30, 2003 which by faith she refused to call this world her home, and chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of this world; and not accepting deliverance, that she might obtain a better resurrection, she waited upon the Lord to renew her strength and mounted up with wings as a mighty eagle and took her flight home to the New Jerusalem. She was born March 23, 1920 in Pigeon Roost Hollow of Delbarton, WV to the late George W. and Vicie Hensley Evans. She was baptized into the body of Christ on July 16, 1933. She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptist called Sardis for over seventy years. She was united in marriage to the late Walter Brumfield and to this union was born eleven children: Faye Shields, Walter Brumfield, Jr., Jeff Brumfield, Joan Brumfield, George Brumfield, Brenda Salyers, Pam Hatfield, Elsie Mahon, Wirt Brumfield, Darlene Mounts, and Vicie Stafford.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters: Albert Evans, Asa Evans, Elsie Brumfield, Mary Maynard, and Hattie Brewster. She is survived by one brother, Patterson Evans and one sister, Nelson Neil Hill. She will be sadly missed by all that knew her, especially her always rewarding smile that we anxiously await to see again.

Written by her daughter, Brenda and granddaughter, Brenda Leigh.



## DIXIE FRANCIS

It is with fondest memories that we will write the obituary of our mother, Dixie (Pinson) Francis. Mother passed away at her home October 3, 2003. She was born February 21, 1923 to the late Will H. and Trinnie (Blackburn) Pinson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dover and one daughter, Phyllis Ann Whiteford. She is survived by three daughters: Patty Bevins (Bill) Meta, KY; Joan Blackburn (Jim) Canada, KY, Gail Cornish (David) of Sidney, KY; Eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one brother, Layton Pinson of Sidney, KY whom she loved very much.

Mother was a member of the Mount Pleasant Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved attending whenever she was able. Mother was a people person and loved the fellowship of her sisters and brothers and had many faithful and wonderful friends. There is not one day that passes that she is not in our thoughts and she will live in our hearts forever.



Written by daughters: Patty, Joan and Gail

## AMALIAL JUDE

It is with God's help that I sit here today to write Mommy's (Amalial Jude) obituary. Mommy was my best friend and I feel honored to write this tribute to her. Mom went home to see her sweet Jesus September 22, 2003. She couldn't wait to see his sweet face; because Mom knew what Jesus had waiting for her. She ask Jesus into her heart in January, 1999. What a glorious day that was for her because even though she was a good person she knew she needed Jesus to make it to Heaven. Mom was a breast cancer survivor for many years but on September 22 we all knew she was on her way to see Jesus when she awoke from sleep in the wee morning hours and said she had just seen the most beautiful white butterfly. The angels were coming for Mom and she went home to see Jesus that afternoon.



Amalial was born July 21, 1935 to the late Ben Landon and Mary Elizabeth (Maynard) Lowe. She married the late John Butler Jude October 7, 1950. They raised a family of eighteen children; Joe Jude of Pilgrim, KY, Mabel Fletcher Louisa, KY, Henry Jude Paintsville, KY, Hazel Brewer Crum, WV, Dorse Jude Columbus, OH, Butler Jude Jr. Pilgrim, KY, Floyd Jude (deceased), Oscar Jude Beauty, KY, Lois Carter Columbus, OH, Ellen Faye Fletcher Pilgrim, KY, Dallas Jude(deceased), Landon Jude Inez, KY, Gracie Bowens Ft. Gay, WV, Stella Jude(deceased), Kathy Maynard Pilgrim, KY, Larry Jude Inez, KY, Roger Jude Inez, KY, and the baby Frank Jude Inez, KY. They had a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. If mom was here today she could tell you how many but for me there is too many to count. Amalial had two brothers, David and Avery Lowe. She had six sisters; Virgie Canterbury, Lonnie Blevins, Vivian Roland, Bessie Collins, Gladys Moore, Ethel Lee Gore and Nancy Hall. She had a host of nieces and nephews. Mom was happiest when she had all her family and friends around her.

Amalial was a giving and a loving person. She served as Martin County jailer from August, 1992 through December, 1999. She served her community with grace and pride. She was so proud to be the jailer of Martin County. In the earlier days of her jailer career she cooked for the inmates. The meal the inmates were served was the same meal she served her family. She always wanted to treat everyone the same. She felt that other mothers could rest at night knowing their son or daughter had been fed. Mom had such love and compassion for other people.

Mom was a member of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved going to church to worship the Lord. Her daughter Mabel called her every Sunday morning and she would climb out of bed ready to go when she arrived. She loved those Sundays but was very sad when she was too sick to get out of bed and couldn't make it to church.

Mommy loved all her family, friends and neighbors. It's been said that you never had a hug until you had a hug from Amalial. She loved people just like she loved her Lord. She always had a big smile and always told you she loved you. Mom was a very special person to all who met her. To her family she was a guarding angel who has gone to heaven to wait for us there. We'll meet you there Mom to walk hand in hand. No more pain, no more sorrows. We know you're resting in peaceful sleep waiting to arise on that glorious day to see Jesus sweet face.

In Memory of our Mother, Amalial Jude  
Written in Love by daughter, Lois Carte

## DORIS ANN JUDE

With the help of the Good Lord, we will attempt to write the obituary of our loving mother, Doris Ann Jude. Mom was born on April 17, 1954. She was the daughter of the late Johnny Jude and Sister America (Maynard) Jude. She was the youngest daughter of twelve children. She was chosen from this earth on June 30, 2004 after a long battle with lung cancer. She was preceded in death by three brothers: Ambrose, Russell and Matthew (Dooter) Jude. Also, preceding her in death was her one and only precious son, Mitchell D. Jude, who was taken from this earth so swiftly and is missed so greatly by all of his family.



Mom did everything in her power to overcome this terminal disease because she said that she realized that she had so much to live for, and she didn't want to leave her family behind. However, she never seemed afraid because she had the Great Comforter on her side. Sometimes things that happen here below are so difficult to understand, but we realize that God had a plan for Mom. We know that she saw glimpses into Heaven by the truly spiritual things she would do and say as she awaited her time. This is the comforting part, knowing where she is and what lays in store for her. Mom had recently taken her membership back to the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church because she felt like that was her "home" church. That was the church she had originally belonged to and her desire was to be back there. She reminisced her baptism from beginning to end as she lay in the hospital rejoicing about this milestone in her life. Toward the end of her stay on earth, she often talked of wanting to "go home." Others thought that Mom was confused because she was already at her "house". But others knew she was referring to her eternal Home. I know without a doubt that Mom will be at her new Home with Jesus where she won't have to suffer ever again.

Family was something that Mom valued greatly. She always wanted to keep her family strong and bonded together. So I want to just mention some of the family that meant so much to her. Mom was survived by her husband, Henry Lee Jude, who dedicated thirty six faithful years of marriage and remained by her side; two daughters, Lora Hale and Michelle Price who stayed by her side day and night during her afflicting illness; two sons-in law, Ritchie Hale and Logan Price, who she often referred to as her very own sons; and six grandchildren whom she loved more than anyone could ever imagine: Breanna Hale, Kaitlyn and Jacob Jude, Brett and Brayden Price and Brock Chapman-Jude. Mom also was survived by her sisters who were so supportive and lent a helping hand anytime that was possible. Her five surviving sisters include Bonnie Howell, Dolly Jude, Pauline, Mary Lou and Edna Stacy. Our family was so blessed to have their help and support at such a devastating time in our lives and for that we will be forever grateful. She is also survived by three brothers: Elijah, Walker and James I.G. Jude. I know there were many other family members that Mom often thought about and loved dearly including her nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins just to mention a few. One thing was for sure: she loved her family and loved having them near her.

When we feel sad for ourselves for not having our Mom with us any longer, we can think of something she always told us after our brother had gotten killed. She said she missed him dearly, but that he was with her, in her heart. I recall many times mom clutching her hand to her heart and saying with tear filled eyes that she could feel him because he was with her inside her heart. Now I better understand what she was talking about. Loved ones do stay "Inside Your Heart."

"Inside Your Heart:"Right now I'm in a better place, and though we seem apart, I'm closer than I ever was, I'm there inside your heart. I'm with you when you greet each day, and while the sun shines bright, I'm there to share the sunsets too, I'm with you every night.

The rainy days that we endured, the joyful times we'd share, just look inside your loving heart, and you will find them there.

And when that day arrives, that we no longer are apart, I'll smile and hold you close to me, forever in my heart. Sadly missed by all of her family.

Written with love by her daughters,  
Lora Hale and Michelle Price

### MAYHALA MAYNARD JUDE

With the help of the Lord, we will write the obituary of our loving Mother, Mayhala Maynard Jude. She was born April 10, 1928. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Thomas (Tom) Jude ; two sons, Harvey and Billy Jude; her mom and dad, Eligah and Vergie Maynard; five sisters: Mary Lowe, America Jude (Merkey), Ollie Jude, Kate Jude and Gladys Jude.

She has ten surviving children: Clifford Jude of Breathitt County, KY, Robert ( Buck ) Jude of Lovely, KY, Hessie Dean Church of Ft. Myers, FL, Cliston (Pete) Jude of Lawrence County, KY, Vandy Jude of Floyd County, KY, Bonnie Jean Mullins of Michigan, Edward Jude and Armenda (Mendy) Bevins both of Burnwell, KY, Mary Elizabeth Jude of Martin County, KY and Julie Bailey of Burnwell, KY.

She had twenty four Grandchildren and twenty eight great-grandchildren. She has two surviving brothers, Bill and Robert Maynard and two sisters, Bell Smith and Sarah Kirk.

Mother was a member of Salem Church Old Regular Baptist Church at Goody, KY and was in Fort Myers, FL. with her daughter, Hessie, at her passing. We all love and miss her very much and our dear Morn (Monaw) is with the Lord now. We hope to meet her again someday.

Written by her son, Robert (Buck) Jude and  
Granddaughter, Marcella (Marcy) Marcum



### PEARL (BLACKBURN) JUDE

With the help of my Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my mother. She was born September 16, 1911 and died April 19, 2004. She was the daughter of Elias and Polly Tiller Blackburn.

In the year 1928, she married Jack Jude and into this union were born sixteen children. Four preceded her in death, three sons and one daughter, Lewis, John, a still born baby boy, and Irene Jude. Twelve still live, eight boys and four girls: Nathan, Jobe, David, T D, Rush, Henderson, William, and Hershel Jude. Daughters are: Thelma, Nelva, Elva, and Judy.

Mom was a member of Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church since May of 1937. She was the last one living that was baptized by Brother Bill Jude.



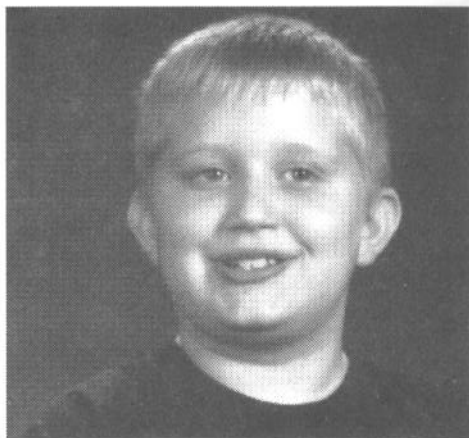
Mom, as I look at the old home place, I can see you going to the garden and how hard you worked to get food for us. It reminds me of the verse in the Book of Proverbs: Proverbs Chapter 31, Verse 27-29. Verse 27: *"She looketh well to the way of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."* Verse 28: *"Her children arise up, and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praises her."* Verse 29: *"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all"*.

Mom we miss you, but thank the good Lord you went to sleep in his arms. The last words I heard you say was "I see Jesus, I'm getting tired, I'm going home". So sleep on until that great morning when Jesus calls our name and we will meet again. Before I close, I want to say to my four sisters thank you for taking care of my mother. May God bless you all.

Written by your baby boy, Elder Hershel Jude

### JOHN FREELIN LOWE

With a sad and broken heart by the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of our Sweet Baby Son. John was born March 8, 1994. He deceased this life on December 1, 2003 making his stay here nine years, eight months and twenty two days. John was preceded in death by his grandparents, Isaac Joe and Hazel Fletcher and Gertie Lowe. He is survived by his broken hearted parents, Lloyd Ed and Elsie Lowe of Pilgrim, KY. Also surviving are four brothers: James (Bridgette) Lowe, Samuel (Lillie) Lowe, Adam and Isaac Lowe; grandparents, Milford (Doris) Lowe, two nephews and two nieces. John was a fourth grade student at Pigeon Roost School. He was a great student and loved by all. There are no words that could describe the pain of losing a child. When the days get so lonely that I don't think I can get through another day without you; I think of how much better off you are than we are because you are resting in the arms of Sweet Jesus where you will never have to suffer anymore. That someday when the Lord calls me, we will meet again where there will be no more parting. So sleep on my Precious Angel until we meet again.



Written by broken hearted Mom and Dad  
Ed and Elsie Lowe

### DEBORAH LYNN WILLIAMSON MARTIN

This obituary is the hardest thing our family has ever tried to write. Debbie was born August 5, 1953; we lost her on March 20, 2004, making her stay on earth fifty years and eight months; too short of a time for her loving family and friends. Debbie is survived by her parents, Isaac and Billie Williamson; two sisters, Peggy Walker and husband, Patrick and Mary Jane Scalf and husband, Freddy; her husband, Roger Martin; two sons, Robert Alvin Thornbury and wife, Vickie and John Roger Martin; two grandsons, Cody and Nicholas Thornbury. Also, three nephews: David, Paul and Andy.

Debbie was a joy to our family from the time she was born. She loved her family dearly and always put her family first. While still in high school Debbie married Alvin Thornbury, Robert's dad.



This marriage later ended in divorce. In July, 1979 she married Roger Martin, John's dad. She loved her two sons immensely and was so proud of them. She supported them completely in all of their activities. These two loving sons cared for their mother constantly during her illness. Debbie was so happy to experience grandchildren. She adored Cody and Nicholas as they brought so much additional love to our family.

Debbie was always working toward improving herself and her family and in all of her endeavors. Roger was always there to help her get whatever she wanted. She had a very special bond with her sisters, Peggy and Janie. She wanted to take care of her baby sister Janie, and Peggy was her best friend. She depended on her for so much.

Debbie was always there to see that her parents were taken care of. She worried often about Roger's parents, Charles and Emma Lou Martin because she felt that they lived too far away from their children. Debbie was truly a special person. She had so much empathy for all those around her. If her friends had problems then she had problems. She was always there to help with anything that she could do.

Debbie graduated from Pikeville College in 1988. She began her career in education at Brushy Elementary in 1989. She touched so many children in her educational career. She moved to the Central Office of the Pike County Board of Education a few years ago and in January, 2003 she was rewarded for her hard work and devotion by being named the board's Director of Pupil Personnel. She simply loved her career in education, and adored all of her co-workers, all of who supported her immensely during her illness.

Debbie experienced so many good things during her short lifetime, however one of the highlights of her life was when she was baptized at the Pilgrims Home Regular Baptist Church. She loved the church and all of the people involved in this church. We will all miss Debbie so much; but with God's help we will see her again.

Written by her broken hearted family

### JESSE STEPHEN MOSLEY

Jesse Stephen Mosley, an infant, died shortly after his birth, Saturday, August 7, 2004. He was the son of Stephen Garrett and Rebekah Lynn Varney Mosley of Turkey Creek, KY. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Stanley C. Consley. He is survived by his maternal grandparents, Stephen and Diane Varney of Turkey Creek, KY and his paternal grandparents, Gary and Tami Mosley of Williamson, WV, and Pam Consley of Milton, KY.

What person living, let alone one who has died, dare say they have accomplished what Jesse Stephen Mosley did in a few hours of life.

Months of celebration moments of joy, cheers heard out loud for this baby boy. A special treasure proving Jehovah exists, to two special parents faith willing to risk. Their faith often tested time after time, when one seemed challenged the other proved fine. And it was not in vain, don't give that a thought, cause sweet little Jesse like a warrior fought. Then came his arrival early, you see, many a warrior found, down on their knee. Some complications making all weep, but Jesse pressed forward, he had an appointment to keep. Why he had a Mother with a heart full of hugs and a Daddy so gentle whose heart he must tug. In his few precious hours, there was work to be done, why his life had purpose and none would be shun. In those precious hours of his visit to earth, his presence brought unity man could not birth. A cry to delight and sounds we are told, that would give precious memories for all to behold. His Daddy's nose, his Daddy's feet, a head full of hair, red, the tug was complete. Why, his little life in a few precious hours touched mere man with life sustaining power.



Used to further faith and knowledge of God's Word, why people who have lived ages of this is not heard. So has this little one, in a few hours, he fulfilled his life's purpose and made better ours. Who among us can say such, only a few can, I came here to earth and harmed nary a man. We can't let self centeredness, selfishness, or pride Cloud such a testimony that Jesse provide. Grief is natural and we will let it run its full course, but who here among us, when visited with choice would not say, those months and hours with Jesse don't you dare take away. It's not all over, Oh no, I have hope. If those few hours provided such glory, think what's ahead of life's ending story. Reflect for a moment on your life and see how Jesse's life witness can affect thee. Many have left here and never an eye strained, but sweet, precious Jesse-exampld His name. God Exists.

From his loving family

### BETTY L. ROBINETTE

It is with a sad heart and precious memories that I will attempt to write the obituary of my very special Aunt Betty. She departed this life on February 13, 2004 and went to be with our Lord. She was born March 29, 1932 at Pikeville, KY. A daughter of the late Luther and Iva Maie (Tackett) Barnett. She was baptized on April 7, 2001 by Elder Jack Robinette and Brother Alex Hensley. She was married to Elder Jack Robinette on May 28, 1949 and to this union were born two wonderful sons, Joseph Jackson Robinette and Gregory Joel Robinette. She leaves behind her loving sons and three grandchildren; Kara, Jamie and Kody Robinette. Left to mourn her loss also are five brothers: Joel Kent, Jon B, Luther Jr., Michael and Theodore and five sisters; Rosemary, Sonja, Beatrice, Constance and Cathy and myself.



I loved her dearly, she was like a mother to me. I miss her terribly but I have hope that one day I will be with her again. I am trusting in the Lord for this. She was a real fighter in this life. Her sickness was great but she fought steadily to the end. She loved her church family and she considered them her family, too. I thank the good Lord for letting me be a part of her life and I pray and hope that one day we will be reunited.

Written with a heart full of love for her. By her niece Micky Preece.

### ESTHER SCOTT

I am so very proud to be the one to write these caring and loving words about my dear Mother, who we all miss so very much. She now rests in a better place without suffering or sorrow.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church November 14, 1937 and was faithful to her savior until her death. Her home was always open, and you could find several church members and their families at her table for dinner almost any Sunday. She was always a very loving and caring soul.

My Mother was born in Thomas, KY on March 26, 1917 as one of ten children born to Epp Thompson, (born 1895 and died 1946) and Lizzie Williamson Thompson (born 1890 and died 1932).



She has one living sister, Eula Hatfield of West Virginia and two living brothers; Tommy Thompson of Maryland. and Edward Callis of Virginia. She was married to Elder Fay Scott on December 21 , 1934. This union lasted for fifty eight years until Fay's death in 1992. They had four children: Elizabeth Gay Holloway of Newport News, Va, Pansy Joyce Belcher (husband Bill) of Hampton, Virginia, Fay Scott, Jr. now residing in Hampton, VA and Ollie Mae Peterson (husband Corbin) of Bahama, NC. She also had six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She went to be with her Lord and Master November 3, 2003 and is sadly missed by all of us. However, we are all fortunate enough to have her with us everyday in our thoughts and prayers. We know she is our guardian angel and now sits with God and smiles and talks to us daily. No one could have asked for a sweeter and kinder person than my Mama.

Her daughter, Ollie Mae Peterson

### DONA SMITH

Dona Smith went to rest with the Lord July 23, 2004 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY. He was born March 23, 1910 at Sidney, KY making his stay here ninety-four years and four months. He was the son of the late James and Buena Morris Smith. He married his first wife, Jeanette Crigger Smith, December 23, 1934 and to this union was born four children: Edward Lee, Lozena, Patricia Ann and Roger Clay. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and one son, Roger Clay Smith. Dad was born into a family of six brothers and four sisters. He was the last survivor of his family. His deceased brothers and sisters are: Hi Smith, Lee Smith, Ken Smith, Stirl Smith, George Smith, Lacy Smith, Sadie Bevins, Grace Brown, Lola Hunt and Etta May.



Dad is survived by his second wife, Sister Pearl (Stollings) Smith; one son, Edward Lee (Joy) Smith; two daughters, Lozena (Wendel) Mounts and Patricia Ann (Mike) Casey; four grandchildren: Peggy Joyce Smith, Leigh Ann Smith, Tina Jeanette Bright and one grand son, Jamie Mounts. He is survived by four great-grandchildren: Dakota, Hanna, Alex and Claire Jeanette, and a special friend, Wilmer Bogar and nephew, Estil Bevins.

Dad was a retired coal miner from Eastern Coal Corporation and a member of the UMWA. Dad was a member and Deacon of the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. He joined the church in September, 1950 and was ordained as a Deacon in October, 1969. Dad loved the old church and he always faithfully attended as long as he was able. After he got to the point where he was not physically able to go to church and as I would be leaving he would be crying and would say I wish I was able to go with you today.

Dad loved his family so much he would say to me look out after Pearl when I am gone and you children be good to each other. He loved for his children and grandchildren to come and visit. It didn't matter if you were early or late in getting there; he would grin and say you finally made it. In his final years, he would sit and look out the window when we were leaving and he would be waving his hand good-bye and from the road you could tell he was crying.

He will be missed very much by Sister Pearl, who took such good care of him, the children and grandchildren but as the song says you don't lose when you die in the Lord and I believe that Dad is at rest now with the Lord. The Scripture says you will know them by their fruits and Dad bore the fruits of a Christian. I believe I will meet him in the resurrection and as David said in second Samuel 12:23: "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again?"



1 shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." Jesus made a way that we can all see him again and spend eternity around the throne of God.

Written by son and Brother in Christ, Elder Edward Lee Smith;  
Wife, Sister Pearl and daughters, Lozena and Patricia Ann.

### IDA M. SMITH

It is with a sad heart and sweet memories we will try to write the obituary of our Mother, Ida M Smith. She was a loving wife and mother. She was born November 15, 1903 and died May 16, 2004. She was the daughter of Andy P. and Sarah Ann Hankins. She married Stirl Smith April 17, 1924. They had three sons: George Ed (Magdelene), Clinton C., and Stirl (Helen) Smith Jr., and raised a niece Mildred (Hankins) Vernetta.



She was preceded in death by her husband, father, mother and six brothers; Willie, Tom, Jim, Perry, Carl and George and three sister: Annie (Ballard) Edmonds, Martha (Harvey) Crigger and Lizzie (French) Smith; one daughter in law, Alice and a grandson, little Eddie Smith. She was blessed with nine grand children, seventeen great-grand children and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Dix Fork for fifty nine years. Dad and Mom were baptized August church time in 1945 by Henry C. Maynard and Jim Thornsbury. She always looked forward to going to church. She loved all of her church brothers and sisters and friends.

We miss our visits with Mom, especially the morning coffee and cookies. We love you very much Mom

Written by George Ed and Magdelene and all the family

### MARGARET ELIZABETH SPENCE ("GRIFFIE")

With the help of our Lord and Savior, I will try to write the obituary of a dear sister. Sister Margaret was born December 23, 1922 in Wayne County, WV, the daughter of the late Royaland Elmer and Nora Ellen Moon.

On June 14, 1940 she married Frank Spence whom she dearly loved and cherished. To this union was born three children. One preceded her in death, a daughter, Mary Arbutus Booth, two brothers; James Minnis and Minuard Eddison Moon and two sisters; Maggie Easter Watts and Juanita Ermma Dyer.

She attended the United Baptist in Prichard and then she became a member of the Little Tavie Old Regular Baptist Church in Point Pleasant, WV where she remained a faithful member until her home going.



She is survived by her adoring husband of sixty four years, Frank Spence; three sons: Frank James and Valerie Dora Spence, Charles David and Cathy Lynn Spence and William Philip and Jo Ellen Spence; one brother and sister, Otho Edgar Moon and Marjorie Bonita Webb; five grandchildren: Echo Nicole Spence, Tracer Ryan Spence, Amanda Aubree Watts, and Ashley Megan Spence and William Philip Spence.

God called this dear sister home where she had a longing to go for some time. So He called Tuesday, January 20, 2004. To her children and grandchildren, "Mom" and "Grand Maw," can not come back to you, but by the Grace of God you can go to her. Just repent and be born again, clean up the inside of the cup and plates the outside will become clean.

Sister Margaret is missed at the Little Tavie church. She would always come to me after church to talk about the meeting we had. She caught everything the Preacher would say and let me know if someone said anything that was not the truth. Sister Margaret suffered a lot the last few months and Brother Frank was always there for her, but on January 20, 2004 he went as far as he could go and she went to be with the "Rest" she had been striving for. Her suffering, I believe, from this life she lived, is over.

Children, there is a Heaven to gain and hell to shun. So get ready while you have breath because God gives you your breath you live. He takes it and you died. I know your mother loved you; but the One she served loves you more; He gave His life for you.

Written by a Brother in Hope,  
Elder Chester L. Cochran

### WILLIS STATON

With much sadness, I will attempt to write the obituary of my beloved father, Willis Staton, who was called home on December 16, 2003.

He was born March 10, 1910 at Canada, KY to Ballard and Ora Jane Fields Staton. He was the great grandson of W. W. Fields, the first Moderator of the Sardis Association.

On November 18, 1933 he was married to Greetice Hensley. To this union was born one son, Charles Edgar (Linda) Staton of Moneta, VA and three daughters: Barbara (Okey) Porter, Wilma Cassell, and Lois Staton all of Forest Hills, KY.

He had six grandchildren: Teresa (J.P.) Lockhart of Pikeville, KY, Sherry (Ronnie) Fyszkowski of Forest Hills, KY, James Edgar Staton of Lynchburg, VA, Bryan (Jackie) Cassell of Versailles, KY, Greg (Dianna) Cassell of Lexington, KY and Willis Todd (Marcy) Cassell of Williamson, WV. He also had ten great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren, four step great grandchildren and four step great-great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers: Dewey, Jeff, Joe, Clifford, Ballard, and Johnny Staton; five sisters: Lula Roberts Smith, Lassie Gose, Gladys Parsons, Ethel Fannin, and Flossie Staton and a special son-in-law, Bobby Cassell.

On March 10, 1973 he and Mother gave their lives to the Lord and were baptized the next day at Sidney, KY by Elders Lloyd Sesco and Ernest Cochran. He placed his membership at the Enon Church where he served many years as a deacon. He had a great love for the Old Regular Baptist Churches as well as his brothers and sisters in Christ. Attending church was of utmost importance to him and he insisted on attending many times when he wasn't really able, but wanted to worship God and fellowship with others as long as possible.

Besides attending church, he loved gardening, horses, mowing/cutting the lawn and weeds, and helping with anything that needed to be done at the Enon Church. He also loved camping, which they did until it was no longer safe for him to tow the camper. One of the things he loved most about it was the fellowship with Edgar and Ernestine Scalf, with whom he felt a kinship as close as a brother and sister.



We are so thankful that God gave us the privilege of having Daddy with us so many years, as his stay here on earth was ninety three years, nine months and six days. We know that our loss is Heaven's gain and he is at rest with Jesus. No more shaking, chest pains, breathing problems, nor pain from the cancer. As much as we love him, we prayed that God would take him on home and not let him suffer anymore.

We look forward to meeting him again to walk on those beautiful streets of gold with Jesus and him.

Written by his daughter, Lois Staton

### JOHN DANIEL STEWART, SR.

It is with great sorrow that the family of John Stewart has now comes to tell you of the reunion of their father and mother. As it says in his favorite song, he has now "Gone away with a Friend" to be with his friend and his life mate, Betty. For our mother, Betty Stewart, who passed away in January of 2001 to live with our father in heaven, is now joined by her husband of sixty one years. John passed from this earth as we know it to be reunited with Betty on October 30, 2003 making his stay here was eighty two years, seven months and one day.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Easter and Clell Stewart, to whom he was born in Etty, KY. John worked in the coal mines of Kentucky and the stones mills of Ohio prior to moving to Florida in 1973, where he became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Okeechobee of Okeechobee, FL.

John is survived by one sister, Louise Hudson; three brothers: Ben, Charles and Bill all of Fort Pierce, FL and one brother, Jake, of Frankfort, NC. He has two sons, Benjamin and Henry in Defiance, OH; two daughters, Easter Hartley and Minnie Combs and three sons: Troy, John, Jr. and Tom of Port St. Lucie, FL. At his death, he had a total of fifty one grandchildren and great grandchildren. John's earthly body may be gone, but his spirit and sense of humor will be remembered by all. For we know he is at peace and with the one he loved.

Our love for them will never cease.  
Easter S. Hartley and Rebecca J Hartley

### POLLY (BURGETT) THOMAS

It is with loving and precious memories that we write of our sweet mother, Polly Thomas. She was called away on September 23, 2003 by her Father in Heaven. Her Lord blessed her to live here on earth eighty one years. She was born at Emily Creek, KY on May 12, 1922. She was the daughter of the late Julius and Mamie Burgett. She is survived by two daughters, Genola Thomas Smith and Brenda Thomas Blackburn and three sons: Cecil Thomas, Ferrell Thomas and Scotty Thomas, all of Turkey Creek, KY.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lonza Thomas and one son, Bobby Lee Thomas. Also, two sisters, Dollie Burgett Callahan and Bertha Burgett Scott and three brothers: Watson Burgett, Wallace Burgett and Julius C. Burgett.

When Mommy lost Daddy her smile faded and one year later she lost her first born son, Bobby, her smile faded even more, but some day God will put her smile back on her face and she will outshine the beautiful sun.

Mother was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for about fifty two years.



She loved her Church and all her brothers and sisters and it didn't end there, she loved everyone. Mommy fell and broke her hip five years and nine months before she passed away. Those were hard years because she couldn't take care of herself or her home or go to church like she wanted so much to do. Mom had great patience. She never complained and I know she did a lot of praying and that is what kept mom going.

Home is gone but she left five children with enough memories of love and wonderful times to take us through our loss. God tells us of a mansion in Heaven where we can all meet again if we do his will.

We will miss you, Mommy, for as long as life endures. You will always remain in the hearts of many.

Written by Daughters, Genola Smith and Brenda Blackburn

## TROY WALTERS

At Brother Troy's request, I will attempt to write his obituary. He was the son of the late Lacy and Dixie (Francis) Walters. He was born August 14, 1920 at Hatfield, KY and departed this life December 29, 2003. He was a retired self-employed coal miner. He was married to his wife, Viola (Hinkle) Walters, who survives, on February 24, 1940 and to this union was born five children; Elder Lacy L (Teresa) Walters of Sidney KY, Johnny (Donna) Walters of McVeigh KY, Naomi (Freddie) Smith of Ocala, FL and Hazel (Donnie) Smith of Sidney, KY. He was preceded in death by one daughter Norma who died in infancy, two brothers, Thomas Newton and Dover, one sister Mary Burris, one brother Joe died a short time after Brother Troy.



He is survived by thirteen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren and one brother, L. C. Walters of Hatfield, KY.

He had been a member of the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church since January 29, 1950. The children wanted to say that he was a wonderful father and when they felt sad, he would say "the sun will shine brighter tomorrow". He told Hazel a few minutes before he died, that he wasn't afraid but dreaded getting down to the river. Not knowing he was so close to facing his last enemy.

Brother Troy loved his fellowship with the brothers and sisters. After going blind, he would recognize us by our voice. I really enjoyed our many conversations and he always gave me a special hug and ask me to drive by his grave once in a while. Yes, Brother Troy, I have done that. He loved for us to stop by and sing and have prayer with him.

We all miss him, especially his wife and children. I know you long to hear his voice and see his smile, but God has led your dear one on and he can do no wrong. The Bible says precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his saints. When its our time, he will be there and he will get us home. Heaven is the finish line, the ultimate prize and the God of all the ages will be there and I want to go. Our Lord has fixed it just right. When our bodies become afflicted, he made a way for our escape and that is in death. He said "I shall call my sheep by name and they shall follow me". It has not entered the hearts of men what good things the Lord has in store for his children but has revealed it to us through the spirit. Even the walls of that city has twelve foundations and in them the names of the twelve Apostles.

Brother Troy lived and died with the hope of entering that city. Farewell, Brother Troy. I really treasured our friendship and I know you loved me but death has separated us here. In that day when God says to his son, "It is time, go down and bring my children home. They have labored and toiled long in my vineyard, they're tired and weary, go down Son and bring them to me." Then we will take our Heavenly flight and enter that Holy City and won't we be happy there. So take your rest, we'll meet in the morning.

Written by Sister Geraldine Crigger

## JUNEAU OCTAVIA WILLS

Juneau, eighty two, of Baisden, WV passed away December 1, 2003 at her home. She was the first of seven children born to Fane and Gracie (Cline) Chapman on September 2, 1921. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ora Scarberry of Ashland, KY, her parents, two sisters; Irene Chapman and Josie Justice, three brothers: Venice, Denver and Racy. She is survived by one brother, Montana Chapman Jr., of Baisden, WV. Although, Juneau had no children she was mother and grandmother to many nieces and nephews.



She desired to be a member of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church only four months before her death. She had a special place in her heart for this church from her childhood. Many times she would tell me of how she worked as a young girl cooking and cleaning for the men building the church. In her heart she always felt that was her home. She was baptized and welcomed into the church on July 20, 2003.

Juneau was a life time member of the Honeysuckle Garden Club. She was an avid gardner and quilter. She loved sharing her talents with her friends and family. She was our mentor through the years. If we had a question on gardening, quilting, needle work, the making of lye soap, the making of apple butter, canning or churning butter we could count on her for the answer.

Juneau is greatly missed by all who knew her. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Written by her niece, Mrs. Eddie Chapman.

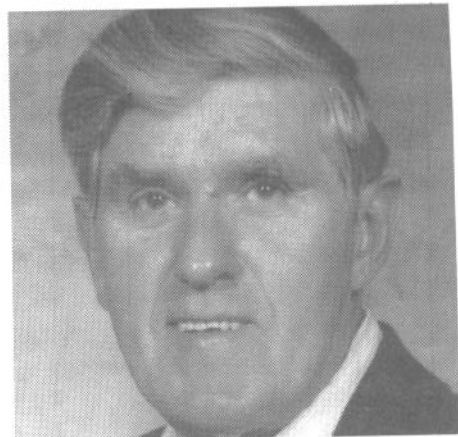
**OBITUARIES**  
**of**  
**FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH**

**BASIL GILLMAN**

With a sad and broken heart, and with Gods help, I'll try to write the obituary of my loving "husband," Basil Gillman, born August 15, 1931. He left this troublesome world September 19, 2003.

He was a loving husband and a wonderful father. He is survived by a wife, Joyce (Robinette) Gillman and one daughter, Linda (Gillman) Brock and son-in-law, James Brock.

He was the son of Hi and Ellie (Aldridge) Gillman who preceded him in death, also five brothers: Hi Gillman Jr., Jim Gillman, Earnest Gillman, Ray Gillman and Billie Gillman. He is survived by one brother, Archie Gillman and four sisters: Nannie Gillman, Peggy Stratton, Vickie Parsons and Bertha Reed and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. He was a kind caring man. He always enjoyed visiting the sick, even when he wasn't able, he would say maybe we can brighten their day a little.



In his short time on this earth he met and made so many friends. I miss him so much. He was going blind, but over there he'll have new eyes. He will not need any oxygen over there. Rest in peace my love, I miss you so much, I'll see you soon if it Gods will.

My father, Basil Gillman, came from humble beginnings growing up in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. It was a hard life he had growing up, but he had dreams of an easier and better life and set out to make them come true. He made such a brave decision that I can only imagine the courage it took to carry out. Leaving everyone and everything he ever knew to start a new life in Hilton, a small town in Upstate New York. He married my mother, Marion Joyce Gillman, and set off on a new life.

He had such wisdom for a man of his age. He had very little schooling but yet he excelled in all he did in his life. He knew he wanted to raise his children very different from how he was raised. He vowed he would be loving, kind and gentle with me. When I was first born my mother was very sick almost dying at child birth. My father had sole responsibility for my care. Diapering, feeding and etc. Most men would have had someone else step in but not my dad. He did it all plus visit my mom in the hospital. He set those high standards all through my life.

My Mom and Dad could only have me, being an only child they set out to see I would not be spoiled with things. I never wanted for things I needed but I didn't have all the extras a lot of my friends had televisions and stereos in their rooms, but I was so much richer. I had all the love and support anyone could ever have. My parents were always there for me anytime day or night. I watched him and my mother work so hard to make a better life for themselves and me. Not having a lot of money so having to do things themselves instead of hiring them out. All the while holding down full time jobs, raising a child, garden and practically building a house from the ground up.

He taught by example. He didn't just talk about the lessons in life he lived it. He had such love compassion, and respect for the earth and all that it holds. What God created and left to our charge and care. My Dad taught me what loving someone and something really meant. Taking full responsibility for it in good times and bad. As a young girl I have so many found memories of going hunting and fishing with my Dad. Way to small to make the trip but he didn't turn me down knowing he would have to carry me part of the way back home.

He would wade snow up to his hips in the long cold, hard winters of New York to take care of the pony I wanted so I didn't have too. Feeding deer, rabbits, squirrels and birds to make their life easier. All a long teaching me what real values and hard work mean. What life is really about is God, love, family, friends respect, honesty, truth and commitment. He taught me things he didn't even know he knew.

I have regrets, so many things not having been said and done in our time together. I think we all do when we loose such a large part of our own soul "our parents". I'm overwhelmed with pure pride to call him my father. He had such strength and lived his life with dignity and truth. He fell short in so many ways as we each and everyone of us do in Gods eyes. His inability to have faith in himself and trust in himself and others makes me so sad. But he truly was a great man. Not many other men ever measured up to what I know a real man can be. It took a long time to find someone to share my life because of shoes my father left to fill. We can only hope to live a life he lived and would be proud of.

My dad was taken from us on a beautiful fall day. We had just left each other. He has left an emptiness in my heart and soul that will never be filled and yet I know I carry a part of him with me always.

I love you and miss you daddy. "punkin" Your loving daughter, Linda Gillman Brock  
A heart of gold stop beating loving arms that once held us so tight. Two Shining eyes at rest God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best.

Written by his wife, Joyce Gillman and daughter, Linda (Gillman) Brock.

**RUTH MCCOY HACKWORTH  
AND  
BELVE "BILL" HACKWORTH**

With precious thoughts and loving memories, we will try to write the obituary of our loving, precious sister, Ruth and her husband of thirty five years, Bill Hackworth. Ruth was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend. She was also a devoted worker for the Lord.

Ruth left this world to be with our Lord on January 31, 2004 at 11:30 p.m. at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital following a long illness.

Ruth was born May 13, 1944 in Pike County and was the daughter of the late Oscar and Nanie Hunter McCoy. She was a homemaker, a graduate of John's Creek High School, and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Belve and is survived by one son, Billy Hackworth of Pikeville, KY; one stepson, Brad Conn of Indiana; four daughters, Marketta (Mrs. Ben) Meade of Prestonsburg, KY, Norma (Mrs. Dwayne) Blackburn and Misty Adkins, both of Pikeville, KY, Crystal (Mrs. Foster) Blankenship of Teaberry, KY; two brothers, McKinley McCoy and Tracy McCoy, both of Pikeville, KY; three sisters, Alice Clay of Prestonsburg, KY, Dorothy Nichols of Vermilion, OH and Ella Francis of Pikeville, KY. Ruth and Bill are also survived by seven grandchildren.

Belve was born October 25, 1940 and departed this life on October 2, 2001 after a brief illness. Ruth and Bill dearly loved their children and grandchildren. They also loved the Lord and enjoyed attending church. Belve was also a member of the Freewill Baptist Church and he and Ruth held many services in their home. One of Ruth's favorite hymns was "Gathering Flowers for the Master's Bouquet."

Bill worked for several gas companies, sawmills, and a factory in Indiana. He also was a former truck driver. He had a sense of humor and his jokes put a smile on many faces. Bill loved to visit his family and neighbors to have a cup of coffee and a good conversation with them.



Ruth often said he had a collection of the neighbors' cups at their house.

Children, if you want to see your Mother and Daddy again, you need to make preparations for the reunion by getting in touch with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.*

Ruth and Bill will be sadly missed by their loved ones, friends, and family in Christ.

Written with much love by  
Their family

### CLIFFORD HOLBROOK

On a cool morning May 17, 1935 a beautiful baby boy was born on Long Fork of Shelby to very proud parents, Heatha and Noah Holbrook. They were so happy to have a son. He grew up on Long Fork, caring a lot more about hunting and fishing than he did about getting an education. He quit school as soon as he could and went to Michigan to work. There he met his wife, Alice Williams. They were married March 27, 1954. During this Marriage four children were born: Nancy, Clifford, Jr., Sandra and Georgina. He worked long and hard to provide for his family so they would be able to have the things they wanted and needed. He moved his family back to Kentucky in the early 1960's. They settled on Brushy and he grew to love this place. He eventually worked himself into a position as the owner of his own company.



He was very proud of his accomplishments. Most of all he was proud of his family. It was important to him that his children be independent and he worked toward that. He had the biggest heart and would give the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it. He was not just a great father, he was a devoted husband and brother. He was very protective of his family. He felt blessed to have two women in his life that he loved and adored his loving wife and his sister Billie.

He was a private man; not too many people knew him well. But he was a true friend to many people. We will all miss him very much, but we will have our memories.

He was preceded in death by his mother; Heatha Holbrook; his father, Noah Holbrook; one brother, George Holbrook and a grandson, Christopher Logan. He is survived by his wife, Alice, daughters: Nancy Logan of Varney, KY; Sandra Holbrook of Pikeville, KY; Georgina and her husband, Tony Howard of Nicholasville, KY; one son, Clifford Holbrook, Jr. of Raleigh, N.C., one brother, Sidney Holbrook and his wife Dorothy of Gallatin, TN; two sisters, Billie Williamson and her husband, Issac of Varney, KY and Jennifer Stackhouse and her husband George of New York. Twelve grandchildren: Joseph, Cliff III, Heather, Britany, Breanna, Keyla, Tracy, Derrick, Jessie, Caitlyn and Willie. Two great grand children, Hannah and Joseph.

Memories are treasures that no one can steal. Death is a heartache that no one can heal. Tears may dry and fade away But in our hearts you will always stay.

Written by his broken hearted family



## QUENTIN JAMES LAMB

With help from the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of my cousin, Quentin James Lamb.

Jimmy was born December 7, 1971 to Joann and Quentin Lamb and was called home on March 23, 2004. He was blessed to share his childhood with one brother Michael and four sisters, Mickey, Tracey, Dawn and KC. His grandmother, Netty Boyd; grandfather, Fred Boyd; his beloved sister, Dawn Lamb and niece, Amy Mendeze, preceded him in death.

Jimmy was blessed to be the husband of Lisa Lamb for five miracle filled years. Lisa stood by his side and kept faith that God would have mercy on him and heal him from his sickness. To Lisa I say, he is healed and our merciful God carried him over the river Jordan where he is basking in the sun of our Lord and rejoicing around the throne of God. Jimmy was given one of God's greatest gifts when he was given two beautiful daughters. Addison, on the morning her daddy was called home woke saying to her Mommy, "Daddy is my Angel." Not knowing how true that statement really was. Taylor was her Daddy's Christmas Miracle, being born on Christmas Day, 2003. Jimmy was only able to hold her a few times, but in that short time the love and pride over flowed his eyes. All he could say about her to his mom was, "she is so beautiful, mom, isn't she?" He thanked God everyday for his two daughters.



Our hearts are heavy with the great loss of a wonderful person! I take joy in knowing that we can meet him on the "sunny banks of sweet deliverance" where neither tears, nor pain will ever come anymore. I am so thankful that about eight years ago Jimmy made the most important decision to fall on his knees and beg for mercy. He chose to fight the good fight and be a child of the King! He fought a good fight, he has finished his course and he has kept the faith. I am also thankful that I had the opportunity to share some of my life and childhood memories with Jimmy. Our family reunion has been moved to Heaven and I believe that he was welcomed with open arms and was able to reunite with Granny, Dawn, and Amy on that Tuesday morning in March, 2004. We have lost a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend, but Heaven has gained a bold soldier. I believe he heard those words that we all long to hear, "*well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*" Matthew 25:21.

Jimmy would want us all to know that this is not forever; we all can see him again; be faithful, walk the narrow path, and fight the good fight of faith. He would tell us not to be sad, it's not goodbye, it's see you later! He's home resting in the bosom of our Lord and Savior, *and it shall be called the way of holiness, the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.* Isaiah 35:8

I would like to dedicate this obituary to my Aunt Jo and commend her on a wonderful job as she took care of Jimmy the last six months of his life. I can't imagine the pain and sorrow that you have gone through. Take hold of the plow and never look back, there is a new day dawning and we can all meet Jimmy and Dawn again! *Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.* Psalms 30:5

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. ... what shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?* Romans 8:28-31.

Written with much love,  
Brother Brian and Sister Nakia Crossley

## EMMA ALMA (MAYNARD) LOWE

With much sadness and a broken heart, we will attempt to write the obituary of our dear sweet and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Emma Alma (Maynard) Lowe. God blessed this world with a gift of our dear mother on May 3, 1919 at Gulnare, KY to the late Earl and Bertha (Lowe) Maynard. On Wednesday January 7, 2004 at 6:30 p.m., she gave her life to the almighty Lord in Heaven. When he took her home on February 23, 2004 at the age eighty four, we were all standing around her hospital bed at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at 10:27 p.m. She had said earlier that she wanted to go home and we all feel like God granted her that last request and that mother is enjoying the rest that she truly deserves.



Mother was a homemaker and had given her heart to the Lord and her hand to the Narrows Branch Church to be baptized into their membership when she was able to be baptized. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, one great-granddaughter and three sisters.

Surviving is her husband of sixty-four years, our wonderful daddy, Amos Lowe of Hardy, KY; three sons: William Kenneth (Pat) Lowe of Huddy, KY, Amos Jennings (Lynn) Lowe of Hardy, KY and Paul David (Trinia) Lowe of Pinson Fork, KY; four daughters: Nelvia Hazel Bonta of Belfry, KY, Regina (Roger) Stepp of Paint Lick, KY, Lillian (Michael) Workman of Wilsondale, WV and Vivian (Larry) Thacker of Hardy, KY. Surviving are three sisters: Delcie Justice, Trixie Maynard and Lola Molnar.

Mother was blessed with seven children and their spouses along with thirteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren that were a special joy to her and she loved them so very much. Mother lived her life as a gentle, kind and caring person. Mother had so many good friends and neighbors whom we will cherish for being there in our time of need. They will be treasured in our hearts forever.

We will miss our mother in different ways. One way that we will miss her is in the way she could always remember everyone's names and birthdays. She always amazed us with all of the accomplishments that she brought to every one of the family, friends and neighbors. Picking up the phone and talking to her is something that we will truly miss. There will be a huge void in our lives without our mother, but by the grace of God, we all have the opportunity to be with her in Heaven some sweet, sweet day.

Written by her broken-hearted husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## CODY NEWSOME

My brother and I, with the help of the Lord, will try writing our dad's obituary. Cody Newsome was born March 5, 1916 and departed this life December 19, 2003 in Ocala, FL. He was born in Forest Hills, KY to the parents of Harrison (Harry) and Myrtle Chapman Newsome.

Daddy married our mother, Gracie White on December 3, 1939. Mother was the daughter of James and Mary Priscilla White.

Born to our parents were six children: surviving are Ezra (Shirley) Newsome of Hurricane, WV, Eugene Newsome of Lenore, WV, Philmore (Debra) Newsome of Redkey, IN, Wanda Scott (Charles) of Belleview, FL, and Jerry Newsome (Cindy) of Summerfield, FL. Surviving are three sisters: Flora Adkins of



Barboursville, WV, Flossie Aldridge of Lenore, WV and Lindell White of Chesapeake, OH. Daddy is survived by seventeen grandchildren and twenty four great grandchildren.

Deceased are his wife of thirty four years; one son, Gary Newsome of Silver Springs, FL; brothers: Elmer, Charlie and Junior (Harrison Jr.).

Daddy lived part of his life in Lenore, WV and moved to Boone County, WV in 1959. Our mother died in 1973 and daddy moved to Silver Springs, FL in 1975.

Daddy loved to hear the songs being sung of the Old Regular Baptist more than any other singing he had ever heard.

We all miss daddy more than words can say. But, we all have the hope that one day we will meet daddy and mother both in Heaven.

Written by son and daughter,  
Eugene Newsome and Wanda Scott

### CHARLES TRUMAN STANLEY

Charles Truman Stanley was born November 16, 1942. He was the son of the late Homer and Nellie Stanley of Varney, Ky. He is survived by his children, one grandchild and six siblings, along with a host of family and friends who are left to mourn his passing. From the time he was small, daddy knew what work was and tried his best to keep on working and continued to work at Apex Energy as a rock truck driver until hospitalization.

Daddy married Drucilla Muncy on April 4, 1970. During their marriage of thirty two years they had two children: Kim Rayburn and Kevin Stanley. Mommy preceded him in death on February 12, 2003.

In June, Daddy got extremely ill and agreed to be put in the hospital. This meant a lot for him to be willing to be admitted, because he never wanted to admit how sick he really was. He went through so much while he was in there; more than he would have wanted to.

He was on the ventilator for fourteen days, but when he came off of it he was truly able to give proof of where he had been. Daddy accepted the Lord in his illness and longed to be a member of the Pilgrim Rest Church. God saw it fit to call him home on July 5, 2004 and while he didn't get to fulfill his desire to go under the water, Daddy was a living testimony that God does answer your prayers.

After Mommy died, Daddy would say, 'When a dove takes a mate they are together forever. When one dies, the other just lives out the rest of its life until it dies, too.' Sixteen months after his dove went on, Daddy passed away, too.

He liked to listen to a song that reminded him of mommy and in the words of the title of that song: Be Looking for me and I will be looking for you. We love you and will never stop missing you, Daddy.

Written by his children,  
Kim and Kevin, and with the help of  
His little "angel" Alexandria.

## CLIFTON STANLEY

It is with much sadness and a broken heart that I try to write the obituary of my husband, Clifton Stanley who passed away February 6, 2004.

Cliff was born February 19, 1936, a son of the late Carlis and Mae (Caines) Stanley of Brushy, KY. He was also preceded in death by his only brother, Lear, one sister, Wannie and one nephew, Robert Stanley.

Cliff is survived by his loving wife of forty years, Virginia (Baker) Stanley, one loving son Steven and his precious grand children. Cliff will also be missed by a host of loving family and friends.

All the memories of a wonderful husband, father, brother, friend and papaw Cliffy will remain in our hearts and minds forever. We all love you and miss you so much.



Written with love by,  
Wife, son and grandchildren.

## WANNIE STANLEY

Wannie Stanley, seventy three, of Hurricane Creek, died Wednesday morning March 31, 2004 at her residence. She was the daughter of the late Carlis and Mary (Caines) Stanley.

Wannie was preceded in death by two brothers, Lear and Clifton Stanley. And one nephew, Robert Stanley. Wannie retired from Shurtleff's Laundry after forty seven years.

Wannie is survived by one sister, Myrtle Stanley, one niece, Linda Stanley of Detroit, MI, one nephew, Steven Stanley, one sister-in-law, Virginia Stanley of Pikeville, KY, one great nephew, Mathew and one great niece, Hannah.

Wannie will be missed by many friends and family.



Written by the Family.

## MICHAEL VINCENT VACCA, JR.

It is with a broken heart that I write the life's journey of my husband, Michael Vacca, Jr. Michael was born to Mike and Rose Marie DiPeitro Vacca on August 4, 1966 in Brooklyn, New York. Michael was proud of his birthday. He could tell you who shared that special day with him, the Queen Mother and Roger Clemens were two of the ones he would quote most often.

In 1984, Michael graduated from St. Joseph's By the Sea on Staten Island. Armed with the love of learning and an armful of friends that would last him a lifetime. Michael graduated from St. John's University with his Bachelor's degree and Columbia University with his Master's Degree. During this period of Michael's life he explored many great things. One of those things was acting.

If you spent anytime with Michael, you've heard his stories about HB Studio, about William Hickey and Bill Packard. He would always start a story "I know Karen has heard this a thousand times, but . . .", and he would enlighten who ever was listening about HB and all the great teachers he had there.

In the fall of 1995 he made a move that would change all of our lives forever, he came to Kentucky. Once he arrived here he touched so many people. Loving people who helped an old city boy get settled with his new life and job. Then it happened, I saw him and fell in love. He loved to tell how that he threw my number away and then hurried back to dig it back out of the trash can and gave me a call.

From October, 1997 my life changed for the better. The Lord had fulfilled his promise to me by giving me a soulmate. Michael touched so many lives including the lives of his special children that he taught, but he completed mine on June 26, 1999. He was my Pooh. He is survived not only by his wife of four years and nine months, loving parents of thirty seven years, but groves of friends and family. Michael will live everyday in our hearts and lives.



Karen Vacca and Family

**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.** We believe that a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and a woman only. Also, we believe in receiving members into our fellowship that follow the natural dating relationship that leads to holy matrimony between a man and a woman only: thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother and children. Ephesians 5:22,23 and 28, St. Mark 10:6,7,8 and Romans 1:26 and 27.

**ARTICLE 16.** 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 2004**

**MT. PLEASANT:** Lacy Walters, Dewey Blackburn, Frankie Scott

**APPLE ORCHARD:** Paul Maynard, Elwood Maynard, Chuck Lowe

**ENON:** Scott Hamilton, Roger Bevins, James Spencer

**BENT BRANCH:** Dean Lowe, Hatler Slone, Phillip Justice

**BIG BRANCH:** Gene Blackburn, Mitchell Robinson, Donald Preece

**MARY ELIZABETH:** Oscar Stepp, Wallace Muncy, George Edminston

**BETHANY:** Arthur May, Monty Messer, Albert Cable

**PILGRIMS HOME:** Clyde James, Harold Sesco, Hollis Robinson

**SALEM :** Bobby Sesco, Sr., Steve White, Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr.

**SIDNEY:** Virgil Fletcher, Henry Jude, Butler Fletcher

**DIX FORK:** Curtis Smith, David Crigger, Neil Thornsby

**NARROWS BRANCH:** Greg Scott, Roscoe Williamson, Bobby Scott, Sr.

**LEANNAH:** Billy Joe Robinson, Bill Preece, Clarence Robinson

**BUCK CREEK:** Liburn Staten, Marion Duncan, Vadis Blackburn

**TABITHA:** Rex Napier, Kenneth Chaffin, James Hensley

**LITTLE ROSIE:** Daniel Fletcher, James Vanhose, Timmy Robinson

**TURKEY CREEK:** Danny Reed, Ron Hamilton, Cecil Thomas

**SAMARIA:** Randall Lee Lackey, Bernard Aldridge, Larry May

**ROSA:** Charles Paynter, Charles Testerman, Emerson Thompson

**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury, Leon Robinson

**SOUTHERN HOME:** Charles Jarrell, Roger Spillman, Richard Lowe

**PILGRIMS REST:** Foster Blackburn, Ervin Thacker

**OKEECHOBEE:** Ron Knox

**ELIZABETH:** Clyde Perry, Mack McCoy, Randall Lowe

**LITTLE TAVIE:** Chester Cochran, Jimmy Cochran, Lester Cochran

**CHARITY:** Gary Adair, Johnny Adair, Jr

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name and Telephone	Church Membership	Address
Adair, Gary (706)453-1797	Charity	3192 Penfield Road, Greenboro, Ga. 30642
Adair, Henry (916)929-5735	Southern Home	2847 Garden Hwy, Sacramento, CA 98583
Adair, William Sr. (352)629-7888	Southern Home	4358 N.E. 19th Ave, Ocala, FL 34479
Barney, Paul (863)357-1691	Charity	191 N.W. 98 St., Okeechobee, FL 34972
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Blackburn, Dewey (606)247-3487	Mt. Pleasant	4450 W. Tunnel Hill Rd., Sharpsburg, KY 40374
Blackburn, Willie (606)237-5183	Turkey Creek	2106 Turkey Creek Rd., Turkey Creek, KY 41514
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Campbell, Stanley, Sr. (352)368-3998	Southern Home	10051 N.E. 30th Ct., Anthony, FL 32617
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Cochran, W. H. (304)675-2563	Little Tavie	Rt., 1 5560 Sunset Lane, Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550
Crigger, David (606)353-7042	Dix Fork	HC 60 Box 1422 Stratton Rd., Canada, KY 41519
Dials, Thomas J. (606)395-6572	Buck Creek	P.O. Box 31, Warfield, KY 41267
Fletcher, Butler (606)395-0269	Sidney	P.O. Box 282, Pilgrim, KY 41250
Fletcher, Willis (606)395-5569	Pilgrims Home	HC 67, Box 2075, Lovely, KY 41231
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Hamilton, Hobart (304)475-4225	Turkey Creek	Route 1, Box 335, Delbarton, WV 25670
Hensley, James (304)752-5530	Tabitha	P. O. Box 338, Pecks Mill, WV 25547
Herald, Wayne, Jr. (304)393-9149	Buck Creek	P. O. Box 348, Crum, WV 25669
Jarrell, Charles (352)629-4261	Southern Home	P.O. Box 325, Sparr, FL 32192
Jude, Dewey (606)395-5402	Elizabeth	212 Frog Pond Road, Inez, KY 41224
Jude, Hershel (606)297-6583	Elizabeth	1441 Caudill Fk. Rd., Oil Spring, KY 41238
Jude, Kenneth B. (606)395-6296	Sidney	HC 67, Box 163, Pilgrim, KY 41250
Jude, Nathan	Turkey Creek	Burnwell, KY 41519
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Lowe, Gabe D., Jr. (606)395-6355	Elizabeth	HC 67, Box 740, Pilgrim, KY 41250
Lowe, Milford (606)631-3658	Apple Orchard	3370 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
Lowe, Richard (352)245-2794	Southern Home	13998 SE 36th Ave., Summerfield, FL 34491
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May, David (304)393-9109	Bethany	Rt 1, Box 41, Kermit, WV 25674
May, Larry Richard (304)393-4797	Samaria	Route 1, Box 122, Kermit, WV 25674
Maynard, Condor (606)237-6681	Turkey Creek	P. O. Box 94, Belfry, KY 41514
Maynard, Paul (606)631-5835	Apple Orchard	12941 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
Muncy, Homer Jr. (606)395-5686	Leannah	HC 67, Box 620, Pilgrim, KY 41250
Muncy, Wallace (606)237-6685	Mary Elizabeth	Box 10, Hatfield, KY 41514
Napier, Rex (304)595-5438	Tabitha	1417 1st Avenue, Box 462, East Bank, WV 25067
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Robinette, Jack (304)792-6256	Tabitha	Box 426, Switzer, WV 25647
Robinson, Billy J. (606)395-5045	Leannah	HC 67 Box 3503, Pilgrim, KY 41250
Robinson, Leon (606)631-9825	Little Virgie	356 Stanley Fork, Varney, KY 41571
Robinson, Steve, Jr. (304)475-2841	Leannah	Box 324, Delbarton, WV 25670
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Scott, Ben	Leannah	HC 67, Pilgrim, KY 41250
Scott, Bobby, Sr. (606)353-7858	Narrows Branch	P.O. Box 382, Hardy, KY 41531
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Scott, Greg (606)353-0729	Narrows Branch	P.O. Box 1018, Belfry, KY 41514
Sesco, Bobby G., Sr. (606)353-1221	Salem	100 Walters Fork, Hatfield, KY 41514
Sesco, Elbert (606)353-0597	Pilgrims Home	20 Fonso Stanley Rd., Canada, KY 41519
Sesco, Harold (606)353-0161	Pilgrims Home	Box 130, Sidney, KY 41564
Smith, Duane (606)631-3423	Pilgrims Home	Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
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Staton, Richard (606)237-1217	Pilgrims Home	5388 Turkey Creek, KY 41514
Walters, Lacy (606) 353-7127	Mt. Pleasant	898 Dix Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564
Watts, Chris, Sr. (352)867-0654	Southern Home	P. O. Box 722, Sparr, FL 32192
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Williamson, Billy (606)631-1917	Pilgrims Home	39 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
Williamson, Dale (606)631-9738	Pilgrims Home	5213 Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501
Williamson, Eric (606)631-9926	Pilgrims Home	1079 Callahan Branch, Kimper, KY 41539
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Jude, Robert (606)395-5009	Sidney	P. O. Box 146, Lovely, KY 41231

## SARDIS ASSOCIATION

### OFFICERS and ADDRESSES

Elder Thomas J. Dials (606)395-6572	Moderator	P. O. Box 31, Warfield, KY 41267
Elder Hobart Hamilton (304)475-4225	Assistant Moderator	Route 1, Box 335, Delbarton, WV 25670
Brother Archie Prince (304)486-5960	Clerk	3475 Whites Creek Road, Pritchard, WV 25555
Elder Edward Lee Smith (304)429-1689	Assistant Clerk	49 Walnut Lane, Huntington, WV 25704

## TRUSTEES OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

Brother Les McGuire	Elder Arthur May	Brother John Henry Elkins
Brother Bob Justice	Brother Archie Prince	

## CHURCHES and CLERKS

CHURCH	ADDRESS	CLERK and ADDRESS
MT. PLEASANT	Sidney, KY	Edgar E. Scaif, Box 144, Canada, KY 41519
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
BIG BRANCH	McCombs, KY	James M. Robinson, 16330 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
PILGRIMS HOME	Vamey, 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	Bobby Scott, Jr., 148 Josh Rd, Hardy, KY 41531
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
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LITTLE ROSIE	Chattaroy, WV	Thomas J. Dials, P. O. Box 31, Warfield, KY 41267
TURKEY CREEK	Turkey Creek, KY	Ron Hamilton, 7332 McKean Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197
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	Spart, FL	Bruce P. Forsyth, P. O. Box 396, Sparr, FL 32192
PILGRIMS REST	Right Fork of Brushy, Varney, KY	Foster Blackburn, P.O. Box 4372, Pikeville, Ky 41502
OKEECHOBEE	Okeechobee, FL	Ronald Knox, 316 Holiday Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440
ELIZABETH	Rt. 3, Louisa, KY	Randall L. Lowe, 13739 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
LITTLE TAVIE	Rt. 2, N. Pt. Pleasant, WV	Jim Cochran, Rt. 2, Box 640, Point Pleasant, WV 25550
CHARITY	Greensboro, GA	Johnny Adair, Jr., 3188 Penfield Road, Greensboro, Ga 30642

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	175						1		13	11:00/11:00	2 July	
Apple Orchard	Sabert Nichols	75	175	1	1				1		23	11:00/11:00	1 June	
Enon	Richard L. Staton	75	125	2				1	1	4	9	11:00/11:00	1 June	
Bent Branch	Billy Williamson	150	300								54	10:00/10:00	3 August	
Big Branch	Richard L. Staton	100	200	1					1		22	11:00/11:00	3 July	
Mary Elizabeth	Wallace Muncy	100	200	3					1		33	11:00/11:00	3 July	
Bethany	Arthur May	100	250	1							48	11:00/11:00	4 August	
Pilgrims Home	Elbert SESCO	325	500	2				2	2		95	10:00/10:00	4 August	
Salem	Elbert SESCO	100	200	1				2	2		63	11:00/11:00	1 May	
Sidney	Wallace Muncy	100	250	5		1			3	1	35	2:00/10:30	4 June	
Dix Fork	David Crigger	150	300	1				1	2		34	11:00/11:00	1 July	
Narrows Branch	Bobby Scott, Sr.	100	170		1						27	11:00/11:00	4 July	
Leannah	Sabert Nichols	100	150					1			41	10:30/10:30	2 July	
Buck Creek	Thomas J. Dials	100	200								23	10:30/10:30	3 June	
Tabitha	Rex Napier	50	100					1			24	2:30/11:00	1 August	
Little Rosie	Wayne Herald, Jr.	40	80	2			1	1	1		11	11:00/11:00	2 April	
Turkey Creek	Hobart Hamilton	150	225	3	1			1	1	2	52	11:00/11:00	2 May	
Samaria	Larry R. May	75	150								39	11:00/11:00	1 July	
Rosa	Hobart Hamilton	80	200	4					1	1	35	10:30/10:30	3 August	
Little Virgie	Richard L. Staton	75	150		2				1		9	11:00/11:00	4 June	
Southern Home	William Adair, Sr.	200	250	2			5			2	66	10:30/10:30	1 April	
Pilgrims Rest	Billy Williamson	75	125					3			13	10:30/10:30	2 June	
Okeechobee	Stanley Campbell	35	50	2	1				1		12	4:00/10:00	4 April	
Elizabeth	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	75	100	1							17	10:30/10:30	1 June	
Little Tavic	W. H. Cochran	100	125						1		14	10:30/10:30	2 July	
Charity	Charles Jarrell	25	50								10	5:30/10:30	3 October	
	TOTALS	2630	4800	31	7	1	6	7	21	11	822			

## CHURCH

Bent Branch  
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Charity  
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Elizabeth  
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Leannah  
Little Rosie  
Mary Elizabeth  
Pilgrims Home  
Pilgrims Home  
Pilgrims Rest  
Salem  
Salem  
Samarina  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION AT BUILDING  
Southern Home  
Southern Home  
Southern Home  
Rosa  
Rosa  
Turkey Creek  
Turkey Creek

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

### 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.  
Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.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 on March 27, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.  
Christmas Meeting on December 18, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.  
Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.  
Every odd Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. (Except May 1, 2005)  
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.