

**2018 MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**In session and assembled at the
SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING
180 Brushy School Road
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky
September 7, 8, and 9, 2018**

**Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator
Elder Richard Staton - Assistant Moderator
Elder Michael D. Lowe- Clerk
Brother Alvin Thornbury- Assistant Clerk
Elder Todd J. Dials - 2nd Assistant Clerk**

DEDICATION OF 2018 SARDIS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

We the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ, want to recognize the many years of service from our Honorary Clerk, Brother Archie Prince and Honorary Assistant Clerk, Elder Edward Lee Smith. Over the years, both these beloved Brothers have made a significant contribution and dedication to the historical preservation of the Sardis Association. It is with great admiration that we dedicate the 2018 Minutes to their servitude. With a heart full of love, we truly thank you both!



Brother Archie Prince
Honorary Clerk
Served 1995 - 2017



Elder Edward L. Smith
Honorary Assistant Clerk
Served 2003 - 2017

James 2:18; Yea, a man may say, You have faith, and I have works: show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

DEDICATION TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE ELDERS OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

We the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ, mourn the loss of our dear Elders that have outstripped us and gone on to that eternal home of glory since our last meeting.

We hereby dedicate this our 126th session of the Sardis Association to the memory of this bold soldier of the Cross, Elder Wayne Herald, Jr. The preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by our brother will long be remembered among the Old Regular Baptist family. He would not want us to mourn our loss but to rejoice in his gain.



Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.
Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church

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FRIDAY
September 7, 2018

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 Apple Orchard Church and co-host Churches; Big Branch, Turkey Creek and Pilgrim's Home, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2018.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m., our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and welcomed everyone, including the Brothers, Sisters, Friends and all in attendance.

Elder Billy Joe Robinson, having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory Sermon, came to the stand saying I need your prayers. He stated I'm thankful I knew a man that brought me out of the wilderness. I'm glad one day the Lord came my way. I hope that we can come together and put away the worldly things and center our minds upon Jesus. I hope we can assemble ourselves together in one mind and one accord. That we would be together and God would be pleased. I hope we can tell men and women Jesus is coming back again. I can see a little woman that began to search one time. She had lost a little coin. In 1992, I began to search diligently. She went to work and searched and swept her house. She couldn't find that coin, but she put her light on a candlestick and found it.

A voice came to Gideon one time telling him to arise and go down against the camp. He fixed the angel something to eat and it was consumed up by fire. There is nowhere to look back. Gideon began to wonder and he wanted a witness that he was the one God had chosen. He laid out the fleece and the angel made it wet and the ground all around was dry. He was still not satisfied, so the next night he asked for the opposite and the fleece was dry and the ground all around was wet. He was told to tear down the altar to Baal. With God's word we can tear down the altar of Baal too. The angel then came to him with ten thousand soldiers. God said he had too many and told him to take them down to the river and separate them. The angel told him only to keep those that drank like a dog, and it was three hundred, as the rest were sent back. The angel then told him to go down to the camp and he took someone with him. We are never alone. Gideon told the three hundred they would have a pitcher and a trumpet, and when you break the pitcher there will be a light. My pitcher began to break and the light shined. That great light

shines today in men and women's hearts. In the morning we are going to get up and go home. Jesus said, *"If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you unto myself; so that where I am, there ye may be also."* The Bible says, *"choose you this day whom you will serve."* The rich man knew where he was and asked Abraham to go and warn his five brothers. We are warning men and women today. Mommy took me to church when I was little, then I went out into the world, but I came back begging. This man on the inside dried up, Jesus came and added that water of life. That's what we're trying to do today is warn men and women to repent. This road we're on is a straight and narrow way.

Elder Billy Joe then led in prayer.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, having been chosen last year, came to preach the Introductory Sermon. He came stating, I have stood here a lot over the last twenty years, but this time is different. We know what we feel, and I declare God will get glory out of his people. We don't know what we will have to bear before God calls us home, but our reward will be greater than we can ever imagine.

Man was a failure from the very beginning, but God did a work in his heart and he was no longer a failure. I was blessed to get up this morning. I love the Lord and I love his Church. A long time ago there was a prophet named Elijah. God let him understand it would not rain upon the Earth until he called for it and warned him to flee the city. God told me to flee too one day, but I took my time. When you make peace with God you will live forever. God told him to go to the brook and drink. God commanded the fowls to go against their nature and bring him meat and the ravens fed him morning and evening.

I recommend to God's creation to see the Heaven God has created. God told him to go to the widow woman and he moved out. I wish I had moved out when God called me the first time. He went to where the widow lived and saw her gathering sticks. He called to her to bring him some water in a vessel and a cake of bread. She said there were just a little oil and meal in the vessel, I was going to bake a cake, and the boy and I eat and die. God will provide and feed his children. I would not trade what he has given me since 1968 for anything in this world. I had a hard time giving up this fellow. Deny yourself and put God first in all you do, do as I have said and all will be alright. The Bible says they ate on that bread for many days forth. Many days passed and the son died. She took him to the old prophet and he began to pray. He stretched his arms out on the boy's arm and laid down on him while he prayed that God would put his soul back in the body. After three times God answered the prayers of the old prophet. I don't know how we get anywhere without prayer. You better do what God tells you to do. The prophet prayed and the soul came back. When the soul leaves the body, we are dead. The soul can live without the body, but the body can't live without the soul. God told Elijah, I'm going to bring rain upon the Earth, you go tell Ahab and Jezebel. She had treated God's prophet badly.

Elijah took a bullock but put no fire around it. The false prophets did things that the world would think they were real prophets. Elijah told them that we'll see which god can answer by fire. They called out to their gods, but there was no answer. There is only one true and living God, who puts the fire right down in the soul. They called to their god and Elijah mocked them and said maybe your god has gone on a journey or maybe your god is asleep. The false gods of this world can't do anything for your soul. I'm sorry for the years I wasted, but I'm thankful for

the years God has blessed me to walk with my Brothers and Sisters. He gathered Israel and laid the wood down in order so that God would accept it. He cut the bullock into pieces and put four barrels of water on it, and four more and four more. Israel needed to see something that was strong. He wanted to prove there was just one true and living God. He called on this great God of ours and the fire came down from Heaven and Israel realized he was real and God is still real today.

You need a God you can feel, giving you that Holy Ghost baptism. He will keep you when you can't keep yourself. When it's all over, we are going to Heaven. We all believe in a resurrection of the just and the unjust. The soul and body will be united and we will ride that cloud of glory, to go to Heaven to everly be with the Lord. Elijah destroyed all of Baal's prophets, and that is going to happen to us too if we go to Hell. But in Heaven, we will run and shout. Jesus will make you glad you were born to die. I'm thankful God has kept me all these years. God will take care of you. Peace is in the land for every heart that wants it. Nothing in this world can cause you to leave God. There is nothing that makes you want to go back. We all make mistakes and God chastises us. If you hurt your brother, be big enough to go and ask for forgiveness. I don't like those chastisements, admit your mistakes and make it right with God. I must close. If a man or woman will make peace with God, he will give you an everlasting home in Heaven. I love each and every one of you. May God love and save you and he will if you do whatsoever He commands of you.

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 Jimmy Dye, New Salem Association
Elder Steve Baker, Old Friendship Association
Elder Jimmy Stewart, Philadelphia Association
Elder Danny Carty, Northern 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 Jimmy Dale Sanders of the Union Association to open the service.

Brother Jimmy Dale came forth and said God led me to his people. I didn't know how to repent. Adam and Eve hid themselves and God came talking to them. The Old Regular Baptist preach a call to repentance. God calls you to answer by obeying him. He will lead you through a travel to repentance. God fills us with the Holy Ghost and we become new creatures. He sets us up on a heavenly highway of holiness. We are all just little children striving to see Jesus. The God of Heaven shall set up a kingdom and consume all kingdoms. The doorway to get in is my son. To get him you have to come to him. You will find pasture. A city set on a hill can't be

hid. Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. It's a beautiful place. Walk around and see it, consider it. Aren't you glad he came to see you? You might think you don't have a friend in this world, but he loves you. It took a perfect lamb without spot or blemish. Time is short, we must preach the resurrection, if not we preach none of it.

It is the grace of God that brings salvation, and it has appeared unto all. I am looking for him, we are a peculiar people. Always remember we are just little children of God. How we treat people will come back. As time goes on we see a falling away, but God continues to love us. When God knocks on your heart's door, answer. God has a purpose for you. Our delight is in the inward man. I don't put confidence in flesh. Let your light shine. Why? To glorify God. We need fire back in our churches and people will come to see the fire. God is so warm and holy. I thank God he died for my sins. If this Association does anything, it ought to be for God and not for us. All glory belongs to him. We are all failures, we are dust worms of this Earth, and we will soon return. We are not seeds of many, but of one, Jesus Christ. If there be that seed in you, it will live forever. A new life, a new body and we are going to get up. When I wake in his likeness I will be satisfied. I will see him for myself and not another. Job said that though the skin worms devour this body yet in my flesh shall I see God. He will say well done good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things, and I'll make you ruler over many. When Jesus came down to Jerusalem for the last time, they laid their garments down and laid palm leaves down in his path. They rejoiced and shouted his praises. When the spirit of God comes into your heart you know that God's performed it. Love one another as I have loved you. Let God's free love flow among us.

Elder Phillip Estep of the Old Friendship Association led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said, what a wonderful start we have had already, and we need that fire to kindle in this Old Baptist family. It will burn out all things. We need to be back to the solid way we learned years ago.

(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 Randy Lackey
Brother Ron Hamilton

(3) The Moderator called for the Letters from the Sardis Association Churches to be handed in to the Clerk and for the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance.

(4) Having reviewed the Letters received from the Churches for regular form and order, the Letter from the Apple Orchard Church was read, and upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates were seated and the Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$4,280.00 received from the Churches 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 Arthur Short, Old Friendship Association
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder Buddy Carty, Northern New Salem Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed its 2018 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year, and by regular move and second, the report of the Committee of Tellers was accepted and the Committee was discharged:

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator
Elder Richard Staton, Assistant Moderator
Elder Michael Lowe, Clerk
Brother Alvin Thornbury, Assistant Clerk

The Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, announced that this work having been completed, the Sardis Association is seated and is now in working order.

(9) The Moderator asked the Association what they wanted to do about appointing a second Assistant Clerk to help with the clerk's duties. By regular move and second, Elder Todd Dials was appointed to serve as an Assistant Clerk for the year 2018.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Preston Lewis, New Salem Association
Elder Northern Gale Brown, New Salem Association
Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association

SATURDAY

Elder Johnny Thornsberry, New Salem Association
Elder Ray Hamilton, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Reuben Lycans, Old Indian Bottom Association
Elder Curt Carroll, Old Indian Bottom Association

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

Elder Gary Young

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

(13) The Moderator called for the Letters from our Corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters and attached correspondence 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: Jimmy Dale Sanders, John Bill Sanders, Sherd Mullins, Terry Hall, Roger Coleman, Estill Hamilton, Ted Depriest, Eddie Lane, Earl Dean Yates, Jerry Overstreet, A. B. Thacker, Jeffrey Little, Paul Huffman, Harold Smallwood, Lance Looney, Toy Looney, Bill Owens, Gordon Deel, Gary Varney, Douglas Stacy, Jimmy Stacy, Roy Looney, Larry Puckett, Garfield Thacker, Tim Clevinger, Ralph Clevinger, Darrell Justice, Carson Wright, Mark Justice, Lee Layne, Herman West, Fitch Reed, Bill Elkins, Tommy Blackburn and Phillip Alley. Letter in the hands of Elder A. B. Thacker.

NEW SALEM: Northern Gayle Brown, Clyde P. Lewis, Logan Kiser, Deffort Thornsberry, James Tackett, Teddy Honaker, Johnny Thornsberry, Tony Roberts, Jimmy Dye, Glenn Frazier, Preston Lewis, Ted Burke, Joe Caudill, Thomas Roberts, Chester Johnson, Jack Adkins, Leonard Hamilton, Jesse Lewis, Harvey Tackett, Roger Hicks, Jim Waddles, Randy Newsome, John Paul Hamilton, Freddie Murphy, Gene Conn, Terry L. Hall, Dan Sammons, Robert D. Stanley, Bobby Howell, Cody Hall, Chuck Hall and Tommy Bentley. Letter in the hands of Elder Teddy Honaker.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Wayne Sartin, John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Larry Newsome, Scott Hamilton, I. V. Hudson, Eugene Couch, Ray Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Scott Little, Danny Carty, Milford Prater and Jack Dials. Letter in the hands of Elder Scott Hamilton.

**Letter of Condolence to Our Sister the Sardis Association from the
2018 Northern New Salem Association**

Shall we endeavor to express to you our sister, the Sardis Association our deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters. Their departure has left us with saddened hearts. Yet, we are encouraged by the life they lived here on Earth and we believe that we shall see them again.

We look to that day when all tears shall be wiped away in a land of milk and honey. We shall meet them again as the children of the King are gathered to worship the Father and Son throughout eternity.

Northern New Salem Associaton,
Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk
Elder Wayne Sartin, Asst. Clerk
Elder Scott Little, 2nd Asst. Clerk

PHILADELPHIA: Farrell Howard, Carlis Tharp, Jimmy Stewart, Willis Tolliver, Ted Parker, Gary Napier, Gary Blevins, Homer Ruggles and Bob Taylor. Letter in the hands of Brother Carlis Tharp.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: David Lester, George Thomason, Edgar Baker, Jr., Larry Gibson, Arthur Short, Roger Baker, Steve Baker, Danny Hurley, Roger McCoy, Will Matney, Danny Justus, Joe Gibson, Phillip Estep, Tim Blankenship, Robbie Blankenship, James Stacy, Edd Sparks, Dewey Matney, Ivan Blankenship, Joe Gibson, Allan Hunt, Jackie Gibson, George Baker, Danny Puckett, Jeff Justus, Monroe Matney, Will Matney, Danny Scarberry and Fred Bailey. Letter in the hands of Elder Joe Gibson.

**Letter of Condolence to Our Sister the Sardis Association from the
2018 Old Friendship Association**

Letter of Condolence to our Sister the Sardis Association. We your Sister, the Old Friendship Association, wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy and prayers in the loss of your Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last meeting.

But this is not the end, this is the beginning of eternity. There is a day coming that we will all be together for eternity. We will be walking together with Jesus himself on streets of gold. Jesus will gird himself and serve us and our Father will wipe our tears away. We will finally be at peace and we will know no sorrow or heartaches.

We keep you in our prayers,
Elder Arthur D. Short, Clerk
Brother Edgar Baker, Jr. Assistant Clerk

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: Dannie Caudill, Reuben Lycans, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Sam Derrickson, Luke Haynes, Nick Plowman, Doug Bailey, Marvin Thornsberry, and Curt Carroll. Letter in the hands of Elder Reuben Lycans.

(14) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our Association desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Hobart Hamilton, David Crigger and Chester Cochran.

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

(16) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all of 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, the committee will meet at 1:45 p.m. today.

(17) On motion from Brother Bobby Scott, Jr., seconded by Elder Ivan Neal Thornsberry the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 8, 2018.

SATURDAY

September 8, 2018

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 to welcome all, stating God will bless us if we follow him. Brother Tommy thanked all for coming out to be with us today. We rejoice to worship with you and that Great God, who is above everything else in this world. Let's keep him on our mind today. When Peter walked on water, he took his mind off Jesus, but he needed help and reached his hand out. Psalms 134 say, *"Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion."* This is a three day worship meeting. When God blesses we can eat.

He then called upon Elder Chuck Hall, of the New Salem Association, to open these services. Brother Chuck said, "the word that has been upon my mind all morning is respect." Young brothers, respect our elder brothers. Young sisters, you got mothers, so let them take you under their arm. Delegates before you speak let God lead you before you say a word or make a motion. As children of God we need to throw out a life line. Tell them, let's talk to Jesus. He's got the answers. I'm willing to die on what I feel. Young people today have a lot of peer pressure. Put your arms around their neck and say, I love you. When I got my house in order, he came in. Delegates, I'm thankful that what I am by the grace of God. He added me to this old family. I feel old time salvation down in my life. Walk in unity and respect your brothers. Don't just say, I love you, but mean it. There is a way that seems right unto man, but the end thereof is destruction. Don't get in that seeming way, but look unto Zion.

Prayer was led by Elder Danny Hurley of the Old Friendship Association.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.

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

(3) Elder Arthur Mathis, 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 Minutes. At this time the Moderator released the Brethren, Sisters and friends to assemble in the Preaching room.

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

SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2018

Balance on hand 9-01-17 **\$ 6,634.70**

Add 2017 Income:

Church Contributions for Minutes	\$4,660.00
Obituary Pictures	\$330.00
Interest Income	\$1.06
Rent Income	\$2,502.13
Advance Coal Royalty	\$500.00
Building Fund Contributions	\$3,536.00
Food Fund Contributions	\$6,830.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$4,430.00

Total 2017 Income **\$ 22,789.19**
 Total Available for 2017 **\$ 29,423.89**

Less 2017 Expenses

Apartment Repairs	\$185.00
Equipment Expense	\$1,024.02
Minute Expense/Mailing	\$4,704.56
Clerk Expense	\$57.34
Building and Land Expense	\$3,566.07
Building Security	\$241.89
Electric Expense	\$4,070.47
Water Expense	\$688.39
Telephone Expense	\$888.76
Insurance Expense	\$890.80
Food and Supply Expense	\$6,149.20
Miscellaneous Expense	\$120.17

Total 2017 Expense **(\$ 22,586.67)**

Balance on Hand 8-31-18 **\$ 6,836.69**

(5) 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:

Brother Daniel Stanley	Brother Ferrell Sesco	Brother Butler Fletcher
Elder David May	Elder Andrew Walters	Elder Sam Frye
Brother Archie Prince	Brother Danny Reed	Elder Harold Sesco
Brother Ervin Thacker	Elder Chester Cochran	Brother Clyde James
Brother Tony Williamson	Brother Ernest Sesco	Elder Ron Gannon
Brother Dwight Maynard	Elder Richard Staton	Elder Thomas J. Dials
Elder Hobart Hamilton	Elder Edward L. Smith	Brother Walter Bogar
Brother David Staten	Elder Todd Dials	Brother Alvin Thornbury
Elder Michael Lowe		

(6) By regular move and second, the report of the Committee on the Historical Library of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, as given by Brother Archie Prince, was received. The Pike County Public Library can be reached at the address: www.pikelibrary.org. On their home page you should see LINKS. Click on LINKS. Click on Genealogy to access the Sardis Association files.

Clerks Note: We need minutes for the years 1893, 1896 - 1907, 1911, 1913 - 1915. Also, any pictures and histories of the Sardis Association Churches are requested. If available, contact:

Elder Edward L. Smith	(606)834-9958
Brother Archie Prince	(304)486-5960
Brother Jimmy Cochran	(304)674-5177

(7) Read the Letters of Condolence from our Sisters, the Old Friendship Association and the Northern New Salem Association, and by regular move and second, ordered them to be printed in our Minutes.

(8) Read the request from the Leannah, Turkey Creek, Apple Orchard, Bent Branch, Pilgrims Home and Pilgrims Rest Churches asking the Sardis Association to adopt a ballot process for selecting officers, who shall preach the Introductory Sermon and write the Circular Letter. The ballot cast would be counted by a committee of tellers appointed by the Association. After discussion on the floor, a move by Elder Billy Joe Robinson, seconded by Brother Hayes Robinson, to grant the Request met with an objection by Elder Lester Cochran. A vote of the delegates showed 31 for the move, 33 for the objection and the Request is denied.

(9) Read the request from the Little Virgie Church requesting that the Association appoint Brother Archie Prince and Elder Edward Lee Smith honorary clerk and honorary assistant clerk. After some discussion on the floor, by regular move and second, the request was granted for the Brother Clerks to print in the 2018 minute.

(10) Read the Request from the Dix Fork Church asking that the Association appoint Brother Archie Prince and Elder Edward Lee Smith honorary clerk and honorary assistant clerk, and add their names and photographs in the minutes as long as they walk on God's footstool. After some discussion the request was not accepted, since item 10 was very similar and accepted.

(11) 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 2019 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder George Thomason, Old Friendship Association
Elder John Elkins, 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 2019 Association:

Elder Chuck Hall, New Salem Association
Elder Steve Baker, Old Friendship Association

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

Elder Michael Lowe, Preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Arthur May, Alternate
Elder Edward Lee Smith, Prepare Circular Letter

(12) The Committee appointed on Friday to arrange the preaching met and reported. By regular move and second the report was received and the committee was discharged. The following Brethren preached Saturday Night and Sunday:

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Dale Williamson, Sardis Association
Elder Andrew Walters, Sardis Association
Elder Stoney Blackburn, Sardis Association
Elder Duane Smith, Sardis Association

SUNDAY

Elder Carson Wright, Union Association
Elder Clyde Lewis, New Salem Association
Elder Richard Staton, Sardis Association
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

(13) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2018 and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his expense.

(14) By regular move and second it was order that Elder Ivan Neal Thornsbury, be appointed as a Sardis Association Trustee to replace Brother Leslie McGuire, who passed away this past year.

(15) Read the request from the Pilgrims Rest Church requesting to host the 2019 Sardis Association. By regular move and second, the request was granted. Bent Branch, Big Branch, Pilgrims Home, Bethany, Salem and Apple Orchard Churches verbally requested to co-host the 2019 Association. It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2019, to:

Elder Michael Lowe
169 Scott Fork
Pikeville, KY 41501

The Sardis Association Building is located on KY Route 881 at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky. Follow US Route 119 from Pikeville, Kentucky toward Williamson, West Virginia, 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, West Virginia toward Pikeville, Kentucky on US Route 119, the distance is about 16 miles and turn right onto KY Route 881.

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

(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, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 2018: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Leonard Napier, Marion Duncan, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Wayne Blackburn, Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Clyde Perry, Bobby Scott Jr., Ron Gannon, Michael Lowe, Walter Bogar, Ferrell Sesco, Ernest Sesco, Bobby L. Scott, David Crigger and Lacy Walters. Letter in the hands of Elder Thomas J. Dials.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the host Churches at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 2018: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Leonard Napier, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Edward L. Smith, Dwight Maynard, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Wayne Blackburn, Richard Staton, Ivan Neil Thornsbury, Clyde Perry, Bobby Scott, Jr., Lacy Walters, Michael Lowe and Alvin Thornbury. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, OH, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2019: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, Leonard Napier, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Arthur Mathis, Dwight Maynard, Alvin Thornbury, Archie Prince, Lester Cochran, Sam Frye and Todd Dials. Letter in the hands of Elder Stoney Blackburn.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the host Churches at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2019: Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Leonard Napier, Arthur Mathis, Richard Staton, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Stony Blackburn, Dwight Maynard, Marion Duncan, Todd Dials, Wayne Blackburn, Bobby Scott, Jr., Albert Cable, Alvin Thornbury and Buster Hall. Letter in the hands of Elder Edward L. Smith.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Little Zion Church and co-host churches, Little Dove and Pine Grove at the Panther Creek Church located at 716 Panther Creek Road, Panther, WV 24872, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2019: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Marion Duncan, Richard Staton, Stony Blackburn, Arthur Mathis, Ivan Neil Thornsbury, Dwight Maynard, Bobby Scott, Jr., Wayne Blackburn, Sam Frye, Alvin Thornbury and Leonard Napier. Letter in the hands of Brother Archie Prince.

OLD INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened with the host Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2019: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsbury, Hobart Hamilton, Dwight Maynard, Marion Duncan, Wayne Blackburn, Leonard Napier, Bobby Scott, Jr., Richard Staton, Lester Cochran, Buster Hall and Alvin Thornbury. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

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

(19) The Sardis Association is so thankful for the many Brothers, Sisters and friends, along with our Host Churches and the Building Committee, who have labored so much for this the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Session of the Sardis Association. We are so thankful for the attendance of our corresponding Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Velocity Market at Zebulon, Kentucky; to Food City for preparing the chicken; to the Pike County Solid Waste Department for taking our garbage; to Brother Jimmy Newsome of Pepsi Cola Co. at Pikeville who handled the soft drinks; to Al's Outdoor Power Equipment and Gerald Fields Trucking for their

donations, to the Campers for being excellent guests and for their donation; to Elder Paul Maynard and Brother Daniel Stanley for all the trips to pick up food and supplies; to Jared Maynard and Dakota Maynard for transporting chicken: to all the Sisters, Brothers, friends and so many YOUNG PEOPLE who work so hard in the kitchen preparing delicious food and serving it, and to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of the Pilgrims Home Church who staffed the Concession Stand. We thank everyone who had anything to do for this grand old Association.

We thank God so much for his mercy and grace and the great love and peace found at the Sardis Association.

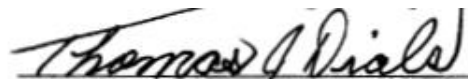
(20) By regular move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises was omitted and it is ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

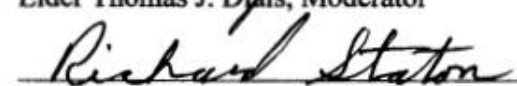
(21) On motion from Brother Walter Bogar, seconded by Brother Bernard Aldridge, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2019.

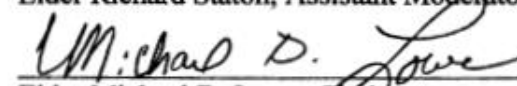
(22) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Hillard Newsome, of the Northern New Salem Association. Elder Estill Hamilton, of the Union Association, led in prayer.

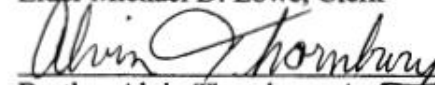
The Association was dismissed by Elder Dale Williamson, of the Sardis Association.

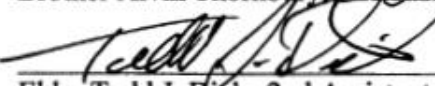
(23) This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.


Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator


Elder Richard Staton, Assistant Moderator


Elder Michael D. Lowe, Clerk


Brother Alvin Thornbury, Assistant Clerk


Elder Todd J. Dials, 2nd 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 Notes on Item 6:

- ❖ 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.

- ❖ To expedite the processing of the Minutes, obituaries should be typed, please be sure the name of the deceased is written on the back of the picture and indicate if you want the picture returned by mail. You may also email your typed obituaries and pictures to Elder Michael Lowe throughout the year at the following email address: MDL448@HOTMAIL.COM, You would still need to send the \$15 payment for printing pictures.

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 9, 2018

A wonderful congregation of brothers, sisters and friends were blessed to gather together once again at the Sardis Association building. After singing some old-time songs of Zion, our beloved Moderator Elder Tommy Dials, came to the stand and offered a sincere welcome to all present, saying, "What a wonderful day that the Lord has given us." One more day to worship him, a day we need to give him praise and glory for everything. One more day to seek him if you don't know Him in pardon and remission of your sin. I try to image how it will be when we arise in that morning. What a day that will be on that resurrection morning. What a wonderful day for God's people. I believe in a real resurrection of this body. This natural body will be changed to a spiritual body and it will be a perfect body, one with no blemishes and no trouble. We will praise God for all eternity and we won't have a need for anything like we do now. The Lord has blessed us this weekend. It's been good and God has blessed us so much. Brother Tommy then read the prayer list and called for a song to introduce the service.

The congregation sang, "How I Came to Love These Pilgrims."

Elder Greg Stanley led us in prayer.

Elder Carson Wright of the Union Association, came to the stand saying, I'm thankful to be here. Just to get to see my Brothers and Sisters that I haven't seen in a while brings joy to me. Forty years ago God started me on a journey. I preach a travail from nature to grace. It was agony for me. I was in physical agony, as a woman in childbirth, praying to be delivered. I was suffering, but I started putting God above everything else. I don't have a desire to do the things I used to do. God has been very good to me, and the only thing I put above all else is God. He is my life and my pleasure. I'm thankful God is still calling men and women out of darkness. I thought for a long time that my goodness was going to take me to Heaven. When God showed me my true condition the tears flowed down my face. I can remember well the day God saved me. The morning God took that heavy load was the greatest day of my life. There's nothing on Earth I would rather feel than the spirit of God.

I thought of the word faith. We can read in Matthew Chapter 25, where Jesus gave the people a parable of a man who gave some talents to three men. One he gave five talents, another he gave three talents and another he gave one talent. The man with five talents put it to use and gained five more. The one who received three talents also put his to use and gained three more, but the one who only had one talent took his and buried it in the earth and didn't gain any more. When the master came back he was pleased with the men who had put their talents to use and gained more, but the one that had buried his in the earth and gained no extra. He was not pleased and that man was cast into outer darkness. Apostle Paul says in Romans 12:3 that "*God has dealt to every*

man the measure of faith." Men love darkness rather than light. I thank God, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of the Lord. I knew when that accountability came into my life. I had to get something my family couldn't give me. Hebrew Chapter 11, says, "*now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*" I've never seen Christ but I believe we have Him right within us. I received repentance through the faith that was in me. We have Christ right there on the inside. The Kingdom of God appears not by observation, but within man. We take Him with us everywhere we go. He is the author and finisher of our faith. I declare that Heaven is real and worth striving for. This nation is in trouble. This liberal nation is destroying us. Very soon, Jesus is going to leave Heaven. The living will not hinder the dead. You have to be truly sorry for the deeds you've done in the flesh and come to God with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. You will have to become a new creature. He leads us through a trail of agony and takes us up out of that horrible pit. I thank him for being there for me. He's a loving God. Repentance is required at the hands of all men. A man told me one time that Jesus is coming back to setup a kingdom here on Earth. I reject that. God's kingdom was already setup in the hearts of His people over 2000 years ago. *For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* At that moment, you become an heir of God, having your name enrolled in the Lamb's Book of Life. There's just one way to Heaven. The only King there is to serve is Jesus Christ. I am the way, the life and the door. If any man come in, I'll make him heir to the throne. Repentance is required at the hands of all men. Matthew Chapter 3 tells us that John came out of the wilderness preaching repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Elder Clyde Lewis from the New Salem Association came to the stand saying, he is thankful God has been mindful of us today, look out and see the sun rise and see the mighty works of God. This God we're telling you about does not change. He is the same today, as when time began. There is no time to God like the way we count time. God has a time set and appointed when the world will be destroyed, and it will not be changed. Those in the world, you have a way out of the world if you come to God with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. When he makes His presence known, he will light a fire. I'd like to see this kingdom on fire. The great God of Heaven sends His spirit and when it comes it kindles the fire on the inside. God is able to remove all pain when the spirit comes. When I was a lad, I spoke as a lad. When I became a man, I spoke as a man, and that day he put me out of the garden. If you want to go to Heaven, you have got to be willing to be led by the spirit of God. I heard the gospel that day. He told me what I was and what I must be to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. When God saves one, he will tell you to go home. There is only one home, one Lord, one faith, one spirit and one body. I have Brothers and Sisters all over, you are mine if you're a child of God.

The lust of the flesh drew me away from God. I didn't know how to repent but God led me to the house of the Lord. I was looking for something. I was looking across the river to the land of Goshen where all the tents had lights in them and everything lives. The only thing that can knock you out of going to Heaven is your pride. There is God and his Son that loves you so much, He

loves His creation. Don't tell me that God hates this man. He sent down his Son to suffer and die. God gave you a tool to work with, the measure of faith. That faith that God gave me I didn't throw it away, I just let it lie dormant for a little while. The God of all glory never left me, he just waited on me. When I was doing wrong that small voice spoke to me and told me that I wasn't pleasing God. If you want to go home you have to be led. When God forgives you, he tells you to go home, and he will also lead you to where home is. Do you remember your travel? I had a Godly sorrow set up in me, God put it there. God said that by his right hand has he led Israel out of Egypt. When I began to follow him, he started to lead me. As I began that journey, I had a big load to carry. I started out standing up, but the further I went I began to bend from the weight of the load I was carrying. The weight of my sins brought me down. God knew all about me, he knows your very thoughts. I remember the night that I died dead to the love of sin. I was in a struggle. I kept traveling and I didn't give up. I would try to keep myself. I would stop doing the things I was doing but how long did it last? It would only last a few days and I was right back out there in sin again. One night I went down to the Old Baptist church. If you want to know anything, you got to go down to the Potter's House. It's an individual thing between you and God. I said within myself that I have got to go down to church. I would make myself a promise and in a few days, I was right back in the same old bad shape. I didn't even feel worthy to eat the scraps for the animals. I had to go to church, I felt like I was drowning. I went to a meeting one night and when I pulled in I saw a light in the church. God's old church has a light in her, and a sound in her. I heard the Brothers and Sisters lifting their voices up to God. The old church has a special sound to it. There was a sound in it that went right down into my heart. I got out of the truck and I heard that sound. The closer I got to the door the harder I cried. I went in and saw all the Brothers and Sisters and they all looked so beautiful to me. The devil wants you to think that you are just as good as they are, but he is just deceiving you. That night I died and I received life at the same time. At the end of the meeting, I stood before the church and I said God I give you everything I have, as I cried from the heart. I read about a little woman who was praying and her lips were moving but no sound was coming out. I was crying and I said God what do I lack. God said I need your life. I said God here I am, take my very life but save my soul. I ate some wedding supper that night. You've got to hate yourself, and give it all to your first love, God. People, there is a good way, but you got to want it above everything else. I love God more than my wife and family. I had to put him first. I had to receive that baptism of the fire and the Holy Ghost.

He clothed me there that night, and put me in my right mind. I put on Christ, He gave me shoes and a breast plate of righteousness. He picked me up out of that horrible pit and placed me on a highway of holiness. It leads straight up. Some would say that if all you've got is faith you're in trouble. This man is living in the hope of the resurrection. Jesus said I am the resurrection. This man walks by faith in the hope of Jesus Christ. I'm not walking in darkness, he lightens my path. He takes us by the hand and we follow him. The voice of a stranger we won't follow. I love the people of God. When I'm around them, I'm home. It's never entered the heart of man what good things the Lord has in store for his people. The best friend you had was Jesus Christ, and he left.

Elder Richard Staton, our Assistant Moderator, came to the stand singing the song, "Gloryland," and saying if Heaven is no better than this I still want to go. This is a family you can get in if you humble yourself down in the hand of God. I'm thankful Jesus is still seated beside God and the door of mercy is still open. He's coming back and he's got all their names enrolled. He's got a little blood washed army that he's coming back for. After you hear the truth, the gospel of your salvation, if you'll obey that gospel it will put you on that heavenly highway. Dig deep and get on that rock. He is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm. For no other foundation can a man lay than that is laid, Jesus Christ. When I am overwhelmed he leads me to that rock that is higher than I. He that hears my sayings and keeps them I liken to a wise man that builds upon the rock. What house will you build me sayeth the Lord. You first have to sit down and figure up the cost. God's people are wise, but if you don't build upon that rock you will be in trouble. The day you give Him your whole heart there will you be found with Him.

Thirty-six years ago there was life that came to me. He lifted me out of the mar and the clay and sat my feet upon the rock. Jesus said if I hadn't come you'd had a cloak for your sins. My word has gone out and it won't return unto me a void. He won't force you to serve him but he will get glory out of you. That foolish man that built upon the sand, the winds prevailed against it and great was the fall. If you want to talk to Jesus, he is there for you. I chose you out of the world, you're no longer part of it. They told Jesus that your mother and brothers are here and they want to talk to you. He said who is my mother and my brothers? Anyone who does the will of my Father is my brother. Except you repent you will all likewise perish. He let me know that if I didn't change Hell would be my home. There were two men that we can read about that went to the temple to pray, a Publican and a Pharisee. Except your righteousness exceed the Pharisee you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus came to taste death for all men and women. The Pharisee said he had paid tithes and had done many things for God. The Publican fell down on his face and cried out mighty to the Lord and said, Lord forgive me. If you cry out to him, he'll lead you out of the darkness. My cup runneth over. Mary had to flee the land of Egypt, so that the prophecy could be fulfilled, that I have called my Son out of Egypt. It is the goodness of God that calls us out of the world. There's none good save the Father and he has all power. When I was a child and I would get sick, my Mother would comfort me and put her arms around me. We have Mother Jerusalem now to comfort and protect us. I love you all with a heart full of love. Come and get acquainted with Jesus today.

Elder Tommy Dials, our Moderator, came to the stand to close out the service saying, this man on the inside has received a Baptism. The outward man is living in hope. All weekend we've talked about the blood of Jesus Christ. It is so important. The brothers have fed us and it's been good. There was a fleshly covenant at one time and Jesus brought in that grace covenant. There appeared a great wonder in Heaven, a woman clothed with the moon and the sun under her feet, travailing in birth to be delivered. That is that old law church, our schoolmaster, and it is getting ready to deliver a new and living way. And there appeared another wonder in heaven, a great red dragon and his tail drew the third part of the stars. That dragon is the old devil and it was waiting to devour that child when it was born. We've all sinned and came short of the glory

of God. We can read in the scripture about Joseph who was a type and figure of Jesus Christ. Little Joseph was there and he was ridiculed because he was different from the others. God's people are a peculiar people and the world ridicules us for it today. God has always taken care of his people. They called Joseph the little dreamer boy. He interpreted a dream that his brothers would bow down to him. They were going to kill him but instead they sold him into slavery for twenty pieces of silver. He was with the king's wife and she took his coat and used it against him and they threw him into prison even though he had done nothing wrong. He was in prison with the king's butler and his baker. Joseph interpreted a dream that the baker would be killed and that the butler would be restored. The king had a dream that he wanted someone to interpret but couldn't remember the dream. The butler remembered Joseph and told the king that there was a man in the prison who could interpret the dream for him. Joseph was brought to the king and told him what the dream was and that it meant there would be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine, and that the king should start to prepare for the famine. There was a famine in the land one time and God told them there was a little corn down in Egypt. I'm glad I found a little corn down in Egypt's land one time. When I was out in the world I found salvation. God delivered them out of Egypt and God will deliver us out of sin also if we obey him. God sat everything in order. There's an order in the Church and the world is in disorder. Solomon 8:5 says, *"Who is this coming out of the wilderness leaning upon her beloved?"* The Old Testament was our schoolmaster, it taught the old church how to obey. The old church is coming out of the wilderness, Jesus came to bring in the grace covenant, a new and living way. Solomon continues in 8:8-9, *"We have a little sister, and she has no breast. What should we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for? If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver."* That old law church was not destroyed but it was fulfilled. When Jesus died upon the cross, he didn't condemn the law but instead he fulfilled the law. The inward man is dressed up and ready to go home and the outward man is waiting on a change. Jesus will come in and put his commandments in your mind and heart. When you get the blood of Jesus Christ, the inward man is resurrected, but the old body is living in the hope of the resurrection of the natural man. If you want to go home, get in touch with Jesus.

The congregation sang the song, "Jerusalem My Happy Home."

Dismissal was called by Elder Timmy Robinson.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2018

Dear brothers, sisters, and friends of Sardis Association, and corresponding associations:

After being chosen by the delegates of the Sardis Association at the 2017 session, I have prayed that the Lord would direct my mind on what to write about. The one thing that keeps coming to my heart is Baptism and what it means to be baptized and why.

We read in the scriptures how John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness saying, *“repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* John was baptizing in the River Jordan telling the people to repent of their sins. *“Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. I, indeed, baptize thee with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.”* Not many days, hence, the following day, John looked and saw Jesus coming and said to the people, *“behold, the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.”*

Jesus came to John and demanded Baptism. John said to Jesus, *“I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?”* To which Jesus replied to John, *“suffer it to be so, now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness.”* John baptized Jesus in the River Jordan and forthwith the spirit descended in the bodily shape of a dove and lit upon Jesus.

I will make this statement, that there are many in our communities that preach and teach that water baptism cleanses one from sin and makes one a Christian. We believe in water baptism as an answer to a good conscious toward God. Not for putting away the filth of the flesh, but to show the world that we have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and have been born again. To be buried with Christ in baptism, shows the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We, the Old Regular Baptists, receive members into the church by experience and baptism. What does experience have to do with baptism? Those that have come to the age of accountability and realized that they were sinners, that they need to repent of their sins, and be born again of the Holy Spirit, and have been forgiven of their sins. Then, having an experience of grace and a desire to do God’s will, they should put their light on a candlestick by becoming a member of a church followed by being baptized. In Mathew 5:15, *“it giveth light unto all that are in the house”*. Verse 16: *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”*.

Saul, later known as the Apostle Paul, a disciple of Jesus Christ, had been a persecutor of the church that called on the name of Jesus. Having been present at the stoning death of Stephen and allowing the coats of those that were throwing the stones to be at his feet, consented to Stephen’s death.

Saul was threatening the slaughter against the disciples of the LORD, he obtained papers from the high priest to arrest and bring them to Jerusalem for trial or punishment. Saul, on the road to Damascus to carry out these orders from the high priest, had an experience. A great light,

brighter than the noon day sun, shined about him, and a voice spoke to him asking, *"Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"*

Saul thus answered by asking, *"who art thou lord?"* The Lord answered, *"I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest?"* Then Saul answered, *"what would you have me to do?"*, as he trembled and was astonished. The voice of the Lord said, *"arise and go into the city and it shall be told thee what thou must do."*

Saul arose and had to be led because he was blinded by the light. Saul was three days blinded, without food and water. There was a disciple at Damascus by the name of Ananias, whom the Lord spoke to in a vision and instructed him to go to a street called Straight, to the house of Judas, and inquire for Saul of Tarsus for behold he prayeth. Ananias did what the Lord had told him to do. Upon entering the house, Ananias spoke to Saul and said, *"brother Saul, the Lord even Jesus that appeared to thee on the way hath sent me, that thou mayest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost"*, as Ananias laid his hands upon Saul. Immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales, and he received his sight. He arose and was then baptized. After having eaten meat and gaining his strength, he began to preach.

This is but one example of how the Lord works with his people. Paul was a chosen vessel *"unto Christ to bear my name before the Gentiles and Kings and the children of Israel"*. There are a multitude of examples in the scriptures of how many have had an experience of grace and were then baptized. One being Phillip, having been instructed by an angel of the Lord to go to Gaza, which is in the desert, where he met a Eunuch from Ethiopia of great authority under Candace Queen of the Ethiopians. He had charge of all her treasure and had come to Jerusalem to worship. The Eunuch was riding in his chariot, reading Esaias the prophet, when he came upon Phillip.

The Spirit said to Philip, *"go near and join thyself to the chariot."* Philip ran to the chariot and heard the Eunuch reading *"Esaias"* and asked him, *"understandth what thou readest."* The Eunuch replied, *"how can I except some man guide me."* He was reading where he was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb dumb before his shear so opened not his mouth. In his humiliation, his judgment was taken away, and who shall declare his generation? The Eunuch asked Philip was he speaking of himself, or some other man? Philip began reading the same scripture and then he preached on Jesus Christ.

As they went on their way, they came to a certain water and the Eunuch said, *"here is water, what hinderth me from being baptized?"* Philip said, *"if thou believest with thy whole heart, thou mayest."* The Eunuch answered and said, *"I believe Jesus Christ is the son of God."* They commanded the chariot to stand still and Philip and the Eunuch both went into the water, and Philip baptized the Eunuch. After coming out of the water, Philip was caught away by the Spirit of the Lord. The Eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

There are other examples as well: Peter, who was down by the seaside at Joppa, went on the housetop to pray, at the sixth hour. *"He became very hungry, and would have eaten; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance."* He saw Heaven opened and a certain vessel descended unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners and let down to the earth. Wherein were all manner of four footed beasts of the earth, wild beasts and creeping things and fowls of the air.

The Lord spoke to Peter and said, *“slay and eat.”* Peter said, *“not so Lord, nothing common or unclean hath ever entered my mouth.”* The sheet was let down three times, and the Lord said the same thing each time. *“But the Lord also said what God has cleansed, called not thou common or unclean.”*

While this was happening, there were men from Cornelius’ house inquiring for Peter whom they found in prayer on the housetop. The Lord told Peter to go with these men, doubting nothing. Peter took these brethren with him to Cornelius’s house. Cornelius, being of the Italian band and a Gentile, received them with great joy. As Peter preached to them on Jesus Christ and how that he was crucified and arose from the grave and ascended back to Heaven, Cornelius’ household and all that were there, received the Holy Ghost. Peter said, *“I perceive that God is no respecter of persons seeing they have received the Holy Ghost the same as we, what hinderth them from being baptized?”* He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Having first believed to the saving of the soul and been baptized to walk in the newness of life, we have fellowship with one another. I know this is getting lengthy and I must close. My hope is that you will receive this letter for your edification.

Your unworthy Servant, Elder Arthur Mathis

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

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL 2019

LITTLE ROSIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Mike Lowe and Andrew Walters.

OKEECHOBEE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Lowe, Thomas Dials, Todd Dials and Leonard Hamilton.

MAY 2019

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion following our 3:00 p.m. business meeting on Saturday. Ministers called: Sam Frye, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Runyon, Larry Thacker, Harold Sesco and Billy Joe Robinson.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Danny Runyon, Stony Blackburn, Harold Sesco, Greg Stanley, Sam Frye and Gary L. Young.

JUNE 2019

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jerry Overstreet, Danny Runyon, Richard Lowe, Arthur Mathis and Andrew Walters.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Kenneth B. Jude, Sam Frye and Johnny Thornsberry.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following regular church service. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Eric Williamson, Andrew Walters and Daniel Newsome, with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Gary Blevins, Arthur May, Sam Frye, Northern Gayle Brown and Albert Cable.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Kenneth B. Jude, Stony Blackburn, Todd Dials, Thomas J. Dials and Reuben Lycans.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday, immediately following 2:00 p.m. business meeting. Ministers called: Mike Lowe, Stony Blackburn, Lacy Walters and Billy Joe Robinson.

JULY 2019

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Arthur May, Danny Hurley, Curt Carroll, Freddie Murphy and Richard Staton.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Sam Frye, Billy Joe Robinson, Hobart Hamilton and Stony Blackburn.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco and Stony Blackburn. Business on this day only starts at 11:00 a.m.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Robinson, Jerry Overstreet, Danny Runyon and Paul Maynard.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion after business meeting on Saturday. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Gary Blevins, Arthur Mathis, Albert Cable, Phillip Beverly, Edward Smith and Lacy Justice.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Paul Hamilton, Duane Smith, Billy Joe Robinson, Andrew Walters and Harold Sesco.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bruce Williamson, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Billy Joe Robinson, Ivan Neal Thornsby and Arthur May.

BRIDE OF CHRIST: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following regular service. Ministers called: Gary Blevins, Lester Cochran, Jimmy Stewart and Ralph Cloud.

NARROWS BRANCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday immediately following 11:00 a.m. business meeting. Ministers called: Edward L. Smith, Thomas J. Dials, Paul Maynard, Albert Cable and Hobart Hamilton.

AUGUST 2019

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Arthur May, Thomas J. Dials, Todd Dials, Clyde Perry, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Albert Cable. Church service on this Saturday only starts at 10:30 a.m.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion following Sunday Church Service at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis, Timmy Robinson and Gary Young.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion on Sunday. Ministers called: Stony Blackburn, Elbert Sesco, Harold Sesco, Lloyd Brown, Steve Baker and Moderator attending.

ANTIOCH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following the regular Church service. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Billy Joe Robinson, Gary Blevins, Jimmy Stewart and Preston Lewis.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Paul Maynard, Sam Frye and Gabe Lowe, Jr. Church service, on this Saturday only, starts at 2:00 pm.

PILGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Jimmy Amos, Hobart Hamilton and Harold Sesco.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

MARCH 2019

TURKEY CREEK will hold a memorial meeting, at the Enon Church House, for James and Brooksie Spencer, Willis and Gretis Staton, Marvin and Lokie Rose, Elsie Rose and all the deceased members of the Enon Church on the Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Duane Smith, Leonard Hamilton, Stony Blackburn and Hobart Hamilton.

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Terry Fuller, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Richard Staton and Duane Smith. All corresponding brothers and sisters are welcome.

MEMORIAL MEETING of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held on the odd Sunday in March (March 31) at the Sardis Association Building. Ministers called: Jerry Overstreet, Kelly Slone, Richard Staton and Thomas J. Dials. Everyone please bring a covered dish.

APRIL 2019

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday, at the church house. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Arthur May, Todd Dials and Billy Joe Robinson.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting, at the church, of all those buried on the Williamson Family Cemetery. Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Ministers called: Andrew Walters, Bruce Williamson and Richard Staton.

MAY 2019

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church of all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the second Sunday in May at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Harold Sesco, Albert Cable and with the moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the White family on Sunday following the second Saturday at the Church. Ministers called: Randy Lackey, Tim Robinson, Andrew Walters, Duane Smith and Monty Messer, Jr.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn families, also those buried on the Hanners Cemetery 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: Harold Sesco, Lacy Walters, Kenneth B. Jude, Richard Staton and Hobart Hamilton.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Jimmy Amos and Rick Mullins.

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: Mike Lowe, Gayle Brown, Thomas J. Dials, Gary Young and Larry Thacker.

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: Thomas J. Dials, Gary Blevins, Arthur Mathis and Greg Stanley.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Sam Frye, Billy Joe Robinson and Albert Cable, with 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: Duane Smith, Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Andrew Walters and Gary Young.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Dix Fork Church for those buried on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork, on the last Saturday in May (May 25, 2019) at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Sam Frye and Edward L. Smith.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday in May (May 26, 2019), at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Chester Cochran, Lacy Walters, Bruce Williamson, Charles Edwards and Edward L. Smith.

JUNE 2019

DIX FORK CHURCH will have a Memorial Meeting at the church house for all those buried on the Morris/Mullins Cemetery at Double Hollows on Dix Fork the first Sunday following the first Saturday in June, at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Randy Newsome and Mike Lowe.

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

TABITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jerry Runyon, Leonard Napier, Lester Cochran, Clyde Perry and Chester Cochran.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Muncy Cemetery, including Elder Homer Muncy, Sr. and all others buried on the Ruby Muncy Cemetery. This memorial will also include Sister Garnet (Lowe) Maynard who is buried on the cemetery near the mouth of Lackey Branch and others buried on area cemeteries. This memorial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday following the second Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Albert Cable and Kenneth B. Jude.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Cemetery next to the Church of all deceased members of the church on our regular church time 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Wayne Sartin, Greg Sowards, Ralph Cloud, Rex Napier and Albert Cable.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Glen Lowe and his wife, Mary E. Lowe, at the church 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.

BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting, at the church house, for Elder Sammie Moore and all the deceased on the Webb Cemetery on the third Sunday in June at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Leonard Napier, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Gary Blevins.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church for all those buried on the Robinette Cemetery and the John Gilford Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork on Sunday following the third Saturday in June at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Gary Young, Albert Cable, Danny Runyon and Andrew Walters.

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: Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Harold Sesco and Bruce Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY on the fourth Saturday in June, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., in memory of James Ballard and Mazie Smith Blackburn, William Cashier and Opal Crigger Blackburn, William Cody and Leona Blackburn Stanley, Geraldine Blackburn, Linda K. Deskins, Delores Johnson Blackburn, Elder Rush Stanley, George and Sylvia Blackburn Smith, Ermal and Dolly Blackburn Deskins, and Vernon and Darlene Blackburn Crigger (who are buried on the Crigger Cemetery). We welcome all Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

ANTIOCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Mathis Cemetery in the head of Buffalo Creek in Wayne County, WV on Sunday following the fourth Saturday in June at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Leonard Napier, Jimmy Stewart, Sam Frye, and Edward L. Smith. Everyone welcome. Dinner is to be served.

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Brother Joe Fletcher, his wife Hazel Fletcher, and son Roger Fletcher; Lacy Orville Fletcher; Orville Spence; infant baby of Jeff and Mary Spence; Estill Spence; Sammy Spence; Mary Alice Spence; Earnest Spence; Ollie Spence; Unice Jude; Ernestine Perry; and others buried on the cemetery on Orville Road. This meeting to be on the Odd Sunday (June 30, 2019). All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

JULY 2019

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting, at the church house, for all those buried on the Reed and Lockard Cemetery, on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Mike Lowe, Dale Williamson, Danny Runyon, Gary Young and Stony Blackburn.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson and Scott Cemetery near the Leannah Church at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Andrew Walters, Bruce Williamson and Danny Runyon.

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. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis and Sam Frye with Moderator and Assistant moderator attending. 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 Jack Cassidy Branch of Coldwater Road. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Albert Cable and Todd Dials.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Narrows Branch Church for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork), Hardy, KY, and for Brother Clyde and Sister Fern Brown who are buried on the Hill Crest Cemetery at Kenova, WV. It will be held on Sunday following the third Saturday in July 2019, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: David May, Harold Sesco and Bruce Williamson.

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, Duane Smith, Andrew Walters and Richard Staton.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel Stacy, his wife; Cora Stacy, Tan Howell, Ora Howell, his wife; Mary Jude, Mary Moore, Ralph and Carey Reed, Robert Howell and other family members on Sunday following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Sam Frye, Albert Cable, Chester Cochran and Thomas J. Dials.

AUGUST 2019

MEMORIAL MEETING of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton, Joseph Staton, Mont Staton, Lilburn (Zeek) Staton, Ruth Staton, Jerry Staton and Mary Staton will be held at the Elizabeth Church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Sam Frye, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., Jerry Runyon and Stony Blackburn.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting, at the Dillon-Prince Cemetery, on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Duane Smith, Arthur May, Eric Williamson and Jeffrey Dillon.

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 McCealy Cemetery at Maher, WV, the Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL, the Joe Taylor Cemetery and Joe Taylor family buried at Maher, WV, the Bent Ridge Cemetery, the Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland, KY, the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL, Ft. McCoy Cemetery in Ft. McCoy, FL and Hennon Scalf Cemetery on Curry Branch and Sister Hester Maynard and all that are buried on the Williamson Cemetery, and the Bobby Fields Family Cemetery on Billy Lowe Branch, on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Richard Staton, Earl Dean Newsome, Harold Sesco and Hobart Hamilton.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on the first Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Gary Adkins, Stony Blackburn and Arthur Mathis.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the deceased on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, WV. This meeting will be held on the Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Lacy Fletcher, Thomas J. Dials, Todd Dials and Albert Cable.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday for all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and for Clinton B. Lowe and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, West Virginia. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Harold Sesco, Danny Runyon, Kenneth B. Jude and Lonnie Jude.

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, Harold Sesco, Thomas J. Dials, Larry Thacker and Lloyd Brown.

PILGRIMS REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday of the deceased members of the Church and the friends of the community and veterans killed in action. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Mike Lowe, Greg Stanley, Danny Runyon, Harold Sesco with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Community Garden Cemetery, located on Route 37, approximately 5 miles south of Wayne, WV (Maynard Memorial) on Sunday following the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Ralph Cloud, Arthur Mathis, Clarence Mathis, Sam Frye and Leonard Napier.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the McCoy Cemetery including John and Margret McCoy, Oscar McCoy family, Tolbert McCoy family, also Johnnie Nichols, Sr. family and Lowe family of Gulnare, KY, Sister Victoria (McCoy) Maynard, Brother R. C. Maynard, Sr. and Elder Randall Scott on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Abe Howell and Jimmy Amos.

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: Albert Cable, Danny Hurley, Todd Dials 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: Arthur May, Gayle Brown, David May, Curt Carroll and Bruce Williamson.

BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the church on Sunday following the third Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Chester Cochran, Gabe Lowe, Jr, Jimmy Stewart, Jerry Runyon and Albert Cable.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Will and Charity Jude, Johnny and America Jude, Mark Jude, son of Kenneth B. and Dolly Jude, Henry Lee and Doris Jude, Mitchell Jude and other family members buried at the head of Peter Cave on Sunday following the third Saturday. Ministers called: Lacy Fletcher, Billy Joe Robinson, Lonnie Jude, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Dewey Jude 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 following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Wayne Sartin, Hobart Hamilton, Curt Carroll, Kenneth B. Jude and Todd Dials.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Henry Taylor Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Billy Joe Robinson, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude and Mike Lowe. Dinner will be served nearby.

SEPTEMBER 2019

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Dewey Jude's Family will be held on the Jude Cemetery in the head of Big Peter Cave on the Sunday after the first Saturday in September, 2019. Ministers called: Lonnie Jude, Todd Dials, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr., and Lacy Fletcher. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday before Labor Day in 2019. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Monty Messer, Jr.

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. This memorial is 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: Albert Cable, Billy Joe Robinson, Lonnie Jude and Kenneth B. Jude.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in memory of all deceased members of the Leannah Church on the first Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. at the Leannah Church. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, Richard Staton and Hobart Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ervin Morrison and all others 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, Randall Lowe 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 on the Maynard Cemetery Warfield, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Clyde Perry, David Lester, George Thomason and Preston Lewis.

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: Ivan Neal Thornsby, Northern Gayle Brown, Paul Maynard, Arthur Mathis and Lacy Walters.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Albert Cable, Leonard Napier and David May.

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: David Crigger, Danny Hurley, Harrison Runyon, Edward L. Smith, Clyde Perry and Gary Blevins.

OCTOBER 2019

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday of all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Arthur Mathis, Leonard Napier and Sam Frye.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Salem Church on the first Saturday and Sunday in October 2019. Ministers called: Harold Sesco, Richard Staton, Lloyd Brown, Greg Stanley and Jimmy Amos.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Kelly Slone, Ralph Slone, Jr., Squire Hamilton, Roger Coleman, Scott Hamilton and Dale Williamson.

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: Johnny Thornsberry, Paul Boggs, Mike Justice, Billy Joe Robinson, Harold Sesco and Murl F. Caudill.

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: Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials and Albert Cable.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Randall Lowe, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Sam Frye, Clyde Perry and Charles Edwards.

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: Albert Cable, Richard Staton, Zeb Justice, Arthur Mathis, Phillip Estep and Moderator attending.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of 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 on Sunday following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Sartin, Todd Dials, Kenneth B. Jude and Lonnie Jude.

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: Richard Staton, Jerry Overstreet and Mike Lowe.

NOVEMBER 2019

ANTIOCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Antioch Church on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Ralph Cloud, Kelly Slone, John Lewis and Matthew Ison.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

CHURCH	DAY AND TIME
Bent Branch Church	Every Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Bent Branch/Pilgrims Home at Pilgrims Home	New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.
Buck Creek Church	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Leannah Church	Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. 100 th Anniversary of the Leannah Church. Second Sunday in April 2019. Ministers called: Jimmy Amos, Chuck Hall, Jerry Overstreet and Richard Staton.
Little Tavie Church	Every Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m. New Year's Eve at 6:00 p.m.
Mary Elizabeth Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Pilgrims Home Church	Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.
Pilgrims Rest Church	Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. (No meetings in the months of December, January, February, and March)
Salem Church	Easter Sunday, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.
Samaria Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Sardis Association at Building	Every odd Saturday Evening at 6:00 p.m. (None on December 29, 2018)
Rosa Church	Every first Saturday Evening at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.
Turkey Creek	New Year's Eve at 7:30p.m. Every Odd Sunday at 11:00a.m. Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Lloyd Brown, Edward Lee Smith, Kelly Slone, Freddie Murphy, Ronnie Hensley and James Barney.

Obituaries-MEMBERS OF THE SARDIS CHURCHES

ELDER WAYNE HERALD, JR.

Elder Wayne Herald Jr., eighty-four, of South Point, Ohio, formerly of Jennies Creek, West Virginia, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at the Emogene Dolin Hospice House of Huntington, West Virginia. He was born on July 1, 1934 on Jennies Creek, West Virginia; he was a son of the late Wayne Herald Sr. and Edna Marie Corns Herald. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Edna Marie Herald as well as brothers; Edward and Carl Herald and a man like a brother, Ronnie Asbury. Wayne was a worker of Borden Chemical Company, a coal miner and worked in the motor vehicle industry. Brother Wayne was an Elder at the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.



Brother Wayne is survived by his wife; Sara Isabell Brown Herald of South Point, Ohio, sons; Ronnie (Tamara) Herald of Lenore, West Virginia, Carlton (Mellisa) Herald of Lewis Center, Ohio, daughter; Doris (Richard) Ross of Wayne, West Virginia as well as seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Wayne also leaves behind his sisters; Doris Asbury of Kermit, West Virginia and Lois (Leon) Justice of Crum, West Virginia. He also leaves behind a special friend, Carl Kirk of Lenore, West Virginia.

The above is a brief summary of Brother Wayne's natural work and natural family, but he was added to a spiritual family several years ago. The Light from Heaven shined down to him and condemned his natural works. This light led him to the foot of Jesus where he poured his heart to Jesus and found a precious love that surpassed all other love. Brother Wayne showed the change God made in him by his kindness, humble heart, loving forgiveness, and Brotherly Love. Along with this change in Heart came a call to preach the word of God. A struggle within him came about but as always God won and he preached Jesus Christ. He was blessed to understand the scriptures but always gave God the credit. As we mourn Brother Wayne's passing we have the memory of a child that served God with all in him. I must mention his love of a joke or mind puzzle that he loved to pull on us. He was jolly in natural life but serious in spiritual life.

Brother Wayne served as Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk for many of the churches in the Sardis Association. These included Buck Creek, Sidney, Little Rosie, Bethany, Elizabeth and others. He advised the churches by the spirit and the scriptures.

For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.

If Brother Wayne could speak I think he would warn you as Paul did in: 1 Timothy 6:12, *"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."*

Written by His Loving Family

NETTIE CAREY

"We know she will be a perfect angel. She was a perfect Momma to us." It is with the heaviest of hearts that we write this for our loving and beautiful Mom, Nettie Hignite Carey. She was born on March 23, 1963 at Holden, West Virginia. At the age of fifty-four, she went home to be with our Lord, on January 11, 2018, while at her home at Lenore, West Virginia.

She was preceded in death by; her husband, Steve "Toe" Carey; her parents, James and Mary Hignite; her brothers, James Hignite and Freddie Joe Hignite and her sisters; Gloria Davis and Alice Hignite. Those of us left to remember how caring, kind and hilarious she was include; her son, Steve Carey, Jr., (Andrea Brewer); her daughter, Sarah Carey-Rayser (Kyle Rayser); her brothers: Lester (Veronica) Hignite, Bobby (Pam) Hignite and George (Teresa) Hignite and her sisters; Sarah (Fred) Music, Brenda (Winfield) Collins and Deanna (JB) Stafford. Also, she leaves behind two grandbabies, who were her absolute world, Kaden and Owen. Kaden, who is seven, sleeps with her pillow every night and Owen, who is two, runs the house looking for her every time he comes to visit Aunt Sarah. So it is safe to say she was a big part of their world too.

Our Mom was a prankster and loved to make people laugh and smile. We could search this world over and never be able to find another heart as big and caring as hers. She could not stand to see someone go without and would always offer a helping hand anytime she was able (and even when she wasn't). She was a praying woman who believed with every ounce of her power of a prayer. She knew the amazing things a prayer could do and you could always count on her to say a special prayer for you.

She was a member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. Her faith in the Lord was a very real and beautiful thing and is the only thing that makes losing her just a little bit easier for us. Knowing without a shadow of a doubt that she is with the Lord and she is taken care of. She fought her battle and her reward is the Kingdom of Heaven. We love you bigger than the sky, Momma. We can't wait for that beautiful reunion we will have with you and dad one day.



Written by,
Steve and Sarah

DONNIE GARY FARLEY

Donnie Gary Farley, my papaw, born April 8, 1948, passed away at his residence on April 28, 2018 at the age of seventy. He was born up Narrows Branch, Hardy, Kentucky, to the late Lawrence and Nolie Hunt Farley. One sister, Eba Helen Farley and two brothers, Randolph Darrell and Harold Thomas Farley, preceded Papaw in death. Also, a brother in law, Roscoe Williamson, sister in laws, Eula Keene Farley and Carol Farley. He is survived by my Mamaw, Betty June Keene Farley, of fifty years of marriage. God blessed them with two daughters, Debbie (Rodney) McIntosh of Ransom, Kentucky, Donna (Larry Joe) Thacker of Hardy, Kentucky, and one son Derek Farley of Hardy, Kentucky. Five grandchildren, Troy (Allissia) McIntosh of Newtown, Ohio, Emily McIntosh of Ransom, Kentucky, Nathaniel and Summer



Thacker of Hardy, Kentucky, and Keegan Farley of Allen, Kentucky. Surviving brothers; James Farley of Cincinnati, Ohio, Charles (Marianne) Farley of Batavia, Ohio and Jerry (Carol) Farley of Hardy, Kentucky. Surviving sisters; Barbara Williamson, Daisy (Vernal) Sesco, Amanda Cleo Farley and Judy (Clayton) Stanley, all of Sidney, Kentucky, Connie (William) Huddle of McCarr, Kentucky, Patsy (Gary) Dotson of Ransom, Kentucky, Ollie (John) Scott of Fairfield, Ohio, Patty (Lewis) Luster of Sabina, Ohio, and sister in law; Mary Ruth Farley of Forest Hills, Kentucky.

Papaw served in the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1970. He received three medals; The Purple Heart, the Air Medal and the Bronze Star Medal. Upon coming home from the war, Papaw built houses and retired as a carpenter. He was very talented with wood and sheetrock work.

On September 4, 2011, Papaw was baptized and gave his hand to the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a faithful member of the church.

Some of Papaw's hobbies were gardening, visiting nursing homes and singing songs about Jesus. Two of his favorite songs were "Beulah Land" and "Angel Band." Papaw Donnie spent his life serving others and caring for his family. He is laid to rest at the Smith-Farley Cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky.

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians

Written by his granddaughter,
Summer Thacker

RUBY FLETCHER

Proverbs 31:10, *"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."* With the help of the good Lord and with tears running down my face, I will try to write the obituary of our precious mommy.

Ruby Fletcher, age eighty-three, of Little Peter Cave, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at approximately 12:50 AM at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born September 14, 1934 in Martin County, Kentucky to the late Tolbert and Vadie Maynard.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by five sisters and one brother; Ada Muncy, Hazel Fletcher, Sadie Jude, Elzava Moore, Elsie Mitchem and Harvey Maynard. She is also preceded in death by one great granddaughter, Elisha Fletcher.

Mommy and Daddy married on February 15, 1952. They were together almost sixty-six years. They made many wonderful memories together with their family.

Surviving are her loving husband, Elias Fletcher and eleven kids; six sons and five daughters; Joyce Ann (Haskel) Stacy, Glen Ray (Darlene) Fletcher, Gary Lee (Betty) Fletcher, Shelvie Jean (Roger) Prewitt, Lewis (Edna) Fletcher, Irene (Thurman) Jude, Randy (Stephanie) Fletcher, Sandy Kay (Dwayne) Collins, Raymond (Sharon) Fletcher, Lois Faye (Rick) Slone and Billy Joe (Susan) Fletcher. She is also survived by thirty-four grandkids, forty-six great grandkids, one brother (Lewis Maynard) and one sister (Earnestine Moore).

Mommy was saved in August 1978 at the Jude and Fletcher's Cemetery Memorial Meeting. She was baptized by Elder Wayne Herald and Elder Milford Lowe. I can remember Mommy saying, "I had a purse in my hand, but don't remember what happened to it, because I was up and shouting all over the place." She joined Sidney Church in July 1979, and she was a faithful member until her passing.

Mommy always sat up front right beside her sister in law, Mabel Fletcher. They were more like sisters. She would get so happy, she'd raise her right hand up praising the good Lord. Her favorite song was "Ride Out Your Storm", and she did just that. I believe I'll see my PRECIOUS MOMMY again some sweet day.



Written with love by her daughter and sister in Christ,
Irene Jude

MARY HELEN VARNEY GILLMAN

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that we write the obituary for our dear mother, Mary Helen Varney Gillman. She was born January 12, 1923, to Ken and Lillie Varney. She departed this life on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the age of ninety-five. Mary joined the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church in 1954.

Mother was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-six years, England Gillman (August, 1999); four brothers: William, Avery, Floyd Jr. and Lonnie Varney and two sisters; Victoria Varney and Hazel Phillips. Left to mourn her loss are three children; Vivian Gillman Myers of Tempe, Arizona, Danny (Becky) Gillman of Centerburg, Ohio and Eugene (Carol) Gillman of Worthington, Ohio. Four Grandchildren; Ron and Mike (Cami) Myers of Arizona; Danielle Gillman Garvey and Brian Gillman of Ohio. Six great grandchildren; Mitchell, Peyton and Amanda Myers of Arizona, Nicholas Garvey and Ty and Ava Gillman of Ohio.

Mary was a loving, kind and generous mother and friend. She leaves many relatives and friends who loved her and will miss her. She has gone to a better home where there is no pain and suffering.

Submitted by her family

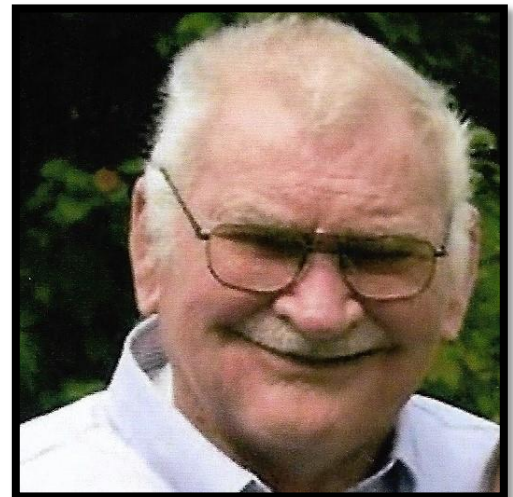


CHESTER RAY HARRISON

With the help of God, I will try and write the obituary of my dear sweet brother in the Lord. Chester Ray Harrison, eighty of Martin County, Kentucky went home to be with the Lord on March 26, 2018 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of the late John and Zella Fraley Harrison. He was born January 10, 1938, at Hatfield, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by two sons; Dale Harrison and Donnie Ray Harrison, four brothers and one sister. He was a retired coal miner and timber man.

Survivors left behind are his loving wife, Dixie Louise Harrison, three daughters; Gloria (Greg) Maynard, Patricia (Dole) Maynard and Judy (Sam) Spaulding. One brother; Clifford (Minnie) Harrison and two sisters; Ruth (James) Vanhoose and Jean Scott. Eight grandchildren and a host of

great grandchildren, as well as friends, brothers and sisters in the Lord. He was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church. He loved to go to church. Even when he wasn't well, God would bless him to come. Ray always had a smile on his face and would tell you he loved you.



His family is going to miss him. Home will be lonesome without Dad, but if you will all get right with God you can see Daddy again, where the family circle won't be broken any more, God Bless.

Walk with me father until my journey is through, then by your grace bring me home to you!

Written by his baby sister,
Jean Scott

JAMES FRANKLIN HINKLE

With a mournful heart, we write the obituary of our beloved husband and daddy, James Franklin Hinkle. In Matthew 5:4, the Lord tells his disciples, "*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*" Although we miss him, we find comfort knowing that twenty-four years ago he made his peace with the Lord. We know that he is now resting in the Paradise of God, awaiting that glorious resurrection morning.

James was born on August 27, 1952 to the late Tive and Tennessee Hinkle of Beauty, KY. He was the youngest of their twelve children and the only son who lived to adulthood. He graduated from Warfield High School in 1970 and attended carpentry classes at Mayo Technical School. Throughout his life, James worked hard as an underground coal miner and enjoyed spending time with his family.

During his twenty-four years of coal mining, he not only operated each piece of equipment, he was a Section Foreman with the best coal average for a single section. When he retired, he was a Shift Foreman. He worked hard and endured a lot to support our family.

On July 24, 1976, he married the love of his life, Deborah Kay Fitch. To this union was born two daughters, Kimberly Ann and Amy Marie. Although he waited over twenty years, he gained two sons, Todd Dials and Andy Howard, Jr., when they married his daughters. During their forty-one years of marriage, they worked loving side by side by raising two daughters and babysitting their three grandsons.

On the third Sunday in March 1994, James was baptized by Elders Tom Dials and Wayne Herald, Jr. One month later, on the third Sunday in April 1994, his loving wife Debbie was baptized by Elders Tom Dials and Wayne Herald, Jr., making them equally yoked, working side by side for Jesus. A few years later, James was ordained a Deacon at Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. On the third Sunday of February 2006, he helped to baptize his oldest daughter, Kimberly Ann.

Nothing brought more joy to him than spending time with his family, especially his grandsons, James Thomas (J.T.), Matthew, and Andrew. He enjoyed rocking and singing to them when they were babies. As toddlers, he created silly games for them to play. As little boys, he taught them to fish and build things. As they became teenagers, he taught them how to work. He was always dreaming up a project for his boys to help him do. He would call and ask "Are you going to bring



my boys to see me? I've got something I need them to help me do." Even if they were "between projects" the boys loved to just sit and talk with him. We are thankful for the loving relationship that he had with his boys, as they loved each other dearly.

On December 5, 2017, after an extended illness, James Franklin Hinkle passed peacefully from this world. In those final moments, we know he was saddened to be leaving us, because a tear gently rolled down his cheek. But then, he smiled and was carried into Cannon's fair land. We miss him. However, this is not goodbye, it is only farewell until we meet again on Heaven's bright shore.

Written in loving memory of our precious husband and daddy by,
Sister Deborah (Fitch) Hinkle, Sister Kimberly (Hinkle) Dials, Amy (Hinkle) Howard

WILLIAM "BILLY" HINKLE

With a broken heart I will try to write the obituary with the help of the good Lord of my dad, William "Billy" Hinkle. He was born February 18, 1927 and passed away on May 7, 2018, at the age of ninety-one.

He was the son of the late Clarence and Wilda Young Hinkle. Also preceding him in death was his loving wife Ollie Ray Hinkle, son, Wendell Hinkle, brothers George and Clarence Lee "Joe" Hinkle, and sister Bonnie Lou Hinkle.

Mom and Dad were married on October 19, 1949, and they had sixty-three years together. The last thirty years, you never saw one without the other one. They had five children; sons; Jerry Hinkle and wife Kathy of Mavisdale Virginia, Monroe Hinkle and wife Pam of Oakwood, Virginia, Danny Hinkle and Serena Davis of Oakwood, Virginia; daughter, Diana Hinkle Stacy and husband Stanley of Grundy, Virginia; daughter-in-law Regina Hinkle of Grundy, Virginia, four sisters, Dorothy Robinson and Ida Bell Potter both of Florida, Rosetta Allen and Claudia Gilliam both of Pikeville, Kentucky; one brother, James Lacy Hinkle and wife Irene of Meta, Kentucky, and his pet companion, Meow Meow. He is also survived by five grandchildren; Stephanie Webb, Chase Hinkle, Samantha Stacy, Jessica Smith and Justin Hinkle, five great grandchildren; Seth, Sage and Mia Webb, Hunter Hinkle and Dylan Smith. Oh how Daddy loved his grandbabies, they always brought a smile to his face.

Daddy joined the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church in April 1980. It was the best thing he ever done. Dad loved that church so much, and all the people there. Rest easy until we meet again, we love and miss you!!!



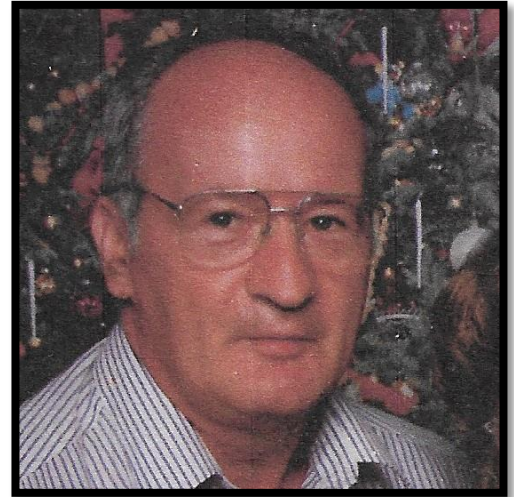
Written by his family

CALVIN C. HOWARD

"A merry heart doeth good like medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." Proverbs 17:22. With the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of Calvin C. Howard. He was born on January 22, 1947 to the late Clinton and Azzie Jude Howard in Martin County Kentucky. He passed away on October 22, 2017 at the Pikeville Medical Center. His wife Ida Maynard Howard preceded him in death in 2014. They were married on May 21, 1966. After her death, he seem to just wilt away like leaves in the fall. He loved her so much and where you saw one, most of the time you saw the other.

His brothers Garland Howard, Conrad Howard, Andy Howard, Langley Howard and Clinton B. Howard also preceded him in death. Sister Neiva Howard preceded him in death. He was survived by his children; Linda Mae (Mack) McCoy of Pilgrim Kentucky, Cinderella Kay (Michael) Maynard of Pike County and Calvin O. (Denise) Howard of Pike County, Kentucky. He is also survived by his grandchildren; Mack C. (Buster) McCoy, Calvin E. McCoy, Buddy Ray McCoy, Tasha (Andrew) Stacy all of Martin County Kentucky, C.C. (Lindsey) Howard of Lexington, Kentucky and Michael Austin Maynard of Pike County, Kentucky. A great granddaughter, Ida Mae Stacy of Martin County, Kentucky also survives him. He sure was so proud of her he stayed at the hospital until she was born and he thought the world of her. Also left to mourn his loss are brothers; Bill (Marcella) Howard, Milford Howard of Martin County, sisters; Eva Stacy of Pike County, Kentucky and Edna Spaulding of Martin County, Kentucky. Also a host of nieces and nephews.

One thing about my Big Daddy is he never met a stranger, no matter who it was he would always treat everyone the same and he sure loved to cut up and go on with anyone that would. He was a retired coal miner who loved to always be on his porch or out in the hills or going out gathering eggs from his chickens. He belonged to the Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church of Louisa, Kentucky. He always loved to attend church whenever he was able. I always treasured going over to their house on Big Branch on Sundays, those were some of the best times of my life. Memories I will treasure until my dying day. I know the last years of his life were very hard on him. He loved my Big Mommy so much and he would sit on the porch looking over on the hill where she was resting. I thank God his suffering is over and he is at rest from his labor. I have hope one day to meet them both on the streets of Heaven.



Love you always,
Mack C. (Buster) McCoy

PEARL JEAN HOLLAND MATHIS

Pearl Jean Holland Mathis, eighty-five, wife of Elder Clarence Mathis of Wayne, West Virginia, left this world on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, following a long illness. She was born on April 18, 1932, in Genoa, West Virginia, to the late George and Laura Fields Holland. Pearl had seven sisters and six brothers.

In 1952, she married Clarence Mathis of Wayne, West Virginia. Pearl was a loving wife for over sixty-five years and the precious mother of Teresa, Brad, Laura, Mark, Mike, Jennifer, and Artletta. She adored her eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren who loved to visit with her and enjoyed her home cooked meals. Pearl was a homemaker who loved gardening and put much effort into the most beautiful begonias each summer. Her life was dedicated to her husband, children and church. Pearl was baptized in April 1962, by Elder Glen Arrowood and Brother Brad Mathis. She joined the Antioch United Baptist Church in Wayne, West Virginia.

She loved going to church and took care of a lot of brothers and sisters in her home when they visited. Pearl was always cooking for the church and was a big help to all. Funeral Services were conducted by Elders Albert Cable, Leonard Napier, and Ralph Cloud on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church, where she was a member for fifty-five years. Burial was at the Mathis Cemetery, located on Buffalo Creek Road, in Huntington, WV.

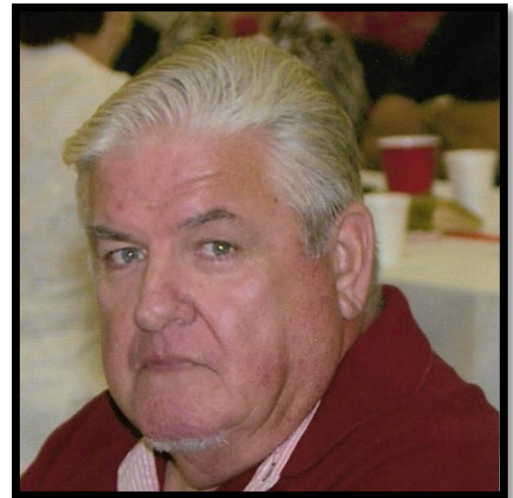
Written by her family



JEFF MAY, JR.

With a sad and heavy heart I will attempt to write the obituary of my older brother, Jeff May, Jr. He was the oldest son of the late Elder Jeff May and late Sister Garline Kirk May. Jeff was born on December 8, 1946 and left this life trusting in the Lord on January 28, 2017. He gave his life to the Lord and was baptized on May 12, 1974. Taking membership with the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Dingess, West Virginia, where he remained faithful until death.

He was preceded in death by one infant sister, Ruby Jo May, one younger brother Billy Ray May, and his wife of forty-nine years, eight months, Karen Sue McCloud May, and one infant daughter, Sandra Machell May. Jeff leaves behind one son, Jeffrey Scott (Heidi) May, one brother in law, Fred (Wanda) McCloud, one brother, Larry (Mary Ann) May and one sister, Mary Ann (Barry) Dempsey. Along with a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom loved him very much.



Jeff was a Vietnam War veteran who served his country with honor. He also stayed active with his local Veterans Administration. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening and was a retired truck driver. Jeff was one of my mentors in life, sharing his knowledge and sound advice. He was more than a big brother to me, one of my heroes and best friend. I love and miss him so much and I hope that the Lord will let me carry those memories and love until we meet again. With a tear in my eyes, but a smile in my heart, I will see him again on the right hand of the Father.

Your Brother in Christ,
Larry May

BETTY SUE STANLEY MAYNARD

Betty Sue Stanley Maynard, age sixty-nine passed away Sunday, March 25, 2018 at her home. Mamaw was born on April 20, 1948 to her parents, the late Willie and Mary Jane Stanley. She was the wife of the late Raymond Maynard. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church of Varney, Kentucky for twenty years.

Along with her parents and husband, Mamaw was preceded in death by one son, Vergil Edward Maynard and five brothers; Goble Stanley, John Stanley, Oliver Stanley, Roy Stanley and Ezra Lee Stanley. Mamaw is survived by one son, Timothy Maynard, one daughter in law, Stephanie Maynard, one granddaughter, McKenzi Maynard, three sisters, Mary (James) Burke, Nancy Irene Stanley and Margaret Young, one brother, Larry (Anita) Stanley, special nieces and nephews and a host of loving family and friends.

Mamaw was loved by everyone that came into contact with her. She was always proud of her granddaughter, McKenzi, and she had a special bond with her nieces and nephews. Mamaw was constantly bragging on her family because she was so proud of them. She was very close with her brother in laws and sister in laws. Mamaw was loved by many and will be missed very much.



Written by her granddaughter,
McKenzi Maynard

CHRISTY RENE BRYANT MAYNARD

With a very heavy heart I will try to write the obituary of our dear sweet daughter in law, Christy Rene Bryant Maynard. Christy was born on December 4, 1977 to Dorothy (Doris) and the late Chester Bryant. She married our son, Tim Maynard on April 22, 2000. Christy passed away on August 28, 2018 at the Pikeville Medical Center with her family by her side.

She leaves to mourn her passing; her husband, Tim Maynard of Brushy Creek, her mom, Doris Bryant of Pikeville, Kentucky, two brothers; David Bryant of Pikeville, Kentucky and Daryl (Rene) Bryant of Kenia, Alaska, niece Courtney (Stephen) Legg of Providence Forge, Virginia, nephew Brandon (Delicia) Bryant of Glenn Burnie, Maryland and two special cousins which she considered her sisters, Jamie Bryant and LeAnne Wilson.

She leaves us to mourn her passing also and a hole in our hearts. She called Harold, Pappy and me, Mom. She was a sweet sister in law to Tim's siblings; Michael (Kay) Maynard and Deneita Sue (Randy) Lowe. And a special aunt to Mikey Maynard, Lisa Lowe and Vinnie Lowe.

Christy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized August 9, 2015. She had her membership added to the Apple Orchard Church on September 5, 2015. She is going to be missed so badly by all who knew her. Rest on our dear loving, Christy, you are no longer in pain. Your suffering is over.

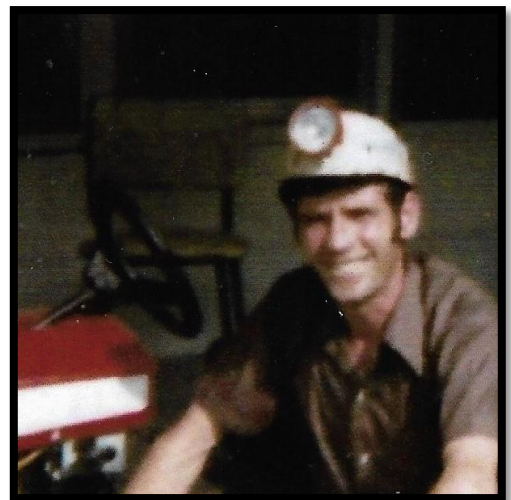
Her loving Mother in Law (Mom),
Betty Maynard



JAMES CLARENCE McCOY

With broken hearts, love and sadness we will attempt to write the obituary of our loving dad, James Clarence McCoy. James was born the seventh son to the late Shirlin W. and Lucy V. Blackburn McCoy on Tuesday April 23, 1940, in Martin County, Kentucky with the help of mid-wife, Mary "Maw" Lowe. He was blessed with fourteen brothers and sisters; Augustine, Money, Margaret, Joseph Allen, Mack, Almond, Ivory, Virgil T. , Raymond, Tom, Lora, Roberta, Ruth and Mildred.

James C. spent his childhood growing up in Meathouse, it was here that he both played and worked. He told us stories about his one room schoolhouse, Ol ' Doc Keith, the local store and the mail being delivered on a mule. He worked hard in those large fields of corn over in Big Branch. Hard times but filled with love. As a young adult he enjoyed working with his Dad and brothers in their logging business in West Virginia



and made great friends with the "Varney boys." That was followed by various jobs with gas and lumber companies.

A cold spring day in 1968 James ventured over to Inez. In the middle of the Inez and Warfield rivalry he met a beautiful woman named Belvie L. "Rena" Goble, the love of his life. Rena became his wife on March 22, 1969. That same year he started his career as a coal miner. They began their family on Middlefork and was blessed with the birth of their first daughter, Freda Louise McCoy (Floyd) on March 28, 1970. They moved to Coldwater for a few years then bought their place on Saltwell. On October 12, 1978, James and Rena were blessed with their baby daughter, Patricia Faye McCoy. He worked hard in the mines and later became a foreman. He took pride in his work, going underground to work for his family and was so proud of his home. James took pride in his little girls. He was the absolute best Dad in the world. From teaching us how to ride our bikes, tie shoes, tell time, count money, mow grass, drive a car, to being our number one supporter in college. Dad was the hero that you only find once. Not only did he teach us to be hard workers, that we can do anything we set our mind to, he taught us about the Good Lord. The memories of him taking us to church from the time we were little girls to grown women will be with us forever. He took care of his wife and family and kept us safe from all harm. The list could go on and on.

From the time James was a little boy he faced a lot of sickness in his life. Doctors' offices and hospitals became more of a second home to him at times but his faith in God got him through. He would say that he knew either way he was going to be just fine. James was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church April of 1985. The sickness that he endured did not stop him.

He always had a smile and willingness to chat with strangers, which made him a good friend to many. James loved to garden. He worked hard to have fresh garden food every single year. He also loved his animals. Taking care of his little mule and other animals was his pride and joy.

On May 12, 2016, James had to watch as his loving wife take her last breath. He told us he would not be here long without her. He spent a lot of time at her gravesite. The article that he wrote for her in the 2016 minute explains it well as he said "We had forty eight years together but I look to see her again on that day when we all will meet. On that day when the Lord will come and unite us together forever more. I will meet her on the clouds in that day and will be together forevermore."

The grief and the medical problems became so hard. Coal dust took a toll on his lungs. He never gave up, he carried his oxygen and kept going even when he didn't feel like it. While in the hospital, James would still sing those old time songs even though his breath was short and labored. I can still hear him sing Amazing Grace and Far Away is a Land. He was a member of the Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church for over thirty-two years, and loved the singing and preaching. Songs gave him comfort in his last days.

I kept telling my Dad he was my Hero, my best friend, my whole entire world. Dad told me he would be standing there waiting on me. On December 20, 2017, we had to face our worst fear. We held our sweet Dad and kept telling him how much we loved him and what a good Dad he was. His loving heart was taking its final beats. All of the sickness, trouble and heartache he had faced in his life was leaving him. He traded his hard hat for a halo, his light went out.

That bright Wednesday morning he departed this life at the UK Medical Center in Lexington, making his stay on this earth seventy-seven, seven months and twenty-seven days. James Clarence and Rena were inseparable, always together and the very next year he was laid beside her once again, at the beautiful Riverview Memorial Gardens in Louisa, Kentucky. Together forever.

Everyone loves differently, hearts break differently too. Our hearts are shattered in a million pieces that can never be repaired. No one will ever know how we feel, how we hurt. We will never

be the same, but we know he's standing there waiting on us. Living without him is an absolute nightmare but I can't wait until that day, Dad I know you're waiting on us and when we get there we can all be together forevermore.

Written by Daddy's Girls Forever,
Patricia Faye McCoy & Freda L. McCoy Floyd

LESLIE GAYLE McGUIRE

It is with a broken heart and guidance from God that we write the obituary of our dad and papaw, Leslie McGuire. Les was born at home on March 20, 1943, to Forest and Effie McGuire. Les was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Leon and Charles McGuire; three sisters, Magdeline McGuire, Dolly Mae Robinson, and Elkie Catherine Robinette; one granddaughter, Jackelyn Rae Nichols; and one special sister-in-law, Ella McGuire.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Gloretta Bevins McGuire, one brother, Ralph (Betty) McGuire of Wellington, Kentucky one daughter, Penny (Dudley) Nichols, two sons, David Leslie McGuire and Christopher Gayle McGuire, all of Varney, Kentucky. His grandchildren, three granddaughters, Jessica (Michael) Sturgill of Pikeville, Kentucky, Haley (Jacob) VanHoose of New Tazwell, Tennessee, Kristina Danielle McGuire of Varney, Kentucky and three grandsons, Aaron (Kaci) McGuire, Christopher Blake McGuire, and Zachary Ryan McGuire all of Varney, Kentucky. His great grandchildren are Michael Elijah Sturgill and Avery Jordyn Sturgill of Pikeville, Kentucky.

Leslie met his love, Gloretta Faye Bevins, while the two attended Johns Creek High School. On August 10, 1963, the two were married. As many in these mountains did, Les and Gloretta moved away to find better work. They only made it as far as Huntington, West Virginia where their daughter Penny was born. They eventually made it back to Pike County where Les worked for Carter and Sadler Wholesales driving a truck before becoming a coal miner. Papaw Bevins tore down his red barn so that Les and Gloretta could build their first home on Scott Fork, where their two sons David and Chris were born. It wasn't too long before he felt the pull to come back to Brushy. They built their second and final home next to his parents, Effie and Forest McGuire, on Wolf Branch more than forty years ago.

Les was a faithful servant of the Pilgrim Home Church, giving his life to the Lord over thirty-eight years ago and then serving as a deacon for thirty-six years. Les and Gloretta actually gave their lives to the Lord on the same day and didn't even realize the other was doing so and were baptized together.

Les was very straightforward when it came to church doctrine and others in the church often sought his council. Outside of church, he loved nothing more than a good joke or prank, and we will always remember his sense of humor.

Les loved children, and they loved him. So many children that came to church over the years became his favorites – he would bring them candy and just made them feel special. It is hard to



describe the relationship he had with his grandchildren. He made them all feel that they were his favorite.

We accept that our loss is Heaven's gain, but it will sure be lonely here without him. It is comforting knowing that he is home with the Lord and that we have the blessed hope of seeing him again someday.

Written by his loving family

ELLEN GIBSON MURPHY

Ellen Elizabeth Gibson Murphy was born Sunday, May 26, 1946 a daughter of the late John and Rebecca (Lawson) Gibson. She left this world for the glory land on August 13, 2018, making her stay here on Earth seventy-two years.

Growing up on Brushy, Ellen was content in helping her mom and dad with her siblings and the care they needed. She so enjoyed the simple life and many days found her talking to the Lord. Ellen was baptized and became a member of the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church.

She met and married Hayes Murphy and to this union was born Becky Murphy, Margaret Murphy Burgess and Hayes Murphy, Jr., who preceded her in death. Ellen leaves behind one brother, Roland "Bear" Gibson and two sisters, Claudia Thompson and Mary Lou Gibson. Ishima Gibson, Tony Lee "Perk" Gibson and Martha Ann Gibson preceded her in death. She leave behind two grandchildren; Elizabeth Sallie Lowe and Julius Haze Lowe; two great grandchildren Damion Matthew and Hall Paige Hall, nieces and nephews and a host of friends and loved ones that will dearly miss her. I'm sure that Ellen would want us today to tell her children and family all about the love of God and that he gave his only begotten son that we may live eternally. She would tell you that the love of God is not learned, but it is felt. The Book of Psalms tell us, be still and know that I am God.



Written by her loving family with the help of Sister Bea Robinette

JANETTE PACK

It is with fond memories and a sad heart that we write the obituary of our dear mom. She was born July 31, 1938 in Fort Gay West Virginia to the late Kelly and Lily Wellman Castle. She departed from this earth on June 26, 2018 at her home in Louisa, Kentucky, with her family gathered at her bedside.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ova Pack, who she married August 21, 1958. Of this union were two daughters; Wanda (Richard) Parsley and Marsha Calvert. She is also survived by three grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one great great granddaughter, three brothers and one sister that she dearly loved.

She was a long standing member of the Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on July 3, 1983 by her daddy, Elder Kelly Castle and uncle Elder Kirk Caudill.

Proverbs 31:31 says *"Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates,"* and mom always tried to live her life like this verse, to always see the good in everybody, to turn the other cheek and never speak ill of someone. She was loving, humble, generous and kind. She will be missed more than words can say but we were blessed for every day we had with her.



Written by her daughters and granddaughter

RAY PERRY

With a broken heart we say goodbye to our dear husband, Dad, Papaw and Poppy. Ray went to be with the Lord, December 13, 2017 at his home with hospice. He was a member of the Little Tavia Old Regular Baptist Church. He was born April 17, 1937 at Glenhayes, West Virginia, to Homer and Hester Meade Perry.

Ray was married to Mary Belle Case Perry for sixty years, eleven months and thirteen days. They were married on December 25, 1956. Together they had one son, Bobby Lee Perry (Mary Ann). One grandson, Shannon Perry, one granddaughter Melissa Dawn Perry (Jamie), three great grandchildren, Caleigh Doan, Dana Perry, Clayton Perry and is survived by one sister, Ann Thornsberry of Fort Gay, West Virginia. Two brothers Carl Perry of Davesville, West Virginia and Clifford Perry (Karen) of Medina, Ohio.



He loved going to church and spending time with his family. Ray had a bad stroke in 2016 that left him without speech and he could not walk but he kept praying and loving the Lord, which understood him although we couldn't. Brother Sam Frye called to check on us every week. If he didn't call when Ray thought he should, he got the phone book and pointed to his name for me to call

him. The brothers and sisters in church came to our home to visit and have church with us, which he loved, and loved them all very much. He also got to listen on some Sundays to the meeting over the phone. We want to thank everyone for your prayers and help we got to take care of him. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Written by Mary Belle (wife) and Bobby Lee (son)

NEVA JEAN ROBINETTE

Neva Jean Robinette, age eighty-seven, passed away Monday, January 22, 2018 at her residence. Mommy was born on April 6, 1930, to the late Willie K. and Nancy Hughes. Mommy was preceded in death by her husband, Earl J. Robinette and one grandson, Patrick Nichols. Neva was preceded in death by four brothers; Jim Hughes, William "Bill" Hughes, Gabe Hughes and Jackie Hughes. She was preceded in death by five sisters; Ora Mae Reese, Irene Hughes, Ruby Burden, Minta Campbell and Wanda Calhoun. She is survived by one sister, Lou Glass.

Neva Jean married Earl J. Robinette on April 6, 1951. Mommy is survived by two sons; Jerry (Loretta) Robinette, Terry (Rita) Robinette, and one daughter, Judi Nichols. She leaves six grandchildren; Kristi (Charles) Edmonds, Patrick (Brandi) Nichols, Lora (Mark) Compton, Jeremy (Leisa) Robinette, Barry (Betty) Robinette and Wesley (Tamsie) Robinette. She leaves eleven great grandchildren; Hannah and Zachary Edmonds, Logan and Lainey Nichols, Matthew and Maddox Compton, Haley (Trevor) Sparks, Abigail and Adyson Robinette, Carter and Knox Robinette.



Neva Jean was a retired school teacher with the Pike County Board of Education. She taught for thirty years. Most of her teaching years were at Bevins Grade School. Mommy loved teaching at Bevins, where fellow teachers became lifelong friends and family. Here was a group that became especially close and remained that way even after retirement. Mommy considered each and every one of them a special friend and part of her family.

After retiring, mommy loved to go camping and fishing. We used to laugh and kid her and daddy and tell them they came home once a month to wash clothes. They camped and fished until sickness made them quit.

Mommy was a member of the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Varney. She loved going to church, whether at her home church Pilgrim's Home or visiting at her daughter Judi's church.

Neva Jean has been sick for a long time and fought it as long as she could until Jesus welcomed her home on January 22, 2018. We have lots of memories that we will never forget. Her loving example to family, friends and former students will have a lasting impact for years to come. Mommy (Neva Jean) is loved by many, remembered fondly and is missed deeply by all who knew her.

Written in love by her family

WILLIAM "BILL" ROBINSON

William "Bill" Robinson, age eighty-three, of Inez, went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 2, 2018 at CAMC Memorial Hospital in Charleston, West Virginia. He was born in Martin County, Kentucky, the son of the late Tom Robinson and Tiny McCoy Robinson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son; Thomas O'Neil Robinson; three brother, Hayes Robinson, Rush Robinson and Charles Robinson; three sisters, Marie Robinson (Clinton B.) Lowe, Mertie Robinson Preece and Nadine (Steward) Preece.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Moore Robinson of Inez; one son, James (Tracy) Robinson; one sister Betty Jean (Minefee) Bradford of Walbash, Indiana, and six grandchildren; Tiffany Robinson, Ashley (Brandon) Williamson, Alisha (Clarence) Robinson, Cassie (Shawn) Rose, Hannah Robinson and Justin (Rebecca) Robinson. He was also the Papaw to seven great grandchildren.

Uncle Bill was a kind, gentle person. I never saw him mad or heard him say anything bad about anyone. He was a loving husband, dad, brother, Papaw, uncle and friend. He was loved by all his family and will be sadly missed.

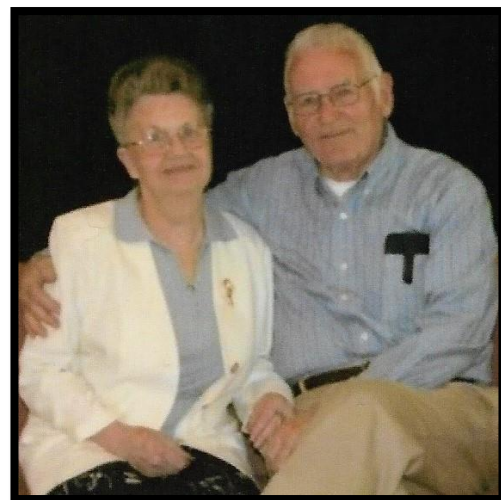
Written by his nephew and brother in Christ,
Hayes Robinson



DOLORES RAMONA SAUNDERS

Sister Dolores Ramona Saunders, eighty-two, peacefully went to be with our Lord and Savior on Monday, September 10, 2018. Born on February 14, 1936 on Buffalo Creek Road, Wayne County, West Virginia to Brad and Maudie Maynard Mathis. She went to Wayne High School in Wayne County, West Virginia. She married George Saunders of Nellis, West Virginia and remained married to the love of her life for sixty-one years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband George, two brothers Bill Mathis and Carroll Mathis, and son Millard Saunders. She is survived by her son; Terrence D. (Terry) Saunders and his wife Ginger of Graham, North Carolina; George E. Saunders II and his wife Tracey of Huntington, West Virginia; two sisters (Fanny Murray and Betty Miller both of Huntington, West Virginia), Clarence Mathis of Wayne, West Virginia, James Mathis of Florence, South Carolina, and Arthur Mathis of Wayne, West Virginia; nine grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren and over thirty nieces and nephews. Dolores was a retired seamstress and dressmaker employed at large department stores.



She also altered and created dresses for many formal events and weddings. She was the longest standing member of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church of Wayne, West Virginia for sixty-four years. She will be remembered for her kindness, caring heart, and love of Our Lord.

Funeral services were be conducted at 1 PM, Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home with Brothers Art Mathis, Leonard Napier and Sam Frye officiating. Burial followed at the Mathis Cemetery.

Written by her loving family

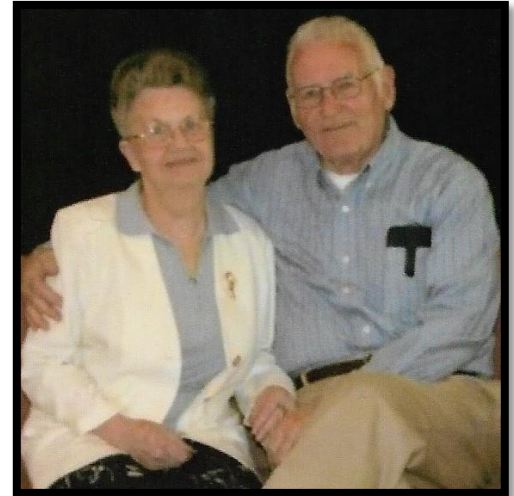
GEORGE SAUNDERS

George Emerson Saunders, eight-three of Huntington, West Virginia, peacefully went to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 28, 2018. He was born in Nellis, West Virginia to Millard F. Saunders and Sadie Belle Elswick Saunders. George went on to graduate from Berkley Springs High School in Morgan County, West Virginia. He married Dolores R. Saunders of Kiahsville, West Virginia and remained married to the love of his life for sixty-one years. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Phyllis Belcher and Gladys Delancy, and son Millard Saunders.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; two sons Terrence D. "Terry" Saunders and his wife Ginger of Graham, North Carolina, George E. Saunders II and his wife Tracey of Huntington, West Virginia, seven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren and over thirty nieces and nephews. George retired from the United States Navy as a Petty Officer First Class, Gunners Mate Missile. He was a faithful member of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church for sixty-one years. George was a deacon of the church and was also a borrowed member and clerk of the Bride of Christ Old Regular Baptist Church of Lavalette, West Virginia. He will be remembered for his love, sense of humor, and giving green apple bubble gum to the kids right before church service.

Services were be conducted at 1 PM, Saturday, September 1, 2018 at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home with Elders Arthur Mathis, Leonard Napier and Sam Frye officiating. Burial was at the Mathis Family Cemetery located in Huntington, West Virginia.

Written by his loving family



AMBER TIBBS

With prayer, good memories, and family gathered together, we try to best describe the full life of our loved one in just a few paragraphs. Amber Ann Tibbs was born Thursday, August 9th, 1979. She left this world peacefully on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Amber leaves behind her husband of twelve years, Brad Edward Tibbs and three children, Dalton McKaid Lawson, twenty years old, and twin girls, Alison Kaye Tibbs and Olivia Gayle Tibbs, eleven years old. Also her parents, Ned (Roberta) Miller and Debby (Smith) Michael Chavis, along with her brothers, Ned Miller Jr., Gaylord Chaney, Michael Anthony Chavis, Jeremy Chavis, and her sisters, Robin Gibson, Stacey Chapman, Amy Chavis, and numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and dear friends.



In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:14-16, He says... *"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill can not be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on it's stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven ."*

Amber was a light to all who met her. She was always smiling and never met a stranger. She found happiness in helping and giving to others. This was her testimony. This is how God used her for His glory. She loved her children, family and friends. She was a lover of animals, hair and makeup. She would cut, color, or style anyone's hair that asked and could even curl hair with a pencil! What patience she had. Amber enjoyed the outdoors and was definitely a tomboy. She was as tough and hardworking as many men. She was a wonderful companion to Brad, they trained horses, bred and sold dogs, shot guns and worked cattle together. She loved to Ginseng. She, Jack, and her dog Cruz would go whenever they could. She was her kids' number one fan in all they did. Ali in softball and track, Livi in cheerleading. She was proud of Dalton and was excited to help him prepare for college, but she really wished he would get his drivers license! She just loved how unique he was, she was so proud of that. Amber was "big sis" to her siblings, she took care of them, danced on the porch with them, protected the girls from their brothers, and leaves them with so many fond memories they can't even begin to list them. Amber accomplished many things in her life. When she was young she was determined to win the clogging competition at Hillbilly Days, and she worked hard and succeeded. She still loved to dance and would grab her family and friends at random times and make them join her. She loved her children fiercely but all the kids in her life she treated like her own. I bet if you asked her nieces and nephews, they would say she was more like another mommy to them than just an ainee. A fun mommy that let them get away with anything. During most gatherings, you could always find her with the kids, playing games, doing crafts, or just catching up with them. She would spoil them all and I know for me, would inspire me to be more fun and less worried about messes and wasted time. Who else could say they made so many kids feel so loved than Amber. That's an accomplishment. I knew of Brushy Creek before Amber came to the family. Another accomplishment of hers is how she transformed these hills. She was so proud of this place. It's where she built her beautiful family. It's where she figured out who she

was and what she wanted. It's where she found home. It was really neat to watch her become the sunshine of Brushy. Ask any of these people that live up and down these roads and in these hollers who their favorite friend is, they will all say Amber Tibbs. She did anything for anyone in the loudest, most efficient way and would only quit for a cigarette break or until the job was done. You always knew where she was because you could hear her a mile away. Most likely she was at her favorite people's house up the road, Jack and Linda Tibbs, ole Papaw and Mamaw. More than in-laws, they were best friends. It was a sight those three... always carrying on about something. She would always tell me that I was Jack's favorite daughter, but I know Amber really was. That's just her being her kind self, thinking of others, doing her best to make someone feel so good. She did that to all of us really. That love and kindness that drew us to her was what drew her friends to Jesus. Just recently her best friends chose to follow her and Brad's examples and give their lives to the Lord. Watching Jess and Mitchell work so hard the week of Ambers' passing... helping Brad with arrangement details and his daughters and family members - I know she won't be sitting in the pew beside y'all for the next forty years like she promised, but I know she's still with you because I can see her in all you are doing for Brad. Although it was in 2015 that Amber gave her life to God and became a member of the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church, it seemed like she had been a member since birth. She fit in so well. She loved preparing and setting up the food, cleaning up, working, worshipping, and fellowshiping with her brothers and sisters. Getting her own Big Branch kitchen apron with her name embroidered in red letters was probably something she was never prouder of having. She loved her church family so much and they loved her just as much right back. Amber was also an amazing artist and a talented poet. Brad shared some of the poems she wrote for her children and himself. They are such special and heartfelt gifts to leave behind for the people who captured her heart the most.

The Bible tells us that our hope is in Christ. That accepting the gift of Salvation and living our lives through Him is our promise for eternal life in Heaven with Jesus and the saints. Amber is one of God's saints. She is with him in Glory! Not having her here with us for our everyday lives will be an earthly struggle. But being able to rest in the hope of Christ, knowing that as fellow believers, we WILL join her in glory on the day God calls each of us home, this is what can make saying goodbye sting just a little less. So, dear Amber, our wife, mother, daughter, sister, cousin, ainee, niece, friend... we give you our reluctant earthly goodbye. But the devil can't steal our joy because we also give you our heavenly "see you later!" We love you so big, fly high dear one.

Written through the grace of God by Amber's sisters,
Robin Gibson and Stacey Chapman, sister in law, Megan Tibbs,
dear friend Jessica Scalf, and cousins in law Beth Ann McCoy and Jessica Adkins

ISAAC PAUL WALTERS

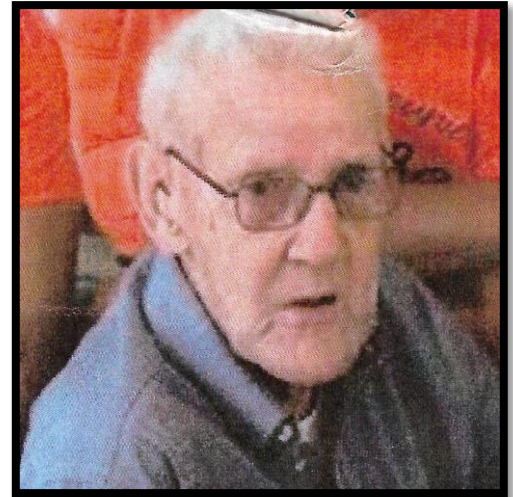
It is with sad and broken hearts that we try, by the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of our loving Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Dad was born in Pike County, Kentucky, September 6, 1935, and departed this life January 19, 2018, making his stay on earth, God's footstool, eighty-two years, four months and thirteen days.

He was the son of the late, John Dewy and Odessa Francis Walters. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers; John Dewey (J.D.) Walters of Sidney, Kentucky and A.B. Walters of Turkey Creek, Kentucky and one infant sister, Lorna Mae Walters. He was married to the love of his life, Ortha Nichols Walters on September 3, 1960. They were blessed to be together for fifty-seven years, four months and sixteen days.

He is survived by his wife, Ortha Walters, two sons, Craig Walters (Melvina) of Prestonsburg, Kentucky and Kent Walters (Chrissy) of Tutor Key, Kentucky, one daughter Marchell Blevins (Tim) of Covington, Georgia, two brothers, Philip Walters (Mary) of Sidney, Kentucky and Ernest Gene Walters (Charlotte) of Hatfield, Kentucky, three sisters, Diane Holland (Bryant) of Franklin, North Carolina, Marie Simon and Charlotte Walters of Hatfield, Kentucky, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Apple Orchard Old Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized October 7, 2006, by Elder Richard Staton and Elder Sabert Nichols. He was a faithful member until four months prior to his death. He attended church when he was just barely able to walk and so weak he would have to stop and rest before he would get up to the stand. He enjoyed being around his Brothers and Sisters in the Lord.

He was a coal miner, heavy equipment operator and was previously employed by Ashland Oil. He was a good provider for his family and worked hard to take care of them. He will surely be missed by all his family, brothers, sisters and friends. Sleep on Dear One until we meet again, for we believe he is asleep in the arms of Jesus. Oh, how we miss you Dad, since you passed away, but in our hearts, we do believe, we will meet you again someday.



Written by his broken-hearted family who loved him so much

L. C. WALTERS

With the help of the Lord I will try and write the obituary of my dear husband, Lacy C. "L. C." Walters. He was the son of Lacy Walters and Dixie Francis Walters, both deceased. L.C. was born February 28, 1934, and God called him home January 11, 2018, making his life here eighty-three years, eleven months and seventeen days.

L.C. and I, Louise Stepp Walters, were married August 28, 1954. We were married almost sixty-four years before death called him away. The home is so very lonesome now, but we will be together again soon, where there won't be any death to separate God's people. L.C. was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church and a veteran of the United States Army. He loved his church family very much, but was unable to go to church the last few years because of sickness.

He leaves behind four sons; Terry (Faye) Walters of Hatfield, Kentucky, Randy (Robin) Walters of Pikeville, Kentucky, Barry Walters of Hatfield, Kentucky, and Larry (Darlene) Walters of Locust, North Carolina; two granddaughters, Sonja (Jeff) Trout and Kassie Nicole Lipken; five grandsons, Zachery (Aileah) Walters, Andrew Walters, Barry Matthew (Tabitha) Walters, Justin (Brittany) Walters and Brandon Walters; two great granddaughters, Eleanore and Lillian Walters; six great grandsons, Ryan and Payton Trout, Colton, Aiden, Braylen and Levi Lipken.

L. C. had four brothers; Troy (Viola) Walters, Newton (Nancy) Walters, Dover (Lucy) Walters and Joseph Walters and one sister, Mary Walters Burris, all deceased.

My wish is that the family will be together again in Heaven when this life is over. If the family will obey and serve the Lord, we will. Family, be good to each other and take care of each other. Teach the little ones to respect and be good to others.



Written in love by your wife,
Louise Walters

EDITH WILLIAMSON

Edith Williamson ninety-one, of Sidney, Kentucky, gained her heavenly home on Friday July 13, 2018 at her residence. Edith was born January 28, 1927 at Canada, Kentucky, to the late Harvey Crigger and Martha Jane Hankins Crigger. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Glen Williamson, who died April 5, 2006; her son, Hi Edward Williamson; her sisters, Bessie Pauley, Gladys Williamson, Opal Blackburn, Hazel Smith, Inis Brown and Marie Allen and by her brothers, Perry Andrew Crigger, Earl Crigger and Cecil Crigger.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church since 1971. Survivors include one daughter; Brenda (Howard) Phillips of Sidney, KY; daughter-in-law, Anita Williamson of Sidney, KY; grandchildren, Allison Price, Meredith Eastwood and James (Susan) Williamson; great grandchildren, Keaton Eastwood, Ayla Brenn Eastwood, Trinity Price, Hailey Price, Elainea Williamson and Branden Williamson and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 1 PM, with Stony Blackburn and others officiating. Burial followed in the Cochran Cemetery, with family and friends serving as pallbearers.



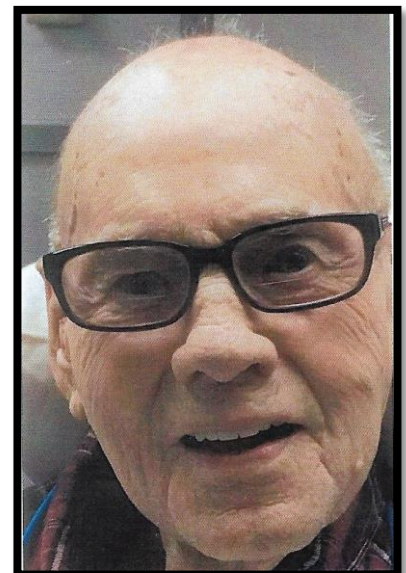
Written by her family

ROSCOE WILLIAMSON

Roscoe Williamson, ninety-two years and eight months, died Sunday, March 25, 2018 at his home in Sidney, Kentucky. He was a man that lived by Matthew 5:9 (his favorite verse): "*Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.*"

He was born on July 16, 1925, at McVeigh, Kentucky to the late Ben and Judy (Cochran) Williamson. Roscoe's mother died when he was five and at the age of ten, his stepmother, Flora (Maynard) Williamson finished raising him.

In 1961, Roscoe and I felt that the Lord had come into our hearts and forgave us of our sins. We gave our hands to the Narrows Branch Church of the Old Regular Baptist in May of that year and were baptized the following month. For fifty-seven years, Roscoe faithfully served his church. In 1975 he was ordained to be a deacon for the church and remained a deacon until his death. After Roscoe retired as a truck mechanic in 1987, he became a bus driver for the Pike County School system, finally retiring in 1998.



Roscoe was preceded in death by an infant son; Ronnie Eugene; two sisters, Ruth Ratcliffe and Bertha Holland; two brothers, Rell and Drew Williamson and one brother in law, Harold Farley. Five weeks after Roscoe's death, the family lost another sweet soul, Donnie Farley who was Roscoe's brother-in-law. Donnie and Roscoe were also Brothers in the church and would spend many hours discussing the Bible. Roscoe is survived by his wife of sixty-five years; Barbara (Farley) Williamson; two daughters, Yvonne (Frank) Abernathy of Kettering Ohio and Patricia (Mike) Hatfield of Fredericksburg Virginia; one son, Allen (Ruby) Williamson of Frankfort Kentucky; four grandchildren; Loura (Ryan) Lawrence of Kettering Ohio; Virginia (Jeff) Adams of Washington Courthouse, Ohio; Jacob Hatfield of King George Virginia and Ryan (Sarah) Hatfield of Montpelier Virginia; and four great grandchildren, Katherine, Michael and Amy Lawrence and Scarlett Hatfield. He also leaves behind six brothers John, Donnie (Barbara), Danny (Linda), Dave (Brenda), Paul (Tina), and Larry (Betsy) all of Pike County; three sisters Christina (Ed) Ford of Beavercreek, Ohio, Brenda (Jack) James and Kathy (Randy) Hackney both from Pike County; and numerous nieces and nephews. Roscoe was also a beloved member of Lawrence and Nolie (Hunt) Farley family for sixty-five years.

Funeral services were held at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home in Belfry, Kentucky on March 29, 2018, with Brothers Larry Thacker, Neal Thornsburry, Richard Staton and Bruce Williamson officiating. Burial followed at the Mountain View Cemetery in Huddy Kentucky.

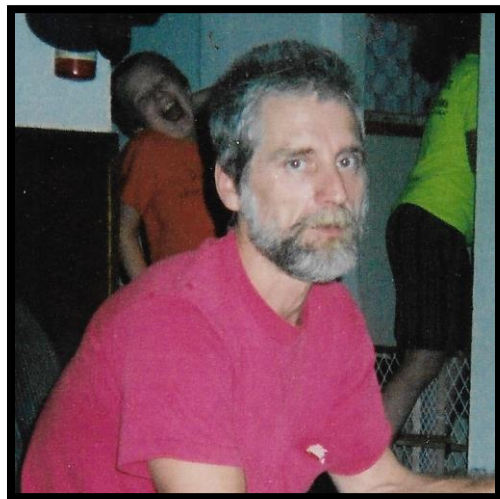
Written by his loving wife,
Barbara Williamson

DAVID YATES

It is with great sadness and many precious memories that I try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, David Yates. David was born on June 3, 1963. He was the son of Edgar and Vada Maynard Yates. He was one of eleven boys. The Lord knew David was tired and called him home on September 17, 2017. He was preceded in death by both parents and eight brothers.

David was a retired coal miner. I was blessed to marry the love of my life on December 7, 1988 and got to spend twenty-eight and half years with him. On June 17, 1992, David turned his life over to the Lord, and joined the Apple Orchard Old Regular Baptist Church on August 29, 2014. We were blessed with three children; Vada (Matt) Morton, George (Sasha) Yates and Sonya Yates. We were also blessed with five grandkids.

David always had a smile on his face, he kept his faith and never waivered. These words can't express all the love I have for David. I miss him daily. David was ready to go home, I just wasn't ready to let him go. Someday soon I will see you again.



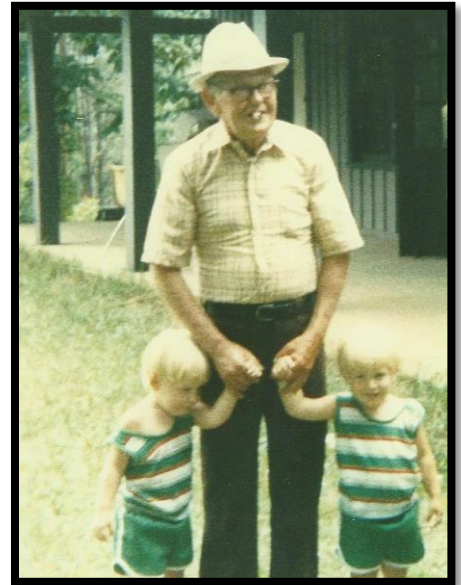
Signed with love,
Lisa Yates and daughter, Sonya Yates

Obituaries-FRIENDS OF THE SARDIS CHURCHES

ELSTER BLACKBURN

Elster's life on earth ended August 23, 1993, at the age of seventy-four years. He was the son of the late Floyd and Octavia Taylor Blackburn; a grandson of James and Julia Burchett Blackburn and Wallace B. Taylor and Easter Angeline Lowe Scott Taylor of McCombs and Gulnare, Kentucky in Pike County.

Elster left to mourn his passing, his dear devoted wife, Faye of fifty-three years, one son Kenneth Blackburn of McCombs, Kentucky, five daughters; Emma Lou Boskee of Lapeer, Michigan, Juanita Sheeley of Winchester, Kentucky, Phyllis Anne Hillerman and Linda Gail Tibbs both of McCombs, Kentucky, Eve Ford of Utica, Michigan; two brothers; Keither Blackburn of Pikeville and James Wallace Blackburn of McCombs. One brother, Lester Blackburn preceded him in death in 1975; one sister, Brook Taylor of McCombs, Kentucky; a host of other relatives and friends join his family to mourn his passing.



Elster spent his entire life in Pike County, within five miles of his residence on Brushy Creek Road. He was a hard, capable, effective worker from early boyhood, with age of seventy-one years when his health began to fail. His recreation really was his work, which to him was joy and pleasure. His early years were spent with his father and brothers, farming and teamstering. Later, they jointly cut timber and operated an old-time steam sawmill. After the death of Pappa Floyd, the brothers spent several years in coal-mine related work. He and his brothers were proficient log and coal truck drivers; operators and repairers of end-loaders, bulldozers, mining augers and other mine related machinery. All were self-taught and excellent mechanics. While the men of the family were working in the sunshine, wind, rain and snow, mother Tave and sister, Brook did housekeeping, cooking, gardening, clothes washing and mending to keep the men on the job. After Pappa Floyd died the boys continued for a while working together and Mama Tave kept the books and filed the necessary required governmental documents and reports. Time passed and all the children married and established homes of their own in the near vicinity of Mama and shared the responsibility of looking out for her welfare in the later years of life.

Now for a few paragraphs to focus attention on Elster's life and activities. Elster was by comparison a small boy and man, physically speaking. He never knew that nor did I. To him size was not a plus or minus. He was an example of; use your head and desire and determination and get the job done. I worked for him. When I was about twelve years of age and he was ten and a half, he spent parts of his summer days with my family and farmed in a community nine miles north of Pikeville on US 23. He had a team of mules. I had not progressed to the level of mule driving by Dad's standards and soon I saw Elster take over as the team driver for waggoning, plowing, discing, dragging, etc. More and more I became one of the hoe-hands, corn thinner and weed puller. Sometimes, I was Elster's assistant (gin-hand) with the mule team. I honestly was not jealous of Elster moving ahead of me. He was a master teamster. He could command the mules complete

attention. They pulled in unison and seemed to stop on a dime at Elster's command. I learned a lot about handling mules as Elster's assistant.

Picture me please in your minds-eye; a team of mules drawing a turning plow in a field adjacent to US 23, on a day in early summer and the driver a ten year old boy with his hands on the plow handles, the check lines around his neck and under one arm and his chin about level with the crosspiece between the plow handles. This was Elster the driver in charge of the mule team, preparing the soil for a field of corn. Elster did not see physical size or the lack of it as a drawback or limitation. He became my teacher and I will always look back upon those days with fond memories and appreciation of him. Elster was my cousin-friend. Our friendship continued through the years. One week prior to his recent admission to the hospital, he and I had a time of devotion in his living room. Just he and I and God. We read and discussed some scriptures from the Bible and I led in prayer, thanking God for his many blessings and care of us. I explained the need for all persons to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in this life. Elster understood. He nodded his head in agreement with me. I further stated any person could pray "Lord in the name of Jesus forgive and save me" and if prayed sincerely and truthfully, God would hear and forgive. I hear and now pray, God has and will bestow upon Elster Eternal Joy! Amen.

Written by Charles E. Spears- 1993
Submitted by his grandson, Brother Brad Tibbs

MINERVA HOBBS HARMON CRUM

Minerva Hobbs Harmon Crum peacefully passed from the earth on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at the Martin County Health Care Facility. Minerva was born to the late Robert and Minta Hobbs on October 25, 1922.

She is preceded in death by husbands, Earl Harmon and Glen Crum. She was also preceded in death by brothers; John Hobbs, Roscoe Hobbs and James Hobbs. Sisters preceding her include; Polly Hobbs Butcher, Sadie Hobbs Damron, Kizzie Hobbs, Josie Hobbs Damron, Belle Hobbs Maynard, Kate Hobbs Jarrell and Mae Hobbs Davis.

She is survived by daughters; Peggy Dials and husband Tom Dials of Warfield, Kentucky and Carolyn Kirk and husband Carl Kirk of Clinton, Tennessee. Surviving stepsons include; Joe and wife Judy Crum of Inez, Kentucky and Roy and wife Francis "Cookie" Crum of Inez, Kentucky. One stepson, James Crum preceded her in death.

Surviving grandchildren include Scott Kirk of Washington, North Carolina, Tomma Dials Fletcher and husband Norman Fletcher of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Gena Kirk Justice and husband Larry T. Justice of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Todd Dials and wife Kim Hinkle Dials of Inez, Kentucky. Step-grandchildren include Rick Crum, Jason Crum, Rachel Wright, Joshua Crum and Sean Crum (deceased). Great grandchildren include Shelby Justice, JT Dials, Bryce Fletcher, Matthew Dials, Andrew Justice and Blake Fletcher.



Minerva loved the Lord and attended church in both Kentucky and Tennessee when able to do so. She was a member of Turkey Creek Church of the Nazarene. When she was unable to attend church, she enjoyed watching and listening to gospel programming. Minerva loved her family dearly and spent countless time enjoying fellowship and fun with family members. She was active in service and travels with her family (which she enjoyed immensely) throughout the later part of her life. Minerva will always be remembered for sacrificial service to others and steadfast commitment to serve the Lord.

Written by her family

MAXINE FARLEY-MAYNARD DOAN

Maxine Farley-Maynard Doan, "Our Southern Lady", wife of Dennis Merle Doan for thirty-two years, passed away Sunday, August 19, 2018, after braving a lengthy battle with cancer. Born in Hardy Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late John and Fern Smith Farley, whom she was the caretaker for until she passed. She lived in Romeo, Michigan before moving to Lexington, Kentucky where she worked for The Lexington Clinic, Commonwealth Urology and Dr. Borders and Borders, which spanned for thirty years. When Maxine was in Pike County, Kentucky, she loved to visit the Old Regular Baptist churches when she was able.



Other than her husband survivors include eight children; Nadine (Randy) Sanders, John (Cathy) Maynard, Wes (Pam) Maynard, Steve (Jennifer) Maynard, David (Maggie) Maynard, Lisa (Mark) Allen, Genet (Danny) Pirtle-Gray and Elan Doan; fourteen grandchildren, Laura, Stephen, Jalyn, Jake, Josh, Roxanne, Chase, Trent, Hunter, Donte, Anthony, Vito, Angie and Alex; seven great grandchildren, Lexi, Calob, Oscar, Nigel, Jackson, Braelynn and Amelia; two sisters; Mary Yates and Phyllis Killala; four brothers, Jack, Burl, Stirl and Ray Farley; and numerous nieces and nephews that she loved. Other than her parents she was preceded in death by, four brothers; Bobby, Cletius, Pat and Cecil Farley and a grandson, Brandon Maynard.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 AM Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at Kerr Brothers-Harrodsburg Road. Burial followed in the Lexington Cemetery. The family would like to say a special thank you to Maxine's neighbors in Lexington and lifetime friends, Betty, Jean and Willie for their support during her illness. Also a special thanks to their church family at Broadway Baptist Church in Lexington Kentucky, Baptist Health Oncology and their Special Infusion staff, and Doctors Arvi Padmanabhan, A. Beckman and Gregory Hood.

Written by her Pike County Cousins

CLELL HAYDEN LOWE

In loving memory of Clell Hayden Lowe, aged seventy-two, was born March 10, 1946, the son of the late Denzil and Myrtle Howell Lowe, and departed this life July 21, 2018. Clell accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior while at the University of Kentucky Hospital. I know he is rejoicing in Heaven with his dad, Denzil and mom, Myrtle. Many others are with him also. We surely miss you Hayden. Hayden was a logger for many years. He went into the used car sales later in life.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one nephew, Michael Joe Litton. His is survived by two brothers, Charles L. Lowe and Dennis Daryl Lowe, both of Brushy; three sisters, Joyce Litton, of Hager Hill, Kathy Sue Brown, of Bowling Green, and Christine Cantrell, of Pikeville; five nephews, David Lowe, Brian Lowe, Christopher Litton, Darren Brown and Dennison Lowe; and three nieces, Trish Ison, Lisa McCoy and Marsha Brown.

He loved children. Just talking of them brought a smile to his face. Hayden was a very humble man. The simple things were the best. Hayden loved his family and friends, but always held a special place for his nephew, Dennison Crit. Dennison was the son he never had. Until we meet again.

Written by the family



CARROLL MATHIS

Carroll Mathis, seventy-six, of Huntington, West Virginia, left for his heavenly home on Monday, June 25, 2018, at the VA Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. He was born on January 31, 1942, in Wayne County, West Virginia, to the late Brad and Maudie Maynard Mathis. Carroll was also preceded in death by his brother Bill Mathis.

Carroll retired from the VA Medical Center in 1997 due to a stroke that left him unable to speak for all those years. He was a United States Army veteran. He was converted in 1969 and joined the Antioch United Baptist Church in Wayne, West Virginia. Carroll later took his membership to the Westwood United Baptist Church where he was a member until his death.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-one years, Judy Adkins Mathis; one daughter, Leaha Booten (Eddie) of Lavalette, West Virginia; four sons, Woody Mathis (Becky), Duane Mathis (Kasey), Chuck Mathis (Jessica), all of Huntington, West Virginia, and Jody Mathis (Becca) of Lake Stevens, Washington; three sisters, Dolores Saunders, Betty Miller and



Fanny Murray, all of Huntington, West Virginia; three brothers, Clarence Mathis and Arthur Mathis, both of Wayne, West Virginia, and James Mathis of Florence, South Carolina and seventeen grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 PM, Friday, June 29, 2018, at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, with Elders Gary Murray, A.J. Williamson and Clarence Thompson Jr. officiating. Burial was at the Mathis Cemetery on Buffalo Creek Road in Huntington, West Virginia.

Written by his family

DONNIE HAYES SCOTT

It is with much grief and sadness that I write this obituary of my dear brother. Donnie Hayes Scott, age sixty-four passed away at Englewood Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Englewood, Florida on Thursday, September 13, 2018 after a long illness. Donnie was born June 14, 1954 in Martin County, Kentucky to the late Willard and Mae McCoy Scott. Besides his parents Donnie is preceded in death by one daughter, Ashley Nicole Scott, four brothers; Jimmy Scott, Willard Scott Jr., Randall Scott, and James Odell Scott. He is survived by three children; Jason Scott, Donnie Scott Jr. (Melissa) both of Michigan and Rebecka Martinez (Francisco) of Englewood Florida, four sisters; Ada Jean Lynch, Linda Faye Cornette, Zella Mae Slone, and Peggy Sue (Turner) Anderson all of Pikeville, Kentucky, as well as three brothers; Virgil Ray Scott of Michigan, Ronald Dean (Jean) Scott, Bobby Lee (Jamessa) Scott of Pikeville, Kentucky. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and friends. Donnie was of the Old Regular Baptist Faith.



Written by his Brother,
Brother Bobby Lee Scott

CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS SSOCIATION

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, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk before the Association rises, 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 Savior 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 Savior, 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 baptized by immersion of a legal administrator of the Gospel and ordained coming 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 2018

MT. PLEASANT: Lacy Walters, Daniel Stanley
APPLE ORCHARD: Gerald Fields, Freddie Maynard, John Young
BENT BRANCH: Dean Lowe, Harold Collins, Ray Blackburn
BIG BRANCH: Brad Tibbs
MARY ELIZABETH: Will Stacy, Eddie Walters, Clifford Harrison
BETHANY: Arthur May, Albert Cable, Monty Messer Jr.
PILGRIMS HOME: Stony Blackburn, Mike Johnson, Dale Williamson
SALEM: Bobby Lee Scott, Ferrell Sesco, Ernest Sesco
SIDNEY: Butler Fletcher, Eugene Moore, Ronnie Lowe
DIX FORK: Ron Gannon, Edward Lee Smith, Wayne Blackburn
NARROWS BRANCH: Walter Bogar, Bobby Scott, Jr.
LEANNAH: Larry Robinson, Hayes Robinson, Billy Joe Robinson
BUCK CREEK: Vadis Blackburn, Todd Dials, Marion Duncan
TABITHA: Rex Napier, Alex Hensley, James Hensley
LITTLE ROSIE: Harvey White, Timothy Robinson, Danny Allen
TURKEY CREEK: Ferrell Thomas, Talbert McCoy Jr., Ron Hamilton
SAMARIA: Randall Lackey, Chester Lackey, Bernard Aldridge
ROSA: Macky May, Freddie Cline, Charles Paynter
LITTLE VIRGIE: Alvin Thornbury, Paul Maynard, Dwight Maynard
PILGRIMS REST: Andrew Walters, Duane Smith, Gary Ray Young
OKEECHOBEE: Ivan Thornsbury
ELIZABETH: Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe
LITTLE TAVIE: Jimmy Cochran, Lester Cochran, Urias Hall, Jr.
ANTIOCH: Arthur Mathis, Arthur Mathis Jr.
BRIDE OF CHRIST: Sam Frye, Archie Prince, Leonard Napier

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None

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 Brother John Henry Elkins
 Brother Archie Prince
 Elder Paul Maynard
 Elder Ivan Neil Thornsberry

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DIX FORK	2484 Dix Fork Road, Sidney, KY 41564	(606)353-4790	Walter Dean Bogar, 1766 Narrows Branch Rd., Hardy, KY 41531
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LEANNAH	9016 Meathouse Road, Pilgrim, KY 41250	(606)631-4893	Hayes Robinson, 15835 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
BUCK CREEK	12 Big Elk Road, Beauty, KY 41203	(606)298-0960	Todd J. Dials, 168 Creekwood Estate, Inez, KY 41224
TABITHA	218 Wonderland Road, Verdunville, WV 25689	(304)393-9219	James P. Hensley, P. O. Box 16, Naugatuck, WV 25685
LITTLE ROSIE	2791 Buffalo Creek Rd., Williamson, WV 26661	(304)235-0041	Harvey White, 1275 Dan's Branch Road, Williamson, WV 25661
TURKEY CREEK	1348 Turkey Creek Rd, Turkey Creek, KY 41514	(734)482-3148	Ron Hamilton, 7332 McKean Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
SAMARIA	3646 Dingess Road, Dingess, WV 25671	(606)534-7487	Larry May, 481 Little Laurel Lane, Louisa, KY 41230
ROSA	Baisden Fork, Baisden, WV 25608	(304)664-9333	Charles Paynter, 1055 Gilbert Creek Road, Baisden, WV 25608
LITTLE VIRGIE	50 Long Fork Road, Kimper, KY 41539	(276)628-8670	Alvin Thornbury, 26335 Pewter Lane, Abingdon, VA 24211
PILGRIMS REST	5051 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571	(606)631-9085	Clifton Robinette, 2955 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
OKEECHOBEE	201 S.W. 10 th Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34974	(863)763-7347	John Sheppard, 408 S.E.7th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974
ELIZABETH	8068 South Highway 3, Louisa, KY 41230	(606)631-3734	Randall L. Lowe, 13739 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501
LITTLE TAVIE	151 Chapel Drive, Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550	(740)710-9080	Urias Hall, Jr., 216 Florence Avenue, Jackson, OH 45640
ANTIOCH	1869 Craig Road, Wayne, WV 25570	(304)272-5972	Arthur Mathis, 1915 Craig Road, Wayne, WV 25570
BRIDE OF CHRIST	5064 Rt Fork Camp Creek, Huntington, WV 25701	(304)486-5960	George Saunders, 165 Buffalo Creek Rd, Huntington, WV 25704

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	STARTING TIME	MODERATOR	ASSISTANT MODERATOR	MINUTES REQUESTED	CONTRIBUTIONS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEETING TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
Mt. Pleasant	11:00/11:00	Lacy Walters	Ron Gannon	75	150								4	2 July	
Apple Orchard	11:00/11:00	Gary Young	Duane Smith	75	200	4				1	3		17	1 June	
Bent Branch	10:00/10:00	Dale Williamson	Duane Smith	175	350	2							25	3 August	
Big Branch	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Danny Runyon	100	225	2							25	3 July	
Mary Elizabeth	11:00/11:00	Ronald Gannon	Lacy Walters	75	200						2	2	21	3 July	
Bethany	11:00/11:00	Arthur May	Albert Cable	50	100						1		30	4 August	
Pilgrims Home	10:00/10:00	Danny Runyon	Duane Smith	200	400						4		80	4 August	
Salem	11:00/11:00	Elbert SESCO	Eric Williamson	75	100						1		48	1 May	
Sidney	2:00/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Todd J. Dials	60	200	1					2		23	4 June	
Dix Fork	11:00/11:00	Edward Lee Smith	Charles Edwards	125	250						1		25	1 July	
Narrows Branch	11:00/11:00	Ivan N. Thornsbury	Larry Thacker	50	100						2		10	4 July	
Leannah	10:30/10:30	Billy J. Robinson	Paul Maynard	50	100						2		25	2 July	
Buck Creek	10:30/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Albert Cable	75	150						2		12	3 June	
Tabitha	2:30/10:30	Rex Napier	Albert Cable	50	100							4	14	1 August	
Little Rosie	11:00/11:00	Elbert SESCO	Tim Robinson	30	80								8	2 April	
Turkey Creek	11:00/11:00	Hobart Hamilton	Richard Staton	120	250	1					1	1	41	2 May	
Samaria	11:00/11:00	Randall Lackey	Tim Robinson	30	100	2					1	1	22	1 July	
Rosa	10:30/10:30	Hobart Hamilton	Gary Young	75	300						1		19	3 August	
Little Virgie	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Paul Maynard	75	150								8	4 June	
Pilgrims Rest	10:30/10:30	Gary Young	Duane Smith	50	125	1					1	1	15	2 June	
Okeechobee	4:00/10:00	Randy Gilman		10	20						1		4	4 April	
Elizabeth	10:30/10:30	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	Clyde Perry	50	100						2		7	1 June	
Little Tavie	10:30/10:30	Chester Cochran	Lester Cochran	75	250	1					1		15	2 July	
Antioch	7:00/10:30	Leonard Napier	Clarence Mathis	75	150						2		10	4 August	
Bride of Christ	7:00/11:00	Sam Frye	Leonard Napier	30	80					1			3	3 July	
		TOTALS		1830	4280	14	0	0	0	2	30	9	511		

HOW I CAME TO LOVE THESE PILGRIMS

How I came to love these pilgrims,
Is to me a great surprise,
And the way the Lord has blessed me,
Is a wonder to my eyes.

O', I never thought I'd love them,
But I'm happy now, to say,
That although I used to shun them,
I am one of them today!

It so shocked me that I could not
All my indignation hide,
When they said that God's old Bible
Never would endorse my pride.

I was exhalted, proud and haughty,
Yet I heard the Spirit say,
Will you be a humble pilgrim?
Now I'm one of them today.

Now I feel constrained to tell you,
For I love the old time way;
I am happy, Hallelujah,
For I'm one of them today.

When the spirit works within you,
And you cannot stay away,
Drop your pride and gently follow,
In the good old Baptist way.

