

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

**In session and assembled at the  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING  
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky  
September 9, 10, and 11, 2011**

**Elder Thomas J. Dials - Moderator  
Elder Hobart Hamilton - Assistant Moderator  
Brother Archie Prince - Clerk  
Elder Edward Lee Smith - Assistant Clerk**

## **GUIDE ME, OH THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

*Guide me, O, Thou Great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim's through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.*

*Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
Feed me 'till I want no more.*

*Open Thou the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing streams do flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.*

*Strong deliverer, strong deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*Feed me with the heavenly manna,  
In this barren wilderness;  
Be my sword, and shield, and banner  
Be my robe of righteousness.*

*Fight and conquer, fight and conquer,  
All my foes by sovereign grace.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.*

*Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.*

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**PROCEEDINGS**  
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**FRIDAY**  
**September 9, 2011**

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled in the Business Room of the Sardis Association Building at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, with our host, the Pilgrims Home Church and co-host Churches: Apple Orchard, Bent Branch, Turkey Creek and Little Tavic, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2011.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the Stand and welcomed everyone. Brother Tom spoke as follows: What a great blessing it is to see the brothers and sisters. It is so important how we conduct ourselves. I want to get on the cloud of glory and go up and see God as Brother Clarence Mathis said, "we are not here to do our will or another man's will, but God our Father." The whole duty of man is to fear God. I need his strength. The steps of a righteous man are ordered of the Lord. We are not living to please man, but we are pleasing God to live.

Elder Jack Robinette, having been chosen as alternate for this session's Introductory Sermon, came to the stand to preach the opening of the service. He proceeded as follows: If you don't know the Lord, find a place and call on him. He sang, "Oh, Look What I Have Traded." He said, I am thankful to be here, give the Lord the honor. In my house are many mansions, I go and prepare a place for you that you may be there also. The old writer said, I cried mighty unto the Lord and he heard my cry and picked my feet up out of the clay and set them upon the rock which is Jesus Christ. Jesus is the author and finisher of your faith. Jesus said, *behold, I stand at the door, and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in and sup with him, and he with me.* You must repent while you have life and opportunity. I want to go to that new place. John said, I saw the holy city new Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven. Pray that the Lord will strengthen me.

Elder Leonard Napier then led in prayer.

Elder Albert Cable came to preach the Introductory Sermon stating that wherever we meet out it can be called holy ground. I thank the Lord he has blessed us to meet out here today. The word was made flesh and dwelt among men. We are sinners saved by grace. Jesus came down to do what no other man could do. I thank God I got an operation of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God gets the praise. Glory to God. Grace has been on my mind. I didn't earn it, I didn't deserve it. What a promise God has made. It is good and grace abounds in our heart. Preaching is not learned of man but is by the revelation of God. Thank God today that he has blessed us. The scriptures were written by holy men. In the Book of Genesis man was corrupt before the Lord. Man's heart was continually evil before the Lord. It grieved God the he made man. Noah found grace. By the grace of God we are what we are. You can follow grace from Genesis to Revelations. Grace is marvelous.

One day when I get to that heavenly country I will know in full what that grace is. We are sinners saved by grace. The Bible teaches us to deny ungodly and worldly lust. Thank God for that grace. I labor more abundantly. Paul said, I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at the day. *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.* We are bought by the blood of Jesus Christ, we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. *Whosoever shall call upon the Lord shall be saved.* I believe in eternal salvation. Behold, I will make a new covenant with the house of Judah. I will write my laws in their mind and stamp them in their heart. We don't walk by sight, but by faith. God's promises will come true. It is an everlasting salvation. It is not in vain. Paul prayed about the thorn in the flesh, God said, my grace is sufficient for thee. He picked me up out of the horrible pit and placed me upon that rock. It is far better felt than told. Grace saved a wretch like me. We know something about what God has done for us. *In my father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.* He is coming back after the Church. *Blessed is he that have a part in the first resurrection: on him the second death hath no power.* Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil. If we die we have a better home to go to. Hope is the anchor of the soul. Hope is sure and steadfast anchored in the veil. The grace upon me was not in vain. My flesh shall rest in hope. We may stumble, but we will never fall. The word sent out will accomplish what it was sent out to accomplish. I am waiting for the blessed appearance of Jesus Christ. Moses said, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Thank you Lord for what you have done for each and every one of us. We are bought by the blood of the Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Goodbye, old world we are going home to live forevermore.

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 Haston Whitaker, Old Indian Bottom  
Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association  
Elder Paul D. Moore, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Chuck Hall, New Salem Association  
Elder Buddy W. 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 Estill Hamilton of the Union Association, to open the Service.

Brother Estill preached as follows: I came here to embrace you and to show you my love. Everyone should have come looking up to God. The Lord is looking down upon us at all times. *He came to his own and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.* He chose me out of this world and I am no more of this world. I believe in a real resurrection, today. We need to praise the Lord with all our soul, mind and strength. Let everyone come unto me. Let everything that breaths the breath of life praise the Lord. When I get in trouble I call upon the Lord. I have a King that can lift me up no matter how low I get. He spoke to the sea and it became calm. He wore a crown of thorns. They pierced him in the side and forthwith came blood and water. My strength comes from God. Jesus came down to this earth. People love darkness more than light.

Jesus said, come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, my yoke is easy and my burden is light and I will give you rest unto your soul. Thirty some years ago I had a heart attack. They worked with me a long time. The nurse said the Lord has a purpose for this man. I told my wife, if I die, I want to die at my post. We ought to touch someone's life along the way. I am running toward Heaven all the time. This is none other than the house of the Lord.

Elder Deffort Thornsberry, of the New Salem Association, then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said that during this week we have worked and enjoyed each other. This a worship service. Let God guide you in what you say.

(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  
Elder Chester Cochran

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

(4) Having reviewed the Letters received from the Churches for regular form and order, the Letter from the Pilgrims Home Church was read, and upon regular move and second, all Letters were received along with the Minutes of the August, 2011 meeting of the Enon Church and the record of the presbytery dissolving the Enon Church due to the lack of members and a letter from the Charity Church stating that the Charity Church has been dissolved due to lack of growth, attendance and help at the Charity Church, the delegates were seated and the Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$5,375.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and after turning this amount over to the Treasurer was discharged by regular move and second.

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

(7) The Moderator appointed the following Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates for Officers to serve the Sardis Association for the coming year and instructed the delegates to vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk:

Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Teddy Honaker, New Salem Association  
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed it's 2011 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 Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator  
Brother Archie Prince, Clerk  
Elder Edward Lee Smith, Assistant Clerk

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

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT**

Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Farris Tuttle, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Richard Staton, Sardis Association

#### **SATURDAY**

Elder Litton Dye, New Salem Association  
Elder Johnny Thornsberry, New Salem Association  
Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Roger Hicks, New Salem Association  
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association

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

Brother Leslie McGuire  
Elder Elbert Sesco

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

(12) 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:** Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Danny Belcher, Gary Varney, John B. Sanders, Curtis Carroll, Bill Elkins, Bobby Robinson, Floyd (Buck) Ratliff, Sherd Mullins, Paul Hogston, Terry Hall, Lee Layne, Toy Looney, Roy Looney, A. B. Thacker, James Barney, Fitch Reed, Ralph Coleman, Gobel Burke, Bruce Akers, Andy Fields, Raymond Thacker, Roger Coleman, Estill Hamilton, Johnny Paul Cline and Stephen Baldrige. Letter in the hands of Elder Roger Coleman.

**NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: John Paul Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, O. Hamilton, Leonard Hamilton, Deffort Thornsberry, Johnny Thornsberry, John B. Hamilton, James C. Tackett, James Dye, Roger Hicks, Chuck Hall, Northern Gayle Brown, Logan Kiser, Paul Griffy, Ralph Slone, Jr., John Hamilton, Chester Johnson, Harvey Tackett, David Lowe, Omery Compton, Troy Branham, David Thornsberry, Clarence Potter, Paul Boggs, Auttis Cox, Clyde Lewis, Teddy Honaker, Kenneth Frazier, David Thornsberry, Gary Brown and Tony Roberts. Letter in the hands of Elder Paul Boggs.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: John M. Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Bill Blevins, Hillard Newsome, Duane Graves, Wilburn Nichols, Wayne Sartin, Denton Elkins, Larry Newsome, Stoney Blackburn, Jimmy Sowards and Farris Tuttle. Letter in the hands of Elder Stoney Blackburn.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following delegates: Luther Ramey, Jr., Lowell Adkins, Bill Taylor, Roscoe Eldridge, Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins, Jr., Teddy Parker, Farrell Howard, Caston Clay Pugh, Charon Gilliam, Gary Adkins, Dallas Bledsoe, Jr. and Willis Tolliver. Letter in the hands of Elder Ira Adkins, Jr.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** Represented by the following delegates: Danny Hurley, Dewey Matney, David Lester, Danny C. Justus, James D. Stacy, George Thomason, John R. Justus, Roger McCoy, Herbert May, Arthur Short, Edgar Baker, Jr., Steve Baker, Roger Baker, Dave Gibson, Ray Church, Will Matney, George Baker, Gary D. Justus, Monroe Matney, Woodrow Whitt, Burnis Lester, Allan Hunt, Kevin Salmons, Phillip Estep, Roger Blankenship, Larry Gibson and Kermit Lester. Letter in the hands of Elder Dave Gibson.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Murl F. Caudill, Randy Combs, Delmar Jones, Doug Bailey, Cecil Baldrige, Ralph Cloud, Ronnie Combs, Cecil Watson, Steve Lycans, Haston Whitaker, Jeff Roark, Hansford Whitaker, Marvin Thornsberry and Ruben Lycans. Letter in hands of Elder Haston Whitaker.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and other members of our same faith and order desiring to take a seat with us and received the following: Edward L. Smith, Archie Prince, Eddie Williamson, Leonard Napier, Bobby Scott, Sr., Chester Cochran, Richard Staton and Charles Jarrell.

(14) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association, and for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with the Sardis Association. Elder Sam Fry, Moderator of the Bride of Christ Church located at Lavalette, WV, came forth and was allowed to speak. After brief questioning, by regular move and second, their delegates were seated and their Letter of Request for Correspondence was referred to the committee on arrangements.

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

(16) On motion from Brother Alvin Thornbury, seconded by Brother Monty Messer, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 10, 2011.



## SATURDAY

September 10, 2011

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 stating that one more time I get the privilege to come before you. One day when the Lord comes back again he will deliver us to our Father. Jesus said, "*My grace is sufficient for thee.*" Let his same spirit lead us the same as yesterday. We are not living to please man, but we are pleasing God to live.

He then called upon Elder Reuben Lycans, of the Old Indian Bottom Association, to open these services. He said, we are a blessed people today. We never know when we separate if we will ever meet again. We must wait for the power to come down. When we awake in his likeness, we will be satisfied. Run the race with patience that is set before you. I am glad to be a part of this family. It takes faith to please God.

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. This is the King's highway. I am glad God set me on this way. If you get in this way and it gets in you it will take you to Heaven. All the days of our appointed time we are waiting for the King to come, then we will be fully satisfied. We are looking for the great I Am. If we are doing things that we are ashamed for our children to see us do, we should not be doing them. If God has called you, you have to come God's way.

When God told Jonah to go to Nineveh he went to go to Joppa and he found a ship and paid his own fare. He got down in the bottom of the ship but could not hide from the Lord. When a great wind came they began to throw things off the ship. They begin to cast lots to see who was to blame and it fell on Jonah. Jonah said, I am an Hebrew and I fear God. When Jesus went into a ship with his disciples to go to the other side of the lake, as they sailed he fell asleep and there came down a storm of wind. They became afraid and came to Jesus. He calmed the wind. They picked Jonah up and threw him overboard. Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights but God raised him up. Jesus was in the earth three days and three nights and God raised him up. Jonah was not going to do what God told him to do but he became willing. Jonah got his eyes fastened on Jerusalem. Salvation is of the Lord. It goes down into the heart of man. Let every man stand in his own place today. No man is perfect in this life. The man on the inside is a perfect man.

He then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Elder Billy Joe Robinson, 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.
- (3) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, by regular move and second, received the report. At this time the Moderator released the Brethren, Sisters and friends to assemble in the Preaching room.
- (4) Read the Letter of Request for Correspondence from the Bride of Christ Church. Elder Sam Fry, Moderator of the Bride of Christ Church, and Elder Sammie Moore, the Assistant Moderator of the Bride of Christ Church, spoke and agreed they can line up with the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Constitution of the Sardis Association.

After brief discussion and questioning by the delegation and after all requesting to speak were allowed to speak, by regular move and second the Bride of Christ Church Letter was received and the Church was put under working watch care for one year and a committee consisting of the following brothers was appointed to work with this Church:

Elder Thomas J. Dials	Elder Hobart Hamilton	Elder Chester Cochran
Elder Richard Staton	Elder Leonard Napier	Elder Arthur Mathis
Elder Randy Lackey	Elder Edward L. Smith	Brother Archie Prince

The date of October 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. was set for the first meeting. Directions to the Church are as follows:

From Route U. S. 52 at Fort Gay, West Virginia take State Route 37 east approximately ten mile to the junction with State Route 152. Turn left onto State Route 152 and follow it north to Lavalette, West Virginia. After passing McDonald's on the left and the fire department on the right, turn right onto Eight Street Road. Go approximately one fourth mile and turn right onto Camp Creek Road. Follow Camp Creek Road, keeping to the right, approximately two mile to the Church.

From Interstate 64 at Huntington, West Virginia take Exit 8 and follow State Route 152 north to Lavalette, West Virginia passing the Triple H Restaurant on the left. After passing the restaurant go approximately one fourth mile and turn left onto Eight Street Road. Follow Eight Street Road approximately one quarter mile and turn right onto Camp Creek Road. Follow Camp Creek Road, keeping to the right, approximately two miles to the Church.

The address of the Church is: 5064 Right Fork Camp Creek  
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

(5) 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 on the internet at the address: [www.pikelibrary.org](http://www.pikelibrary.org). On their home page you should see LINKS. Click on LINKS. Click on Genealogy to access the Sardis Association files or for a short cut use the address, <http://www.pikelibrary.org/linkpages/sardisminutes.htm>.

Clerks Note: We need minutes for the years 1893-1907, 1910-1915 and 1925. Also, any pictures and histories of the Sardis Association Churches are requested. If available contact:

Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.	(606)353-7858
Elder Edward L. Smith	(606)834-9958
Brother Archie Prince	(304)486-5960
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.	(606)631-3520

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

(7) Read a request from the Samaria Church to remove the name of Larry R. May from the list of Ordained Ministers. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(8) Read a request from the Salem Church to remove the name of Steve White from the list of Ordained Ministers. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(9) Appointed a Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our year 2012 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association  
Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Jeff Roark, Old Indian Bottom 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 2012 Association:

Elder Ralph Cloud, Old Indian Bottom Association  
Elder Larry Newsome, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Wayne Sartin, Northern New Salem Association

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

Elder Arthur Mathis, Preach the Introductory Sermon  
Elder Paul Bevins, Alternate  
Elder Mike Lowe, Prepare Circular Letter

(10) 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 Brian Young, Sardis Association  
Elder Leonard Napier, Sardis Association  
Elder Arthur Mathis, Sardis Association

#### **SUNDAY**

Elder Stoney Blackburn, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder William Adair, Sr., Sardis Association  
Elder Fitch Reed, Union Association  
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association  
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

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

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2011**

Balance on hand 9-01-10		\$ 9350.55
Add 2010 Income:		
Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 5,515.00	
Obituary Pictures	\$ 482.00	
Interest Income	\$ 6.61	
Rent Income	\$ 2348.14	
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00	
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 7,303.16	
Food Fund Contributions	\$ 7,150.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ <u>3,597.49</u>	
Total 2010 Income		\$ <u>26,902.40</u>
Total Available for 2010		\$ 36,252.95
Less 2010 Expenses		
Equipment Expense	\$ 822.15	
Minute Expense/Mailing	\$ 4,707.45	
Clerk Expense	\$ 67.29	
Building and Land Expense	\$ 7,445.06	
Building Security	\$ 219.89	
Electric Expense	\$ 4,230.09	
Water Expense	\$ 1,138.20	
Telephone Expense	\$ 613.75	
Insurance Expense	\$ 890.80	
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 6,857.45	
Bank Charges	\$ 1.80	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ <u>50.00</u>	
Total 2010 Expense		<u>(\$27,043.93)</u>
Balance on Hand 8-31-11		\$ 9,209.02

(12) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2011 and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his expense.

(13) 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:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Elder Paul Maynard      | Brother Daniel Stanley | Elder Randall Lee Lackey |
| Brother Les McGuire     | Elder David May        | Brother Charles Canada   |
| Brother Archie Prince   | Brother Danny Reed     | Elder Harold Sesco       |
| Brother Ervin Thacker   | Elder Chester Cochran  | Brother Clyde James      |
| Brother Tony Williamson | Brother Cecil Setser   | Brother Ernest Sesco     |
| Elder Richard Staton    | Brother Dwight Maynard | Brother Ferrell Sesco    |

(14) 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.

(15) 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, 2011: Bobby Scott, Sr., Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Bob Justice, Clyde Perry, Arthur Mathis, George Saunders, Eddie Williamson, Wayne Blackburn, Edward L. Smith, Frankie Scott, Leonard Napier and Randall Lowe. 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, 2011: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Eddie Williamson, Leonard Napier, Archie Prince, Chester Cochran, Randall Scott, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Frankie Scott, Edward L. Smith, Monty Messer, Clyde Perry, Don Preece, Wayne Blackburn and George Saunders. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Rose of Sharon Church, 5665 Carleton Rockwood Road, South Rockwood, Michigan, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2012: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Ron Hamilton, Richard Staton and Marion Duncan. Letter in the hands of Elder Richard Staton.

**PHILADELPHIA:** When convened with the South Fork Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2012: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Gary L. Napier, Leonard Napier, Frankie Scott, Arthur Mathis, George Saunders, Marion Duncan, Clyde Perry and Lester Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** When convened with the Pine Grove Church, Right Fork of Guesses Fork, Hurley, Va, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2012: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Charles Paynter, Frankie Scott, Ivan Blankenship, Drexel Cline, Marion Duncan, Charles Testerman, Eddie Williamson and Clyde Perry. Letter in the hands of Brother Archie Prince.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** When convened with the Little Home, Doty Creek and James Memorial Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2012: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Eddie Williamson, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Dewey Blackburn, Virgil Fletcher and Butler Fletcher. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

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

(17) Read a Request from the Buck Creek Church asking to host the 2012 Sardis Association. The Big Branch, Dix Fork, Little Tavie, Apple Orchard and Pilgrims Home Churches verbally requested to co-host the Association. By regular move and second the requests were granted.

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2012, to:

Brother Archie Prince  
242 Sundance Lane  
Prichard, WV 25555

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(18) 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 Nineteenth Session of the Sardis Association. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Velocity Market at Zebulon, KY; to Kentucky Fried Chicken at Inez, KY for preparing the chicken; to Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Connie Canes and Mike Lyons of the Pike County Solid Waste Department; to Neil McGuire of Pepsi Cola Co. at Pikeville who handled the soft drinks; to Prater Creek Ice for ice and use of the ice machine; to the Campers for being excellent guests and for their donation; to Elder Paul Maynard, Brother Daniel Stanley, Brother Dean Lowe, and Brother Gerald Fields for all the trips to pick up food and supplies; to all the Sisters who work so hard in the kitchen preparing delicious food, and to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of the Pilgrims Home Church who staff the Concession Stand.

Each year we think the Association can not be any better than this year, but they keep getting better and better. Thank God for all the corresponding brothers and sisters who came to this grand old Association. Thank God for the love and peace the Sardis Association has enjoyed over the last few years. Thank God for the good meetings we have had and his Spirit that fills us with so much joy. We cannot thank him enough for all his blessings.

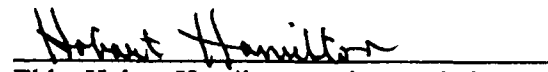
(19) By regular move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises was omitted and it is ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

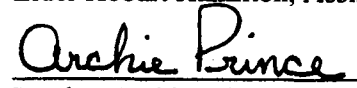
(20) On motion from Elder Butler Fletcher, second by Brother Clifton Robinette, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2012.

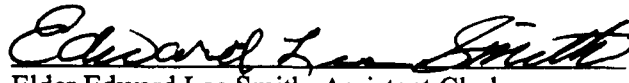
(21) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Wayne Sartin, of the Northern New Salem Association. Brother Wayne then led in prayer.

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

  
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator

  
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator

  
Brother Archie Prince, Clerk

  
Elder Edward Lee Smith, Assistant Clerk

***I THESSALONIANS: Chapter 5 Verses 9 - 23***

*For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.*

*Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*

*And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;*

*And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.*

*Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.*

*See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.*

*Rejoice evermore.*

*Pray without ceasing.*

*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

*Quench not the Spirit.*

*Despise not prophesyings.*

*Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good.*

*Abstain from all appearance of evil.*

***And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

## 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 Sister wearing pants, slacks or shorts?" We, as an Advisory body, say:

To answer this query in the affirmative would be interpreted by some Brethren too liberally and they would say we have laid down the gate and opened the doors to anything and everything.

To answer this Query in the negative would be interpreted by some Brethren too strictly and they would say we have shut the door on everything and Committees would flow from Church to Church like water. We believe the Sardis Association should advise the Churches to advise their members, both Brethren and Sisters to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that becometh a Child of God. We believe that each Child of God will adorn themselves in a manner that they can easily be identified from the world. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

We believe, and the Association has so stated in the past, that each Church in the Sardis Association holds the key to its own door and is the sole judge of the conduct of its members as long as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the Scriptures. In fact, Article 3 of our Constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on any internal right of the Churches.

Elder Wayne Herald

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

Brother James M. Ray

**Item 2.** The Association, by regular move and second, said that if a Sister has cut her hair, she should be asked to let it grow out; if she fails to do so and cuts her hair again, she will be excluded.

**Item 3.** It is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Churches not to marry anyone having a living husband or wife unless they bring scripture evidence for putting their husband or wife away. (1929 minute)

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

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



**Item 6.** By motion and second, it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brethren and Sisters that are in good standing with the Churches at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. Also, friends of the Churches that are recommended by the Churches be printed in a separate section of our minute. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$15.00 will be made for a picture with the obituary, except that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

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

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

**Item 8.** By regular move and second, it is ordered that Item (15) of our 1999 Minute be reprinted as follows:

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

## SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came forth and announced the arrangements. He said, I cannot come close to telling you how great God's power is. That Spirit causes our cup to run over. Cherish every blessing you get. You need that to get you through the valley. When we get on that cloud we will understand his power. There will be no spot or blemish because the natural body will have been changed to a spiritual body.

Elder Stoney Blackburn, of the Northern New Salem Association, came to the stand and preached as follows: God has been so good to us. I trust God. I believe God is about ready to come and get his children. If you don't have his Spirit you are not of him. His commandments are not grievous. There is no other friend like Jesus. Jesus said, if you are my friend you will keep my commandments. If you have been born again Heaven is your home. You have to do something. Jesus said, give me your whole heart and I will be found with you. God promised me a home over there.

When I see a rainbow I think of the promise God made to never destroy the earth by water again. It will be destroyed by fire and brimstone. If you love him you will keep his commandments.

God told Gideon how to fight the battle. And Gideon said to God, if thou will save Israel by mine hand as thou has said, Gideon said, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor and if the dew be on the fleccc only and it is dry upon all the earth beside, then I shall know that thou wilt save Israel by my hand as thou has said. The next morning he rose up and thrust the fleece together and ringed out a bowl of water. Then he said unto God, let the fleece be dry and on all the ground let there be dew. And God did so that night, it was dry upon the fleccc only and there was dew on all the ground. Gideon went out to battle with 32,000 men and God told him that was too many. God said speak in their ear and tell them, if afraid, go home. He still had too many. God told Gideon to take them down to the water and the ones that lapped water up like a dog take with him; 300 lapped water. If God be with you, you can win the battle today. The ones on 911 were cowards. When God's wrath pours out, you will know what is hitting you. There is a extra strength when God strengthens you.

If you don't love God you cannot love your family the way you should. When you come to the Lord you will find out what love is all about.

Prayer was led by Elder Richard Staton, of the Sardis Association.

Elder William Adair, Sr., of the Sardis Association, followed him preaching, Bless the Lord today. He's my rock in a worried land. He's my shelter in the time of storm. My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. If the gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. The gods of this world have blinded them. You must call on the great I Am. You need Jesus in your life today. Sometime we are tried by the fire. He came down to this low ground of sorrow and tasted death that you might live forever. Whenever I do good, evil is present. He leadeth me beside the still water, he restoreth my soul. Satan will lead you out into a barren land. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and though I give my body to be burned and hath not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

There is none good saving God today. If you want to do good, get hold of God. Fear not little flock for it is your fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Take up the cross and follow Jesus.

It is about time that the trumpet will sound.

On the day of Pentecost they met in one place in one accord and suddenly came as a sound of a mighty rushing wind from Heaven that filled all the house. He shall fill this house with joy today. We long to be clothed upon today. We long to go to Heaven when we die.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemy, thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. We need Jesus today. His name today is wonderful. We need to proclaim his name above every name on this earth.

Stand there with your loins gird about with truth, and having on the breast plate of righteousness and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Stand ye in the way and seek the good old path and find rest for your soul. There is a rest waiting for us. Get down on your knees and say, Lord have mercy on me. We have a father in glory, not by work of righteousness, but by his mercy. If you don't have Jesus when you go down in the water, you better have him. Jesus' Church is going up. There will be faith on this earth when Jesus comes. If you have Jesus, you are his. We should worship God every day. Forget not to assemble yourselves as some do. When we leave here today think of the wonderful hope we have today. The Church is the elect lady. God has dressed her up. We will meet in the air. Don't grieve after me, I am going to shine in the morning. God has given us a drink of water that endureth unto everlasting life.

Elder Fitch Reed, of the Union Association, followed saying he considers it a great honor that his name was put on the list to preach today. He preached, the hidden man of the heart is what God is interested in. The inner man gets to eat from Heaven. Jesus told them all through the gospel that he was going to suffer. Pilate could find no fault with Jesus, but released to the crowd a murderer.

An old brother got up and it seemed like everything he said was directed at me. Every time I come by the water where I was baptized, I remember the baptism. When God's love came in, things looked good to me. God's word is true, let every man be a lair.

When I make mistakes I am the one who has to pay. I have an advocate with God. He showed me the fire of hell one night. You must serve the Lord with all your mind and strength. There was darkness from the sixth hour until the ninth hour. Joseph begged the body of Jesus. The first day of the week the sisters visited the tomb. The stone was already rolled back and an angel said why seek the living in the tomb of the dead. God is no respecter of person. I was thinking about the old sisters and brothers that have gone on but they will get up on the resurrection day. The Bible says God will leave Heaven with a shout, the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God. The dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. We will be known as we are known.

I am afraid to fly but when the Lord comes back I will fly on the cloud of glory. We will be able to give him honor and glory. The flesh has the messenger of satan in it. The thorn in the flesh buffets us. We can say, oh grave, where is thy victory. The victory is in Jesus.

There will be little children in Heaven. There will be no children in hell. In that morning nature will cease to be. One day we will gather on that cloud. They all shall know me from the least to the greatest. I am looking for the Lord to come. I feel rich in here. The eastern sky will rolled back like a scroll. If you have not repented, start today. Look up for your redemption draweth nigh. In Heaven all will be peace, joy and love.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the stand next stating, I hope what I say would not cause you to forget about what you have been hearing.

The Spirit has been here, the Spirit is here. I have thought many things.

When in sin I did not want anyone to tell me I was a sinner, even though I knew I was one. When the Spirit came to me it cut my heart. When I went to Church the Spirit cut me.

God will take care of you if you look toward Heaven. Perfect love will take care of you. You must have the love of God in you. God changes your heart.

King Darius had a kingdom so great he could not carry out all that was necessary. He chose three presidents and of these three presidents Daniel was first. They begin to try to find a fault in Daniel, but could not find no fault in this man. Trust in the Lord and he will deliver you from all things that come to you. The presidents approached the king to pass a decree that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty day, except of thee, oh king, he shall be cast into a den of lions. The king signed the decree. Daniel bowed and looked toward Heaven and began to pray. God is so good to us. The Spirit of the Lord has been here. When the king realized what he had done, he was sad. God is not a God of hatred, but the God of love. When he gives love to someone, they try to tell the world how good Jesus is. When looking toward Heaven, it is good. Thank God he gave knowledge to make medicine.

When the king could not change the law, they threw Daniel in the lions' den. King Darius could not sleep. No man can change the word of God. I wish everybody would get ready to go to Heaven. Only a remnant will go. The king arose early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. When he came to the lions' den he called out to Daniel and Daniel was alive. He told Daniel to come forth. The angel of God closed the lions' mouth and they did Daniel no harm. The king knew no other God like the God of Daniel.

The Lord is wonderful, I would recommend him to anybody. If we are God's children, we should shine enough light around our children, that they would want to go to Heaven. When we leave here, let's leave our family with a hope that they will see us again. Praise the Lord. Everyone should be praising the Lord.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator of the Sardis Association, came stating that the Spirit is so strong. The brothers have told you the truth. They have told you about escaping from the lions' den and from fire. It has been so good, we have rejoiced so much.

There was a man in the ceiling listening to an old man preaching. He went to sleep and fell out of the ceiling. The old man laid his hands on him and he was alright. To escape the second death we must get Jesus Christ while we have life and opportunity. There is no time after death to get salvation. There is no more thousand years. The blood of Jesus must be applied to the inner man to escape the second death. Ye must be born again to receive eternal life. You have to get Jesus. I believe in the cleansing power of God. There is cleansing power in the blood of Jesus.

They had to take the red heifer outside of the city to be killed. They had to get clean hands. You must get into the cleansing hands of God. Before you get home you must have the cleansing blood. They had to be clean to handle the heifer. I am glad there is a tree of life today. The way I feel now I am going home. Get on board the old ship it is sailing today. There is just one destination and that is glory land. I want to go home. I want to get my feet on the clouds of glory. I have got a better place to go to. The man on the inside is dressed up.

Elder Edward L. Smith called the dismissal.

Your Clerks

## CIRCULAR LETTER

Brothers and Sisters as the Apostle Paul wrote it is with fear and trembling that I approach your presence today. I stand in need of your prayers. It has been with many prayers that I have undertaken the writing of the Circular Letter for 2011.

I am like King Solomon said in his prayer, I am like a little child who knows not when to go out and when to come in. He asked the Lord for his help and when the Lord asked him what three things he wanted, King Solomon did not request riches. And so, the Lord gave him wisdom such as no man before him or after had possessed.

Matthew 11:10 *For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my Messenger before thy face which shall prepare thy way before thee.* I believe that God has given his Ministers a Spirit to preach with and to teach men and women what they must do to be saved. Sinners must repent of their sins, being born again and cleansed by the blood of Jesus and get a drink of that living water as well as getting the water baptism as Christ did.

Matthew 13:34 *All these things spoke Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spoke he not unto them that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying, I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.*

Psalms 78:1&2 *Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the word of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old.*

Today, Preachers have different gifts: some may get deep in the Bible, and have a gift of bringing things together and some may go a more common route, but it is the same spirit that gives us understanding. Jesus had a way with words but people would not understand him. The Bible says that the people were astonished at his doctrine that he had taught with power and authority.

Matthew 7:28 *And it came to pass when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine.* The people who heard him speak were again amazed at the power of the spoken word. Today, we have not seen the father, but have felt him in our hearts.

John 14: 1-3 *Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's House are many Mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go away to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there you may be also.* So to inherit this mansion we must believe and be born again not of a corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever. But the word of the Lord endureth forever and this the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

John 7:46 *The officer answered never a man spoke like this man.* We can see that people were astonished. Jesus made some truly great statements.

John 8:58 *Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I am.*

John 10:30 *I and my father are one.*

John 14:9 *Jesus said unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet has thou not known me. Phillip? He that hath seem me hath seen the father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the father?*

Revelation 22:20 *He which testifieth these things saith, surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so came Lord Jesus.* He made the simple statement, it is finished.

Ephesians 2: 8&9 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God: and that not of works lest any man should boast.* It means that our salvation comes to us on the basis of belief and faith.

Acts: 16:31 *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved.* Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Acts 28:28 *Be it known therefore unto you, that the Salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.* ( God called Peter to preach Christ unto Cornelius, a gentile.)

Romans 10:10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

II Timothy 2: 10 *Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.*

Hebrews 5:9 *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.*

I Peter 1:5 *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time.* It means that while God could never accept me as a sinner, condemned and unclean, he will accept me because of his son whom I have received the salvation purchased for me. Jesus shed his precious blood on the Cross to cover our sin, therefore as far as my salvation is concerned.

It is finished:

John 19:30 *When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, it is finished; he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.*

I Peter 1:18 &19 *For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your father; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.* So, I believe Jesus is coming again to receive my body and soul and he told us to be ready in that day.

I Thessalonians 2:19 *For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?*

May God Bless You,

Your Servant

*Claver Billy Robinson*

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

**APRIL, 2012**

**SOUTHERN HOME:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Paul Maynard, Buddy Carty, Gary Young, Jeff Dillon, Danny Adams and David May.

**LITTLE ROSIE:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Paul Bevins, Elbert Sesco and Billy Joe Robinson.

**OKEECHOBEE:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Charles Jarrell, James Barney, Brian Young, Chris Watts and Richard Lowe.

**MAY, 2012**

**SALEM:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion 3:00 p.m. following the regular Saturday service. Ministers called: Creed Thomas, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Runyon, Billy Joe Robinson, Jack Robinette and Robert Haney.

**TURKEY CREEK:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Danny Runyon, Stoney Blackburn, Jack Robinette, Don Little, Harold Sesco, Gary L. Young and Eric Williamson.

**JUNE, 2012**

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jerry Overstreet, Jack Robinette, Duane Smith, Danny Runyon and Arthur Mathis.

**ELIZABETH:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Albert Cable, W. H. Cochran and Ben Scott.

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following regular church service. Ministers called: Stoney Blackburn, Harold Sesco, Mike Lowe and Billy Howard.

**BUCK CREEK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Homer Muncy, Jr., Bobby Scott, Sr., Gary Blevins, Wallace Sartin, Richard Staton, Arthur May, Jack Robinette, Butler Fletcher and Albert Cable.

**SIDNEY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Albert Cable, Lacy Walters, David Crigger and Thomas J. Dials.

**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 2:00 p.m. Ministers called: Arthur May, Albert Cable, Jack Robinette, Elbert Sesco and Billy Joe Robinson.

**JULY, 2012**

**DIX FORK:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Frankie Scott, Danny Belcher, Danny Hurley, Gary Adkins and Paul Bevins.

**SAMARIA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Chris Watts, Ben Scott, Danny Runyon, Billy Howard and Clarence Mathis.

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

**MT. PLEASANT:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, James Tackett, Edward Lee Smith, Jerry Overstreet and David Lester.

**LITTLE TAVIE:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Murl F. Caudill, Don Lawson, Thomas J. Dials, Gary Blevins and Raymond Stapleton.

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

**MARY ELIZABETH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Herman West, Gayle Brown, David Lester, Kenneth B. Jude and Danny Hurley.

**BRIDE OF CHRIST:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday after regular service. All Regular Baptist ministers called.

**NARROWS BRANCH:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m. after business. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Lacy Walters, Elbert Sesco, Eric Williamson, and Billy Joe Robinson with Moderator attending.

## **AUGUST, 2012**

**TABITHA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Leon Robinson, Paul Maynard, Arthur May, Harrison Runyon, Billy Joe Robinson, Chester Cochran, Elbert Sesco and Albert Cable.

**BENT BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening after the 1:00 p.m. business meeting. Ministers called: Stoney Blackburn, Thomas J. Dials, Arthur Mathis and Harold Sesco.

**ROSA:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Hamilton, Stoney Blackburn, Jack Robinette and Danny Runyon with moderator attending.

**ANTIOCH:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following the regular Church service. Ministers called: Billy Joe Robinson, Paul Maynard, Stoney Blackburn and Preston Lewis.

**BETHANY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Robert Haney, Harrison Runyon, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**PILGRIMS HOME:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Hobart Hamilton and Barry Lucas.



## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

### MARCH, 2012

**OKEECHOBEE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Arlice Peaden, Dee Osborne, Jeff Dillon, Danny Adams, Williams Adair, Sr. and Bruce Forsyth.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (April 1) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Reuben Williams and David Lester, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dial. Everyone bring covered dishes.

### APRIL, 2012

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

**PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday at the Church for those buried on the Williamson Family Cemetery. Service will began at 6:00 p.m. Ministers called: Andrew Walters, Michael Lowe and Richard Staton.

### MAY, 2012

**BEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased on the Fields and Fork Cemetery on the second Sunday in May at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Harold SESCO, Albert Cable and Ben Scott with 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, Harold SESCO and Duane Smith.

**SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the former Charity Church building in Greensboro, GA on the Sunday following the second Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Albert Cable, David May, Bruce Forsyth and Williams Adair, Sr.

**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: Bobby Scott, Sr., Albert Cable, Harold SESCO, Lacy Walters and Wallace Sartin.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the home of Brother Daniel Stanley at Dix Fork in memory of Brother Albert Stanley and Brother Rush Coney Williamson on the third Saturday at 3:00 p.m. All Regular Baptist Ministers welcome.

**LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Paul V. Damron, Hobart Hamilton, Jimmy Amos and Stoney Blackburn.

**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: Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Lacy Walters, James Tackett and Bobby Scott, Sr.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and Trixie Blackburn, his wife, and all the deceased on that cemetery at the old home place on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on Sunday following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Thomas J. Dials, Richard Lowe, Milford Lowe, Lacy Walters and Kenneth B. Jude.

**BETHANY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday following the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Wallace Sartin, Kenneth B. Jude and Albert Cable with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending. Everyone is welcome.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Stanley and Hinkle Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek on the fourth Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Duane Smith, Richard Staton, Stone Blackburn and Gary Young.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Dix Fork Church for all buried on the Cochran Cemetery on the last Saturday in May at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lacy Walters and Edward L. Smith.

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

## **JUNE, 2012**

**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, Elbert Sesco, Richard Staton and Lacy Walters.

**SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Southern Home Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, James Barney, Terry Fuller, David Crigger and Billy Williamson.

**TABITHA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Jr., Jack Robinette, W. H. Cochran, Jerry Runyon, Ben Scott and Thomas J. Dials.

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

**LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Cemetery next to the Church for all deceased members of the church on the second Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Gary Adkins, Greg Sowards, Ralph Cloud and Albert Cable.

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

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Robinette Cemetery on Sunday following the third Saturday in June at 11:00 a.m. and for all those buried on the John Gilford Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork. Ministers called: Paul Bevins, Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Harold Sesco and Andrew Walters.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the Howell and Jude Cemeteries in the head of Peter Cave at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Milford Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr.

**BENT BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edward L. Smith, Danny Runyon and Billy Joe Robinson.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY on the fourth Saturday in June 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 Smith and Ermal Deskins and Vernon and Darlene 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 on Sunday following the fourth Saturday in June at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Leonard Napier, Tennis Sturgell, Paul Matthews. Everyone welcome. Dinner to be served.

### **JULY, 2012**

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at Brother Lacy Fletcher's home for brother Joe Fletcher, his wife, Hazel Fletcher, and son, Roger Fletcher, Lacy Orville Fletcher, Orville Spence, infant daughter of Ray and Sharon Spence(Katie Lynn Spence), infant son of Jeff and Mary Spence(Cory Matthew Spence), Sammy Spence, Mary Alice Spence, Estill Spence, Ernest Spence, Pauline Spence and others buried on the cemetery on Orville Road on the odd Sunday (July 1). All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

**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 July. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Ben Scott, Randy Lackey, Lonnie Jude, Henry Jude, Butler Fletcher and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

**TURKEY CREEK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the church house for the deceased members of the Reed and Lockard families on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Gary Young, Stoney Blackburn, Duane Smith and Elbert Sesco.

**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: Wayne Herald, Jr., Albert Cable, Kenneth B. Jude and Clifford Williams.

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

**BUCK CREEK CHURCH** will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dials Cemetery on the Jack Cassidy Branch of Coldwater Road. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Thomas J. Dials, Albert Cable, Ben Scott and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Narrows Branch Church on Sunday following the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery (Blackberry Fork, Hardy, KY and Brother Clyde Brown and Sister Fern Brown who are buried on the Hill Crest Cemetery, Kenova, WV. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Hobart Hamilton, John B. Hamilton, Jimmy Dye, Edward L. Smith, Wayne Herald, Jr. with Moderator attending.

**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 and Richard Staton.

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

### **AUGUST, 2012**

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton, Joseph Staton, Mont 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: Lonnie Staton, Milford Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. and Wayne Herald, Jr.

**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, Paul Bevins 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 Millwood Cemetery in Reddick, FL, the Joe Taylor Cemetery and Joe Taylor family buried at Maher, WV, the McCealy Cemetery at Maher, WV, Bent Ridge Cemetery, Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland, KY, Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, Ft. McCoy Cemetery in Ft. McCoy, Florida and Hennon Scalf Cemetery on Curry Branch and Sister Hester Maynard and all that are buried on the Williamson Cemetery on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Ivan Blankenship, Clifford Williams, Kenneth B. Jude, Richard Staton and Hobart Hamilton.

**DIX FORK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Dix Fork Church on Sunday following the first Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Richard Staton, Gary Young and Stoney Blackburn.

**BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday at the Government Cemetery on Route 37 approximately 5 miles south of Wayne, WV. Ministers called: Sammie Moore and Sam Frye and all Regular Baptist ministers welcome.

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

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

**LITTLE ROSIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Little Rosie Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Elbert Sesco, Bobby Scott, Sr., Harold Sesco, Paul Bevins, Stoney Blackburn and Lloyd Brown.

**PILGRIMS REST CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday for 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: Earl D. Newsome, Danny Newsome, Danny Runyon with family members attending. Everyone Welcome. Dinner will be served.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for all those buried on the Alfred Young Cemetery. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Richard Staton, Gabe Robinsonette, Greg Stanley and Harold Sesco.

**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 and Brother R. C. Maynard, Sr. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson and Billy Joe Robinson.

**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: Milford Lowe, Wayne Herald, Fred Floyd Jude, Albert Cable, Danny Hurley 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: Paul Bevins, Albert Cable, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Arthur May and Edward L. Smith.

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

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Sidney Church and of Elder W. W. Fields and all that are buried on the Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Gabe Lowe, Jr., Wallace Sartin, Hobart Hamilton and Kenneth B. Jude.

**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: Ben Scott, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Dale Williamson, Danny Runyon, Billy Joe Robinson and Kenneth B. Jude. Dinner will be served nearby.

### SEPTEMBER, 2012

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Wallace Sartin, Albert Cable and Edward L. Smith.

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

**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: Greg Stanley, Lacy Walters, Harold Sesco and Richard Staton.

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

**BUCK CREEK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church and the deceased buried in the Maynard Cemetery at Warfield, KY on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: W. H. Cochran, Kenneth B. Jude, Leonard Napier, Paul Maynard and Ben Scott, Sr.

**LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Ruby Honaker Hunt, her husband, Mont., their daughter, Lorene Hunt, Charlie Honaker and other family members on the third Saturday at 5:00 p.m. at the home of her son, Johnny Honaker, which is located approximately three fourths mile up Sunshine Lane at Kimber, KY. Ministers called: Teddy Honaker, Richard Staton, Leon Robinson, Greg Stanley, Paul Maynard, Tim Robinson and all other Regular Baptist Ministers who are able to attend. The family invite everyone.

**MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, William (Tom) Fraley and his wife Inis Fraley Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: David Crigger, Frankie Scott, Gale Brown, Paul Bevins, 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, Jack Robinette and David Maynard.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Jude, America Jude, his wife, their three sons, Ambrose, Matthew and Russell, three great grandchildren, Mark Jude, infant son of Kenneth B. Jude, Dollie Jude and Tan Stacy, husband of Pauline Stacy on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Floyd Jude, Kenneth B. Jude, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Wayne Sartin, Dewey Jude, Albert Cable and Milford Lowe.

**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, Wayne Herald, Jr., Edward L. Smith and Frankie Scott.

**MT PLEASANT CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the John L. Blackburn Family at the home of Elder Dewey Blackburn, 4450 West Tunnel Road, Sharpsburg, KY on the odd Sunday (September 30) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hillard Newsome, Lacy Walters, Jerry Overstreet and Don Blake Little.

## OCTOBER, 2012

**ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Albert Cable, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Raymond Smith.

**SALEM CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of the Salem Church. Ministers called: Lloyd Brown, Harold Sesco, Duane Smith, Greg Stanley and Bobby Scott, Sr.

**TURKEY CREEK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Dale Williamson, Greg Stanley, Ralph Slone, Jr. and W. Lee Roberts.

**MT. PLEASANT CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Albert Cable, Johnny Newsome, Paul Boggs, Mike Justice and Murl F. Caudill.

**ISABELLA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Church of all the deceased who are buried on the Scott Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Williams, 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: Danny Belcher, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Richard Staton and Mike Justice.

**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, John R. Justice, Richard Staton, Zeb Newsome, Arthur Mathis and Phillip Estep.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the fourth Saturday for John Jude and Belle Jude, his wife; Annie (Howell) Jude, wife of Warren G. Jude; J. T. Jude, son of Warren G. Jude and Emma Jude; two daughters, Mary Ann and Betty Jane, children of Henry and Connie Jude. Ministers called: Ben Scott, Kenneth B. Jude, Lacy Fletcher and Clifford Williams.

**PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Pilgrims Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Stoney Blackburn, Richard Staton and Michael Lowe.

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

We, your Sister, the Northern New Salem Association, wish to express to you our deepest sympathy in the passing of you beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last gathering.

We enjoyed their fellowship yesterday, today we remember the joyous days we were blessed to have them in worship. Now they rest in peace leaving us with precious memories.

Respectfully,

Brother Newsome

Brother Elkins-Clerks

#### **LETTER OF CONDOLENCE**

We, your Sister, the Union Association, wish to convey to you, our Sister, the Sardis Association, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your blessed Elders, Brothers, and Sisters since your last gathering.

May God sustain you with the blessed assurance that is found in faith and sincere prayer. May precious memories of those gone on before us bring comfort and peace until we meet again in God's eternal Heaven "...where there's joy, joy, joy."

With everlasting love,

Elder Danny Belcher

Elder Barry Lucas

Brother Gordon Deel

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>DAY AND TIME</b>
Bent Branch Church	Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Bent Branch/Pilgrims Home at Bent Branch	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Buck Creek Church	Second Saturday April 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Elder W. Sartin's home on Emily Creek, KY.
Leannah Church	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.  Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. except July 1. Azzie Howard Birthday July 31, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Little Tavie Church	Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Mary Elizabeth Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m. except April 1.
Pilgrims Home Church	Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.
Pilgrims Rest Church	Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. The meeting in August will be dedicated to the memory of Brothers and Sisters who established the Church January 25, 1969. Ministers called Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton and Stoney Blackburn
Salem Church	Easter Morning 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
Samaria Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
SARDIS ASSOCIATION AT BUILDING	Every odd Saturday at 6:00 p.m. (None March 31 or December 31, 2011)
Sidney Church	Second Saturday August, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Elder Willie Howard's home on Meathouse, Canada, KY.
Southern Home Church	Every third, fourth, and odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  Communion first Saturday evening in October: Ministers Called: Bill Smith and Glen Dixon.  Special Communion Meeting in Greensboro, GA at former Charity Church on the second Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in November, 2012. Ministers called: Stanley Campbell, Danny Runyon, Duane Smith, Eric Williamson and Brian Young.
Rosa Church	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.  Every first Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.
Turkey Creek Church	New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m. Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m. except April 1, 2012.  June second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Edward L. Smith, Bill Blevins, Ray Hamilton, James Barney, Paul Bevins, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Lloyd Brown.



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

**ELDER WILLIE BLACKBURN**

Willie Blackburn, eighty one, of Turkey Creek, Kentucky went to be with the Lord on August 13, 2011. He was born May 4, 1930. He was married to Anna Kazee Blackburn for sixty years.

He was a coal miner for forty two years. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Turkey Creek for many years.

He was preceded in death by: one daughter, Linda Lee; a grand daughter, Kimberly; two brothers, Arnold and Tom Blackburn, Jr. and his parents, Judie and Tom Blackburn.

He is survived by: two daughters, Diana Gail Deskins and Louella (Larry) Booth; a son, Dennis (Ella) Blackburn; one sister, Ora Robinson of Turkey Creek, Kentucky; one brother, Lawyer Blackburn of Florida and a son-in-law, Larry Lee. There are nine grandchildren: Beverly (Doug) Hatfield, Kerri (Chuck) Hensley, John (Jesyka) Wagoner, Angela (Chris) Conley, A.J. (Brayley) Booth,



Kayla Booth, Mary Snodgrass, Leigh Ann Blackburn and Amber Blackburn. He has twelve great-grandchildren.

Willie Blackburn, my dad, was brought up in hard times and families were poor in those days. When dad got old enough to work he got a job in the coal mines where he earned a living for his family. Dad did not have much formal education but he learned the mines well and was a boss and later rose to the position of superintendent. Dad provided for his family. When the mines shut down he went to Georgia to get peaches to sell and in some cases he gave them away.

Dad loved his garden and worked hard in it. If his garden did well he would share with others. Dad took his Church, his God and his gifts that God gave him very seriously. If called on he would pray for anyone that asked for prayer. He would leave his dinner to pray for a sick child. He loved to sing and attended his Church regularly and visited others.

Dad was a good man, one that feared God and loved his wife, Anna, and his family. He served as clerk at the Turkey Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist for many years. Dad was an avid fisherman. He would go to Norris Lake in Tennessee for two weeks at a time. If he had a successful trip when he got back home he would invite family and brothers and sisters to a fish fry at his home. He, also, loved to squirrel hunt and would fix them with gravy.

My dad loved life and loved to see people laugh. He would tell people a joke to get them to laugh. He would pull something on anyone, even a stranger such as the one he called dog jaw. He also kidded people about opossum and would ask, would you like a big fat one. Dad was truly loved and will be greatly missed.

Written by daughter,  
Diana Deskins

## GEORGE WASHINGTON ADAIR, SR.

Loving husband, father and wonderful grandfather. Dad was born February 12, 1925 in Puritan Mines, West Virginia and passed on May 31, 2011 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was a member of the Southern Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Sparr, Florida.

He is survived by his three children: Carole Puleo of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Bruce (Glenda) Adair of Menifee, California and Rita (Drew) Funderburk of Colorado Springs, Colorado and grandchildren: Crystal (Brent) Robson, April (Keith) Pennington, Candice (Brian) Sanders, Matthew Funderburk, Sean Adair and Rebecca Adair. Great-grandchildren: Ciara and Justin Robson and Demetrius, Roman and Ashton Pennington.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Joyce Adair; his son, George Adair, Jr.; his parents, James Adair and Rebecca Adair Grubb; his stepfather, Carlos Grubb; his brothers, Tommy, Albert, Henry, Johnny Adair, Clarence Grubb; his sisters, Nancy Rowlands and Maudie Mahorn.

Dad grew up in West Virginia, where he shared his childhood with his seven siblings. In 1942 he served in the CCC unit in West Virginia. Then at eighteen he enlisted in the Navy, where he was stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. He proudly served for three and a half years and then was married in 1946 to Joyce Chapman.

In an effort to make a better life for their growing family, Dad and Mom moved to California in 1952. They left the coal mining town behind and took their two young children, George, Jr. and Carole to their new home in Compton, California. In 1954 their third child, Bruce was born and then Rita in 1961. The family settled in a home in Norwalk and then finally to their home in La Mirada, where they lived together for the next forty nine years.

Dad worked for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace for twenty one years as a tool and jig maker. Both George and Bruce, also worked for the company during Dads tenure.

In 2005, Dad and Mom moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado where they settled into a new home close to their family. They loved their new dream home, their new neighborhood and they enjoyed the beautiful mountain view.

Dad enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, happiest when his family was close. Many hours were spent in the garage, working with wood or craft projects for the family. Always a camera in hand, Dad was known for capturing the candid family moments. Dad loved making homemade ice cream on fourth of July, enjoying his favorite horehound candies, and watching home family movies.

We have truly lost an amazing man in our Dad. Our hearts are broken, but know he is rejoicing with Mom and his other family with the good Lord. Our hearts are full knowing that he will always be with us all, looking in on us from time to time. He was the strength and the backbone of our family and it will be difficult to go on without him. We will continue to say his prayer at our family meals and remember his loving words in our daily lives.

We love you. We'll miss you. We'll never forget you. Thank you for all that you did to enrich our lives and show us true unconditional love each and every day.



Your Loving Family

## HATTIE BEVINS

Hattie Bevins, ninety four, of Hatfield, Kentucky passed away Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville, Kentucky. She was born June 30, 1916 in Pike County, Kentucky. Hattie was the daughter of the late Joe Bud and Vada (Young) Burris. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Bevins, who died November, 22, 1987; sisters: Maxine Young, Lacie Robinette and Luna Bevins and a half brother, Virgil Burris.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church. Hattie was happiest when she was raising vegetables in her garden and flowers in her yard.

She is survived by one son, James H. "Jimmy" (Connie) Caines of Belfry, Kentucky; two granddaughters, April (Russ) Thompson of Lexington, Kentucky and Jamie (Ryan) Smith of Lexington, Kentucky; five great-grandchildren: Evan Thompson, Steven Smith, Alyssa Smith, Abigail Smith and Addison Smith all of Lexington, Kentucky; special nieces, Sandy (Cal) Runyon of Pikeville, Kentucky, Linda (John) Ball of Belfry, Kentucky, Debbie (Tommy) Robinette of Hatfield, Kentucky; special nephew, Burton (Hazel) Bevins of Hatfield, Kentucky; special great nieces and nephews, Eddie (Yvette) Runyon, Lonetta (Jeremy) Moses, Justan (Nicholas) Holder, Nicholas and Heather Bevins; great-great nieces and nephews, Triniti Shae, Brock, Jayla, Jordan and Zoey and her loving caretakers, Kathy Rose, Anita Smith and JoAnn Bevins and a host of other loving family and friends, who will sadly miss her passing.

Funeral Services were held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 8, 2011 at the R. E. Rogers Funeral Home with Old Regular Baptist Ministers Officiating. She was buried in the Smith Cemetery at Rockhouse Fork, Hatfield, Kentucky with Russ Thompson, Ryan Smith, Eddie Runyon, Nicholas Bevins, Jeremy Moses and Don Paul Bevins serving as pallbearers.



## LUCINA BLACKBURN

It is with a heavy heart and overflowing love, that we try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Lucina Blackburn. She was born April 26, 1918 and was the daughter of the late French and Bessie Spears Blackburn. She was one of six children born of this union. She had two brothers, Ersel and Chester Blackburn and two sisters, Fay Blackburn and the late Toka Hunt. She also had a sister, Ernestine, who died as an infant.

She married Lester Blackburn on January 16, 1938 and they had six children, three boys and three girls. The girls are Berneda Fitch, Deloris Knauf and the late Helen Shenefield. Their sons are Eugene, Marvene, and Danny Blackburn. Lester passed away on April 30, 1975. These children will never quit morning the loss of their beloved parents.

How do we describe Mommy? There are not enough words! She was so much to so many people. She leaves fourteen grandchildren, twenty seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great- grandchild. They too, will forever morn the loss of their mom-maw (Grandma).

She went home to be with her Lord at Salem Community Hospital in Salem, Ohio on November 20, 2010 at 5:30 a.m. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

She was a member of the Big Branch Old Regular Baptist Church and was a faithful member as long as she was able. Everyone there loved her dearly.



She was known as a wonderful cook and her chicken and dumplings were known by many. She was a member of the McCombs Homemakers for many years and was a very accomplished quilter. She also worked for many years at the Gulnare Fire Dept. She helped to make quilts that were sold and the money was given to the fire department.

Although her time here on earth amounted to ninety two years, seven months and twenty two days, to her family, that time was way too short.

Mommy lived by herself after daddy died until the age of ninety. As her health failed, she had to leave her home in Missouri Branch and go to Ohio to be taken care of by her daughters. We know that it was a big adjustment for her, but she never complained.

I know that she lost some of her spark, when her daughter Helen passed away from cancer. She was only five years old at the time. Helen was the only daughter that lived near her and she took her passing very hard. Her three sons all lived close by and Eugene checked on her sometimes two or three times a day. She knew she could always call any of them if she needed anything. She also was blessed with cousins that helped her out very much. Mommy never learned to drive a car, but she had wonderful friends and family who took her place. Viola, Nell and Bob, we will always be grateful for the love, care and companionship that you gave her!

Mommy was a lot of things to a lot of different people, but to her kids, she was just Mommy. She was someone who was always there for us. She was a friend to everyone she knew.

Mommy, we will always miss you, but someday we will see you in Heaven and we will never be parted again.

Written by her daughters,  
Berneda Fitch and Deloris Knauf

### JOHNNY CHARLES COCHRAN

With a sad and broken heart I will try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary of a dear brother, wonderful husband, dad and grandpa. Johnny Charles was born November 7, 1947 and died January 19, 2011. He was the son of Julius and Elouise Brown Cochran who preceded him in death. He was preceded in death by three brothers: Danny Edward, Michael Julius and an infant.

He leaves to mourn his loss his loving wife of thirty nine years and three months, Barbara Allen Cochran. They were married on November 4, 1971. They were blessed with three children: Tonya (Randel) Shobe, Brandi (Jamie) Conley and Scottie (Jamie) Cochran, all of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. They had eight grandchildren: John, Derick, Josie, Braden, Karrissa, Tommy, Leah, and Rylee. Johnny had three brothers: Bobby Gene, Larry Ronald (Eva) and Donnie (April) and three sisters: Mary Louise Rusk, Janet Faye Hall and Debbie (Terry) Staats. He had many nieces and nephews.

Brother Johnny served a tour in Vietnam and he retired from the post office.

Brother Johnny started coming back to church soon after he found out he had cancer. He never gave up, he would go even when he was so sick. The last time he got to come to church was New Years Eve but he had to leave early because he was so weak. So, he started having us to come to his house and sing and hold prayer. He was so persistent, I thought of the little woman that had the issue of blood, who among a very large crowd saw Jesus and said within herself, if I may but touch the hem of his garment, I know I'll be made whole and she did and was made whole. I believe Brother Johnny touched him on the morning of January 12, 2011. He told me he felt like the Lord had forgiven him and wanted to be baptized. He wanted me and Brother Lester Cochran to baptize him and when he came out of the water there was a peaceful look on his face. He told Barb he just wanted to go on home.



So, children, I believe he is resting now and in no more pain. If you want to see Dad again you are going to have to repent and be born again. So, sleep on Brother Johnny until we meet again on that blessed shore, for our loss is Heaven's gain.

A brother in hope,  
Elder Chester Cochran

### BARBARA SUE DESKINS

It is with eternal sadness, that we, the family of Barbara Sue Deskins, will try to write the obituary of our beloved, wife and mother. To try to put into words the love in our hearts for her and for all of the love that she gave.

Mom was born on March 25, 1943 in Sidney, Kentucky to the late Omer and Gladys (Crigger) Williamson. She left this world on March 18, 2011 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. She was laid to rest in the Williamson family cemetery in Sidney, Kentucky on what would have been her sixty eight birthday.

Barbara Sue was preceded in death by her brothers: Okie, Clifford, Perry and Clinton Jr. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Bessie Mae Stacey. She is survived by her sisters, Anna Baldwin and Hazel (Bob) Thacker all of Sidney, Kentucky. She is also survived by brother-in-law Jerry Stacey of Inez, Kentucky. Additional survivors include: her special cousin, Brenda (Howard) Phillips; aunts, Inis Brown and Edith Williamson, all of Sidney, Kentucky and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Belfry (KY) High School in 1961, she attended business school in Pikeville, Kentucky. On September 29, 1962, she married the love of her life, Onas Deskins, Jr. in Ferndale, Michigan. She is also survived by her husband and their three sons: Michael of Ray, Michigan, Mitchell (Debra) of Jackson, Michigan and Matthew (Nancy) of Plainwell, Michigan.

Mom's family was her pride and joy. During her life, Mom and her love, were always there to help guide us in every step of our lives. She cheered us on during little league. She nursed us when we were sick. She stood and applauded when we graduated from high school and college and she cried when we were married. Although she is no longer here with us, her spirit and love will continue to help guide us as we continue our own journey's down life's highway.

Barbara Sue joined the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. She later transferred her letter to the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church in Sidney, Kentucky and was a member there until her death. In addition to her family, Mom will be sadly missed by all her friends and acquaintances that knew of her gentle kindness to the elderly and for her deep love for animals.

We could not have asked for a more loving or caring wife and mother. The memory of her love will be forever in our hearts.

We would like to express our deepest thanks to the members of the Dix Fork Church for all the kindness and support given to us during this sad time.

Written by her family



## ELIZABETH SMITH MARSHALL DIALS

Elizabeth Smith Marshall Dials was born October 3, 1920 and died January 30, 2011. When we are born into this world we or no one else knows what lies before us. Life is a journey that takes us to unknown places, times and people. As a young child we absorb our personality and personal traits from the environment, the things around us, to form who we are. This journey has many bumps and joys as we travel along.

On October 3, 1920 a child was born to Archie and Mary Marshall in Motherwell Scotland, in the British Isles. While being raised in this small farming community her dad, Archie, decided to go to Australia for economic reasons and make a life for his family, but his journey was changed and he ended up in Mongohela, PA where he worked in the coal mines. In 1925 he sent for his family to come to America and Mary and her four children came thru Ellis Island, New York to the new country where their Dad had chosen to make a living. This young girl was five years old and her journey of life took a drastic change. She became a young lady and while working in the area of Pennsylvania she met a young man that would take her journey to another direction. On September 21, 1948 she married Jerome Dials and came to Kentucky to start her own family that included Thomas Jerome, Barbara Jean, and Jack Dials. Tom married Peggy Harmon and they added to her journey Tomma Renee and Todd Jeremy. Barb gave her John Edward Layne who preceded her in death. Jack married Freda Parsley and gave her Amanda Dials and Brittany Ann Dials who preceded her in death. And the grandchildren added to her journey great-grandchildren; Tomma (Norman) gave her Bryce Cory, Todd (Kim) gave her James Thomas and Matthew Todd and Amanda gave her Jadah. Her grand children and great-grandchildren gave her so much joy.



Her journey really changed in 1963 when she and Jerome gave their hand to Elder Wayne Herald, Sr. and Elder Willis Dials to be baptized claiming the Lord as their savior. They joined the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church and Mommy would open her home to feed the church crowds as long as she could. She enjoyed to cook for her Brothers and Sisters and the fellowship of the church. This fellowship developed into many wonderful friendships that she cherished so much. As one of these special friends would pass she would say, "I will meet them in the morning". Through the church she developed a special friendship with Brother Wayne and Sister Edna Herald whom she enjoyed many hours talking about the Bible and enjoying each other's company. This friendship was a special joy in Mom's journey.

In 1958 Jerome who was a construction worker got hurt and later developed cancer and for about eight years mommy attended to his every need, while taking care of her children. This event would drastically change her journey because on July 27, 1966 she had to give the love of her life up to cancer. She continued to see to the home and her family. Her faith in the Good Lord helped her to accomplish the obstacles on her journey.

On January 30, 2011 she had a major stroke and her journey took a direction that she had prepared for in 1963 when she met the Lord. Mommy went home. Her journey that came thru many joys and bumps has ended in victory.

A note that she kept with her, addressed her thoughts on this great journey is as follows: DON'T WISH FOR EACH PART OF LIFE TO BE PAST. DESPITE ALL THE PROBLEMS AND ALL THE PRESSURES. ENJOY THE JOURNEY. IT'S A GOOD WORLD AND A GOOD LIFE, GOD MADE IT SO.

IT IS UP TO US TO FIND THE SWEETNESS IN IT, TO FIND WHAT WE CAN OF HEAVEN HERE UNTIL WE ARRIVE, WITH OUR LOVED ONES, AT THAT HEAVEN WHICH IS EVERLASTINGLY HEREAFTER.

Mommy wrote the following: *In my last words in this earth (God's Footstool), let me thank you folks here; love me in as a stranger to your ways with love and compassion. You made me at home in Kentucky, my ways different to you as yours were to me, we became friends and Christian brothers and sisters, where God is Father; Jerusalem our mother and Heaven our future home.*

Now Mommy has arrived, her journey here on earth is over, she is sleeping in the heart of the earth until that great day when our savior, Jesus Christ, comes in a cloud of glory and completes her journey by taking her to the place that she worked so hard to get to, HEAVEN SWEET HEAVEN.

Written by Her loving son, Tom Dials

## KENNETH DARRELL ELKINS

It is very difficult to put someone's life into words on a page. There are so many things that will inevitably be left unsaid. I will try my best to put into words the man that Kenneth was.

Kenneth Darrell Elkins was born on April 17, 1957 to Georgia and Robert Elkins. He has one sister, Phyllis, and two brothers, Donnie and Jody. He grew up always knowing the value of hard work and the tremendous wealth of having a loving family.

He married Mildred Ann Bevins on April 20, 1979. Together they raised three children: Joseph Daniel Bevins of Blaine, Kentucky, Candace Bevins of Lexington, Kentucky and Robert Seth Elkins of Lexington, Kentucky. Joseph married Michelle Fields and together they have Adam Christopher Fields and Kelsey Ann Bevins.



All the aforementioned things are just facts. They tell a lot about the "what" of a person but not much about the "who". Above all else, Kenneth loved the Lord. His whole demeanor and outlook on life changed the day he let God in. He was always the type of person who would lend a helping hand to anyone in need. But he became the man who would lend a helping word. He would offer friendship and a word of spiritual guidance to family, friends and co-workers. Of course, to him, co-worker usually meant family too since he and his brother, Donnie, were always together. They were like co-conspirators of a job well done mixed with a little fun.

Everyone has their own memories of Kenneth, and I could never go into detail about that. But I can say this for certain. Jody knows him as the man who raised him and got him his first job at Broken Hill and traded in his vehicle so Jody could have a truck of his own. I know him as the man who happily let me pretend as a child that I could operate his dozer or coal truck and as the man who agreed to be there for me on a day even though he wanted to take me and run. Seth knows him as his favorite man in the world and the man who taught him about guns, gave him his first one and took him squirrel hunting for father/son time. Kelsey knows him as Papaw and the man she wanted to teach her how to fish. Mom will always know him as the man who put her first among all earthly things. He was her perfect partner in life and in "rook"!

Kenneth died suddenly on April 12, 2011. None of us were ready to say goodbye. It's difficult to not think of the many things we won't get to do with him or things we'll never get to say to him. But there is so much comfort in the fact that, although it was so unexpected, he was prepared. He is where he was working to go. He lived his life for God and he is resting now at home. He would want us to remember him and smile. Kenneth was baptized on November 17, 1999 and became a faithful member of the Pilgrims Home Church where he served as Assistant Clerk. Kenneth is missed by a host of brothers and sisters and all of his loved ones.

## LARRY EUGENE FLETCHER

As I sit here this peaceful rainy morning looking out my window, it is with a heavy heart and fond memories of my dear Brother. I, with the help of the Lord, will attempt to write the obituary of my natural brother and Brother in Christ, Larry Eugene (Blue) Fletcher. He was born June 20, 1958 in Louisa, Kentucky. He passed away peacefully in his sleep, at his home on Natts Creek, Kentucky, in the early morning hours of April 18, 2011 after battling Colon Cancer for about two years, making his stay here on Gods footstool fifty two years, nine months and seventeen days. Brother Eugene was the son of Virgil Fletcher and Mabel (Jude) Fletcher. On June 24, 1976 Brother Eugene married his wife of thirty four years, Mary Lee (Jude) Fletcher. To their union, was blessed three sons: Floyd Richard Fletcher, Larry Virgil (Ladonna) Fletcher and James Eugene (Teresa) Fletcher; four grandchildren: Maliegh, Tori Mae, Larry Jay and Little



Brother Eugene is also survived by four brothers: Jimmy (Jimbo) (Irene) Fletcher of Martin, Kentucky, Butler (Mary) Fletcher, Bobby (Sherry) Fletcher, Ronnie Lee (Ginger) Fletcher all of Natts Creek, Kentucky and three sisters: Mary Ellen (Clayton) Lawson, Annie Lois (Russell) Collier and Bonnie (Marjorie) Fitch all of Natts Creek, Kentucky. Brother Eugene leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews that will call their "Buddy Eugene," as they always called him. Buddy Eugene always found time to play with them anytime they wanted him to. Little Children brought great joy to Buddy Eugene and they knew it.

Brother Eugene was a hardworking man all his life. As a young man he worked in logging and saw mill work until he went to work as a strip miner in 1976 and worked until he took sick with Colon Cancer in 2009. I've heard him say the Lord blessed him never to miss a pay day for most of these years until he took sick. But the most important thing in his life was the day the Lord saved his soul. On September 13, 2009, Brother Eugene walked in the waters of Pigeon Roost to be baptized at the hands of his daddy, Brother Virgil Fletcher and natural brother, Elder Butler Fletcher. Brother Eugene was a member of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church where he attended and helped faithfully until his passing.

Brother Eugene always looked forward to meeting out with his new family in Christ every time he could. It seemed as if he couldn't meet enough. He truly loved this Old Time Baptist family and was always ready to talk about the goodness of the Lord. Brother Eugene loved all Gods' creation and I can't end without saying that Brother Eugene had a special gift of making people feel good around him, whether it be at church, at his home or just anywhere he was. People really enjoyed sitting on his porch, talking and drinking coffee and enjoying the fullness of life.

Psalm 4 verses 7 and 8: *Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased. I will both lay down in peace and sleep for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.*

I feel Brother Eugene laid down in peace and just fell asleep in the Safety of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Sleep on, my Brother, until the Lord calls us home in the Great and Noble Resurrection Morning and we can sing that new song together. I've been redeemed both soul and body by the blood of the Lamb.

Written in the Love that only God can born us with.

Your Brother in Christ, Elder Butler Fletcher and  
Brother Eugene's wife, Mary Lee Fletcher



## BESSIE REGINA FRYE

Known by most as Jean, swept through the gates to be with the Lord on September 6, 2011. She was born July 10, 1939, the daughter of the late Otis and Dorthy Crum Cadd of Verdunville, West Virginia.

She was preceded in death by one son, Gordon Gene Frye; two sisters, Betty Cadd Rife and Thoma Cadd Sammons and one brother Otis Cadd, Jr.

Surviving are her husband of fifty four years, Samuel O'dell Frye; one son, Samuel David Frye at home and one daughter, Cynthia Renee Frye of Huntington, West Virginia; four grandchildren: Jamie and Debra Smith of Wayne, West Virginia, Samuel and Leigh Frye of Wayne, West Virginia, Joshua and Christina Frye of Lavalette, West Virginia and Amanda Frye of Wayne, West Virginia and ten great-grandchildren, of whom she was most proud: Ashley, Makayla, Emma, Holdin, Jamison, Vinnie, Isaiah, Ben, Trevan and Jack. Also, four sisters: Gail Jobe of Alabama, Reba Damron of West Virginia, Anne Mulder of Alabama and Susie Damron of West Virginia, two brothers, Frank and Gary Cadd both of West Virginia and a multitude of "adopted" family members, for she treated her friends with the love that she treated her family.

She has been a Christian for fifty years and was a member of The Bride of Christ Church of Old Regular Baptists.

She was a homemaker, dedicated wife, mother and grandmother and leaves a powerful witness behind. She will continue to be loved dearly by many and yes, we miss her every day but we know that the Angels carried her back to God where she rests in paradise. In her own words, which she never hesitated to tell anyone, "If you want to go where I am going, you must be born again."

Written by her son, David



## TONY HOWELL

Toney Howell, eighty seven, of Inez, Kentucky was serenaded by angels and carried away to be with our Lord forever on Easter Sunday April 24, 2011 at Kings Daughter's Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky. Toney was born March 9, 1923 in Martin County, Kentucky to the late Boyd and Vistie Vires Howell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: one son, Roger Lee Howell; sons-in-law, John Chapman, Kenneth Campbell and George Pauley; one granddaughter, Ruth Pauley; six brothers: Johnah, James Robert, Millard, Ester, Boyd, Jr., Clinton and Hayes and three sisters: Sadie, Madie and Vadie,

Surviving are: his precious wife, Ruby Maynard Howell, of sixty six years; daughters: Linda Pauley of Pilgrim, Kentucky; Hazel Campbell of Lovely, Kentucky; Ernestine Pack and Joann Chapman of Louisa, Kentucky; sons: Donald and Eddie of Inez, Kentucky; Sammy of Louisa, Kentucky and Leslie of Kermit, West Virginia; one sister, Karen Sammons of Louisa, Kentucky; one brother, Elmer of Inez, Kentucky; thirteen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and friends.

Daddy was a very hard worker, a timber man and a jack of all trades. He made sure his family had plenty to eat and were all together. He was a sweet spirited man. He loved living and he was always jolly and joking around with people. He always had a smile even in hard times. Hard times with no complaints was his character.



## MARTHA "LINDA" MALINDA HENSLEY KNOX

Sister Linda Knox was born on April 6, 1939 in Logan, West Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Nona and Avery Hensley. She passed away on October 1, 2010 in Clewiston, Florida.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband for two years, Ronald E. Knox; one son, Harlan Ronald Knox; eight sons: Pete, Greenway, Columbus Oliver, Alec, Robert, Samuel David, Albert Rush and Tommy; three sisters: Rose Marie Hensley, Ann Cox and Nevada Mounts.

She is survived by: three daughters, Tonda D. Moore (Wilbert) of Paducah, Kentucky, Gail Muench (David) of Millbrook, New York and K. Etzweiler (Marty) of Clewiston, Florida; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; one brother, John Henry Hensley of Norton, West Virginia and one sister, Mary Christine Blevins of Paducah, Kentucky.



Sister Linda was a faithful long time member of the Okeechobee Old Regular Baptist Church in Okeechobee, Florida. She and Brother Ron were great supporters of the church and continued to attend even as their health significantly weakened. She cared for Brother Ron tirelessly and we never realized the extent of her illness until his death, ten months earlier. She continued to attend church and was blessed to attend communion shortly before her death. In her humble way she always stressed to her family the importance of the church and trusting in the Lord for guidance.

We continue to miss their presence at the Okeechobee Church but realize they are together again with the Lord.

In hope to meet them in Heaven.

Sister Lola and Brother Stanley Campbell

## JAMES DANIEL LACKEY

It is with a broken heart and a whispered prayer that the Lord might help me write the obituary of my husband and best friend, James Daniel Lackey.

James left this world on October 23, 2010. The family misses him desperately, but I we look forward to that day when we can all reunite in heaven, where there will be no more sickness, pain and sorrow.

James was the first born of eight children of the late Cornelius and Stella (White) Lackey. James loved his family, neighbors and community. He was always there for those in need. James was a wonderful example for our four sons. He worked hard, lived simply, and cared very little for possessions or worldly goods. James was a very humble soul.



His favorite hobby was fishing, although he usually threw them back unless someone else asked for them. James had a great love for children and so enjoyed being with them. As we looked through pictures to use for the funeral we were hard pressed to find a picture of James that didn't have a child in it. James was "Papaw" to six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

James attended church faithfully over many years and was baptized in 2010 and became a member of Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Dingess, West Virginia. Until we meet again, we are left with our memories to cherish.

Written with the help of the Lord, James' wife: Sister Kim Lackey

## BESSIE LOWE

Bessie Robinson Lowe, ninety four, of Williamson, West Virginia passed away Thursday, March 17, 2011 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital E. R.

She was born August 26, 1916 in Pike County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late James A. Robinson and Matilda Stanley Robinson. She married James Edward Lowe on June 21, 1962. She was preceded in death by her husband on October 8, 1995; six brothers: Kenus Robinson, William Burley Robinson, Joseph Robinson, Cleston Robinson, Johnny Robinson and Elcaine Robinson and two sisters, Gertrude Newsome and Sarah Ann Maynard.

Bessie was baptized the third Sunday in September, 1969 by Elders Charlie Johnson and Henry Maynard. She took membership at the Apple Orchard Old Regular Baptist Church the first Sunday in October, 1969.

Bessie is survived a a host of nieces and nephews and one special great-great-nephew, Terry L. W...



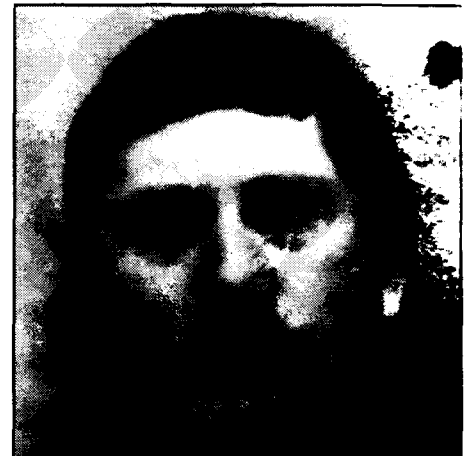
## DON MAY

Don May was born August 14, 1968 and died March 24, 2011. He was the youngest of fourteen children reared by Jimmie May and Faynell (Gross) May.

Starting with the oldest his brothers and sisters are Esta Lee West, James Samuel May, Effie Rita Hunt, George Washington May, Kellis May, Lillian Rhodes, Woodie May, Rhonda May, David May, Bernie May, Arlene Chapman, Jonathan May and Joey May.

Don joined the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church on January 23, 2011. He was baptized by Elders Lacy Walters and Ivan Neil Thornsby. Don had lots of nephews and nieces, cousins and friends.

Written by his loving brother, Kellis May.

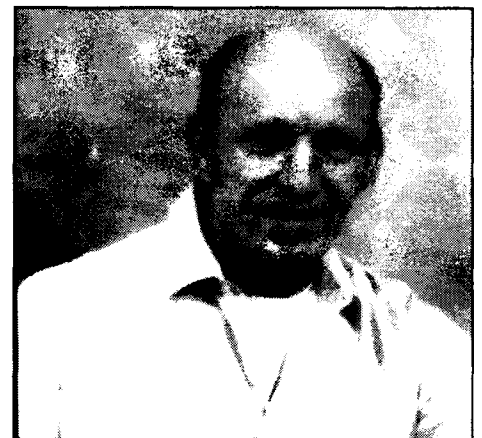


## WAYNE THOMAS MCDONALD

Wayne Thomas McDonald, seventy two, of Delbarton, West Virginia, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at his residence. He was born September 12, 1938 in Logan County, West Virginia, a son of the late Howard and Belle (Kazee) McDonald.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters, Pauline White and Dottie Cooper and three brothers: James "Cotton", Robert "Bob" and Chester Jerry McDonald.

Wayne was a United States Army Veteran of the 22nd Infantry 4th Division and a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Mary (Sheppard) McDonald of Academy Drive, West Virginia; two daughters, Denise Hopkins of Academy Drive, West Virginia and her husband, Kenneth, of Patrick Springs, Virginia and Goldie Belcher and her husband Josh of Chapmanville, West Virginia.



Dad is also survived by one sister, Dortha Deskins and her husband, D. Deskins.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Roy and Mary Victoria Harrison Nichols and his brothers, Wallace and Little J.

Dad and Mom were married in Pikeville, Kentucky on April 13, 1963. Dad worked as a carpenter, road construction crew, a candy maker, and miner in the coal mines in Kentucky and West Virginia and the Virginia Gas Co.

Dad and Mom moved to Vermilion, Ohio in July of 1969 where dad accepted a job with Ford Motor Company and he worked for Ford for thirty years. He retired in 1999. Dad was baptized in August, 1982 at the Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a member of the Big Branch Church in Pike County, Kentucky. Dad loved going to church services and traveled to Kentucky many times to attend. He also went to services in Ohio and Michigan.

Dad loved fishing, gardening, wood working including making furniture. He enjoyed and was a big fan of the Cleveland Indians. Dad will be greatly missed by us but we know that he is no longer suffering and is with Jesus. We look forward to again being with Dad.

God saw you getting weary. He did what He thought best, He put His arms around you, and said, "come and rest." He opened up His Golden Gate on that heartbreaking day and with His arms around you, you gently slipped away. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. A part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Written with love for our Dad and Grandpa,  
Jennifer, John and Alex Roy

### G. C. REED

Our dad and husband, G. C. Reed, went to be with the Lord on October 4, 2010. He was born on April 8, 1925. He was the son of the late Ken and Elsie Reed. He is sadly missed by: his wife of sixty three years, Sarah Hazel Reed; his children: Kenneth Reed, Judy Thompson, Paul Reed, Tracy Chandler and Patsy Kimble; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Rocky Reed. We know we cannot bring him back, that would be so selfish on our part. We know he is in a better place, a place where there is no more sorrow, no pain and no tears. He is in a place where he can hear, where he can talk plain; a place where his back is healed and a place where he can remember all things. He is in a place called Heaven.

The Bible tells us that we can be where he is in Heaven if we trust Jesus as our Lord and Savior. G. C. was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Turkey Creek, Kentucky. We thank God for the time we had with him. He was a wonderful husband and daddy. He was a man who never gave up. An example is his wheelbarrow. He worked for days on his wheelbarrow. But the parts that he was using didn't fit. But he thought he could make them fit which he could not. Still he didn't give up until he knew for his own self. So, he and I carried the parts to the lawn mower graveyard as we call it. I thought he had given up, but not so. Several days later he carried it back to his work place and began working with different parts which did fit. Soon the wheelbarrow was as good as new, red paint and all. He never gave up. Now we have a much bigger problem than the wheelbarrow and we don't have any parts. But we know that God has all the parts we need. We must rely on him and stick so close together that the wind can't blow between us and like the old man never give up.



Written by his son and daughter-in-law,  
Kenneth and Anita Reed  
and his loving wife, Sister Sarah Hazel Reed.

## BILLY GENE (WILLIE JOHN) SESCO, SR.

Billy Gene Sesco, Sr. was born in Pike County, Kentucky on October 29, 1933. He was the son of the late Willie and Annie Sesco of Bent Branch, Kentucky.

Daddy married the first time in the late 60's and had a daughter, Mary Ortega of Hardin County, Kentucky. In 1973, he met and married Helen (Little) Sesco. They had two children, one son, Billy Sesco, Jr. and his wife, Loria Sesco of Prestonsburg, Kentucky and a daughter, Helen Renee and her husband, Jeff Wolfe of Haynes Fork of Cowpen, Kentucky. He had three grandchildren: Gabriella Wolfe, Kerac Allen Wolfe and Cathena Rayella Gene Sesco. He also had one sister, Nettie Postell of Lincoln Park, Michigan.



Daddy was preceded in death by: two brothers, Elder Lloyd Sesco and Chester Sesco, four sisters: Ethel Jackson, Exie Kendrick, Vernice Johns and Bronis Brown.

Daddy had worked for the highway department as a sign painter for twenty seven years before retiring in 1996.

Daddy was also an avid Kentucky Wildcats basketball and Cincinnati Red's baseball fan. My dear daddy loved many things. It's hard to put into words and choose just a few. First and foremost I would have to say his truly special relationship with God and Jesus Christ. His love for God was very profound and special to anyone who knew him. To speak of God always moved him to tears. There is absolutely no question whatsoever in my mind that daddy has crossed over into Heaven and joined his many siblings and parents that were waiting for him there. Mommy and Mommy gave their lives to the Lord on June 29, 1997 at the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church after a long travel. He was a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church and a borrowed member to the Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist as well.

I believe you could not have met a better man than my dad. He is one man who truly would give you the shirt off his back or give his last dollar to someone in need. That was the kind of sweet and compassionate man Daddy was. Daddy had a huge heart along with strong morals and ethics. He also had Jesus Christ in his heart. You know many a rich man hold on to what they have yet my daddy, who didn't have much at all, would give it so freely to others in need. I'm proud to call him my daddy, proud to have known him, proud to have had him in our lives. Daddy's smile in my eyes my daddy will always be my hero.

Next, I would have to say his love for my mom, Helen. They had a rare and special bond you don't see a lot of these days. It was a "Love Story" if ever I saw one. Always doing for each other and there for each other every since of the word. They spent thirty seven and one half years together. Mowing grass together with an old push mower back in the days and tending the garden together as well as tending to our needs. It was a loving and simple life that went on that way for many years, as we canned vegetables together, shucked and stringed beans.

Mom stayed by Dad's side throughout his two month illness and battle in the hospital with lung cancer surgery. They were so dependant on each other. He was never able to return home. Daddy loved all his children, Billy Jr., Renee and Mary. As children he always helped with our homework, worked on our bikes, took us fishing and on picnics which included watching the boats at Jenny Wiley and Fishtrap Lakes. We had so many lazy summer afternoons like that. Throw in a good BBQ and watermelon and a great time was had by all. Daddy also loved his three grandchildren so very much. They were so dear and precious to him. They had a special bond with him. He would always say, "That's Paw Paw's babies". He was always so very proud of them and showing off their pictures. He thought they hung the moon. When the grandchildren were around his face would light up. They seemed to be the best medicine. He thrived and enjoyed watching the kids grow and play. He especially loved getting little hugs and kisses from them. All that love he felt for them was definitely reciprocated as they thought he walked on water.

I believe Dad was a wonderfully heartwarming, jovial, endearing, and loving person.

His smile and laugh was prominent and a fixture to all who knew him. That laugh he had was truly contagious. That beautiful smile was and will always be there every time I think of daddy. Daddy will ALWAYS be remembered with the most loving, sweetest and fondest of memories. How do you put into words how you love and miss someone? How do you express to someone how wonderful my daddy was? Our hearts will forever be broken and scarred by his absence. Knowing he is with his Father in Heaven and no longer suffering does help our pain. Daddy leaves behind many other family, friends and loved ones to mourn his passing. He will be sadly and greatly missed by all of those who knew and loved him.

Loving and missing you forever,  
Your daughter, Renee' Sesco Wolfe

### WILLIAM RILEY (BILL) SIMPKINS, JR

*The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away bless be the name of the Lord.*

Brother Bill Simpkins, Jr., ninety, of Williamson, West Virginia passed away Tuesday September 13, 2011 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. He was born January 25, 1921 at Lynnside, West Virginia to the late William Riley Simpkins, Sr. and Lydia Hensley Simpkins. He is also preceded in death by a daughter; Brenda Wolford; brothers: Golden, Everett, Clyde, James, Ken Simpkins and an infant brother and sisters, Edna Flemmings and Thursey Boggs.



He was a retired coal miner, a member of the U.M.W.A., an active member of the Little Rosie Old Regular Baptist Church and a member of the Sardis Association Old Regular Baptist for twenty six years. He was a veteran of U.S. Army in W. W. II, where he served proudly; but he always looked to the Lord for guidance. Brother Bill was very able in Prayer and knew where his help came from. Brother Bill was converted to Christ many years ago and never lost the evidence. The Scripture speaks for itself;

Psalms 27; 13-14

13. *I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.* 14. *Wait on the LORD: be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the LORD.*

Brother Bill is survived by his loving wife of sixty five years; Margie Cisco Simpkins; brother, Lawrence (Jonell) Simpkins of Columbus, Ohio; grandchildren, Lori Carter of Louisville, Kentucky and Gary Steven Wolford of Dry Ridge, Kentucky and nine great-grandchildren.

Brother Bill was one of the last of his generation. There was always something to do. There was no retirement even in the winter time. I don't think he would ever have been satisfied if he'd had to give it up altogether. He was always busy around the house working on the property, making crafts in his spare time or doing something for Sister Margie.

Sister Margie, may the memories of Bill surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. We believe there is another meeting place on the other side when this life is over.

Psalms 39; 1-5

1. *O LORD thou has searched me, and known me.* 2. *Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.* 3. *Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.* 4. *For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo O LORD thou knowest it altogether.* 5. *Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.*

So. Sleep on Brother Bill, till the God of Heaven declares that time shall be no more and calls us all home where there will be no more suffering but all will be peace love joy and happiness forever.

Your Brother in Christ, Elder Wayne Herald, Jr.

## IRENE ROBINETTE SIPPLE

Irene Robinette Sipple was born on May 10, 1950 at Varney, Kentucky to Grace Young Robinette and the late Earl E. Robinette. She married Charles Larry Sipple on October 26, 1968. As a result of her husband servicing his country she moved to Fort Hood, Texas. Her son Charles Jody Sipple was born on August 13, 1969. After returning back to Kentucky, their daughter Tonya Marie Sipple was born on May 31, 1976. Between the births of her two children, Mom joined the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church on November 14, 1976 where she was a member for thirty nine years.



She attended beautician school for a short time and was a beautician most of her life but worked full time worshipping and serving the Lord.

During the last year of her life she was a member of the Shelby Valley Senior Citizens Center where she was spending as much time as her health would allow. Though Mom suffered from many illnesses during her later years, she always had a smile and kind word for everyone. Her heart was made of gold. On December 10, 2000 Mom passed away at Pikeville Medical Center with her loved ones by her side.

Besides her father, she was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Betty Robinette. In addition to her mother she is survived by: her son, Jody (Misty) Sipple; daughter, Tonya (Mike) Davis, three brothers: Clifton (JoAnn) Robinette, Richard (Geneva) Robinette, Kelly (Rhonda) Robinette and one sister, Cleo (Mike) Johnson. She also leaves behind five grandchildren: Whitney Sipple, Katie Sipple, Kody Davis, Blake Davis and Aaron Dorton. She was laid to rest at the Robinette Cemetery, Varney, Kentucky.

Written with eternal love by,

Her son and daughter-in-law, Jody and Misty

## GAIL DEANE RATLIFF SLONE

With a heavy heart and much sadness I will try to write this in honor of my wonderful and beloved Mommy, Gail Deane Ratliff Slone. Gail was born on May 27, 1932, to Ira and Delphia Ratliff of Wolfpit, Kentucky. Granny (Delphia) Ratliff had seven children, she lost four children in infancy or childbirth and one son, Ira Ratliff, Jr., in a swimming accident at the age of twelve.



Mommy only has one sister surviving, Guinevere Gibson, who lives in Myrtle Beach, Florida. She was only sixteen when she met Hatler Slone, a freshman at Pikeville College who had received an honorable discharge from the US Army after serving in the Korean War. Mom and Dad were married August, 1948.

Mommy and Daddy had three children: Patricia Jean, Linda Lou and Charles Hatler. Mommy had so many friends and such a love for her church and her large church family. Mom and Dad joined the Bent Branch Church in the summer of 1969. I can remember going to Bent Branch Church when Mom would clean the church and Daddy would mow the grass. Mom loved cooking for the church. Mommy would feed her brothers and sisters all day in our small house. I wonder now, in this economy, how she did it. Mom always was so close and had a great love for her Dad. Granny had already passed away when Poppy and broke his hip. Mommy brought him home from the hospital and took care of him for three years. Poppy never knew any of us but thought Mommy was his nurse. I recall one day him asking her, "Honey, do they love you good here, because you are sure a wonderful nurse?"

At that time Mommy was on her knees soaking his feet, due to a bed sore. I know Mommy had such a hard life and the Lord blessed her for almost seventy years until she was diagnosed with cancer three different times but she felt blessed each time when she got through the treatment and different surgeries. I was with her when the doctor told her she was terminal with the last cancer. Her response, with a smile, "I am seventy two years old, if I live one to three more years, that will make me seventy five. That's long enough for anybody to live." She never talked about it again.

She loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren more than anything. After she was diagnosed with Parkinson Disease, she had to give up sitting with Brayden and Grayson, my daughter, Danielle's, children. Then she got to spend more time with my other daughter, Megan. But her greatest disappointment was having to give up volunteering at the Pikeville Medical Center. That was the love of her life, helping people. The nurses said Mommy pushed patients in wheelchairs when she was the one that needed to be cared for. She sat at the nursing home with Daddy until the doctor made her stay home. That was on Friday, she passed away the next Thursday. Mom never wanted to be a bother to anyone. I was so blessed to have her the last two years of her wonderful life.

Written by her daughter, Linda Lou Slone Coleman

### HATLER SLONE

It is with a sad heart that I try to write this obituary for our dad, Hatler Slone. He was born on May 22, 1927, at Jonican, Kentucky, in Pike County, and passed away on May 4, 2011. He was the son of James Amos Slone and Mercy Justice Slone. This marriage was blessed with the birth of three girls; Zella, Ethel, and Thelma. After the death of James Amos, our grandmother married Bob Slone and out of this union came a son, Linton.

Preceding him in death was his entire family with the exception of his sister, Ethel Blackburn who lives in Pikeville, Kentucky. My mother, Gail Deane Ratliff Slone, also went to Heaven to be with the Lord on September 16, 2010.

Daddy completed the eighth grade and then attended Hellier High School in Hellier, Kentucky. After graduation he was called to duty with the United States Army and during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany. After his tour was over he returned home and continued his education at Pikeville College.

He met our Mom, Gail Deane Ratliff, of Wolfpit, Kentucky and they were married in August, 1948. Daddy then enrolled in Union College at Barbourville, Kentucky, where he received his degree in Elementary Education.

In 1950, they decided to start a family, which resulted in two girls, Patricia Jean and Linda Lou and later a son, James Hatler. Mom and dad were not only husband and wife, but also Brother and Sister in Christ, being baptized together at the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church in the summer of 1969. They were both dedicated members of that church. Mom always worked late at night and early the next morning preparing food to take to church. She loved every minute of it. And Daddy was so proud to be a Deacon and also the church clerk.

He was a great teacher. He always tried to be a perfectionist in anything he did and he wanted us to do the same. We always got nothing but good comments from his former students. He was strict but they knew he was always fair and cared about each of them. He wanted them to have a better future. His first teaching job was at the Bent School on Island Creek. Later he was hired at Grapevine Elementary, where he taught for many years and finally teaching and driving the school bus at Johns Creek Elementary where he retired after thirty eight years. His passion was his students.





miss my dad very much, but I know he is in Heaven with Jesus where there is no suffering or pain and there is love, peace and joy!

Written by: Patricia Jean Slone Finkbone, Loving daughter

### CHARLES CURTIS "CORNSHUCK" SMITH

Charles Curtis "Cornshuck" Smith, eighty one, of Sidney, Kentucky, came to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 29, 2011 at 4:58 p.m. According to his wishes, he died at his home on Dix Fork surrounded by his loving family.

Charles was born September 23, 1929 in Pike County, Kentucky, the son of Omer and Fanny May Smith. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife of forty five years, Minnie Lucille Pinson Smith, two daughters and one brother.

Charles is survived by his three children: Bonnie (Dennis) Blackburn of Sidney, Kentucky, Charles (Susan) Smith of Georgetown, Kentucky and Randall (Randall) West of Canada, Kentucky; four grandchildren: Justin (Justin) Zumwalt of Georgetown, Kentucky, Amber (Matt) Zumwalt of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Jessica Smith of Georgetown, Kentucky and Jacob (Miranda) West of Canada, Kentucky; two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Brody Zumwalt of Georgetown, Kentucky; two brothers, Onis Smith of Canada, Kentucky and Herbert Smith of Ypsilanti, Michigan; two sisters, Fannie Kincaid and Mary Jane Kincaid both of Raceland, Kentucky. Special friends who aided the family in his care were Lacy Walters, Daniel Stanley, Steve Mullins, Walter Bogar and his brother, Onis Smith. Special niece, Vicki Hatfield provided nursing care on the day of his death.



Charles was a faithful member of the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church for forty six years, having joined with the congregation in July, 1963. He was a retired coal miner and also an avid hunter, gardener and outdoorsman until the decline of his health.

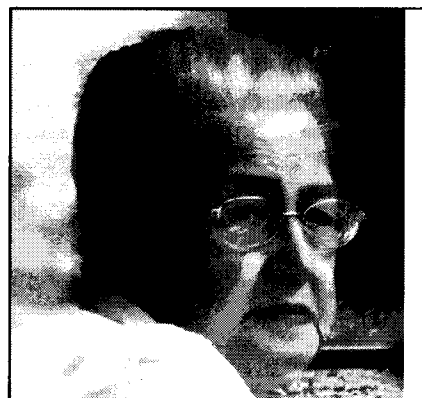
Charles' funeral was preached by dear friend, Elder Lacy Walters along with Elders David Crigger, Edward Lee Kincaid and Ivan Neal Thornsbury. He was buried in the Varney Cemetery on Dix Fork with Steve Mullins, Walter Bogar, Bruce Williamson, Tony Williamson, Ron Gannon, Wayne Blackburn, Daniel Stanley and Charles Kincaid serving as pallbearers.

Charles was known by many Brothers and Sisters in the Church as "Mr. Wonderful" because when asked how he would say, "wonderful, wonderful." He truly was a wonderful Brother.

### GRACE SMITH

In loving memory of my mother, Grace Smith. Mother was born January 29, 1934 at Henon, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late D. And Rebecca Pinson Taylor and was one of eight children. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Glenn Taylor and James Alfred Taylor and two sisters Matilda Blankship and Magalene Taylor. Surviving siblings are Easter Muncy, Eugene Taylor and Junior Taylor. Mother loved her brothers and sisters and was always glad to get to spend time with them.

Mother was married for twenty eight years to Jonah Smith, Jr., who passed in 1982. She and Dad were wonderful parents and I owe all I am to them. Mother loved her grandchildren, Ryan David and Abygail Smith. She was so happy to have one grandchild, but to get two, "one of each," she would say was a blessing.



She always played with them, loved to hear them laugh and always taught them about the Lord. I am so glad to have had her in their lives. Mom also loved her dogs, Brandy and Monty.

Mother was a caring and compassionate woman who always gave the benefit of the doubt. She would always be there for me, always about her family, be it immediate or the church. Mother was a member of the Apple Orchard Old Regular Baptist Church for many years and dearly loved to go.

I am so lucky to have had Grace Taylor Smith as my Mother and could not have wanted anyone else. She taught me so many things and I will always remember her and her words of kindness. Mother was a wonderful woman, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend; but most of all she was a Christian.

I will always love you, Mommy,  
your daughter, Sandy Morgan.

### CECIL STACY

With a sad heart and my precious memories I will attempt to write the obituary of my Papaw. He departed this life on March 21, 2010 and went to be with the Lord.

He was born January 25, 1930. He was the son of the late Robert and Rebecca (Davis) Stacy.

He was married to Vina (Jude) Stacy and he leaves behind his children, wife, grand babies and great-grandbabies. His family all loved him dearly. He was a great father, son and papaw.

I hope one day to get to see him and be with him in Heaven. He is sadly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew and loved him.

He was a good Christian man. He was a member of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church.



Written with a heart full of love,  
Vina (Stacy) Robinson, granddaughter

### LEE ROY STANLEY

It is with very saddened hearts that we write of the passing of our dear loved one, Lee Roy Stanley. He was born in Pike County, Kentucky on Narrows Branch on June 19, 1926 to the late Willie and Gracie Hinkle Stanley. He left this world on July 5, 2011 at his home in Ecorse, Michigan.

He was retired from Revere Copper and Brass. He was a member of the Pilgrims Rest Church of Varney, Kentucky. He served in World War II and was a Military Police during the Nuremberg Trials in Germany.

He is survived by: his wife, Billie Trout Stanley; one daughter, Loretta Hunt; one grandson, Jason Hunt and three great-grandchildren: Anastasia Hunt, Christopher Hunt and Emily Emery Hunt. He is survived by four sisters: Margaret Young, Betty Maynard, Nancy Irene Stanley and Mary (James) Burke all of Varney, Kentucky and two brothers, Ezra Lee (Virginia) Stanley of Lincoln Park, Michigan and Larry (Anita) Stanley of Pike County, Kentucky.



He is also survived by two aunts, Clara Blevins of Lincoln Park, Michigan and Lisha Philpot of Texas.

Roy was preceded in death by: his first wife, Edna Mae Stanley, two grandsons, five brothers: John Stanley, Oliver Stanley, Goble Stanley, who was killed in World War II and two brothers who died in infancy and a step-mother, Mary Stanley.

Roy became a member of the Pilgrims Home Church in the 1950's and in 1969 helped organize the Pilgrims Rest Church and was a true and dedicated member of his home church as well as the Little Ida Church.

He lived a full and rich life and will be sadly missed by his church family as well as his natural family. Roy, we all loved you very much. Funeral services were held at the Little Ida Church in Ecorse, Michigan. He was laid to rest at Michigan Memorial Cemetery.

Written by the family

#### ***I THESSALONIANS: Chapter 4 Verses 13-18***

*But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

*For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

*For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

*Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

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

**FLOSSIE ALDRIDGE**

With precious memories, we will try to write the obituary of our sweet, kind and gentle mom. Mom died peacefully at home on February 23, 2011 at the age of eighty eight.

Mom was born June 20, 1922 to Harry Newsome and Myrtle Chapman Newsome of Forest Hills, Kentucky. Mom was preceded in death by a beloved dad/husband, Marion Aldridge, who was a member of Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. Mom was also preceded in death by a son, Marion Junior Aldridge.

Surviving children are Imogene Hall, Carol Jean Broecker, Roxie Davis, Marlene Aldridge and Bernard Aldridge. Mom was deeply loved, admired and adored by us children. Mom was a friend to everyone that she knew. Mom worked hard all her life and loved flowers, gardening and canning vegetables. Mom held the Old Regular Baptist Church close to her heart. We ache inside to see her empty chair now, but we know she is now resting peacefully. Mom's primary care giver was our sister, Marlene, who also lived with mom and provided very good care to mom.

Thank you, God, for our mom's life and all our precious moments. *To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the Heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.* (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2).

Written with love by her children



**FRAZIER H. BARBERY**

It is with a broken heart that we will try to write the obituary of our dear husband, father and friend, Dr. Frazier H. Barbery. He was born October 21, 1944 in Princeton, West Virginia and died December 1, 2010 in Harrison, Tennessee.

He was the son of the late Lantry H. Barbery and Frances Barbery Edwards who survives. He was the son-in-law of the late William G (Buster) and Ernestine Varney. He leaves to mourn his wife, Rita (Thomas) Barbery. They were married on December 29, 1965 making it forty five years. He also leaves two beautiful children, Cynthia Ellen Cruze (husband James) and Frazier H. Barbery, Jr. (wife Cynthia) and five grandchildren: Jordan H. Barbery, Samantha Cruze, JC Cruze, Skylar Cruze and Frazier H. Barbery III. In addition, one brother, Harry J. Barbery.

Frazier graduated from Princeton High School, Princeton, West Virginia, went on to receive a bachelor degree from Marshall University, a masters degree from the University of Arizona and a PHD from the University of Arizona.

He was in the United States Air Force stationed at DMAFB in Tucson, Arizona where served in Base Security and Education Office.



acted as a mediator on many cases throughout the United States. He was an exceptional teacher and helped many students over the years. This was obvious in his daily student interaction. He enjoyed helping students fulfill their dreams by assisting them on getting into the college of their choice and careers they wish to pursue. Being the person and educator he was he never liked hearing anyone say, "I can't do that". He always told you worked hard enough you could succeed at anything you wanted to pursue. He also believed that if you do, "Do it right."

Daddy loved to run in the park, play chess and go boating. There was not much he wouldn't try. He was an adventure person. Frazier was a good man who loved his family, friends and life. There is a huge void in our hearts that can never be filled. We love and miss you very much.

Written by his loving wife, Rita Barbery  
And friend, Bertha Jean Reed

**LAURSE NICHOLAS "KERNIE" BLACKBURN**

*precious memories, how they linger, how they ever flood my soul,  
stillness of the midnight, precious sacred scenes unfold.*

As I reflect on the life of our wonderful daddy it is a reminder of how precious life really is.

Laurse Nicholas "Kernie" Blackburn was born September 15, 1938 in Paducah, Kentucky to the late Sterling and Georgia Gilliam Blackburn. Surrounded by family and friends he passed away on May 20, 2011.



He was united in marriage to Maxine Robinson on February 2, 1958, making their life fifty three years together. They were blessed with two children, a daughter, Madelene Donahue and husband, Michael Donahue, a son, Wayne Blackburn and wife, Pam and a grandson, Michael Hayden Donahue and wife, Katie. He was also blessed with two great-granddaughters, Peyton Michelle Donahue and Page Elizabeth Donahue.

He was preceded in death by Elmer and Threecie Maynard who gave to him a loving caring home all of his life.

Daddy was always a kid at heart, he loved to have a good time. He had such a wonderful mechanical gift, he could fix almost anything that was broken. Since he is not with us anymore physically and has only been gone a short time, I have had the occasion to stop when I had a problem and think about what daddy would have me do and it worked. We are on our own with no dad to run to but, with what he taught us, he lives on.

While Daddy was so sick and calling upon the Lord, one day he told me he didn't think God heard him and I said, "yes, he does." Keep on praying. Well, Daddy did just that and he waited just like the song, "When God Unfolds a Rose." He waited just like a rose bud in the garden to be unfolded. When the petals are in place, God always gets it right. Only God can unfold a rose. So now Daddy is another rose in the "Masters Bouquet."

Written by his daughter with love, honor and respect,  
Hoping to meet in glory, Madelene Donahue.

## OPAL JUNE BROWNING

With an ache in my heart and a void that can never be filled, I will try to write in celebration of our mother's life. Loved by all who knew her, she had a love of life and more energy than any of her children and most of her grandchildren. Mom loved singing for the Lord, going to church, sewing, walking and traveling. Although her stature was small, her voice was beyond measure. She was always telling her friends and family about needing the Lord in their lives.

Mom was a member of Mt. Hope Freewill Baptist Church in Dingess, West Virginia for many years, but she also loved visiting all the other churches around.

Mom was born on May 31, 1928 at Dingess, West Virginia to the late Nath and Nancy (Conn) Deskins. She went home to be with the Lord on May 29, 2010, at her home at Laurel Creek, West Virginia. Making her stay here on earth eighty one years, eleven months and twenty eight days.

Other than her parents, she is preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Dreama White in 2005; her brothers, Nath Deskins, Jr., Buster Deskins and Wayne (Buddy) Deskins and sisters, Dixie Marcum and Becky Wellman.

Left to mourn in our loss is her husband, Wayne Browning of Laurel Creek, West Virginia, her only son, Michael Wayne Browning of Laurel Creek, West Virginia; daughters, Gertie and Noah White, Jr., Sheila and Adam White of Marrowbone Creek, West Virginia, Brenda and Richard Lackey, Della and Tracy Lackey of Laurel Creek, West Virginia, Linda and Dennis Dillow of Dingess, West Virginia and Candy and David Henderson of Huron, Ohio. Sisters, Marie Copley, Faye Dillon, Lizzie Marcum and Estelle Vance. Grandchildren: Samantha, Matthew and Corey Wilson, Amanda, Johnny, Luke and Lilly Stepp, Michael, April, Camryn, Ethan and Lauryn White, Kristy, Justin, Tyler and Bailey Spradlin, Sheena, Ben, Heidi and Mollie June Barnette, Stacy, Donald and Keith Smith, Josh, Erica and Hunter White, Whitney, Bobby and Kaylee Preece, Wesley and Jessica White, Nathan and Brittany May, TJ and daughter Lexie Lackey, Amber White, Sammy White Jr., Tiffany Lackey, Reanna Dillon, Cody and Kaleb Henderson and a special granddaughter, Kayla Browning.

Written By: Daughter and Sister in Christ, Gertie White



## BEULAH LACKEY CLARK

In loving memory of Beulah Lackey Clark who was born May 5, 1951 and went to be with the Lord on September 28, 2010 at her home in Delbarton, West Virginia, after along illness.

Beulah was the daughter of Clyde Lackey and Mary White Lackey of Laurel Creek, West Virginia. She was the grand daughter of the late Jim and Mary White of Laurel Creek, West Virginia and William and Betty Lackey of Laurel Creek, West Virginia.

She was a member of the Breeden United Baptist Church at Breeden, West Virginia for many years and attended as often as her health permitted.

In addition to her parents she is survived by her husband: Jimmy Clark of Delbarton, West Virginia; daughter, Ruby Joe Hundley of Laurel Creek, West Virginia; son, Jimmy Cole (Shawna) Clark of Delbarton, West Virginia; grandchildren: Tyler and Johnathon Clark of Delbarton, West Virginia, Madison Stanley of Laurel Creek, West Virginia and Lindsey and Annie Cole Stanley of Delbarton, West Virginia, who she raised as her daughters.



...ed by three brothers: Thurman (Lana) Lackey of Dingess, West Virginia, Clyde, Jr. (Anita) Lackey of Laurel Creek, West Virginia. She is survived by nieces: Whitney (Bobby) Lackey of Laurel Creek, West Virginia and Vonnie (Evan) Vance of Dingess, West Virginia and nephews: Brandon Lackey of Laurel Creek, West Virginia and Clyde Arthur (Debra) Lackey of Holden, West Virginia. She was a great aunt of Haylee Preece, Donovan Vance and McKenzie Lackey.

She is missed by many friends and family.

### CLAUDE ELKINS

... with much love and a broken heart that we write this obituary for our beloved husband, father and granddaddy, Claude Elkins. Daddy was born November 12, 1936 in Pikeville, Kentucky and died peacefully on Thursday, August 25, 2011, at his home in Lexington, Kentucky.

Daddy was the son of the late George Dewey and Truly (Lowe) Elkins. He is survived by his wife, Margie (Lowe) Elkins and daughters, Lesa (David) Shackelford and Lisa (Willy) Fogle both of Lexington, Kentucky. He was a beloved granddaddy to three granddaughters: Kerne Kendall Fogle, Stephanie Paige Fogle and Brittany Faith Shackelford.



He is survived by one sibling, Nell Ruth Robinson of Brushy Creek, Kentucky. He leaves behind a host of extended family and friends to mourn his loss.

Daddy owned and operated B & E Pest Control. He established the company in 1970 and worked every day building his company. Daddy would often speak of his family home on Brushy Creek in Pike County. He had tractors and wanted to raise a garden on Brushy. He would always say he was going to raise pumpkins. When he spoke of buying a trailer for the family to spend the weekends together. I will never be able to look at a tractor and not think of Daddy. Daddy loved his family. He would call his daughters and granddaughters daily to see how we were or what we were doing. He was so very proud of his granddaughters and he loved them so much. He enjoyed having his family and extended family in his home. He was a friend to everyone who knew him. Daddy was true to his word, honest and generous. He would go out of his way to help anyone in need. We love and miss him more than any words could possibly express. I that know one day we will be reunited with Daddy in Heaven.

Written with love by his daughter,  
Lisa and his loving family

### WARREN G HALL

Warren G Hall was born January 12, 1927 and died June 17, 2011. With profound sadness I will try to put in so few words what a remarkable man we have lost. Warren departed this life at the age of eighty four years after a two year battle with lung cancer.

He was the son of the late Orbin and Mary Hall of Hall, Kentucky. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife of sixty four years, Christine Craft Hall of Port St. Lucie, Florida; one son, Warren Keith Hall of Royal Oak, Michigan; three daughters: Madonna Hall of Windsor, Ontario, Mary Hall of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and Fannie Carlson of Warren, Michigan; one grandchild (one whom proceeded him in death); seven great-grandchildren and two nieces, with whom he was very close. Georgene Newsome of Virgie, Kentucky and Doris Papazian of Warren, Michigan.



Warren was born in Hall, Kentucky. He quit school at a very young age to help his parents work the home

and land, when he was old enough he went into the army and spent two years there. When he was twenty years old he started working in the coal mines where he had a tragic accident. Warren lost his leg below the knee. He could no longer work in the mines.

Warren moved his young family around until he found work in Michigan. He lived and worked there until he retired as a welder. He then moved to a warm climate in the state of Florida where he started a new business mowing lawns for friends and neighbors. He loved living in Florida.

Warren was a faithful follower of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He attended services in Okeechobee and Melbourne, Florida.

Warren was and is dearly missed by his family, friends and neighbors more than words can express and will live on in the hearts of all who were privileged to know him. A heart once close has stopped beating, but its memory lives forever, and our blurry eyes, will make some sense of this, you will always be remembered, you will always be celebrated, you will never be forgotten, these tears still haven't faded.

Written by his family.

### **ORISON BYRD MADDISON LOWE**

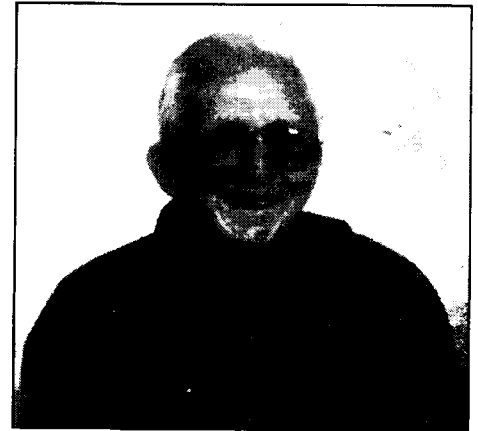
Orison Byrd Maddison Lowe, ninety five, of Brushy Road, Pikeville, Kentucky died Monday, February 7, 2011 at his residence. He was born September 28, 1915 on Brushy Fork of Johns Creek to the late James Monteville Lowe and Ruth Leona Taylor Lowe.

He is also preceded in death by his wife, Claudia Francis Lowe; two sons, Donnie Lowe and Johnny James Lowe; one daughter, Sharon Kaye Lowe Young; two brothers, Moses Fonso Lowe and Lonzo Taylor Lowe and three sisters: Marybelle Maynard, Alice Vivian Maynard and Myrtle Elizabeth Maynard; two grandchildren, Gary Michael Young and Rhonda S. Lowe.

He is survived by three sons: Moses Fonso (Sue) Lowe of Brushy Creek, Kentucky, Kenneth Darrel Lowe of Brushy Creek, Kentucky and Junior (Janice) Lowe of Michigan and five daughters: Alice (Charles) Lowe of Brushy Creek, Kentucky and Mary (Larry) Thompson of Allen, Kentucky, Alfredia Sammons of Brushy Creek, Kentucky, Ruby (Paul) Maynard of Brushy Creek, Kentucky and Ruth (Herman) Hobbs, Ohio. He is also survived by a son-in-law, Gary Young, who was the husband of Sharon Young, who is deceased and a daughter-in-law, Phyllis Lowe, who was the wife of Johnny James Lowe, who is deceased; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Dad was a farmer, truck driver, logger and factory worker. He was an honest and hardworking man that loved his family dearly.

He is sadly missed by all that knew him. We know he is resting in the arms of Jesus. We are waiting on that great family reunion, where we will all be together again.



Written by his loving family.



## **RHONDA SIMONE LOWE**

On November 10, 1964, Rhonda was born in Pikeville, Kentucky to Johnnie James Lowe (deceased) and Phyllis Robinette Lowe. Her family lived on Brushy for several years and she attended her first years of school there until her family moved to Michigan. She spent most of her life in Michigan, but Kentucky and Brushy were dear to her heart and she came home as often as possible.

Rhonda was blessed with three brothers and one sister. Her brothers are Johnnie (Annette) of Michigan and Timothy and John, Jr. of Georgia. Her sister, Kimberly (Joseph) Montague, lives in Michigan and has two daughters, Emma and Anna, who were the delight of Rhonda's life.

Rhonda's paternal grandparents were Byrd Lowe and Hazel Lowe (both deceased). Her maternal grandparents were Willard Robinette (deceased) and Mae Robinette who is now living at home on Brushy. Her extended family includes many aunts, uncles, and cousins all of whom she loved dearly.

Rhonda enjoyed many activities which included gardening and cooking, at which she excelled. Some of our best times were spent doing what we enjoyed so much, hauling dirt, making flower beds and setting the plants to grow. By spring each year, we would have the gardening catalogs dog-eared marking pages containing plants we wanted to order.

On February 4, 2011, God selected one of our precious roses from our garden and took Rhonda home to be with Him. While missing her incredibly, we celebrate her life and give thanks for the years she was with us. Our family was enriched by her generous and loving heart and the kindness she extended to all mankind.

Written with love by her family



## **BILLY LEE MAYNARD**

Billy Lee Maynard was born on May 6, 1946, a son of John and Anna (Bevins) Maynard of Pikeville, Kentucky. He passed from this world on March 30, 2011 in Miamisburg, Ohio making his time on earth a total of sixty four years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, James Maynard and Paul Maynard and one sister, Alene Malone.

He is survived by his wife of thirty eight years, Aneta G. (Hensley) Maynard of Miamisburg, Ohio where they made their home. He is also survived by a daughter, Erica Maynard, of Miamisburg, Ohio and two sons, Eric Maynard of Lynn Haven, Florida and Shawn Maynard of Miamisburg, Ohio. Surviving also are eight grandchildren: Levi, Travis, Donavon, Alec, and Shyanne Maynard and Dakota, Angeleena and Dalton Beach.

Bill is greatly missed by one brother, Gene Maynard of Dayton, Ohio and three surviving sisters: Alice Rivard of Michigan, Sylvia Lynch of Gulnare, Kentucky and Rebecca Hess of Pikeville, Kentucky.

Billy was a man who loved to laugh and to tell a good joke. He loved being with his family and making his grandchildren laugh. He so enjoyed coming to his hometown of Pikeville, Kentucky and spending time with his brothers and sisters. He loved "good food and good family."

Billy was a decorated United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He served proudly for his country.



and treasured his friends of the Army, especially those who lost their lives during the war. He struggled for many years upon his return to the United States with the memories of the war and the atrocities he witnessed, but finally came to peace with it all.

His family truly believes he is now at true peace with Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and will be waiting at those pearly gates when we all go home.

### JEANETTE LORAIN JOHNSON MAYNARD

It is with very much sadness that we will try to write the obituary of our beloved mother, Jeanette Loraine Johnson Maynard. She was born September 17, 1927 to the late Noah and Flora Ratliff Johnson. She passed away at Pikeville Medical Center on May 6, 2011 after a long illness making her stay here on earth eighty three years.

Jeanette met and married Andy York Maynard who preceded her in death on March 12, 1999. They were married on December 21, 1946 and to this union were born two daughters, Geraldine Meade, who married Billy Meade and Priscilla Bevins, who married Tommy Bevins. One son, James Robert Maynard, who preceded her in death, was married to Kathy Newsome Maynard. Three grandchildren: Christina Lynn Maynard, James Andrew Maynard and James Christopher Maynard and five brothers Ray Johnson, Noah Johnson, Jr., Edgar Johnson, Earl Johnson and Clyde Johnson and three sisters: Muriel Leslie, Bernice Johnson and Brooksey Johnson also preceded her in death.

She leaves behind three loving granddaughters: Gerri Lynn Collins, Gabriel "Lorri" DeRossett and Jessica Marie Bevins and four wonderful great-grandchildren who always made her smile: Kayla Danielle Hall, Drew Alysea Hall, Alyssa Kacey Collins and Devin Tyler DeRossett along with her four sisters: Thelma Pauley, Mildred Little, Chole Ann Reed and Shelvia Jean Little. Mom was sick for almost two years. She never complained even when it was so hard for her to breathe. We miss her greatly but know that she is not sick any more. If we believe, confess and show faith the Lord will reward us someday to join Mom, Dad and James in Heaven.

Written with broken hearts by her daughters,  
Geraldine Meade and Priscilla Bevins.



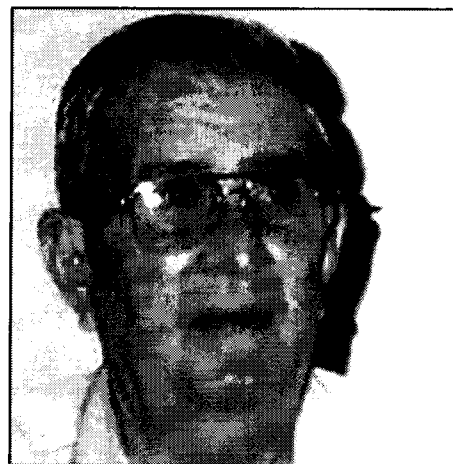
### WILLIE ROBINSON

This is the obituary of my father, Willie Robinson. He was born March 6, 1944 at Brushy Creek, Kentucky to Elcain and Minta Mae Robinson. He was raised on Brushy Creek until moving to Florida as a young man. He passed away on October 1, 2010 in Perry, Florida.

Daddy was a heavy equipment operator most of his life. He loved fishing, being outdoors and cooking outside for his family. Gardening was one of his favorite activities. He missed the mountains and Kentucky was always in his heart and on his mind.

He attended church services at Apple Orchard Church, Brushy Creek, Kentucky and Southem Home, Citra, Florida. He was baptized at and became a member of the Forest Hills Freewill Baptist Church in Adel, Georgia.

He leaves behind his widow, Robin Robinson of Perry, Florida, and four children: Millie Warner (Johnny) of Belleview, Florida, Roger Elcain Robinson (Lisa) of Perry, Florida, Chris Robinson (Chasity) of Ocala, Florida, Sandra Kaye Hardin (Vic) of Ocala, Florida.



Also three step-children: Trisha Fleming (Tria) of Germany, Tammy Hudson (Chris) of Weirsdale, Florida and Thomas Lawrence of Ocala, Florida. As well as nine grandchildren who will miss him very much. He also leaves two brothers, Ray Robinson of Liberty, South Carolina and Clell Robinson of Summerfield, Florida and four sisters: Maxine Blackburn of Anthony, Florida, Peggy Compton of Americus, Georgia, Eula Hernandez of Ocala, Florida and Sharon Yongue of Ocala, Florida.

Daddy also leaves many family and friends behind to mourn his passing. He is greatly missed, but I know that he is in a better home. Written with the assistance of his sisters and respectfully submitted by his daughter, Millie Robinson Warner.

"For Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" Romans 10:13.

### MARTHA DAVIS SLATE

Martha Davis Slate was called home to be with our Lord and Savior on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 5:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. Martha was born May 31, 1927, at Hensley Log Branch, West Virginia. Martha enjoyed eighty four wonderful years on this Earth. Martha was a member of the Little Dove United Baptist Church of Belo, West Virginia. Martha loved going to church. She was an outstanding Christian who had an undying devotion to the Lord. She truly was a light for her family. Her faith was strong and unwavering. She is surely rejoicing with the angels in Heaven and knows no sorrow. That fact alone can give our family comfort in our times of sadness.



She had a love for quilting, crocheting and cooking. Martha loved to pass along all her creations and there wasn't a family member that didn't have something she had made for them. She was very loving. Martha had the best sense of humor and loved to share a laugh. You knew she was most happy when she had her head tipped back in laughter. She loved her family so much and nothing pleased her more than to have her house full with family.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Lee Slate; her parents, Stewart and Trinnie Davis; one sister, Betty Phillips; and three brothers: Oliver, Jack and Roland Davis.

Those left to cherish her sweet memories include three daughters: Brenda (Ronnie) Curry of Columbus, Ohio, Phyllis (Carlos) Crank of Delbarton, West Virginia and Kathy (Chester) Lackey of Lenore, West Virginia; three sons: Howard, Jr. (GaWanda) Slate of Louisa, Kentucky, Larry (Judy) Slate of Sissonville, West Virginia and George (Heather) Slate of Lenore, West Virginia; three sisters: Christine Krieger of Florida, Brookie Curry of Columbus, Ohio and Norma Mounts of Williamson, West Virginia; two brothers, Bill Davis of Alabama and Benny Davis of South Carolina; fifteen grandchildren: Terry Curry, Greg, Jerry, Virginia, Nicholas, Trevor, Dalton, and Jeremy Slate, Angie Hawn, Megan Lowe, Trinity Crank, Malena Davis, Randy, Lola and Katie Lackey; and eleven great-grandchildren: Keith, Logan, Jacob, Dylan, Hayley, and Cole Slate, Johnathan and Spencer Hawn, Kelton Crank, Taylor and Nick Maynard, and Conner and Emma Lackey. She also had a host of extended family and church friends that she loved deeply.

There's an ache in our hearts that cannot be filled until we meet again. A person like Martha is one in a million. She was truly a blessing from God. Martha was a loving mother, a homemaker, the glue that held a family together. Martha loved her God and her church. She created a sense of family that is unequalled. Blessed with a lifetime of giving and receiving love, her lessons will continue through generations. Martha was a gentle woman.

Written with undying love and much honor,  
Her granddaughter and sister in Christ, Katie Lackey

## RICKY DALE THACKER

Ricky Dale Thacker passed away February 5, 2011. He was born October 1, 1979, the son of Rick Thacker and Kathy Levering.

He is survived by his father Rick Thacker and mother Kathy (Mike) Levering; daughter, Makayla Thacker; sons: Brendan Chapman and Jayden Levering; brother, Brandon (Brandi) Thacker; sisters: Ashlea Anderson, Bobbi Thacker, Amy (Brian) Martin, Sabrina Loveitt, Crystal Thacker and Selena Pinson; step mother, Sharon Pinson; and grandparents, Hazel and Bob Thacker, Pete and Jean Varney and Loretta and Ben Young and nephews, Kameron Vaughn and Braydon and Hunter Thacker.

Ricky was buried at the Williamson family cemetery Sidney, Kentucky. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.



## RICKY LEE THACKER

Rickey Lee Thacker, age fifty two, of Raccoon, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, July 17, 2011, at the Pikeville Medical Center following a brief illness. He was born in Pike County, Kentucky on January 5, 1959, the son of Barbara Lou (Bevins) Thacker and the late Arnold Thacker, Sr.

Along with his mother, he is survived by his wife, Ambre Dawne Thacker, of Raccoon, Kentucky; three brothers: Roger Thacker of Jackson, Kentucky, Arnold Thacker, Jr. (Debbie) of Pikeville, Kentucky and Timothy Thacker (Diana) of Lexington, Kentucky and two sisters, Carolyn (James) Stotridge of Pikeville, Kentucky and Sandra (Paul) Mitchell of Pikeville, Kentucky. He is also survived by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Sandra Lynn and Eddie R. Price, of Paintsville, Kentucky and two sisters-in-law, Scarlett (Steve) Collins of Greeneville, Tennessee and Debra (Dermot) Ryan of Versailles, Kentucky. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and loving friends.

He was an active member of Meta Baptist Church, where he served in many capacities. He was a Purchasing Agent for Arch Coal Company.

Rick was gracious, kind and selfless, always thinking of others and putting their needs before his own. He devoted much of his time and energy to serving others. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.



**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 6.** New Churches may be admitted to this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and be 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 Saviour is needed for our redemption.

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 10.** We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as are regularly 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 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 pre-eminence 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 to be 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 nor shall he 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 right 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 reprimanded by the Association as they think proper.

**CHURCH DELEGATES  
TO THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2011**

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

**APPLE ORCHARD:** Paul Maynard, Bobby Fields, Eldon Maynard

**BENT BRANCH:** Dean Lowe, Ray Blackburn, Michael Lowe

**BIG BRANCH:** Mitchell Robinson, Randall Scott, Donald Preece

**MARY ELIZABETH:** J. D. Walters, Thurman Stacy, George Edminston

**BETHANY:** Arthur May, Monty Messer, Monty Messer, Jr.

**PILGRIMS HOME:** Clifton Robinette, Mike Johnson, Duane Smith

**SALEM :** Ernest Sesco, Alonzo White, Ferrell Sesco

**SIDNEY:** Virgil Fletcher, Ronnie Lowe, Butler Fletcher

**DIX FORK:** David Crigger, Charles Edwards, Wayne Blackburn

**NARROWS BRANCH:** Dwight Maynard, Greg Scott, Roscoe Williamson

**LEANNAH:** Larry Robinson, Lonnie Robinson, Clarence Robinson

**BUCK CREEK:** Vadis Blackburn, Todd Dials, Marion Duncan

**TABITHA:** Rex Napier, Avery Hensley, Alex Hensley

**LITTLE ROSIE:** Harvey White, Steve Johnson, Vernel Sesco

**TURKEY CREEK:** Ron Hamilton, Lacy Lockard, Danny Reed

**SAMARIA:** Randy Lackey, Bernard Aldridge, Alton May

**ROSA:** Ivan Blankenship, Franklin Cline, Drexel Cline

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

**SOUTHERN HOME:** Richard Lowe, William Adair, Sr., Cecil Farley

**PILGRIMS REST:** Reford Billiter, Cecil Setser, Clyde James

**OKEECHOBEE:** No Delegates Account Illness

**ELIZABETH:** Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe, James Lowe

**LITTLE TAVIE:** Lester Cochran, Jerry Runyon, Gary Napier

**ANTIOCH:** Arthur Mathis, Clarence Mathis, George Saunders

**BRIDE OF CHRIST:** Sam Frye, Sammie Moore, Darryl Maynard



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Robinson, Leon (606)631-9825	Little Virgie	356 Stanley Fork, Varney, KY 41571
Robinson, Timmy (304)235-3425	Little Rosie	70 Master Avenue, Williamson, WV 25661
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Runyon, Jerry (740)992-2687	Little Tavie	38143 State Rt. 143, Pomeroy, OH 45769
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Sesco, Harold (606)353-0161	Pilgrims Home	Box 130, Sidney, KY 41564
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Smith, Edward L. (606)834-9958	Dix Fork	2911 Camellia Drive, Flatwoods, KY 41139
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Thornsbury, Ivan Neal (606)353-8443	Dix Fork	2430 Dix Fork Road, Sidney, KY 41564

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## 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	Frankie Scott	Lacy Walters	100	200							1	9	2	July	
Apple Orchard	11:00/11:00	Paul Maynard	Billy Joe Robinson	75	150					2		1	24	1	June	
Bent Branch	10:00/10:00	Dale Williamson	Duane Smith	175	400							4	26	3	August	
Big Branch	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Danny Runyon	75	150		2					3	23	3	July	
Mary Elizabeth	11:00/11:00	David Crigger	Lacy Walters	100	250								26	3	July	
Bethany	11:00/11:00	Arthur May	Wayne Herald, Jr	100	250	1						4	41	4	August	
Pilgrims Home	10:00/10:00	Elbert SESCO	Danny Runyon	275	550	8						5	2	101	4	August
Salem	11:00/11:00	Elbert SESCO	Danny Runyon	75	150		1					2	2	51	1	May
Sidney	2:00/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Butler Fletcher	100	250							1		37	4	June
Dix Fork	11:00/11:00	David Crigger	Lacy Walters	150	300	2						4		29	1	July
Narrows Branch	11:00/11:00	Bobby Scott, Sr	Lacy Walters	100	200	1								15	4	July
Leannah	10:30/10:30	Billy J. Robinson	Paul Maynard	75	150	1								22	2	July
Buck Creek	10:30/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Wayne Herald, Jr	175	375	1						2		25	3	June
Tabitha	2:30/11:00	Rex Napier	Albert Cable	50	100									19	1	August
Little Rosie	11:00/11:00	Elbert SESCO	Paul Bevins	40	100									8	2	April
Turkey Creek	11:00/11:00	Hobart Hamilton	Richard Staton	150	300	1						3		47	2	May
Samaria	11:00/11:00	Randall Lackey		60	150							1	1	36	1	July
Rosa	10:30/10:30	Hobart Hamilton	Gary Young	60	200			2		2		1	1	24	3	August
Little Virgie	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Leon Robinson	75	250									11	4	June
Southern Home	10:30/10:30	William Adair, Sr.	Richard Lowe	100	300		4					1		77	1	April
Pilgrims Rest	10:30/10:30	Gary Young	Duane Smith	50	200	2						1		13	2	June
Okeechobee	4:00/10:00	Stanley Campbell	Randy Gilman	25	50	1						1	2	6	4	April
Elizabeth	10:30/10:30	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	Butler Fletcher	75	150									16	1	June
Little Favis	10:30/10:30	W. H. Cochran	Chester Cochran	100	150	3	1					1		17	2	July
Antioch	7:00/10:30	Clarence Mathis	Leonard Napier	75	150									16	4	August
Bride of Christ	6:30/11:00	Sam Frye	Sammie Moore	40	100				1				2	8	3	July
TOTALS				2450	5475	21	8	1	1	4	32	14	727			

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