

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

**In session and assembled at the  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING  
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky  
September 7, 8, and 9, 2012**

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



***SALVATION, OH THE NAME I LOVE***

*Salvation, oh the name I love,  
Which came by Christ the Lord above,  
Surprising wisdom, matchless grace,  
Which reached my low and helpless case.*

*When I was sinking in despair,  
Filled with an awful gloomy fear,  
My Savior came to my relief,  
He eased my pain and bore my grief.*

*I immediately was made whole,  
I felt the witness in my soul,  
My burdens went I know not where,  
And gone was all my guilt and fear.*

*And now I want my Lord to stay,  
And be with me from day to day,  
And guide me in this world below,  
Directing everything I do.*

*So when the messenger shall come,  
I may be ready to go home,  
And lay my head on Jesus' breast,  
And with my dear Redeemer rest.*

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**FRIDAY**  
**September 7, 2012**

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 Buck Creek Church and co-host Churches: Apple Orchard, Big Branch, Dix Fork, Pilgrims Home and Little Tavie, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2012.

About the hour of 9:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand, welcomed everyone and announced the arrangements. Brother Tommy said, I am glad that everybody is here today. I welcome you to the Sardis Association. I hope you have come praying. I hope God will bless us today. If you don't have something you can feel, you need to keep searching. What it's all about is love. Pray for the brothers that come before us and pray for this Association. God blesses us so much. One more time we can give him the praise.

Elder Paul Bevins, 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: I am thankful the Lord has blessed us one more time to be out. We can have a lot of problems, Jesus can take care of them. Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. One day we are going home. Preparation has to be made. Jesus has made a way. God is on his throne today, Jesus is on his right hand. We all have our problems. Jesus said in me ye have peace. When Jesus comes in and takes up his abode, all is well. The old graves will open up and we will be called home. We will be called up to meet Jesus in the air. I am looking to see the man with the scars in his hands and in his feet. There is a way that seemeth right, but the end thereof is death.

There was a little woman whose husband died and the creditor came to take her two sons away. There is freedom from the condemnation of the law, his name is Jesus. There is one to take your bondage away. His name is Jesus. The woman was in straits, she only had a little pot of oil. The prophet told her to go and borrow vessels. They went out and began to gather vessels and bring them in. He told her, when you come into the house close the door behind you. God will be the same and Jesus will be the same. He is a good God and his throne remains forever, from generation to generation. He that believeth in me shall never die. This old church is a clean church. The woman came in and closed the door. The little woman began to pour the oil into the vessels until all were full. He told her to sell the oil and to pay they creditor and to live on the remains.

We are born of an incorruptible seed. In Jesus' name you shall be made whole. The word abideth forever. His name is Jesus. God is faithful and he cannot lie.

Elder Stoney Blackburn then led in prayer.

Elder Arthur Mathis came to preach the Introductory Sermon stating Paul wrote that the gospel is not learned of men or taught of men. I am thankful God has had a plan of salvation from the beginning of the world. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* God put Adam and Eve in the garden. The tree of life was placed in the midst of the garden. The tree of knowledge of good and evil was also in the garden. Adam and Eve were told not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The old serpent beguiled the woman. He told her if you eat of that tree you will surely not die. They ate of that tree and the eyes of both of them were opened and they knew they were naked. They hid in the garden from the Lord. That garden was the first garden. By the sin of one man death came upon all men.

Paul was very intelligent. He thought he was doing right. He consented to Stephen being stoned to death. Stephen looked up into Heaven and saw Jesus. We have many blessings to be thankful for. We are living in the last days. *As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.* It is going to get worse. My father, on his death bed, called the children in and told them, you are seeing your best days.

I think about my family and they were old Baptist people. My forefathers moved from the Carolinas and settled here on Brushy Creek. Joshua told the people to gather stones and put them for a memorial. I have always had respect for the old church, but that didn't save me. When the old sisters began to shout, I realized that something was different about these people. When I was seeking the Lord there was no place to hide. I tried on my own. I worked myself out of works. That Sunday, I laid it all down. I said, Lord take this natural life, but save my soul. When on the cross, the man on the left railed on Jesus to take them down. The other man said, Lord remember me when thou cometh into thy kingdom. Jesus said this day shalt thou be with me in paradise. We were showed we were lost, he also showed us what we must do to be saved.

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 Doug Bailey, Old Indian Bottom Association  
Elder Creed Thomas, Union Association  
Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Phillip Estep, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Northern Gale Brown, 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 Tom called upon Elder Ray Hamilton of the Northern New Salem Association, to open the Service.

Brother Ray came forth preached as follows: God is an all wise and all powerful God. He can bless me to say words you can feel down in your heart. You are either called or you are not. This God of mine is a wonderful God. If you are willing, he will bless you. I am not ashamed of who I am. I serve a God I can feel. I am willing to die on what I feel. I have troubles, I told the Lord I am willing to die on what I believe. The Lord asked, are you willing to live? I get down in the valley. Something down inside me lets me feel that witness. One day it will be too late, you need to call upon the Lord now. We all have our faults. If you will trust in the Lord, he will lead you. If you want to find fault, you will find fault. We need to trust in the Lord. We need to trust each other. We are supposed to live our lives to cause our enemies to be at peace with us.

I have an assurance in my life that God has blessed me. The movement of God's Spirit in your life will cause you to want live another day. To have God, you must want to have him in your life. I love you all. God loves you more than I do. We need to give God honor and glory for our lives.

Brother Ray, then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said when over here mowing grass, before I leave I come in here to pray. This morning I came here to my little space to pray. I prayed for you and my family coming this way. I have to turn it all over to him. We must listen to the man on the inside. Pray for this Association. This is a worship service. We get the unity from God. Let God guide us today in everything.

(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 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 Buck Creek Church was read, and upon regular move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates were seated and the Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements. Since no Letter was received from the Southern Home Church and no delegates were present from the Southern Home Church, by regular move and second, the cause of this Church failing to represent themselves in the Association was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$5,125.00 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 2012 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 Leonard Hamilton, New Salem Association  
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association  
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association

#### **SATURDAY**

Elder Estill Hamilton, Union Association  
Elder Carson Wright, Union Association  
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association  
Elder John B. Hamilton, New Salem Association

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

Elder Gary Young  
Elder Richard Staton

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

(12) The Moderator called for the Letters from our Corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters 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: Danny Belcher, Gary Varney, John B. Sanders, Bill Elkins, Floyd (Buck) Ratliff, Carson Wright, Sherd Mullins, Terry Hall, Lee Layne, Roy Looney, A. B. Thacker, James Barney, Fitch Reed, Raymond Thacker, Roger Coleman, Jimmy Amos, Estill Hamilton, Herman West, Bobby Yates, Billy Owens, James Hale, Gordon Deel, Ralph Clevenger, Tim Clevenger, Ted DePriest, Jeff Owens, Creed Thomas, Lunnar Thacker, Russell Cole, Harold Hall, Paul Huffman, Vernon Conway, Bruce Akers and Johnny Smith. Letter in the hands of Elder Roger Coleman.



**NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: John Paul Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Leonard Hamilton, Deffort Thornsberry, Johnny Thornsberry, John B. Hamilton, James C. Tackett, Jimmy Dye, Roger Hicks, Chuck Hall, Northern Gayle Brown, Ralph Slone, Jr., Clois Hamilton, Chester Johnson, Omery Compton, Paul Boggs, Auttis Cox, Clyde Lewis, Teddy Honaker, Kenneth Frazier, Leo Thornsberry, Tony Roberts, Troy Branham, Philip Hamilton, Logan Tucker, Homer Isaac, Carlos Akers, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Abe Howell, Manderville Hall, Randy Newsome, Clyde Newsome, Clement Caudill, Dan Samons, Gordon Boyd, Darrell Kidd, Harvey Tackett, Gary Brown and Freddie Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder Squire Hamilton.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: John M. Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Bill Blevins, Hillard Newsome, Duane Graves, Wilbur Nichols, Wayne Sartin, Hank Forgey, Mose Bentley, Arnold Mullins, Claude Hale, Denny Tuttle and Faris Tuttle. Letter in the hands of Elder Ray Hamilton.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following delegates: Luther Ramey, Jr., Lowell Adkins, Bob Taylor, Roscoe Eldridge, Teddy Parker, Casten Clay Pugh, Dallas Bledsoe, Jr., Carlis Tharp, Alfred Hilton, Jimmy Stewart and Willis Tolliver. Letter in the hands of Brother Luther Ramey, 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, Herbert May, Arthur Short, Edgar Baker, Jr., Steve Baker, Roger Baker, Will Matney, Gary D. Justus, Monroe Matney, Allan Hunt, Phillip Estep, Larry Gibson and Kermit Lester. Letter in the hands of Elder Larry Gibson.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Murl F. Caudill, Randy Combs, Delmer Jones, Doug Bailey, Ralph Cloud, Ronnie Combs, Chester Bowling, Steve Lycans, Haston Whitaker, Hansford Whitaker, Marvin Thornsberry, Luke Haynes, Boris Slone, Dannie Caudill, Wendell Lycans and Reuben 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, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Chester Cochran, Thomas J. Dials, Billy Joe Robinson, Elbert Sesco and Stoney Blackburn.

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

(15) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church and all the Officers of the Sardis Association, along with the entire delegation from each of our Corresponding Sister Associations, to arrange the business from Saturday's session of the Sardis Association. By regular move and second this committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. today.

(16) On motion from Elder Arthur Mathis, seconded by Elder Todd Dials, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 8, 2012.

## SATURDAY

September 8, 2012

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 I love you all. I love this old family. We want to remember the sick.

He then called upon Elder Abe Howell, of the New Salem Association, to open these services.

Brother Abe said, sometimes you don't have to say anything. You must become humble as a little child. It is all about Jesus this morning. I am just a beggar boy, but I have a God that can take care of me. He promised he would be right there with me. It is a honor to come up here. Jesus said, I take my abode up in you. God will never change. He promised that one day he will awake me in his likeness. There are many called, but few are chosen. The gospel must be preached with power. I want to follow the walks of Jesus. I have a God you can feel from the top of your head to the bottom of your feet.

I want to tell you about Jesus. Jesus was walking on the water and toward the ship. Peter reached out his hands and walked toward Jesus. I went to the hospital to see my nephew. I felt the holy spirit as a mighty rushing wind. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism and by the one spirit are we baptized into the one body. Jesus went away, but he is coming back in the same like manner. I told the young man to squeeze my hand and he did. I told him to raise his right hand and he did. I told him to open his left eye and follow my hand and he did. That young man is now at home. It was love that came here, love that went away and that love is coming back. The apostles moved by the spirit of the almighty God. He is alpha and omega, the first and the last. I can get down on my knees and pray to God. There is a way that seemeth right. If you follow after man, you will go to a place you don't want to go. I want to go the same way that Jesus went.

He then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

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

(2) Elder Mike Lowe, 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) The report of the committee appointed to work with the Bride of Christ Church, that was placed under working watch care at our 2011 Association, was read. The committee reported finding the Bride of Christ Church orthodox and in good working order and recommended acceptance of this church into full fellowship in the Sardis Association. By regular move and second, the report was received, the committee was discharged and the Bride of Christ Church was received into full fellowship in the Sardis Association.

(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, 1896-1907, 1911, 1913-1915. 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

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

(7) Read a request from the Buck Creek Church asking the Association to ask the Southern Home Church to discontinue the practice of using double married men in leading prayer and using sisters to help conduct the business of the Church. By regular move and second, it is ordered that this request be made a part of the Minutes so that if the Southern Home Church should decide to return to correspondence they must answer this request.

(8) By regular move and second, it is ordered that the Southern Home Church be published in disorder for failing to present a Letter of Correspondence to the Association, that all Corresponding Associations be notified that they should not fellowship with the Southern Home Church and that a committee be appointed to inquire as to why they failed to send a Letter of Correspondence. The Moderator appointed the following brethren to this committee:

Elder Thomas J. Dials	Elder Hobart Hamilton	Elder Edward Lee Smith
Brother Archie Prince	Elder Chester Cochran	Elder Arthur Mathis
Elder Richard Staton		

By regular move and second, it is ordered that this committee be allowed \$400.00 for traveling expenses.

By regular move and second, it is ordered that any member of the Southern Home Church who wants to leave the Southern Home Church and move to any Sardis Association Church may be received into any church in the Sardis Association by recommendation.

(9) Read a request from the Buck Creek Church asking that the name of Wallace Sartin be removed from the list of Ordained Ministers since he has gone to another denomination. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(10) Read a request from the Sidney Church asking that the name of Butler Fletcher be removed from the list of Ordained Ministers since he has turned his credentials into the Sidney Church due to family problems. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(11) Read a request from the Little Virgie Church asking to have the physical addresses of the churches of the Sardis Association printed in the Minutes. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(12) Appointed a Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to whom shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our year 2013 Association and whom shall be his alternate:

Elder John M. Elkins, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Murl F. Caudill, Old Indian Bottom Association

Appointed a second Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to whom shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 2013 Association:

Elder George Thomason, Old Friendship Association  
Elder John Paul Hamilton, New Salem Association  
Elder Roger Hicks, New Salem Association

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

Elder Sam Frye, Preach the Introductory Sermon  
Elder Duane Smith, Alternate  
Elder Todd Dials, Prepare Circular Letter

(13) 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 John M. Elkins, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Duane Smith, Sardis Association  
Elder Ralph Slone, Jr., New Salem Association

#### **SUNDAY**

Elder Jimmy Amos, Union Association  
Elder Roger Hicks, New Salem Association  
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association  
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

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

## SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2012

Balance on hand 9-1-11 \$ 9,209.02

Add 2011 Income:

Church Contributions for Minutes	\$ 5,475.00
Obituary Pictures	\$ 600.00
Interest Income	\$ 7.77
Rent Income	\$ 4,248.79
Advance Coal Royalty	\$ 500.00
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 7,263.35
Food Fund Contributions	\$ 6,775.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ <u>3,998.36</u>

Total 2011 Income	\$28,868.27
Total Available for 2011	<u>\$38,077.29</u>

Less 2011 Expenses

Equipment Expense	\$ 2,745.32
Minute Expense/Mailing	\$ 4,985.24
Clerk Expense	\$ 74.19
Building and Land Expense	\$ 8,509.93
Building Security	\$ 1,589.78
Electric Expense	\$ 3,113.04
Water Expense	\$ 626.77
Telephone Expense	\$ 683.23
Insurance Expense	\$ 890.80
Food and Supply Expense	\$ 6,441.48
Bank Charges	\$ .60
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

Total 2011 Expense	(\$29,710.38)
Balance on Hand 8-31-12	<u>\$ 8,366.91</u>

(15) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2012 and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his expense.

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

Elder Paul Maynard	Brother Daniel Stanley	Elder Sam Frye
Elder David May	Brother Charles Canada	Brother Ferrell Sesco
Brother Archie Prince	Brother Danny Reed	Elder Harold Sesco
Brother Ervin Thacker	Elder Chester Cochran	Brother Clyde James
Brother Tony Williamson	Brother Ernest Sesco	Elder Richard Staton
Brother Dwight Maynard		

(17) 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.

(18) 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, 2012: Bobby Scott, Sr., Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Edward L. Smith, Leonard Napier, Marion Duncan, Richard Staton, Dwight Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Stoney Blackburn, Randall Scott, Sam Frye, Sammie Moore 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, 2012: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Eddie Williamson, Leonard Napier, Archie Prince, Randall Scott, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Dwight Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Stoney Blackburn and Sam Frye. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2013: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Stoney Blackburn, Richard Staton and Marion Duncan. Letter in the hands of Elder Richard Staton.

**PHILADELPHIA:** When convened with the New Mt. Olive Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2013: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Leonard Napier, Frankie Scott, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Richard Staton, Sam Frye, Paul Maynard, Stoney Blackburn, Dewey Blackburn and Lester Cochran. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** When convened with the Little Zion Church, Greenbrier Creek, Panther, WV beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2013: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Charles Paynter, Frankie Scott, Ivan Blankenship, Marion Duncan, Charles Testerman, Richard Staton, Stoney Blackburn, Arthur Mathis, Freddie Cline, Randy Lackey, Neil Thornsby, Dwight Maynard and Chester Cochran. Letter in the hands of Brother Archie Prince.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** When convened with the Doty Creek and Little Home Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2013: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Dewey Blackburn, Richard Staton, Leslie McGuire, Bobby Scott, Sr., Stoney Blackburn, Leonard Napier, Sam Frye, Todd Dials and Paul Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

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

(20) Read Requests from the Apple Orchard and the Pilgrims Home Churches asking to host the 2013 Sardis Association. The Apple Orchard Church withdrew their request and requested to co-host along with the Little Tavie and Pilgrims Rest Churches. By regular move and second the requests were granted.

It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2013, to:

Brother Archie Prince  
242 Sundance Lane  
Prichard, WV 25555

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

(21) The Sardis Association is 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 Twentieth Session of the Sardis Association. We are so thankful for the attendance of our corresponding Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere "Thank You" to Velocity Market at Zebulon, KY; to Kentucky Fried Chicken at Inez, KY for preparing the chicken; to the Pike County Solid Waste Department for taking our garbage; 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 and Brother Gerald Fields for all the trips to pick up food and supplies; to all the Sisters, Brothers and friends 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.

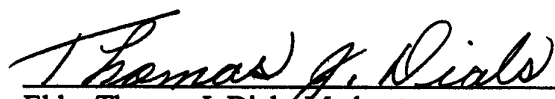
We thank God for the love and peace found at the Sardis Association this year.


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

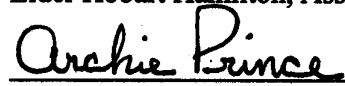
(23) On motion from Elder Leonard Napier, seconded by Elder Sam Frye, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2013.

(24) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder A. B. Thacker, who also led in prayer.

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

  
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator

  
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator

  
Brother Archie Prince, Clerk

  
Elder Edward Lee Smith, Assistant Clerk

## STANDING ITEMS

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

Sardis Association  
of Old Regular Baptist

September 13, 1975  
Dingess, West Virginia

Brethren:

In answer to the Query from the Dix Fork Church asking, "Does the Sardis Association believe in Sisters wearing pants, slacks or shorts?" We, as an Advisory body, say:

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

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

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

Elder Wayne Herald

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

Brother James M. Ray

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

## SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came forth and announced the arrangements. He said the Lord has blessed us to meet out in love one more day, one more Association, one more time. We need to show that love. We need to let it make us free. We need to feel that power that God has. Pray for these brothers.

Service was introduced by song: "Salvation, Oh The Name I Love."

Prayer was led by Elder Greg Stanley.

Elder Jimmy Amos, of the Union Association, came forth and said, "Thank the good Lord today." He followed: I could go home satisfied. The Lord makes our cup run over. Be thankful. God is a good God. There is no other name whereby a man can be saved. We have to lay nature down sometimes. The inner man is renewed day by day. Our help comes from the Lord. Thanks be to God that I am found. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord. He lifted my feet out of the mire and clay and put them on the rock. That precious blood came down. The centurion soldier pierced him in the side and saw the blood and water. He said surely this is the Son of God.

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still water. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake. Ye, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* The Lord is able to lead me, he restoreth my soul. God visited me in a dream and showed me a few things. Surely I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Jesus Christ is a savior of the whole world, but a special savior to me. Stephen had a good testimony. He began to talk to Jesus. 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. Jesus became obedient to death. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God. There's a low still voice speaking here today. Jonah said salvation is of the Lord. There is only one true and living God. Stephen began talking about Jesus. Stephen was stoned to death for telling the people about Jesus. Stephen saw the heavens open up and saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God. They took their hands and covered their ears. In Jesus you may have peace. I want to see the Heaven open in the glory of God. Where the spirit is there is liberty. We should say if it be the Lord's will we will do these things. We can do nothing without God. Grace be to God.

It is a great blessing to have a mother and father raising children in the admonition of the Lord. We must be willing to lay our lives down for the Church. If you see a wolf coming, sound the alarm. Be mindful of my brothers. Come to God with a broken heart and contrite spirit. We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. Stephen prayed Lord hold not this sin to their charge. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* Jesus came that the world could be saved. It is up to us how we live in this world, thanks be to God for this unspeakable gift. God will not dwell in an unclean temple. Clean up the inside and the outside will come clean. I thank God I am here.

Elder Roger Hicks, of the New Salem Association, followed him preaching as follows: I hope God will revelate my mind for a while to preach his word, not for my glory, but for the glory of God. There is so much out there to capture men and women. We have a lot of choices to make in this life. You either go to Heaven or hell. We have to pay the consequences. Jesus came and died for us. God changed my life when I was a young man. When God revealed himself to me, I saw the worst man. He put me in a different direction. A change came to my heart and my spirit. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness forty days and nights. No man is above temptation.

Jesus came into the temple. The book of Esaias was delivered to Jesus. Jesus read, *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering sight to the blind, it set at liberty them that are bruised.* Nobody could preach like Jesus. He closed the book and gave it to the minister and sat down. All eyes were upon him. If you mention the name of Jesus among sinners, you will get their attention. He said unto them, this day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. They said is not this the son of Joseph. His words were so gracious. Sometimes preaching stirs the minds and hearts of men. The crowd he was preaching to was not going to change this man's mind. Jesus will never change. He came to his own and his own received him not. You will not convert him. We need him on our side for our earthly benefit. We can go to church and be one hundred miles from where God wants us to be. He made a change in my life. They that filled up the synagogue were filled with wrath. Jesus went on his way into towns to heal the sick and the blind. They came out to see him to see if the things they had heard were true what he had done in other places. They told him you are just the carpenters son. When he raised Lazarus from the dead, the chief priest and scribes said if we leave him alone he will have the whole world after him. It takes the Spirit of the Lord to make people repent. Jesus said, "*Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.*" In the days of Elias the heaven was shut for three years and six months. Many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman.

The man at the pool lay sick thirty eight years. Everyday he laid there. The pool was the place where the spirit moved. It was the only place where healing occurred. Jesus is the only place of healing today. At the pool some were lame and some blind. The little man got his attention. Jesus went to the man. This man loved him more than anybody else. He believed that if he could get there when the water was troubled we would be healed. He spoke to Jesus and said I have nobody to help me. My parent's lives introduced Jesus to me. Jesus asked, will you be made whole? Jesus said rise, take up thy bed and walk. He picked up his bed and walked. The people saw what Jesus had done. The people asked what are you doing carrying your bed on the sabbath day. Sometimes we miss the real work of God. We miss being thankful.

While up in a little room he began to wash his disciples feet. After he had washed their feet he said unto them you call me Master and Lord and ye say well for so I am. If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet ye ought to wash one another's feet. He was not worried about the whipping post in the judgement hall. He don't guess about tomorrow. He knows what tomorrow will bring. There was no guile in his mouth. No sin in his flesh. I don't think he dreaded the cross. That was the gateway that took him back where he came from. In the garden he prayed three times, Lord let your will be done. He told the brothers they could not stay awake one hour. Unless the Lord build the house, your labor is in vain. Without him there is not much use to be here. In the garden he had to be separated from his father. He had to become our sin. God raised him and elevated him and changed him somewhere between here and glory. John, while on the Isle of Patmos saw one like unto the son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were a flame of fire. His feet like unto fine brass as if they burned in a furnace and his voice as the sound of many waters. He said fear not I am the first and the last. I am he that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive for evermore. I have never regretted turning to the Lord. We will say goodbye to all things on this earth.

Coming to God is not a natural thing but a spiritual thing. Aren't you glad you have him in your life. If you have him in your heart he will take care of your trouble.

Jesus was God in the flesh. God loves you. He can make changes in your life. I believe I will loose sight of all my problems. Farewell vain world I am going home.

It takes the Spirit of God, convicting you of your sins before you will ever repent.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the stand next stating, these brothers have been so wonderfully blessed. There is plenty in the storehouse. There might be somebody in sin. You can pray. I thought everybody being here these three days was no accident. Jesus coming was not an accident. He was sent so we could live forever. The Lord blessed us with a place we could afford to buy. God gave the brothers the love to do these things. You must have brothers that are willing. I remember in the old days of learning that repentance is no accident. You have to be drawn. You can live through the Lord forever. God has a Church on earth and the Governor is setting on the right hand of the Father making intercession for us. Jesus is the way. When the Lord blesses me to shed a few tears, I am ready to go home. I am satisfied. In the nursing home there are some that have the mind like children. One woman who is well educated. She held her doll so close. She said it is one of a twin. Another with the mind of a five year old child reached for the doll and she let her have it. Love caused her to let her have it. I am happy I have family that wants to go to Heaven.

The Lord took the fear away and that is no accident. The Kingdom of God is within us. God has told every sinner to get out of the city of sin. What God does is no accident. When he saves the soul of a man or woman, it is no accident, but they sought to be saved. God told Elijah there would be no rain and get out of the city. God told him to turn eastward and hide thyself by the brook. He said go out by the brook and drink from the brook. He commanded the raven to bring flesh and bread in the evening and that was no accident. The brook dried up and it made me think of myself.

When I look back on my life, I call it the foolish days. When I visited my mom she would get out her Bible and read to me. We meet strangers here, there will be no strangers there. The brook dried up. My brook dried up and I prayed for the Lord to give me that good feeling again. The Lord saved me in a little house in Clarksburg, WV. I wanted to make sure and waited and got cold. We went to a church in Michigan and I prayed and could get nothing. We went to a baptism. We went down in prayer and it seemed that God was one thousand miles away. When we went down in prayer again the Spirit came in. While here he lets us take care of what we have. I don't want to hurt my brothers and sisters.

God told the prophet to go to the widow woman. I have commanded her to sustain thee. If you have Christ in you, you are rich men and women. She was out gathering sticks. He asked her for water and to bake him a morsel of bread. She only had a little meal in the barrel and oil in her cruse. She went and baked the morsel of bread for him and some for her and her son. When we get down in the valley we go to the Lord. It is not an accident that makes us come out to the house of the Lord. When you come together in the Spirit there is not enough devils to break it up. You can't fall from grace. The Lord is my keeper.

I thank God we worked in peace and love. That was no accident. I could go home satisfied after hearing these brothers. Pray for one another. When you see someone down and out, lift them up. I remember when my wife and I and the boys came back to the hills; I was happy to leave the metropolitan areas. The Old Regular Baptist were not there. We have our faults. The Bible teaches us to overlook one another's faults. Hold up the old church and do everything you can for it. How many time have you cried, "Lord help me." A humble heart and contrite spirit will reach Heaven. I used to be proud. Mom would talk about the Church. I thought, Mom it is okay for you, but not for me. We are just servants. We must have love, mercy, forgiveness and humbleness and must consider one another and provoke unto love. May God Bless and save everyone.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator of the Sardis Association, came stating that the Lord has been so good. The only way to get to Heaven is through Jesus Christ. You must be born of love. God told Moses to build a tabernacle. Tell the people to bring in the material needed. They must be willing. The drawing power brings you in. The old law church brought forth a new and living way. The grace Church is a true and living faith. It must be by grace and through faith.

Jesus said tear this temple down and I'll raise it again in three days. Jesus was not talking about the physical temple, but his body. I am working to make Heaven my home. He is the one I am looking at. Except ye eat of my flesh and drink of my blood ye have no part in me. The tabernacle was built according to the plan God set up. We have to serve him his way. We are working to that plan today. The gift of God is eternal life. The wages of sin is death. He is the only way to get into the Church of Jesus Christ. Knock and it shall be opened to you, seek and ye shall find.

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside sealed with seven seals and no man was found worthy to open the seals. Jesus was sent down and died on the cross and made the way for sin and condemned sin in the flesh. When building the tabernacle a cloud would come down and they would have to get ready to go in. I fell short, but God came in. I wanted to die. I prayed several times before he came in.

Elder Jimmy Stewart, of the Philadelphia Association, called the dismissal.

Your Clerks

## CIRCULAR LETTER

My precious Brothers, Sisters, and friends of the Sardis Association, it is with much weakness and humbleness that I come before you today. I feel just like the Apostle Paul saying, I am the least among you. Without God, I am nothing. Since being chosen by this wonderful Association last year to write this letter, I have been engaged in much prayer that God would revealate my mind and guide my thoughts. As I began to study the scriptures, God filled my heart and mind. He continued to impress upon me to write about faith, belief, and eternal salvation in Jesus Christ.

Today we live in a world blanketed in confusion and despair. A world where even the mention of the name Jesus Christ is now becoming forbidden. In *2 Thessalonians 2:3* we see an abandonment of the church, for it says, *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first.”* The world has fallen away to the evils and principalities of darkness and refuses to even believe that God exists. This is why strong faith is more important than ever before! What does it mean to have faith or believe in something or someone? The Bible defines faith in *Hebrew 11:1* *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* *Hebrew 11:6* goes on to say that *“but without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”* Where does faith come from? *Romans 10:17* says, *“So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”* God tells us in *Romans 12:3* *“God hath dealt every man the measure of faith.”* So everyone has faith given to us by God, but it’s up to us to use it.

Each day we show faith without even realizing it. Right now we are all sitting in a seat, but did you inspect it prior to sitting, or did you simply believe it would hold you up. You believed it would hold you, probably because it’s done it many times before, or you’ve seen it hold other people in the past, and yet you acted by faith when you sat down. Faith in God is similar to this. Faith in God is not blind or unreasonable, because God has left his footprints all around us. *Romans 1:20* says, *“for the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”* By faith Noah built the ark, by faith Abraham offered up Isaac, by faith Moses passed through the Red Sea. By my own faith, God saved a poor sinner like me.

The Bible speaks concerning belief, as we see in *John 3:16*, *“for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* Belief is more than simply agreeing in our minds that something might be true. It means that we “trust” that we believe so strongly in God that we are willing to commit our lives to Him and live the way he wants us to live. Suppose you are walking along and come to a deep creek. You might look at the bridge and believe it will hold you, and you might even see others walking across it, so you are pretty sure it would hold you. So far, your belief in the bridge is only in your head. You can only truly believe the bridge will hold you when you are willing to take that first step, place your trust in it, and actually walk across. Belief in Christ is no different. You have heard about God all your life, you have seen others keeping his commandments, and you believe that he exists, but up until now you have only believed with your head through hearing and observation. God wants us to come to know him personally and believe with our heart by moving out on the faith he has given us. He bridged the gap of sin between us and him by sending his son to remove the barrier and become the bridge.

To believe in Christ is to commit our lives by faith to him, and to trust him personally as our Lord and Savior. By trusting in the Lord, the woman with the issue of blood was healed, by trusting in the Lord, the blind were made to see, the lame walk, and the deaf to hear. By trusting in the Lord and moving out on that faith, I now have a hope of eternal life everlasting!

God shows us in the book of James that we must believe, have faith and put that faith to good use. *James 2:18* says, “*Yea, a man may say, Thou has faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.*” It is not works that will secure a home in Heaven, but we show our love and faith in Christ by being about his business and continuing to work for him to bring men and woman to the knowledge of salvation. *James 2:19* goes on to say that “*even the devils believe and tremble*” that there is a God, but faith without works is dead. Anyone who wants to come to Christ must believe that he is the Son of God, and you must demonstrate your faith in him by trusting him with your life and by receiving him unconditionally into your heart as your Savior.

One of the greatest pieces of evidence of God’s existence is that he left his home in glory and he became a man! That man was Jesus Christ, who took on a human body of flesh. *Hebrews 2:9* says, “*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*” He did this to show us his love, and as we give ourselves to him, he enters our lives and begins to change us from within. His sweet promise is that he will never leave us nor forsake us. He was falsely accused, tried, and hung on a cross, and after three days, he was resurrected! Apostle Paul says in *1 Corinthians 15:6*, “*After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.*”

So if we believe with our heart, confess with our mouth, and keep the faith, we will hear those sweet words spoke of in *Matthew 25:21*, “*Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*” We will then be like our brother Apostle Paul, who said in *2 Timothy 4:7-8*, “*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*”

So in closing, my brothers, sisters, and dear friends, seek God while he can be found, trust him, move out on “the measure of faith” and make Heaven your home! Let us continue in the old time way, established upon the rock of salvation, and proclaim God’s high and holy name from the tops of the mountains, through the valleys, and into the utter most parts of the world. Let us continue to show our love, letting men and women know that God is real, and through faith, belief, and understanding they can be saved. It is my humble prayer that one day my children, your children, and our loved ones will come to the realization they are lost and in need of a savior, and will come to Jesus Christ faith believing. I love each one of you and hope we all can meet on those streets of gold in that sweet city called Heaven.

Your unworthy servant in Christ Jesus our Lord,



Elder Michael Lowe  
Bent Branch Church

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

**APRIL, 2013**

**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: Richard Lowe, Hobart Hamilton, Dale Williamson, Duane Smith and Gordon Akers.

**MAY, 2013**

**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, Greg Stanley, Gary L. Young and Eric Williamson.

**JUNE, 2013**

**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: Albert Cable, Lester Cochran, Kenneth B. Jude and Johnny Thornsberry.

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following regular church service. Ministers called: Stoney Blackburn, Mike Lowe and Daniel Newsome with Moderator attending.

**BUCK CREEK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Sr., Gary Blevins, Richard Staton, Arthur May, Sam Frye, Bordis Slone 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, Tim Robinson and Billy Joe Robinson.

**JULY, 2013**

**DIX FORK:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Frankie Scott, Danny Hurley, Jerry Overstreet, Arthur May, David May and David Lester.

**SAMARIA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr., Sam Frye, Sammie Moore, Billy Joe Robinson, Hobart Hamilton 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 Albert Cable. Business on this day only starts at 11:00 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: Danny Hurley, 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, Andrew Walters and Harold Sesco.

**MARY ELIZABETH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Gayle Brown, Kenneth B. Jude, Bobby Scott, Sr., Arthur May and Albert Cable.

**BRIDE OF CHRIST:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday after regular service. Minister called: Leonard Napier, Gary Blevins, Ralph Cloud and Reuben Lycans.

**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, Larry Thacker, and Billy Joe Robinson with Moderator attending.

### **AUGUST, 2013**

**TABITHA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 3:00 p.m. Ministers called: Arthur May, Chester Cochran, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis and Albert Cable.

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

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

**ANTIOCH:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following the regular Church service. Ministers called: Stoney Blackburn, Richard Staton, Leonard Napier, Jimmy Stewart, Chester Cochran, Lester Cochran and Preston Lewis.

**BETHANY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Paul Maynard, Sam Frye, Gabe Lowe, Jr. and Wayne Herald, Jr.

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

## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

### MARCH, 2013

**OKEECHOBEE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Danny Adams, Tom Dials, Estil Nichols, Edsel Slone and Terry Fuller.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of all the deceased members of the Sardis Association will be held at the Sardis Association Building on the odd Sunday (March 31) at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Wayne Sartin and A. B. Thacker, Hobart Hamilton and Thomas J. Dial. Everyone bring covered dishes.

### APRIL, 2013

**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.

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

**PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday at the Church for all 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, 2013

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all the deceased on the Fields and Kirk Cemetery on the second Sunday in May at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Kenneth B. Jude, Harold Sesco, Albert Cable and 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, Leonard Hamilton and Duane Smith.

**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 Paul Bevins.

**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: 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, Gary Young, Larry Thacker 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: Kenneth B. Jude, Sam Frye, Billy Joe Robinson and Albert Cable with Moderator attending. Everyone is welcome.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Stanley and Hinkle Cemetery on the Right Fork of Brushy Creek on the fourth Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Duane Smith, Richard Staton, Mike Lowe, Harold Sesco 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, 2013**

**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.

**TABITHA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jerry Runyon, Sammie Moore, Leonard Napier 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: Kenny Newsome, 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.

**BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Webb Cemetery on the third Sunday in June at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Gary Adkins, Arthur May, Leonard Napier, Clyde Perry and Richard Staton.

**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, Dewey Blackburn and Richard Staton.

**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, Jimmy Stewart, Sam Frye, Sammie Moore and Billy Howard. Everyone welcome. Dinner to be served.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at Brother Lacy Fletcher's home for brother Joe Fletcher, his wife, Hazel Fletcher, and son, Roger Fletcher, Eunice Jude, 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, Jeff Spence and others buried on the cemetery on Orville Road at Tomahawk, KY on the odd Sunday (June 30). All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

### **JULY, 2013**

**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, Lonnie Jude, Henry Jude, Todd Dials, Randall Lowe and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr. Elizabeth Church will give away for this meeting.

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

**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 at Kenova, WV. Ministers called: Elbert SESCO, Edward L. Smith, Richard Staton, Albert Cable, Frankie Scott and Bobby Scott, Sr.

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the J. M. Taylor family and will include the Maynard, Lowe, Taylor, Scott, Blackburn and Nichols families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Duane Smith, Andrew Walters and Richard Staton.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Stacy and Rachel Stacy, his wife, 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: Billy Joe Robinson, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Thomas J. Dials.

### **AUGUST, 2013**

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton, Joseph Staton, Mont Staton, Lilburn (Zeek) 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: Daune 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 Adkins and Stoney Blackburn.

**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, Kenneth B. Jude 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: Danny Newsome, Danny Runyon, Don Little, Greg Stanley and Harold SESCO. Everyone Welcome. Dinner will be served.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on Saturday, August 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for all those buried on the Alfred Young Cemetery. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Richard Staton, Jack Robinette, Greg Stanley and Harold SESCO.

**BRIDE OF CHRIST CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Community Garden Cemetery located at Wayne, WV (Maynard Memorial) on Sunday following the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Arthur Mathis, Clarence Mathis and Leonard Napier.

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

**BUCK CREEK CHURCH** will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dave Jude and Fletcher Cemetery on Peter Cave. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Wayne Herald, Jr., 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, Stoney Blackburn and Billy Joe Robinson.

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

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Will and Charity Jude and all family members buried at the head of Peter Cave on Sunday following the third Saturday. Minister called: Ben Scott, Lacy Fletcher, Billy Joe Robinson, 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., Wayne 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, 2013**

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

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Randall Lackey, Sam Frye, Arthur Mathis, 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., Gabe Lowe, Jr., 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: Sam Frye, Lacy Walters, Harold Sesco and Richard Staton.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Ervin Morrison and all others buried on the Maynard Fork Cemetery on Wolf Creek on Sunday after the second Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Minister called: Kenneth B. Jude, 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: Clyde Perry, David Lester, George Thomason and Bobby 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 3:00 p.m. at the home of her son, Johnny Honaker, which is located approximately three fourths mile up Sunshine Lane at Kimper, KY. Ministers called: Teddy Honaker, Richard Staton, Leon Robinson, Greg Stanley, Paul Maynard, Tim Robinson and all other Regular Baptist Ministers who are able to attend. The family invites everyone.

**MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, William (Tom) Fraley and his wife Inis Fraley Jackson and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: 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 May.

**BETHANY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Bethany Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Wayne Herald, Jr., Edward L. Smith and Frankie Scott.

### **OCTOBER, 2013**

**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, Richard Staton, Sam Frye 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, Kelly Slone, 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 Thornsberry, Paul Boggs, Mike Justice and Murl F. Caudill.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Church of all the deceased who are buried on the Scott Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: 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 Justice and Phillip Estep.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday following the fourth Saturday for John Jude and Belle Jude, his wife; Annie (Howell) Jude, wife of Warren G. Jude; J. T. Jude, son of Warren G. Jude and Annie Jude; two daughters, Mary Ann and Betty Jane, children of Henry and Connie Jude. Ministers called: Ben Scott, 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: Richard Staton, Jerry Overstreet and Paul Bevins.

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

We your Sister, the Northern New Salem Association, in our humbleness wish to extend our condolence to you, in the departure of your Beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last conference.

By having them in our fellowship in days passed, our lives have been inspired by their humble Christian life. Now we wait to join them, there to sing songs of redeeming love.

Respectfully yours,  
Brother Newsome  
Brother Elkins  
Clerks

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

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

Our prayers are that we will meet each other in Heaven where we can all praise and thank our Savior for all He has done for us.

May Comfort and Peace Abide,  
Elder Arthur D. Short, Clerk  
Brother Edgar Baker, Jr., Assistant Clerk



## 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 Pilgrims Home	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Bride of Christ Church	Easter Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Clarence Mathis, Hobart Hamilton, Lester Cochran and Arthur Mathis
Buck Creek Church	New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.
Leannah Church	Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Little Tavie Church	Every odd Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Mary Elizabeth Church	Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Pilgrims Home Church	Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.
Pilgrims Rest Church	Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.  Fourth Saturday evening in April, 2013. This meeting will honor the establishment of the Church in January of 1969 and recognize the members who came to Brushy as an arm from the Pilgrims Home Church to establish the Pilgrims Rest Church, also to recognize the community that came together at the Old Tom Price School to make this possible. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, David Crigger, Elbert Sesco with moderators attending. Everyone welcome.
Salem Church	Easter Morning 2013 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 30, 2013)
Rosa Church	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 March 31, 2013.  June second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Edward L. Smith, Bill Blevins, Dale Williamson, Ray Hamilton, James Barney, Paul Bevins, Wayne Herald, Jr. and Lloyd Brown.

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

**ANNA MAE BLACKBURN**

I am writing the obituary of my precious mother, Anna Mae Blackburn. My mother was a wonderful mother. She had so much love. She was always so kind and loving to everyone who came around her. She especially loved all the little children who came around. She would give them toys, candy or money. They never went home empty handed.

Mom and Dad were members of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. They loved their church and their Brothers and Sisters in Christ. They were always so pleased to see the Church members when they came to the house to visit her and dad.

She resided at Turkey Creek, KY all her life. She departed this life on January 31, 2012. She was eighty one years of age. She spent three years at the Phelps, KY nursing home.

She was the wife of Elder Willie Blackburn. Mom was born April 23, 1930 at Borderland, WV. Her parents were Everette and Rosa (Preece) Kaze. She has two sisters living, Ellen Lowe of Turkey Creek, KY and Lena Kitchen of Flatwoods, KY.

Mom and Dad had four children: Diana Deskins of Auxier, KY, Linda Lee (deceased) Larry Lee, son-in-law, Dennis (Ella) Blackburn of Turkey Creek, KY and Louella (Larry) Booth of Huntington, WV. Grandchildren: Beverly (Doug) Hatfield of Richmond, KY, Kerie (Chuck) Hensley of Richmond, KY, John (Jesyka) Wagoner of Auxier, KY, Angie (Chris) Conley of Huntington, WV, A. J. Booth and Kayla Booth of Huntington, WV and Leigh Ann, Amber Blackburn and Mary (Greg) Snodgrass of Hamlin, WV. She had twelve great grandchildren.

My mother and dad were married for sixty years. I will miss my mom forever.

Written by her daughter, Diana Deskins



**EDNA FLETCHER**

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of our dear sweet Mommy, wife, grandma, great grandma, Edna (Moore) Fletcher.

Mommy was born to Jimmy and Elizabeth (Maynard) Moore on April 2, 1931 and departed this life on October 3, 2011 at the age of eighty. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Joe Fletcher; great grandson, Brett Pemberton; son-in-law, Hurschel Wright; daughter-in-law, Angie Fletcher; five brothers: Clay Moore, George Moore, Charlie Moore, Wes Moore and Jr. Moore and four sisters: Janie Dials, Emma Maynard, Tennie Hardbarger and Lori Maynard.

Mommy was married to Joe Fletcher, who was her best friend and the love of her life, on February 25, 1950. To this union was born five children: Carlos (Faye) Fletcher, Joann (Woodie) Six, Kathy (Tommy) Allen, Darlene (Hurschel) Wright, Johnny (Angie) Fletcher and Dollie (James) Maynard, who she loved as her own. Ten grandchildren: Kim Preece, Jill Davis, Andrea Horn, Mandy Spaulding, Wesley and Colby Wright, Scott Fletcher, Jordan Allen, Jessica and Jonathan Fletcher.



Ten great grandchildren: Emily and Andrew Preece, McKenzie and Haley Pemberton, Lila and Beckam Spaulding, Kennedy Horn, Bailey Fletcher, Kiley Jo Wright, Michael and Lauren Horn.

Mommy was baptized at the age of twenty eight. She loved her Brothers and Sisters of the church so much and loved to cook for them. All of my life I can remember her fixing dinners at home or cooking to take food to the church house for the people to eat. She was a very good cook as many would say to her. She would always want to fix a plate for the ones that weren't able to come to the tables or stand in line before she would eat her own dinner.

She loved our daddy so much; as he did her. She was so good to him as she lovingly took care of him all their married life and especially for the last twelve years as he struggled with Alzheimer. It seemed as though part of Mommy's life ended when we lost Daddy on December 18, 2002. She was never the same.

Mommy was always a quiet person, you could sit with her for hours and not say but a few words. But, when her grandchildren showed up she always watched them play. You could see that little smile come across her face that we loved so much. She didn't show her love with words but, with her actions. Cooking for her family and always wanting anyone to sit and eat with her that came to visit or take food home with them when they left that she had lovingly prepared.

For the past six years of her life, she suffered so much with cancer and diabetes. We watched as her body was getting frail and tired. She would always say, she would be better off to just go on.

We were Mommies babies but, for the past five years of her life, she was our baby as we took care of her the best way we could.

Since Mommy died, our lives have never been the same. But, to be blessed with such wonderful Mommy and Daddy is truly a gift from God. Our memories will last for our lifetime and I believe Mommy is at rest in the arms of Jesus and one day we will meet again.

Written With Love and Hopes of Meeting Again,  
Your Daughter in Christ, Kathy Allen

### **BILLY HAROLD GIBSON**

It is with heavy and broken hearts that we try to write the obituary of our dear beloved Billy Harold Gibson. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother.

Billy Harold Gibson was born on May 16, 1960 to Rolland Gibson and the late Yvonne Murphy. He was preceded in death by one brother, Gene Ed Gibson and one sister, Laura Victoria Gibson Braham.

Growing up Bill was a normal spunky kid. His parents divorced at a young age. His dad remarried Phyllis Smith who love and raised Billy. Yvonne married James Current, who Billy loved like a dad.

Bill met and married the love of his life, Vonda Chaney on March 28, 1985. To this union was born two loving children, Johnny Lee Hayes Gibson and Brandie Nicole Gibson. Bill was a loving husband and father for many years. He worked as a heavy equipment steam cleaner for sometime until he was injured; almost losing his hand. Not long after, he was diagnosed with cancer. The doctors told him he had only three to six months to live. But by the Grace of God he battled it for ten years.

Bill loved his family greatly but his pride and joy was his grandson, Jacolbie Ryan Hayes Gibson, who was born November 30, 2008.

Bill was baptized in January, 2009 giving his life to Jesus Christ joining the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church. Bill went to be with Jesus on March 5, 2011 with his family standing by his side.



He leaves two loving brothers, David K Gibson and James "Chico" Gibson and three loving sisters: Sonja Lynn (Gibson) Bevins, Catherine Nicole Current and Mary Amanda Leah (Current) Gillespie. He also leaves lots of nieces and nephews.

Our hearts are heavy and broken, but by the Grace of God we will meet you again on Heaven's Shore. We will always love and miss your Bill.

Written by his loving Family

### MOSCO GILMAN, JR.

With the help of the good Lord, and precious memories, I will try to write the obituary of a wonderful man, a devoted husband and father. He was born June 16, 1937 on Trace Creek, WV. He was the son of the late Mosco Gilman, Sr. and Leota Hunt Gilman. He was called home, May 14, 2012 at his home in Okeechobee, FL.

We were married May 18, 1963, at the home of Elder Earl Clay and Sister Macy Clay. To this union was born two sons, Elder Randall Gilman and Ronald Gilman of Okeechobee, FL and a daughter, Tamela Gilman Nettles, also of Okeechobee, FL. We were also blessed with five grand children: Alecia Gilman and Preston, Timothy and Tyler Nettles of Okeechobee, FL and Lori Gilman of Ft Riley, KS. We have a great grandson, Jadin Lee Gilman of Okeechobee, FL.



He had three brothers: James Gilman of Delbarton, WV, Alex Gilman of Lenore, TN and Bill Gilman of Okeechobee, FL and four sisters: Edith Weekly of Pennsburo, WV, Ida Smith of Big Creek, WV, Meshia Coleman of Kunkle, OH and Garnet Gilman of Okeechobee, FL, who proceeded him in death.

Left to morn are two brothers, Earnest Gilman of Hells Creek, WV and Dallas Gilman of Okeechobee, FL and a sister, Sarah Gilman of Okeechobee, FL. Also, left are his sons, his daughter, his son-in-law, Donald and his grand children.

He was a honest, hard working man who loved his family dearly. He worked for the flood control for eighteen years building, sand blasting, painting and helping maintain the locks and spill ways from West Palm, around Okeechobee, North to Lake Wales on the St. Johns River and up and down the Kissimee River.

He gave his heart to the Lord in April of 1981 and was baptized by Elder Monroe Ousley and Elder Ellis Amburgy. He was a member of the Okeechobee Church for over thirty two years. He was ordained a Deacon shortly after joining the Okeechobee Church. He loved the church and worked very hard for the Lord. I know our loss is Heaven's gain, for he loved the Lord, giving his all to do his will. He insisted on keeping the church doors open to all who wished to worship the Lord.

We all miss him very much and hope to meet him again someday. He has gone to sing with the Angels. Those that don't have the Lord as their savior, need to start TODAY, making sure they are ready when the Lord calls. That way we all can meet again.

Written By: His Wife,  
With the assistance of Elder Randall Gilman

## VIVIAN HENSLEY

It is with a heavy heart that I try to write the obituary of sister Vivian Hensley. She was Born August 19, 1926 at Leet, WV. She was the daughter of the late Clarence and Christine Lambert. Sister Vivian traded this life for a home in Glory Land on March 7, 2012 at her home in Leet, WV.

She was preceded in death in by her husband of fifty years, Brother Rush Hensley and three children: David, Koblenz and Burns. She is survived by two sons; Attv Hensley and Lawrence "Snook" (Vanna) Hensley and one daughter, Brenda (Normen) and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends who will miss her very much.

Sister Vivian Hensley was baptized in June, 1949 and was a member of the Tabitha Old Regular Baptist Church until her death. Sister Vivian will be greatly missed by all of her beloved brothers and sisters of the old church and all that knew her and loved her. I believe our loss is Heaven's gain.



Written with the help of the Lord,  
Her Brother in Christ Elder James Hensley

## AZZIE HOWARD

I am heartbroken as I sit here and write these sad words for my mommy, Azzie Howard. She was born July 31, 1922 and passed away April 30, 2012. She lived a long and happy life.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters: Calvin (Ilda) Howard, Eva Stacy, Milford Howard of Pike County, KY and Edna Spaulding and Bill (Marcella) Howard of Pilgrim, KY. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of seventy three years, Elder Clinton Howard and three sons: Langley Howard, Andy Howard and Clinton B. Howard. Also, she had one step son, Garlon Howard.

Mommy had a way with words; she told you exactly what was on her mind. She gave you her opinion whether you wanted it or not and you either liked what she had to say or not. Mommy also had a special saying that we won't ever forget, like "don't wash clothes on Sunday or Wednesday." She would also say, "be good to everybody, even all the dumb animals." Mommy lived by those words, too. She truly loved her dogs.

Things are just not the same around here without her. We miss her and her "sayings" so much. Now we have a lifetime of memories of her that we won't ever forget. Thank you, mommy, for all that you have done, you have taken great care of your daughters and sons. You loved us all from the very start with your warm kind and loving heart. Thank you, mommy, for your dear sweet love.

Now you watch over us from the heavens above. We all love you mommy.



## CONNIE JUDE

With much sadness that I attempt, with the help of the family, to write the obituary of Sister Connie Jude. Sister Connie was born February 28, 1950 at Paintsville, KY to Ruben Ramey and Lexie Jane Ramey, who preceded her in death.

On October 12, 1963 she was married to Henry Jude. To this union God gave four children; two of which preceded Sister Connie in death, Betty Jane and Mary Ann. They were blessed to have three children surviving: John Henry Jude of Pilgrim, KY and Danny (Ally) Jude of Flat Gap, KY, and an adopted son, Daniel Ray Jude of Rhode Island.

She also leaves, Brother Henry Jude, her husband for forty eight years, who did the best he could to take care of her. Sister Connie has five siblings: Vera Ramey Taylor of Salyersville, KY; Betty Henderson of Flat Gap, KY and three who preceded her in death: Earl Ramey, Dan Ramey, and Sara Ramey. She leaves behind fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The night that Sister Connie passed away she keeps asking if Daniel Ray was coming. The answer was that he would soon be here. She wanted to see him before she went on. Her love for her children was so great. She always did what she could for them. Daniel Ray was her adopted child that she had not seen in awhile and she desired to visit with him.

She said, Brother Tom will you pray for me and remember Daniel Ray is on his way. We did as she wanted and prayed that God would bless her to see him one more time. Soon after he arrived she passed and went on to be with God. The good Lord blessed Sister Connie to see her child that was so far away.

She was a member of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church for twelve years and loved to be with the Brothers and Sisters when she could. Sister Connie was a humble and loving person and will always be remembered by all who knew her.

Written by her Family and Brother Tom Dials



## BERTHA LORRAINE LESTER

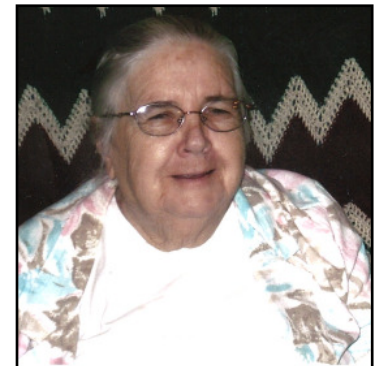
It is with a grieving heart that I will try to write the obituary of my loving mother, Lorraine Lester.

Mom was born September 25, 1928 to Lafe and Sarah Hatfield Cline. She attended school at Brushy Fork Grade School and married Garrison Lester at a very young age on July 25, 1943. To this union was born nine children: Danny Lester (deceased), Gannon Lester, Milton "Pete" Lester, Henrietta Johnson, Shelia Hallam, Cletus Lester (deceased), Deborah Johnson, Namon Lester, and Tammy Cline. Mom always had a void in her heart from the loss of her two sons and also her first born grandchild, Chris Lester.

Mom was a member of the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at Baisden, WV for over forty years. Mom loved to work in her garden and having her family members drop in for coffee and sit on her porch and talk about the old days. She was a wonderful cook and loved to have family and friends come by for Sunday dinners. Her specialty was her homemade apple pies, which everyone enjoyed.

Mom will be sadly missed by all her family members and her church family and friends. Mom had a very special grandson (Brad) who ate supper with her every day. He misses her most of all. Mom was called home on March 3, 2012 with her family by her side. I believe she rests in Heaven with the angels and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I look forward to seeing her again someday.

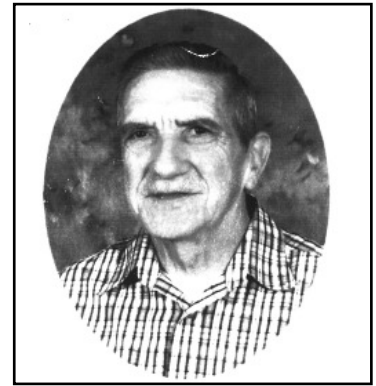
She is sadly missed by all her family and friends!



## ALMOND WESLEY MCCOY

It is with a heavy heart and the tears flowing that we sit here and write the obituary of Almond Wesley McCoy, a respected and loved Husband, Daddy, and Pap. It seems impossible to write the obituary of someone who we could never have imagined our lives without. But we know, with the help of our good Lord, all things are possible.

Daddy was born on November 8, 1936 in the head of Meathouse, KY and went to rest in the arms of his sweet Savior on November 2, 2011 at Kings Daughter Medical Center in Ashland, KY. It broke our hearts to say our last natural good bye to daddy that night. We knew our family would never be the same.



His parents, that he loved dearly and had so many precious memories of, Shurlin and Lucy Blackburn McCoy, preceded him in death. Also, preceding him were brothers: Money McCoy, Mosey Mack McCoy, Van Avory McCoy and Virgil T. McCoy and four infant siblings.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Martha McCoy, whom he married on April 3, 1965. To this union was born ten children: Icie (Mike) Preston, Daniel (Tammy) McCoy, Dolly (Dave) Adams, Laura (Gene) Adams, James (Crystal) McCoy, Almond T. (Jamalyn) McCoy, Shurlin (Grace) McCoy, Gary (Michelle) McCoy, Lana Jo (Neal) Young and Norma Sue McCoy. He leaves behind thirty grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three brothers, three sisters and a host of nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.

It would take pages and pages to write our memories with daddy. It was evident at the hospital and the church of what a good person daddy was and how well he was loved. So many words describe him. He was hard working, honest, faithful, handsome, funny, kind, loving, smart, and respectable. For the most of his children, I am sure they would tell anyone when daddy said something there was no doubt he was right. He was strict but only because he wanted what was best for us and he was smart enough to know what was not. He was so good to Mommy. I think it is safe to say their life wasn't perfect, but at the same time it was like a fairy tale, true love. He may have even spoiled her...just a little.

He made so many friends throughout his life; many that he loved like family. Daddy provided for his family his entire life. Even after we were grown, if we needed his help, he was there. After retiring from Wolf Creek Colliers he still worked hard. He worked around his home a lot. Daddy would read his Bible all the time. One of the saddest spots in Mommy's home now is Daddy's recliner. It's almost an unreal feeling to know he is not going to be sitting there reading his Bible when you go through the front door. After Daddy took sick late in the summer 2011, they had church at his home several times. I believe Daddy had been a man of God for a long time. He told Mommy he was right with his Good Lord and was baptized with all ten of his children at his side. He said he wanted to leave them a little something.

We have hope that we can meet him again someday. Daddy became a member of Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church. They gave him the right hand of fellowship before he passed away. Daddy may have said he wanted to leave us a little something, but to me he left more than that. He left us a wonderful path to follow and he left us many precious memories. If daddy would want anything from us it would be to be Christians, be good to Mommy and be hard working and honest people. We have an emptiness that can't be filled, but we are thankful that Daddy didn't have to suffer long. We miss his hugs, his laughs, his stories, and his knowledge. So until we meet him again we have to hold on to the memories. So, Daddy until we meet again...we love and miss you!

Written with loving memories  
His Wife and Children

## EUGENE MILLER

Eugene Miller, seventy eight, of Pikeville, KY passed away on September 13, 2011 at the Pikeville Medical Center following a long battle with lung cancer. Eugene was born to Ruben and Ada Miller on November 4, 1932. On November 25, 1955 he married the love of his life, Orethia Mae Buckley Miller. Throughout their fifty six years of marriage, Eugene and Orethia shared many blessings. The greatest blessings and enjoyment in Eugene's life was his family. He was the proud father of one son, Douglas Eugene Miller and three daughters: Deborah Kay Miller Stanley of Pikeville, KY, Terri Denise Miller Shelton of Lexington, KY and Angela Jean Miller Bunch of Pikeville, KY. Besides his loving children, Eugene also leaves behind one daughter-in-law, Lois Miller and three sons-in-law: Gregory Stanley, Billy Shelton and Ricky Bunch; and one special ex-son-in-law, Brian Ballard. He is also survived by ten grandchildren: Bethany Stanley Bowersock (husband Phil Bowersock), Kayla Bunch Justice (husband James Justice), Joshua Miller (wife Katie Miller), Jennifer Bunch Baisden (husband Addison Baisden), Rusty Miller, Scott Stanley, Major Ballard, Marshall Miller, Adam Stanley and Madison Ballard. Eugene was also blessed with the lives of five adoring great-grandchildren: Philip Cole Bowersock, Blake Dalton Bowersock, Emma Reese Baisden, Kaylie Beth Bowersock and James Killian Justice. Eugene will also be sadly missed by many friends.



He proudly retired from Kentucky-West Virginia Gas after thirty seven and one half years of service. Following his retirement, he spent his time doing the things he loved most. Eugene and Orethia enjoyed their retirement years by traveling across country and taking in sights, such as, the Grand Canyon and the Gateway Arch. He was also an avid hunter/fisherman and had a great talent for woodworking and providing treasures to family and friends to last for generations to come. However, if you ask the children that were blessed with Eugene in their lives, they would say that his greatest talent was story telling. He had a great talent for making tales of the cowboys in the Wild West come alive right before the children's eyes and could provide horserides that could not be beat.

In the final years of his life, a perfect Saturday for Eugene consisted of being surrounded by his babies and sitting under his favorite apple tree watching the garden grow. It is the conversations and stories that were shared under this apple tree that will be missed the most.

On July 19, 2008, he was baptized by his son-in-law, Elder Greg Stanley, and joined his church family at the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruben and Ada Miller and one infant sister, Emma Sue Miller. He also leaves behind one brother, James Edward Miller and six sisters: Imogene Worrix, Ella McGuire, Mary Lou Lyons, Joyce Justice, Rita Rhodes and Zita Tooley.

Written by his family

## ROY HOLLIS ROBINETTE

It is with a heavy heart and overflowing love, that we try to write the obituary of my dear husband and our daddy, Roy Hollis Robinette. Daddy was born on June 23, 1944 on Brushy Creek of Varney, KY. He went to be with the Lord on May 2, 2012 at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, KY at 2:15 p.m. He was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, and a disabled coal miner.

He was the son of the late Butler and Vicie (Canada) Robinette. Daddy was baptized on September 24, 1972 at the Pilgrim Home Church by Louie Muncy and Tracy Hatfield. He kept his membership there for thirty seven years before moving it to the Turkey Creek Church, because it was closer to home and





easier for him and mom to go to church more often because of his illness.

On April 30, 1966, Daddy married the love of his life, our Mother, Ora Pearlenia Williamson. They were married for forty six years, two days before daddy left to await us all in Heaven. To their union they had four children: Cindy Marie (Larry) Elkins of Canada, KY, Roy Daniel Robinette of Pikeville, KY, Belinda Kay (Deron) Elkins of Turkey Creek, KY and Steven Miceal (Thrista) Robinette of Turkey Creek, KY. He had seven grandchildren: Alicia Marie (Jessie) Jude, Brandy Nicole (Kevin) Marcum, Tabitha Kaye Elkins, Julia Rose (Rose Bud) Robinette, Daniel Blake Robinette, Kyle Patrick Elkins and Ryan Blake Robinette. Also, four great-grandbabies: Nathan Riley Jude, Kaylee Marie Jude, William Ray (Billy Ray) Marcum and Jasmine Creesteen Marcum. He is also survived by: one sister, Martha Runyon; one brother, Clifford (Joan) Robinette and a host of nieces and nephews and dear friends. He had a special loved one, whom he thought of as a son, Joseph (Little Joey) Walters and his daughter, Jaden Walters.

Daddy was preceded in death by: his parents, one brother, Tony Lee (King Fish) Robinette, two half brothers, Luther and Johnny Goff and one great-grandson, Peyton Riley Jude.

Daddy lost his father at a very young age, so he wasn't able to go to high school. He and his brothers had to work to help to support their family. Daddy was also very adventurous. When dad wasn't working in the mines, he was always going into many odd jobs. While we were growing up, he had auction sales, little grocery stores, restaurants, logging and timber buyer for Hannah Lumber Co. He also had plenty of odd jobs for his sons and sons-in-law to do. He even had Cindy running Dairy Depot for him. He was constantly trying something new. Even when he was sick he was still coming up with new ideas to invent or make improvements. He loved his farm animals and garden. Growing up we had pigs, cows, horses, ponies, chickens, ducks, rabbits, goats, sheep, peacocks, llamas, fish, dogs and cats. His Ol' MacDonald Farm. There wasn't many animals we didn't have at one time or another. He loved his goats. When he was sick, if he couldn't go see them, he had to have a picture of them.

Daddy was a very friendly person. He loved to cut up and joke around with everybody and make them laugh. He was a joy to be around. He also gave out his coffee candies. He said Bertha Jean was special, so she got two pieces. He enjoyed going to church and visiting with all his friends and neighbors. He loved all his brothers and sisters at church and he was loved greatly in return.

Daddy was a very special grandfather. His grandbabies loved him with all their heart. Daddy loved to play with them, even when he was sick in the bed he would play ball, animals, cars and tractors with the boys. He would light up being around his babies and that always brought a special smile to his face.

He may be gone from this old world, but he is not forgotten. He is only gone away with a friend to await the rest of the family. His memory will be in our hearts forever until we see him again.

Dad, we will miss you everyday. We couldn't have asked for a more loving and caring family and example of Christian parents than Dad and Mom. We are a very close family because of them. Dad treated Larry and Deron as his sons, not just in-laws. There are many times we pick up the phone to call you and talk or for advice. This has been one the hardest things we had to face. We can only pray to continue to get through this life with you gone. Remember, Dad wants all of us to continue to get along and love one another. That is what family is all about. All of us need to be right with the Lord so we can see Dad again. Daddy, we love and will miss you always.

Written by his loving wife, Ora Robinette  
And two daughter, Cindy and Belinda Elkins

## ERMILE JAMES SPENCER

My dad was born November 3, 1929 at McCarr, KY where he lived most all of his life until he died February 24, 2012 at his home at the age of eighty two. This is the same home where he raised three children: James Larry, Bobby and Anetha. He was married to Brooksie Blankenship Spencer on February 14, 1950. They were married over sixty years until her death on May 29, 2010.

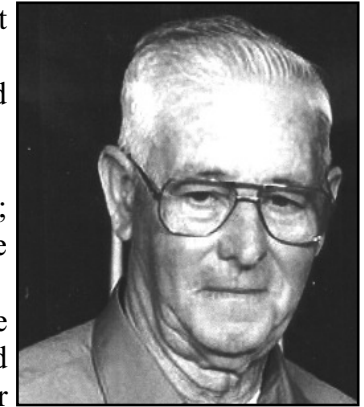
He was also preceded in death by his parents, Logan and Nevah Spencer; five sisters: Gracie Carter, Cleo Moore, Mary R. Smith, Ocie Presley and Myrtle Scott and three brothers: Albert, Elmer and George B. Spencer.

He was a U.S. Marine veteran, retired UMWA member and a long time member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Enon at McCarr, KY. Mom and Dad both joined the church together in August, 1962 and were baptized by Elder Jonah E. Williamson and Elder Lloyd Sesco. Daddy was the last standing member of the Old Enon Church which had to be dissolved in August, 2011. He was blessed to be a part of that church proceeding and was at peace that everything was in order. He then placed his membership with the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

Daddy left this place for a better one and to be with Mommy and his family and friends that have gone before him. Left here to remember them are his children: James Larry (Kay) Spencer of Athens, GA, Bobby Spencer and Anetha (Gary) Varney of McCarr, KY. His grandchildren, Robby (Kathy) Spencer, Tonya Spencer, Jamie (Michelle) Varney, Margaret Spencer and Jimmy Spencer. His great-grandchildren: Alayna Brooklynn Varney and Rylan Reed Varney. We don't have any more family left in the church, but I do hope and pray that the Old Regular Baptist Family will remain our family.

We love them all dearly and ask that you continue to pray for us like Mommy and Daddy always did. Sadly written by Daddy's Little Girl that will always Love and Miss you very much.

Anetha Varney



## GAYTHEL FAYE STANLEY

Gaythel Faye Stanley, ninety, of 88 Maple Lane, Pikeville, KY passed away on January 16, 2012 at her home following a long illness.

Gaythel was born to Floyd and Minnie Walters Stanley on November 17, 1921. On December 24, 1940, she was married to David Wesley Stanley. They were blessed in marriage for sixty five years before he passed away on May 24, 2006.

She was the proud and loving mother of six sons and three daughters; David Wesley Stanley Jr., their eldest son, preceded them in death on November 21, 1965. The surviving children are: Mrs. Juanita (Jim) Perkins of Providence, KY, Mrs. Janice (Larry) Taylor of Vermilion, OH, Don (Cresta) Stanley of Taylorsville, KY, Dan (Diane) Stanley of Louisville, KY, Darrell (Lois) Stanley of Norwalk, OH, Gary (Debbie) Stanley of Sidney, KY, Elder Greg (Debbie) Stanley of Pikeville, KY and Denise (Virgil) Young of Hardy, KY. Gaythel leaves behind one sister, Laura Cullop of Forest Hills, KY, along with one brother, Ira Stanley of Pikeville, KY.

She is survived by twenty two grandchildren, forty six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind four special caregivers who lovingly became a part of the Stanley family: Martha Runyon, Leona Maynard, Nell Lowe and Anita Rose. For all your care and support we will forever be thankful.



Gaythel was also preceded in death by two sisters; Betty Ann Maynard and Zettie Meade, four brothers: Delmon Stanley, Tom Stanley, Orison Stanley and Athel Stanley, one grand daughter, two great-grandsons and one great-great grandson.

Babysitting was a real joy for Gaythel. She affectionately referred to each of these children as her own grandchildren. They were carefully toted back and forth to Minnie's daily, sometimes in a wagon and sometimes in her arms. A picnic and an every day swing beneath the shade tree was a regular occurrence.

Cooking for her family was the other great enjoyment for her. Every Sunday the table was filled with bowls full of steaming hot garden vegetables, piles of fried chicken and her special rolls that no one could duplicate. When asked how she managed to have such a dinner and still make it to church she would always grin and say, "It just falls into place."

Gaythel loved her family, her church and her fruit. She prided herself in being able to tell you that she loved you more, no matter if you told her you loved her to the sky and back. She would eat what she called the "hard bargins" of the chicken, but when it came to fruit, nothing could hold her back. It is things like this we will miss about her.

On March 19, 1950, Gaythel was baptised and joined her church family at the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. Her light has shined over sixty one years for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Written by her children

### LILBURN (ZEEK) STATON

With the help of the Lord, we will try to write the obituary of Brother Lilburn (Zeek) Staton. Brother Lilburn was born December 15, 1943 and went to be with the Lord on October 8, 2011. Brother Lilburn was a wonderful brother and belonged to the Buck Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist for many years.

He was a wonderful husband and was married to Ruth Jude Staton for thirty three years. Brother Lilburn was the son of Sam and Lori Lowe Staton. He had six brothers: Georgie, Millard and Enzie are still living and Joe, Mont and Jerry are deceased. He also had three sisters still living. They are Vicie Jane Staton Sturgill, Judy Staton Sterward and Mary Staton. Brother Lilburn lived in Martin County, KY on Pigeon Roost all his life. Brother Lilburn raised a step daughter, Lisa Jude Lowe. He has two grandchildren, Destinee and Daniel Austin Lowe.



Brother Lilburn was a bulldozer operator for about twenty years until he got disabled. Ruth, his loving wife of thirty three years, loves him with all her heart and misses him terribly.

Brother Lilburn suffered so much on this Earth, but he is in a better place now and even though we love him and miss him so much, we know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his Brother in the Lord, Lacy Fletcher  
And Ruth Staton, his loving wife

## JEAN ANN THACKER

Jean Ann Thacker was born December 17, 1931 in Pike County, KY. She was seventy nine years old when she went to be with the Lord on May 1, 2011.

She was the daughter of the late John and Gertrude Smith Thacker. She was also preceded in death by a brother, David B. Thacker and a nephew, David Eugene Thacker. Survivors include; one brother, Bobby (Cora Sue) Thacker of Bethel, OH; sister-in-law, Florence Thacker of Canada, KY; niece, Deidra (Greg) Williamson of Canada, KY; nephew, Robert (Patty) Thacker of Bethel, KY; great nieces; Bethel Renee (Josh) Robinette of Hatfield, KY and Heather Nicole (Jason) Kidd of Canada, KY; great nephew, Brian Thacker of Bethel, KY and great-great nieces: Alyssa Faith, Isabella Grace and Rebecca Hope Robinette.

Jean Ann was a member of the Mt Pleasant Old Regular Baptist Church since 1956. She was a retired school teacher with the Pike County Board of Education for fifty years. Having taught thirty four years and was a substitute teacher for sixteen years; from 1985 to 2001.

Everyone who knew Jean Ann knew she loved to make people feel welcome. She loved to have her friends and family gathered in her home for good food and fellowship. She took great pleasure in cooking for friends and family. Jean is sadly missed by many. I am so thankful and proud to call her my aunt. She was like a mother to me and she will always live in my heart and my memory.

Written with a heart full of love for my "Jean Jean"  
Love, Dee Dee



## JAMES GARFIELD THORNBURY

James was born at Pikeville, KY on July 8, 1954 and died on August 29, 2012. He was the son of Lee Etta (Scott) Thornbury and the late Elder Alson Thornbury. At the age of fifty eight, to the young he appeared old, to the elderly he appeared young, but to his mother, who survives, he was still her "baby boy". To his two brothers, Kenneth A. Thornbury of Kimper, KY and Alvin Thornbury of Abingdon, VA and his two sisters, Barbara Wright of Pikeville, KY and Alfreda Carol Harper of Madisonville, KY, he was the "loner" who was content to play by himself in his make-believe world of shiny cars and beautiful houses. It was his beloved brother, Kenny Thornbury, who preceded him in death, who taught James many of the skills he had for mechanics and auto body work.

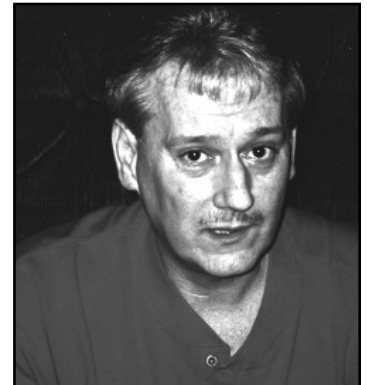
Early in his career, James was able to use his God given talent for numbers and money management while working for a finance company. He was soon offered a management position only to find out by the company's rules he was too young for the job. Later, when he began work for the Citizens Bank as a loan officer, his talent was recognized and he became a branch manager. While working for a commercial insulation company and much to his dismay, he became permanently disabled. He also shared his many talents with his community by serving on the Kimper Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

During his life, James was blessed with two handsome sons, James Russell and Nathan Keith and one beautiful daughter, Elizabeth Grace. He was very proud of them and as he said in his own words "loved them equally."

James especially loved his spiritual family at the Little Virgie Old Regular Baptist Church where he belonged. And he loved all others who professed a love of our Heavenly Father.

The world will be a little dimmer without his contagious laughter and deep abiding love for his Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom he loved to witness and share his understanding of God's Holy Word.

Written by The Family



## EVELYN THORNSBURY

It is with a heavy heart and much sadness that I will attempt to write the obituary, with the help of Jesus, of my wife of forty years, Evelyn (Slone) Thornsbury, who died on February 17, 2012 at 12:10 a.m.

The Lord dispatched angels from Heaven to bring one of his servants home. I believe there was much rejoicing in Heaven on receiving her. I believe she sleeps around the throne of Jesus in paradise waiting on the resurrection.

Evelyn was a wonderful wife and loving mother. She loved her grandbabies with every inch of her. We don't understand God, he is not bound by our understanding, because his ways are not our ways, neither his thoughts. The scripture says to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven.

It was Evelyn's time to die and leave behind her husband, Ivan Neal Thornsbury; son, Jonathan Neal Thornsbury and daughter, Jennifer Carol (Nathan) Young, all of Sidney, KY. She, also, leaves three grandchildren: Nathon Ethan Neal Young, Tiffany Evelyn Anna Young and Brandon Neal Thornsbury and a host of nieces and nephews. She had two special friends, Brenda Kendrick and Shirley Honaker. She had a sister, Liza Jane Morrison of Mississippi and a brother, Johnny (Gearldine) Slone of Pikeville, KY.

Evelyn was fifty seven years old. She was born January 20, 1955 to Johnny and Florence Slone of Pikeville, KY; both deceased. Also, deceased is a daughter, Jeannie Lynn Thornsbury; five brothers: George, Dan, Donnie, Leo and Denny Slone and two sisters, Flossie and Alyenne Slone.

Evelyn was a faithful member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. The last time she went to church I ask her if she felt like going and she said, no, but I am going anyway. She was a faithful Christian and a light to everyone that knew her. I have a hope that one day we will meet again, not as husband and wife, but as angels in Heaven. Our circle has been broken, but through the grace and promise of our Lord Jesus, we will meet again where there will be no pain, sorrow, tears or suffering. There we can enter to live together to part no more.

Written with a broken heart by her husband  
And loving daughter, Brother and Sister in Christ  
Ivan Neal Thornsbury and Jennifer Carol Young



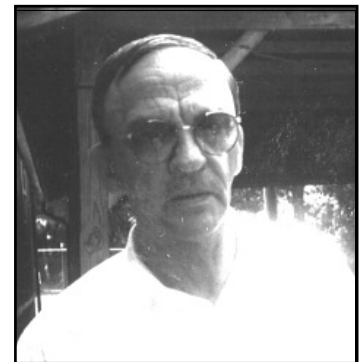
## RONNIE LEE WALTERS

Ronnie Lee Walters, sixty nine, of Canada, KY passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at the Pikeville Medical Center. He was born April 23, 1942 at Pikeville, KY, the son of the late Arie Dover and Lucy Elkins Walters.

He was preceded in death by his twin sister, Bonnie Pinson; infant sister, Peggy Walters and infant brother, Donnie Walters. Ronnie was a retired coal miner from Island Creek Coal Company, a member of the UMWA and a faithful member of the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Mitchell Lee (Melissa) Walters of Hatfield, KY and two daughters, Maria Lynn (James) May of Canada, KY and Rhonda Michelle Walters of Canada, KY. Also, seven grandchildren: Kaitlyn Walters, Mickayla Walters, Christlyn Walters, Cassidy Walters, Christopher May, Amanda Maynard and Toney Collins; his former spouse, Nadine Walters Jones of Stone, KY; two nephews, Charles David Pinson of Hatfield, KY and Kendall Quill Pinson of Chapmanville, WV and a host of other family and friends.

The funeral services were Friday, February 3, 2012 at the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church with the Elders Richard Staton, Lacy Walters and Dale Williamson officiating.



Burial followed in the Smith Cemetery at Hatfield, KY with James May, Toney Collins, Steve Maynard, Jeff Curry, Julian Dotson, Noah Belcher, Christopher May and Cody Stepp servings as pallbearers.

### **GOLDIE MARIE WEBB**

With a sad heart that we will try to write the obituary of our loved one, Goldie Webb. Goldie was born June 26, 1934 in Pike County, KY to the late Ken and Elsie (Curry) Reed and departed this life on December 7, 2011 at the Trinity Healthcare Facility at Williamson, WV.

Goldie was married to the late James C. "JC" Webb. There were no children, but they were like mother and father to some; and aunt and uncle to us all. Goldie was preceded in death by brothers: Sid, Bill, Leroy, Toy and G.C. Reed and sisters, Artha "Tootsie" Smith and Sallie Mullins.

Left to mourn her loss are sisters: Francis Lockard and Rebecca Runyon, both of Turkey Creek KY and Mary Cochran of Williamson, WV.

Goldie was a caregiver for many years with the Department of Human Services of Mingo County, WV and the Mingo County EOC from which she retired. During this time she made many good friends. One in particular that she stayed close to and helped, until her health prevented her from doing so, was Sister Virginia Farley, also a resident of Trinity Healthcare Facility at Williamson, WV.

Goldie was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Turkey Creek. She loved going to church and continued to do so until her health prevented her from doing so. She is greatly missed by her family, church family and all that knew her and loved her.



Written by Barbara (Reed) Wills and Bertha Jean Reed

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

**MINTIE NICHOLS BLACKBURN**

How appropriate is it that my mother be mentioned in the Minutes of this year's Sardis Association, since she prided herself in collecting them. From 1900 to the present, she had collected one for almost every year. She also loved to work on genealogy and I suspect it is because she was always looking to expand her family and bring another member in to love.

My mother loved to sing, and she wanted everyone that visited her to sing to her or with her. She had such a beautiful voice that people would often ask her to sing, and her love of God shown through in every note. Her life was making a simple and loving home for her family-teaching her children right from wrong through her example of honesty, hard work, and respect of others. As we reflect on our up-bringing, we remember mother as a devoted Christian lady who loved to read her Bible, who doted on her husband and children, and who was a loving neighbor who made everyone who came through her door feel welcome and a part of her family.

She was a very wise and caring person who taught the essential skills of homemaking, cooking, sewing, gardening, canning, cleaning, and so forth, not just to her children, but to anyone who expressed an interest in learning them. She felt she was teaching life skills and her students were from many generations. She demanded and expected that we always do our best. We heard throughout our lives that if a job is worth doing, it is worth doing right and that there is a place for everything and that everything should be in its place. She taught us how to make a life, as well as make a living.

She was very proud of her first job, which was delivering mail on horseback. She traveled thirty six miles each day, which is a job that many of us younger people couldn't do today. She learned to sew, embroider and quilt as a little girl. She quilted up until the last weeks of her life. Giving her quilts and embroidered items as gifts to her friends and family were like giving a little piece of her heart, something that she poured her time, her skill, her love and her very soul into. Through these gifts, my mother's love lives on.

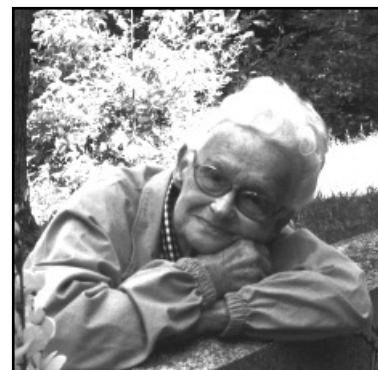
A golden heart has stopped beating. Mintie Blackburn has completed her journey to Heaven, passing from this earth on February 15, 2012, surrounded by family and friends.

Mintie was born October 10, 1924, in Thomas, KY, the daughter of the late Johnny and Trixie L. Nichols. She was the faithful wife of the late Pem Blackburn and mother to LaGrand Parsons (deceased), Pamela Blackburn of Belfry, KY and George Carey Blackburn of San Antonio, TX and was the adopted Mother to many. Other survivors include two brothers, Bill(Hazel) Nichols of Winchester, KY and Wilburn (Brenda) Nichols of Columbus, OH; one sister, Mary Frona Justice of Pikeville, KY; daughter-in-law, Sharon Parsons, Akron, OH; two grandchildren, Deborah (Ron) Webb and Kim Osborne and three great grandchildren: Paige and Ashley Webb and Joshua Osborne.

Mintie was retired having worked at Deacon Cleaners, Runyon Elementary School, Mary Helen Coal Company and McDonald's. She was a member of the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church. The Little Hope Church will sadly miss her as well as congregations in several area churches. She loved to hear beautiful singing and sincere prayers.

Burial was in the Apple Orchard Cemetery, Brushy Creek, KY with Terry Kinzer, Dustin Maynard, Nicholas Hall, Calvin Stapleton, Micheal Hall, Clayton Stanley, Craig Staton, Ed Hanson, Ron Webb and Josh Osborne serving as pallbearers. Thank You Lord, For My Mother.

Your Loving Children  
Pamela And George Carey



## VIRGINIA GARRETT

It is with much love and a broken heart that I write the obituary of my sweet aunt, Virginia R. Garrett. She was born January 30, 1925 to Fred and Mary Damron Bevins. Her mother died when she was very young and Fannie Adkins Bevins was her "mommy". She went home with Jesus on May 14, 2012 in Dayton, OH, making her stay on this earth eighty seven years, three months, and fourteen days. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Garrett; son, John Garrett; and brother, Freddie Bevins.

Those left to mourn her passing are her son, Edward (Gloria) Forrester; daughter, Melissa (Angel) Jimenez; daughter-in-law, Beth Garrett; grandchildren, Angie (Ben) Besserman, Amy Hogg (Stuart Bidinger), Nathan Garrett, Anthony Jimenez, Andrew Jimenez, Angel Jimenez, Jr., Maria Macias, Russ (Barb) Hobbs and Gary Hobbs; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; sisters: Barbara Lou (Arnold) Thacker, Joan Carol (James) Ashcraft, Gloretta (Leslie) McGuire, Darlene (Dean) Lowe, Omeki (Keith) Becknell; brothers, Drexel (Mary) Bevins, Johnny (Nancy) Bevins and sister-in-law, Betty Bevins.

Virginia was a long time member of Eastmont United Methodist Church in Dayton, OH where she served as secretary. She often said she picked that church because it reminded her of home. She loved her Kentucky home so very much. She was raised in the Old Regular Baptist family and always said she was a Regular Baptist at heart. Every year she would make her annual trip back home for a few weeks to help with preparing for the memorial meetings at the Bent Branch Church.

Aunt Virginia always had a wonderful presence about herself. She loved her family so much, and always had a smile on her face. I remember the day I turned sixteen years old, she told me I was sweet sixteen and never been kissed, so she was going to kiss me, and she did!!! I can only imagine the kiss she must have given Jesus the day she crossed over into his arms! She would want me to tell you to get in touch with Jesus, get on the glory bound road, and come see her over in Heaven, where there is no more pain and all our tears will be wiped away. Sleep on Aunt Virginia until that great homecoming day. Written with an eternal hope of a glorious resurrection,

By her nephew, Elder Michael Lowe



## BERNICE HENDERSON

With great sadness and fond memories, I will try to write the obituary of my dear sweet sister, Bernice Henderson. Bernice was born April 3, 1949 at Iaeger, WV. She departed this life on May 3, 2012 at Logan Regional Medical Center. She was the daughter of the late Fred and Vernie Glanden. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Sandra Sims, Judy Glanden and Glenda Glanden and a brother, Elder Hubert "Buddy" Glanden.

Bernice was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was a cook at the coalfield CAP (Gilbert Senior Center) and of the Baptist faith. She enjoyed working with seniors and loved spending time with her wonderful family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Those left to love and cherish the memory of Bernice and mourn her passing include her loving husband of forty four years, James "Buttons" Henderson; her two daughters, Tina (Jay) Lockard and Gail ( Billy Ray) Lester; her two grandchildren, Raven Lester and Jacob Lockard and her sister, Patsy Carter along with a host of other dear family and friends.

Bernice enjoyed life and was always jolly. She could always bring a smile to your face. She loved her family dearly and will be sadly missed. The memories of Bernice will always be with us.



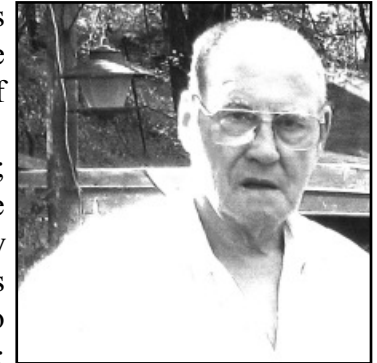


Its not good bye, just farewell for a little while. She is missed so much but she will live in our hearts, memories, and photos forever.

Written with love and precious memories by her sister, Patsy Carter

### **CHARLES E. MCGUIRE**

Charles was born April 6, 1933 and died August 29, 2012. Charles was the son of Forrest McGuire and Effie Williamson McGuire. Charles was a line worker for East Kentucky Beverage where he retired after twenty seven years of service. He was of the Old Regular Baptist faith.



Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Forrest and Effie McGuire; one brother, Leon McGuire; three sisters: Magelene McGuire, Catherine McGuire Robinette and Dolly McGuire Robinson. Charles is survived by his wife of fifty three years, Ella Jo Miller McGuire. Left to morn his passing are his two sons and their wives; Neal (Sharon) McGuire and Brian (Stephanie) McGuire, two brothers and their wives; Leslie (Gloretta) McGuire and Ralph (Betty) McGuire; two granddaughters, Leila Dawn McGuire and Kelsey Elizabeth McGuire and one step grandson, Gary Matthew Goff. Also a great host of friends and family who loved him dearly.

Charles was a quiet man, one of the humblest men we've ever known. He loved his Kentucky Wildcats and we'll miss talking with him about them when we get together. Charles loved his family; his wife, his boys, and his grandchildren. If you were ever around his house you could see the love he had for them, like the flowers blooming in the garden. You never felt like a stranger among this family, always welcome. If you went away hungry from Charles and Ella Jo's table it was your own fault. Brother Charles was a great listener; he taught us a lot. You never heard him speak ill of anyone, he was always interested in what was going on in your life.

Brother Charles bore his sickness with patience. We hope the boys remember the things their daddy said to them, but most of all remember the things he didn't say. He lived his life caring for others and listening to each of us as we shared our troubles. What a wonderful legacy to leave behind. You never heard him sing a song or preach a sermon, but his life reflects what we need to be doing with ours.

I want to thank this family for sharing Brother Charles's life with us, it was a great honor just to know him.

Lovingly Written for the Family, Brother Dale Williamson

### **GARY LYNN REED**

In loving memory of Gary L. Reed, fifty nine, of Lower Brushy, KY who passed away July 29, 2012 at Pikeville Medical Center. He was born July 12, 1953, in Pike County to Ethel Muncy Reed and the late Clifford Reed.

Gary is survived by his wife, Diana Blackburn Reed, and two children, Gary Michael Reed, and Lisa Reed Baker. He had two precious granddaughters, Emily Grace Baker and Lyndsey Kate Baker. He is also survived by three brothers: William, Clifford Jr, and Timothy; and two sisters, Patricia Brooks (JC) and Linda Mullins (Johnny).



Gary graduated from Johns Creek High School in 1971. He attended Pikeville College for one semester. He then went to Michigan where he worked for a short while. After returning home he worked as a tool dresser on a drilling rig for a gas company. He and Diana were married July 7, 1973. He then took a job as a coal truck driver and later as a heavy equipment operator on surface mines in Pike and Martin counties.

The last years of his career were spent as a foreman on a surface mine. While working these jobs he also farmed, which was the profession he really loved.

Gary loved his family and was very proud of his children. His granddaughters were the light of his life. He and Emily spent a lot of time riding the four wheeler to check cattle, always taking along a picnic lunch. Lyndsey was his special angel. Even though she couldn't talk, she sure got her message of love to him. It was his dream that someday she would walk and talk.

Gary cared and respected the men he worked with. He enjoyed family gatherings. He always had a smile for everyone and was willing to help anyone who needed it. Gary was blessed with good family and friends, beautiful fields of corn and hay and good equipment to work with. In the last few months he had slowed down and realized where his help had come from. He turned his life over to the Lord and told the Old Regular Baptist ministers he wanted to be baptized as soon as he was out of the hospital.

He wanted his membership at the Big Branch Church, but that was not meant to be; the Lord took him on home. We miss you. You will always be with us in our hearts.

With Love, Your Family

### **CLELL ROBINSON, SR.**

Clell Robinson, Sr. was born on March 15, 1941 in Henon, KY to Elcain and Minta Mae Lowe Robinson. He moved to Ocala, FL in 1956 and passed away on January 28, 2012.

Clell worked for Ring Power for twenty years as a heavy equipment mechanic. After retiring in 1984, he started his own heavy equipment business.

In 1978, he designed and built his family's home. Clell was very talented and innovative; he loved to build things from his own ideas.

He left behind his loving wife of forty four years, Emma Robinson of Pedro, FL and five children: Clell Robinson, Jr. of Lafayette, LA, Mac Robinson of Reddick, FL, Melinda Barnes of Pedro, FL, Douglas Robinson of Pedro, FL and Melanie Dotson of Pedro, FL. He also had nine grandchildren: Jade, Sam, Lacey, CJ, Shana, Tawney, Samantha, John and April. Clell also had seven great-grandchildren. Also, left behind was one brother, Ray Robinson of Liberty, SC, and four sisters: Maxine Blackburn of Anthony, FL, Peggy Compton of Americus, GA, Eula Hernandez of Ocala, FL and Sharon Young of Ocala, FL.



Written by his loving family

### **MERL EDWARD WORKMAN**

Merl Edward Workman age forty seven of Lenore, WV went home to be with the Lord on October 25, 2011 following a sudden illness. He was born May 8, 1964 the son of Merlon (Big Merl) and Jackie (Runyon) Workman.

Merl worked as a signal maintainer for NS Railroad. He was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed reading and talking to others about the Bible. He spent most of his time cheering for his two sons in the youth basketball. He coached basketball in Delbarton and Lenore midget league. He was a hard and faithful worker for NS Railroad. He was a very proud father and a devoted husband. He was a wonderful son and brother. He loved everyone and always had a smile to give. Merl loved his family more than life. He enjoyed life to its fullest.

He leaves behind: his beloved wife, Michelle (Moore) Workman;



daughter, Heather Nicole Bryant; sons, Tyler Edward and Cameron Seth Workman. Also, a sister, Sue and Gary Cassell, a nephew, Josh Cassell and grandsons, Trenton Hager and Kenneth Edward Bryant and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

His funeral was held on October 27, 2011 at Lenore Victory Christian Center, Lenore, WV with special services at 7:00 p.m. under the direction by Elders Albert Cable, Richard Staton and Hobart Hamilton.

Funeral services were held October 28, 2011 with Reverend Terry Blankenship officiating. The night of his death he was confessing to several nurses and Reverend Terry Blankenship that if death came that night he was going home to heaven. Merl strongly believed every man had an appointed time to go and with much sorrow it was his time. There is not a day that goes by that he is not missed and just how special his love was. We know that our loss is surely Heaven's gain. We, the family, long for a reunion with him and our God in Heaven.

Written by wife, Michelle Workman  
And sister, Sue Cassell

**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 12.** The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator, 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 holy matrimony between a man and a woman only: thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother and children. Ephesians 5:22,23 and 28, St. Mark 10:6,7,8 and Romans 1:26 and 27.

**ARTICLE 16.** None of the above Articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men, nor shall any of those Articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

### **RULES OF DECORUM OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE 1.** The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

**ARTICLE 2.** The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

**ARTICLE 3.** Only one member shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

**ARTICLE 4.** The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

**ARTICLE 5.** He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

**ARTICLE 6.** No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

**ARTICLE 7.** No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association, and only five minutes at a time.

**ARTICLE 8.** No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

**ARTICLE 9.** No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "brother."

**ARTICLE 10.** The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.

**ARTICLE 11.** The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

**ARTICLE 12.** The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

**ARTICLE 13.** Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the Decorum shall be reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

**CHURCH DELEGATES  
TO THE  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION 2012**

**MT. PLEASANT:** Lacy Walters, Dewey Blackburn, Frankie Scott  
**APPLE ORCHARD:** Charles Lowe, Roger Spillman, Richard Lowe  
**BENT BRANCH:** Dean Lowe, Ray Blackburn, Michael Lowe  
**BIG BRANCH:** Gene Blackburn, Chuck Lowe, Mitchell Robinson  
**MARY ELIZABETH:** Brian Lowe, Thurman Stacy, George Edminston  
**BETHANY:** Arthur May, Monty Messer, Albert Cable  
**PILGRIMS HOME:** Ervin Thacker, Les McGuire, Harold Sesco  
**SALEM:** Ernest Sesco, Lonzo White, Ferrell Sesco  
**SIDNEY:** Virgil Fletcher, Eugene Moore, Ronnie Lowe  
**DIX FORK:** David Crigger, Neil Thornsbury, Wayne Blackburn  
**NARROWS BRANCH:** Donnie Farley, Greg Scott, Roscoe Williamson  
**LEANNAH:** Larry Robinson, Hayes Robinson, Lawrence Robinson  
**BUCK CREEK:** Vadis Blackburn, Todd Dials, Marion Duncan  
**TABITHA:** James Hensley, Avery Hensley, Alex Hensley  
**LITTLE ROSIE:** Harvey White, Paul Bevins, Timothy Robinson  
**TURKEY CREEK:** Ron Hamilton, Ferrell Thomas, Cecil Thomas  
**SAMARIA:** Randy Lackey, Chester Lackey, Alton May  
**ROSA:** Freddie Cline, Charles Paynter, Charles Testerman  
**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Bob Justice, Alvin Thornbury, Paul Maynard  
**PILGRIMS REST:** Reford Billiter, Clifton Robinette, Jerry Robbins  
**OKEECHOBEE:** Robert Pridemore  
**ELIZABETH:** Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe  
**LITTLE TAVIE:** Leonard Napier, Buster Hall, Lester Cochran  
**ANTIOCH:** Arthur Mathis, Arthur Mathis, Jr., George Saunders  
**BRIDE OF CHRIST:** Sam Frye, Sammie Moore

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Blackburn, Stoney (606)353-4522	Pilgrims Home	2598 Dix Fork Road, Sidney, KY 41564
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Cochran, Chester (304)675-5162	Little Tavie	151 Chapel Drive, Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550
Cochran, Lester (304)675-3324	Little Tavie	Rt. 1, Box 8669 Sand Hill Rd., Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550
Cochran, W. H. (304)675-2563	Little Tavie	Rt.1, 510 Sunset Lane, Pt.Pleasant, WV 25550
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Dials, Thomas J. (606)395-6572	Buck Creek	59 Jacobs Lane, Warfield, KY 41267
Dials, Todd J. (606)298-0960	Buck Creek	168 Creekwood Estates, Inez, KY 41224
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Fletcher, Lacy (606)298-4965	Buck Creek	P. O. Box 313, Tomahawk, KY 41262
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Jude, Hershel (606)673-1068	Elizabeth	105 Rock Castle Lane, Louisa, KY 41230
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Lowe, Michael (606)631-6355	Bent Branch	169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501



Lowe, Milford (606)631-3658	Apple Orchard	3370 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
Lowe, Richard (352)572-4364	Apple Orchard	13998 SE 36th Ave., Summerfield, FL 34491
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Mathis, Clarence (304)272-6732	Antioch	1912 Craig Road, Wayne, WV 25570
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Napier, Rex (304)595-5438	Tabitha	1417 1st Avenue, Box 462, East Bank, WV 25067
Perry, Clyde (606)298-4481	Elizabeth	P. O. Box 1767, Inez, KY 41224
Robinette, Jack (606)353-1640	Pilgrims Home	112 Middle Fork Road, Hatfield, KY 41514
Robinson, Billy J. (606)390-5320	Leannah	475 Lackey Branch Road, Pilgrim, KY 41250
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
Runyon, Danny (606)631-7630	Pilgrims Home	Brushy Rd., Varney, KY 41571
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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
Stanley, Greg (606)437-7978	Bent Branch	4233 Millers Creek, Pikeville, KY 41501
Staton, Richard (606)237-1217	Pilgrims Home	3668 Long Branch Road, Belfry, KY 41514
Thornsby, Ivan Neal (606)353-8443	Dix Fork	2430 Dix Fork Road, Sidney, KY 41564
Walters, Andrew (606)631-9717	Pilgrims Home	4981 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41541
Walters, Lacy (606)353-0895	Mt. Pleasant	3856 Dix Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564
Williamson, Billy (606)631-1917	Pilgrims Home	39 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571
Williamson, Dale (606)631-9738	Pilgrims Home	5213 Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501
Williamson, Eric (606)631-9926	Pilgrims Home	1079 Callahan Branch, Kimper, KY 41539
Young, Gary (606)631-3959	Pilgrims Home	1344 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571

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Lowe, Randall L. (606)631-3734	Elizabeth	13739 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
Scott, Randall (606)631-3334	Big Branch	13427 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501
Williamson, Bruce (606)353-7874	Dix Fork	2865 Meathouse Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519

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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	75	200								9	2 July	
Apple Orchard	11:00/11:00	Paul Maynard	Billy Joe Robinson	110	220		7			1		1	29	1 June	
Bent Branch	10:00/10:00	Dale Williamson	Duane Smith	200	400						2		24	3 August	
Big Branch	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Danny Runyon	75	175		1				2		22	3 July	
Mary Elizabeth	11:00/11:00	David Crigger	Lacy Walters	100	250								26	3 July	
Bethany	11:00/11:00	Arthur May	Albert Cable	100	250						1		40	4 August	
Pilgrims Home	10:00/10:00	Elbert SESCO	Danny Runyon	250	500	2	1			1		1	100	4 August	
Salem	11:00/11:00	Elbert SESCO	Danny Runyon	75	150								51	1 May	
Sidney	2:00/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Wayne Herald, Jr.	100	250						1		36	4 June	
Dix Fork	11:00/11:00	David Crigger	Lacy Walters	150	300								29	1 July	
Narrows Branch	11:00/11:00	Bobby Scott, Sr.	Lacy Walters	100	200								14	4 July	
Leannah	10:30/10:30	Billy J. Robinson	Paul Maynard	75	150	1					1	2	23	2 July	
Buck Creek	10:30/10:30	Thomas J. Dials	Wayne Herald, Jr.	125	275						1	3	21	3 June	
Tabitha	2:30/11:00	Rex Napier	Albert Cable	50	100						1		18	1 August	
Little Rosie	11:00/11:00	Elbert SESCO	Paul Bevins	40	100	1					1		8	2 April	
Turkey Creek	11:00/11:00	Hobart Hamilton	Richard Staton	150	300		2				3		46	2 May	
Samaria	11:00/11:00	Randall Lackey	Tim Robinson	50	150	1							37	1 July	
Rosa	10:30/10:30	Hobart Hamilton	Gary Young	60	200						1	1	23	3 August	
Little Virgie	11:00/11:00	Richard L. Staton	Leon Robinson	75	150		1						12	4 June	
Pilgrims Rest	10:30/10:30	Gary Young	Duane Smith	50	225	3				2			12	2 June	
Okeechobee	4:00/10:00	Randy Gilman		25	50	1					1		6	4 April	
Elizabeth	10:30/10:30	Gabe Lowe, Jr.	Clyde Perry	75	150								13	1 June	
Little Tavia	10:30/10:30	W. H. Cochran	Chester Cochran	100	150					1	1		15	2 July	
Antioch	7:00/10:30	Leonard Napier	Clarence Mathis	75	150								16	4 August	
Bride of Christ	6:30/11:00	Sam Frye	Sammie Moore	40	80						1	1	6	3 July	
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