

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

**In session and assembled at the  
SARDIS ASSOCIATION BUILDING  
Varney, Pike County, Kentucky  
September 13, 14, and 15, 2013**

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



## *IN THE GOOD OLD FASHIONED WAY*

*I am on the gospel highway,  
Pressing onward to the goal,  
Where a rest for me remaineth,  
In the homeland of the soul.*

*Every hour I'm moving onward,  
Not a moment to delay,  
I am going home to glory,  
In the good old fashioned way.*

*From the snares of sinful pleasure,  
Here my feet are always free,  
Though the way may be called narrow,  
It is wide enough for me.*

*It was wide enough for Daniel,  
And for David in his day,  
I am glad that I can follow,  
In the good old fashioned way.*

*Many friends have gone before me,  
They have laid their armor down,  
With the pilgrims and the martyrs,  
Have obtained a robe and crown.*

*With this robe they fought their battles,  
Shouting victory day by day,  
I shall over come and join them,  
In the good old fashioned way.*

*Just a few more steps to follow,  
Just a few more days to roam,  
And the way seems more delightful,  
As I journey near my home.*

*When the storms of life are ended,  
And the clouds have passed away,  
I shall find the gates of Heaven,  
In the good old fashioned way.*

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**FRIDAY**  
**September 13, 2013**

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled in the Business Room of the Sardis Association Building at 180 Brushy School Road, Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, with our host, the Pilgrims Home Church and co-host Churches: Apple Orchard, Pilgrims Rest and Little Tavie, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2013.

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 Tom spoke as follows: This is a worship service. We ought to be thankful. God adds to the Church daily those that should be saved. I was thinking this morning about how the old brothers did about one hundred and twenty years ago. They didn't have the things we have today, the campers and such, but we have the same thing in us. They had to ride a horse. We have so many friends. There are so many that were here last year that are not here today. I believe we have to have a hope, which is Jesus Christ. We want to give you the best we have. We want to give him our prayers. Give God our hearts and he will give us a home.

Elder Duane Smith, 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 scared, I would like to get free. Jesus added me to this little family. God knows how to touch men's and women's hearts. I never dreamed that I would be standing here. When I was young I was so backward. Fifteen years ago something spoke to my heart and gave me something to tell about. Jesus left Heaven and was made a little lower than the angels. Jesus said, if someone asked for your coat, give them your cloak, also. He could have called for twelve legions of angels that day. I prayed and it seemed like there was a great wall there. Something came down in my life. I had a peaceful feeling. God lifted that heavy load from me and I felt like Heaven was my home. *But as many as receive him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*

Jesus told his disciples to go and preach the gospel. Whosoever will believe and be baptized shall be saved. By grace are ye saved. It is a gift of God. There is only one door into Heaven, that being Jesus Christ. Steal away and talk to Jesus and he will touch your heart. When the Lord forgave me I was so backward, I am still a little backward. I remember, when I was baptized I just wanted my immediate family there, but the Lord showed me the brothers and sisters. God will make a way for you today. Trust in him with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength. When your breath leaves your body that is the end of time for you. We are here today and gone tomorrow.

Martha told Jesus, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died." I love you today, but the Lord loves you more.

Jesus said, “*love one another as I have loved you.*” Jesus said, “*Martha your brother shall live again.*” Martha said, “*I know he shall live again in the resurrection.*” Jesus said, “*I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*” Lay up stones so when your children come by they can see your steps. We have no promise of tomorrow. I hope the Lord blesses us this weekend, as he has already.

Brother Duane then led in prayer.

Elder Sam Frye came to preach the Introductory Sermon stating; ask the Lord to help us this morning that we might be able to worship in Spirit and in truth. I fear God. I am just a little fellow from Logan County. There is one preacher I got acquainted with a few years ago and he brought me down. I believe when this man gets Christ in him down here, he is a good man. I believe in a God that can do all things. We are just little men. There is a strong man on the inside. I know where the preaching comes from. *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables.* We must keep pressing to the mark of the high calling. I am thankful to be with you, we can live together and worship together. If my children don't go, it will be Heaven just the same.

This old church is the body of Christ. There is just one body and God has just one church. There is one Lord, one faith and one baptism; we are all baptized into the one body. When God saves you, he will keep you. The Lord saves you with an eternal salvation. I have been on this journey, the Lord put me on. There is just one place for the children of God to go, that is Heaven. We are kept by the power of God. Sometimes we get in the valley. Sometimes I get a little thought on my mind, I ask God to take it away. Children, you must come with a broken heart and contrite spirit. By grace are you saved through faith. Today is the day of salvation. God adds to the Church daily those that should be saved. God will lead you down that old time path. The Lord will lead you down through repentance. You will be different. Let your light shine, brothers. Lay up a few stones along the way.

*You must be born again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth for ever.* The man on the inside will live forever. When food comes down from Heaven it is the best of all, it is for the inner man. If you get Jesus in your life, you will be satisfied. Believe God and let him lead you. If you get out of line God will chastise you. God will let me lay down in a grave somewhere. When that time comes he will bring us out of the grave. If you go down in your sins, you will be raised in them. If you go down with Christ, you will get up with him.

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations remained in the Business Room for the Work of this Association and, as is our custom, the many non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends were dismissed to assemble in the Preaching Room to hear the preaching of:

Elder Haston Whitaker, Old Indian Bottom Association  
Elder Jimmy Stewart, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Danny Hurley, Old Friendship Association  
Elder William B. Holbrook, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Arnold Adkins, New Salem Association  
Elder Jimmy Dale Saunders, Union 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 Johnny Thornsberry, of the New Salem Association, to open the Service.

Brother Johnny came forth thanking God to be able to come to the Sardis Association. He said, I am thankful we have correspondence. I admonish everyone to be engaged in prayer. If I know anything at all, I know you have to look above my head. There was an emptiness in me when I started going to church. I began trusting in the Lord thirty three years ago. I am sure someone here is praying for their sins. If God blesses me, I won't have any problem. I never wanted to be anything great. I Just want to be a little servant. I want the Lord to bless me to preach the gospel. When God blesses you, you know something about it. I am concerned about the world, I am concerned about your soul. I watch the brethren and how they treat the world. Draw nigh unto the Lord and he will draw nigh unto you. I have a keeper inside me that will keep me. If you think you can live anyway and get to Heaven, you are wrong. I began to seek after the Lord in the morning and the evening, I feared the Lord. I met a man that told me all things that ever I did. Draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto you. This is my life, I love being around this old family. He set my feet upon a rock. God will keep you in all things. I wanted what you got. I began to seek after the Lord. When in a travel I didn't go out with the boys. It was harder for me to repent. There are not little sins or big sins, they are all the same. I try my best to live my life that people can see my works. I believe I have a home in Heaven. We are not special in this world but we will be over there. Jesus said, me and my father will come in and take up our abode in you. He found me in a waste harrowed wilderness. We ought to thank God. I have a God who promised he would never leave me.

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

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

(1) Our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came to the stand and said I am glad to receive the bread that comes down from God out of Heaven. I am glad to be able to meet out in love.

(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 Pilgrims Home 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.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$5,010.00 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 Danny Belcher, Union Association

(8) The Sardis Association then completed it's 2013 organization by selecting the following Officers to serve for the coming year and, by regular move and second, the report of the Committee of Tellers was accepted and the Committee was discharged:

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

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

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT**

Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Buddy W. Carty, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Danny Belcher, Union Association

#### **SATURDAY**

Elder Jerry Overstreet, Union Association  
Elder Faris Tuttle, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Jimmy Dye, New Salem Association  
Elder Carson Wright, Union 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 Danny Runyon  
Brother Leslie McGuire

(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: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Danny Belcher, Gary Varney, John B. Sanders, Bill Elkins, Carson Wright, Sherd Mullins, Terry Hall, Roy Looney, Ben Little, Billy Owens, James Hale, Roger Coleman, Estill Hamilton, Ira Williams, Ralph Clevenger, Tim Clevenger, Ted DePriest, Harold Bently, Lee Layne, Jimmy Potter, Jr., Curtis Carroll, Eddie Dean Layne, Earl Dean Yates, Ervin Case, Virgil Ratliff, Bobby Robinson, Jimmy Stacy, Jerry Overstreet, Mitchie Paul Coleman, Mike Johnson, Goble Burke, Fitch Reed, Vernon Conway, Paul Huffman, Buster Coleman and Ricky Thacker. Letter in the hands of Elder Roger Coleman.

**NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: Troy Branham, Northern Gayle Brown, Philip Hamilton, Paul Boggs, Clois Hamilton, Clyde P. Lewis, Logan Tucker, Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Homer Isaac, Carlos Akers, James Tackett, Squire Hamilton, Elisha Branham, Abe Howell, Teddy Honaker, Manderville Hall, Randy Newsome, Johnny Thornsberry, Clement Caudill, Tony Roberts, Jimmy Dye, Auttis Cox, Darrell Kidd, John Paul Hamilton, Kenneth Frazier, Arnold Adkins, Freddy Murphy, Glenn Frazier, O. C. Holbrook, Gary Brown, Preston Lewis, Paul Griffey, Hershel Slone, Ted Burke, Clarence Potter, Jr., Logan Kiser, Alan Moore, Keith Adkins, Ralph Slone, Jr., Clyde Newsome and Glenn Hall. Letter in the hands of Brother Homer Isaac.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: Hank Forgey, Wayne Sartin, Faris Tuttle, Dennis Elkins, Ray Hamilton, John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Mose Griffey, Duane Graves, Claude Hale, Jimmy Sowards, William B. Holbrook, Glen Slone, Forrest Wicker, Don Mullins and Arnold Mullins. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Sartin.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following delegates: Dallas Bledsoe, Jr., Farrell Howard, Carlis Tharp, Ted Parker, Bob Taylor, Casten Pugh, Lowell Adkins, Luther Ramey, Roscoe Eldridge, Rip Cales, Jimmy Stewart and Willis Tolliver. Letter in the hands of Brother Carlos Tharp.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** Represented by the following delegates: David Lester, George Thomason, Edgar Baker, Jr., Arthur Short, Roger Baker, Steve Baker, Gary D. Justus, Phillip Estep, Danny Hurley, Roger McCoy, Dewey Matney, Will Matney, Monroe Matney, Danny C. Justus, James Stacy, Alfred Matney, Burnis Lester, Kermit Lester, Arthur Justice, Ray Church, Charles Hunt, Stanley Stacy, George Bailey and Tarzan Justice. Letter in the hands of Elder Arthur Short.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** Represented by the following delegates: Bert Caudill, Randy Combs, Dannie Caudill, Ralph Cloud, Haston Whitaker, Reuben Lycans, Luke Haynes, Hansford Whitaker, Doug Bailey, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Steve Lycans, Wendell Lycans and Sam Derrickson. Letter in the hands of 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: Archie Prince, Edward L. Smith, Richard Lowe, David Crigger, Randy Lackey, Eddie Williamson and Sam Frye.

(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) By regular move and second the Clerks were given the authority to arrange the business for Saturday's Session of the Sardis Association since no controversial Queries or Requests were received.

(16) On motion from Brother Monty Messer, seconded by Brother Wayne Blackburn, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 14, 2013.

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

We your Sister, the Northern New Salem Association, wish to extend our condolences to you, in the loss of your Beloved Elders, Brothers, and Sisters since the association last convened.

We thank the Lord, God of Mercy, that he blessed us to know them in this life, but we look forward through an eye of faith to that glorious morning when we shall join them again in that eternal day, never to part again.

Your brothers in Christ  
Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk  
Elder Wayne Sartin, Ast. Clerk

### **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

**SATURDAY**  
**September 14, 2013**

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 we struggle through this world trusting in a greater power than I can imagine. The Spirit guides us and teaches us. I hope we can trust in that greater power. I am glad we have someone that watches over us. I have been trusting in him for over forty years and I am still trusting in him. Trust in the Lord. It is all about love.

He then called upon Elder Elisha Branham, of the New Salem Association, to open these services. Brother Elisha came forward thanking God. He said, "this is a great honor." I depend on my sweet Savior. It is through and by my savior Jesus Christ. I told the Lord I can't save myself, I must depend on you. By an eye of faith, when he calls I can answer. I feel I am ready to go. Even when I am in the valley, I can depend on him. He does the saving and he does the keeping. We are kept by the power of God. He has done more for me than everybody on earth. Thank you Lord, you saved my soul. Depend on Christ Jesus to weather the storm. I feel I am in the ark of safety, ready to go to Heaven. I am glad I am on my way to Heaven.

Elder Willis Tolliver, of the Philadelphia Association, then led in prayer.

The Sardis Association then proceeded as follows:

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

(2) Elder Todd Dials, 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 committee appointed to inquire as to why the Southern Home Church failed to send a Letter of Correspondence to the 2012 session of the Sardis Association reported that after being greeted by the members of the Church, when it came to new business the Southern Home Church chose to not allow the committee to speak. By regular move and second the report of the committee was received, the committee was discharged and it was acknowledged that the Southern Home Church by not seating the committee rejected the Sardis Association and that we withdraw correspondence with them.

(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) The Moderator appointed Elder Frankie Scott to fill a vacant position on the Trustees of the Sardis Association. This was made vacant due to the death of a much loved brother, Brother Bob Justice.

(8) Read a request from the Sidney Church asking that the name of Henry Jude be removed from the list of ordained ministers at his request since he is unable to carry out the duties of a minister because of his health. By regular move and second the request was granted.

(9) Appointed a Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our year 2014 Association and who shall be his alternate:

Elder Dennis Elkins, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association

Appointed a second Committee of Tellers to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates as to who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 2014 Association:

Elder Doug Bailey, Old Indian Bottom Association  
Elder Gary D. Justus, Old Friendship Association  
Elder John M. Elkins, Northern New Salem Association

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

Elder Stoney Blackburn, Preach the Introductory Sermon  
Elder Leonard Napier, Alternate  
Elder Richard Lowe, Prepare Circular Letter

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

#### **SATURDAY NIGHT**

Elder Harold Sesco, Sardis Association  
Elder Ralph Slone, Jr., New Salem Association  
Elder Dennis Elkins, Northern New Salem Association

#### **SUNDAY**

Elder Steve Baker, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Jimmy Amos, Union Association  
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Sardis Association  
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Sardis Association

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

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT 2013**

|                                  |                    |                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Balance on hand 9-01-12          |                    | \$ 8,366.91          |
| Add 2012 Income:                 |                    |                      |
| Church Contributions for Minutes | \$ 5,125.00        |                      |
| Obituary Pictures                | \$ 380.00          |                      |
| Interest Income                  | \$ 7.63            |                      |
| Rent Income                      | \$ 3,553.15        |                      |
| Advance Coal Royalty             | \$ 500.00          |                      |
| Building Fund Contributions      | \$ 5,125.00        |                      |
| Food Fund Contributions          | \$ 7,175.00        |                      |
| Miscellaneous Income             | \$ <u>4,170.08</u> |                      |
| Total 2012 Income                |                    | \$ <u>26,693.86</u>  |
| Total Available for 2012         |                    | \$35,060.77          |
| Less 2012 Expenses               |                    |                      |
| Equipment Expense                | \$ 2,341.48        |                      |
| Minute Expense/Mailing           | \$ 4,413.52        |                      |
| Clerk Expense                    | \$ 54.00           |                      |
| Building and Land Expense        | \$ 2,184.97        |                      |
| Building Security                | \$ 219.89          |                      |
| Electric Expense                 | \$ 3,497.96        |                      |
| Water Expense                    | \$ 554.92          |                      |
| Telephone Expense                | \$ 699.14          |                      |
| Insurance Expense                | \$ 890.80          |                      |
| Food and Supply Expense          | \$ 6,813.11        |                      |
| Miscellaneous Expense            | \$ <u>1,209.57</u> |                      |
| Total 2012 Expense               |                    | <u>(\$22,879.36)</u> |
| Balance on Hand 8-31-13          |                    | \$ 12,181.41         |

(12) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2013 and that he be allowed \$75.00 for his expense.

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

- |                         |                        |                       |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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  | Elder Thomas J. Dials  | Elder Edward L. Smith |
| Elder Ron Gannon        | Elder Hobart Hamilton  |                       |

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

(15) It is ordered, by regular move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association, Old Friendship Association and Old Indian Bottom Association; that our Clerk prepare the Letters of Correspondence and File of Minutes; and that Brethren to attend these Associations as delegates be appointed as follows:

**UNION:** When convened with the host Churches at the Union Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 2013: Bobby Scott, Sr., Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Edward L. Smith, Leonard Napier, Marion Duncan, Dwight Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Freddie Maynard, Clyde Perry, Wayne Blackburn, Donald Preece, Randall Scott 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, 2013: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Leonard Napier, Archie Prince, Randall Scott, Arthur Mathis, Marion Duncan, Edward L. Smith, Dwight Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Stony Blackburn, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Freddie Maynard, Clyde Perry, Frankie Scott, Donald Preece, Gene Blackburn and Sam Frye. Letter in the hands of Elder Hobart Hamilton.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Pleasant View Church, 3589 Beat Road, Litchfield, OH beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2014: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Ron Hamilton and Marion Duncan. Letter in the hands of Elder Stoney Blackburn.

**PHILADELPHIA:** When convened with the Little Mary Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Worthington, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2014: Archie Prince, Bobby Scott, Sr., Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Edward L. Smith, Chester Cochran, Leonard Napier, Frankie Scott, Arthur Mathis, Richard Staton, Sam Frye, Paul Maynard, George Saunders, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Clyde Perry, Leslie McGuire and Wayne Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Bobby Scott, Sr.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** When convened with the Panther Creek Church at Panther, WV beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 2014: Thomas J. Dials, Hobart Hamilton, Archie Prince, Frankie Scott, Bobby Scott, Sr., Ivan Blankenship, Charles Paynter, Marion Duncan, Charles Testerman, Richard Staton, Stony Blackburn, Arthur Mathis, Freddie Cline, Ivan Neil Thornsby, Paul Maynard, Leslie McGuire, Dwight Maynard, Clyde Perry and Wayne Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Brother Archie Prince.

**OLD INDIAN BOTTOM:** When convened with the Little Home, Doty Creek and James Memorial Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pine Top, Knott County, KY, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2014: Thomas J. Dials, Chester Cochran, Archie Prince, Hobart Hamilton, Frankie Scott, Arthur Mathis, Dewey Blackburn, Richard Staton, Leslie McGuire, Stony Blackburn, Sam Frye, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Dwight Maynard, Clyde Perry, Mike Johnson, Randall Scott, Wayne Blackburn, Clyde James and Paul Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Chester Cochran.

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

(17) Since no written request were received to host the 2014 Association, the Apple Orchard Church delegates made a verbal request to host the Association and the Big Branch, Pilgrims Home and Bethany Churches made verbal request to co-host the Association in 2014. By regular move and second the requests were granted. It is requested that all donations for food be sent no later than June, 2014, 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.

(18) The Sardis Association is so thankful for the many Brothers, Sisters and friends, along with our Host Churches and the Building Committee, who have labored so much for this the One Hundred and Twenty First 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 Johnny Thacker 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 everyone who had anything to do for this grand old Association.

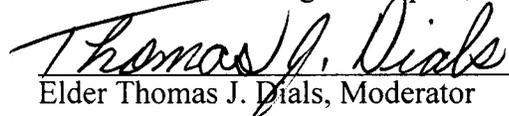
We thank God so much for the great love and peace found at the Sardis Association.

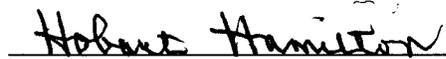
(19) By regular move and second, the reading of the Minutes before the Association arises was omitted and it is ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

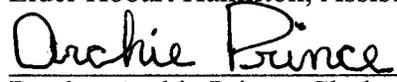
(20) On motion from Brother Walter Bogar, seconded by Brother Harvey White, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to reconvene at the Sardis Association Building at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2014.

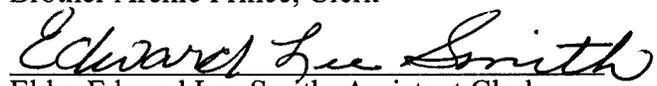
(21) The Sardis Association was closed with preaching by Elder Dennis Elkins, who also led in prayer.

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

  
Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator

  
Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator

  
Brother Archie Prince, Clerk

  
Elder Edward Lee Smith, Assistant Clerk

## STANDING ITEMS

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

Sardis Association  
of Old Regular Baptist

September 13, 1975  
Dingess, West Virginia

Brethren:

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

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

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

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

Elder Wayne Herald

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

Brother James M. Ray

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

About the hour of 10:00 a.m. our Moderator, Elder Thomas J. Dials, came forth and announced the arrangements. He said when we were children playing out around the cemeteries the sound of the songs attracted us. As I became older it drew me. There is some drawing power from Heaven that draws us. By nature we want to put a value on things. I can not put a value on the love I have for you. I can not put a value on the love God has for me. This morning I can not thank you enough for being here. I can't thank these people enough who put on this Association. One sister said to me this morning, "don't thank us, but thank the Lord for making us able to serve this Association." We can do anything with the help of the Lord. I am thankful for these sisters. We thank the Lord for blessing us unmeasurably. I want us to be humble today. Watch over our children. Watch over our nation.

Elder Steve Baker, of the Old Friendship Association, came forth to introduce this service. He said I have felt the love of God. I look to receive a blessing from God. I believe the Lord will overshadow me and if I have prayed and you have prayed, I will get a blessing and you will get a blessing. I experienced a love one time while down on my knees, I felt this love. I believe one time we stepped out in this world. You have to believe in God. You have to repent. You have to be born again. We came here to set down in love and peace. That love that is down inside you will take care of you. That feeling is what will separate us from the world. It will be an anchor of this soul. This love will take care of all our problems.

I got up from my knees, I wanted to go out and shout. When my condemnation was lifted I sang praises to God. There is joy in serving the Lord. If you do not have a witness you need to be searching. There is some drawing power in it. Jesus said, I am the light of the world, I go away and ye are that light. There is something in you that will let your light shine. I believe salvation is of the Lord. Once you have the word of salvation you have nothing to turn back to. There is no other place to go to, Peter said, seeing you have the words of life where else is there to go to. It will be a well springing up to everlasting life. Too many deny this witness here on earth. I am a sinner saved by the grace of God. We are the children of God and there is a battle going on. You must repent, you must be born again. There is a way back to the tree of life. We are the children of God, a holy nation. There is mercy and judgement in this. If you are a child of God, you have an experience with God. A woman found her way through the crowd to get close to Jesus. He knew something about her and she knew something about him. If you receive that spirit it will quicken your mortal body.

Brother Steve then led in prayer.

Elder Jimmy Amos, of the Union Association, followed stating I am thankful to God this morning. Where else would you rather be? The Bible teaches that it is good for Brothers to dwell in unity. David said, he anointed my head with oil, my cup runneth over. If you are born of God, you are born of love. It flows from breast to breast. We need to be careful, we need to be good. There is an inspiration, the spirit of the almighty will lead you and guide you in this world. If you are under the sound of our voice and if you do not know the Lord, let me introduce you to him. Our God is a good God. He is a jealous God and will have no other Gods before him. If you have been born again, you have something to shout about. You have something to be thankful for if you have been down to the banquet house. My family was here when I got here. The Lord is everywhere. Our God works out of our sight. The Lord is good and very good. The Lord told me to go home and tell my friends what has been done for me. There is a friend closer than a brother. This man is Jesus. I have to raise my children to know right from wrong. There is a mediator between us and God, this man is Jesus.

When I was a boy, I had a grandmother who took interest in me. She set an example before me. She told me there is a hell to shun and a Heaven to gain. Our God loves you today. *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.* We need to live a good life before our children. I have four girls and we are responsible to teach them about Jesus. No matter where we are we can not get away from God. We can not save you today. Some men say that we need to change everything. We need to live the life before them.

I don't work for God just on Sunday. Stephen witnessed to a great number of people. *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* He is the prince of peace. We need to put our trust in God. The Lord said, *I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.* The devil has a lot of power, he will throw stumbling blocks in front of you, but God has all power. *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the peacemakers for theirs is the kingdom of God.*

In 1991, when I was young, I was sitting in a parking lot at a Regular Baptist Church. I heard some singing going on. I had never heard anything like that. The day you give God your whole heart, soul, mind and strength he will be found with you. The world has ears to hear with, but they do not want to hear. Sometimes we get to a point in our lives, we realize we can not do anything without God. We must deny ourselves and follow the Lord. You put off the old man and put on the new.

My grandmother was very sick and barely able to speak, but she still was able to quote, *the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.* The shouting you have heard today is just a little of what we will hear and see in Heaven. I believe the Lord is going to call me to come home. I want to see the one who came and died for me. The Lord said thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many. This nation has forgot about Jesus, this world is in a turmoil. Jesus said come and taste of me and see that I am very good. The Bible says when a birth takes place there must be a little suffering. I told my sister, God will write his laws in your heart and stamp them in your mind. Don't you know God loves you today? He loves us so much. This life is but a few days and full of trouble. Stephen was ordained a deacon. He had a job to do. He had a good confession to tell. If you have been forgiven you will have a story to tell. The people did not want to hear him and stopped up their ears and stoned him to death. There won't be signs given to this generation, except for Jonah who spent three day and three nights in the belly of the whale.

John came preaching repentance and Jesus came preaching repentance to all men and women. There is too much I and me in our lives. There is an angel flying having the everlasting gospel. Your walks and your life will show what you are. God looked down and saw Stephen, the heavens opened up and Stephens saw the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. That spirit flows from breast to breast. It causes you to forget about your pain. God is watching us today. God has the final say of all things. He is alpha and omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Jesus' eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet of fine brass. God will never leave you, he will never forsake you. As for my house, we will serve the Lord. His eyes were as a flame of fire and his countenance was as bright as the noon day sun. He is king of kings and lord of lords. That is what he became to me in 1994. I realized I could do nothing without the Lord, I could not even breath without the Lord. I am so thankful to God he led me this way today. When the Lord forgave me of my sins, I will never forget that. I will remember this day, it will never leave me. If you are somewhere and you do not hear the name of Jesus, you are in the wrong place. Don't tell me, I knew the Lord, but I don't know him anymore. This is the house of God. The Lord told me to go home and tell what great things the Lord did for me. Let everything praise God.

I pray for people and I try to be good to them. The Bible says for me to pray for my enemies. What they do to you, they did to Jesus and to the prophets. If this nation is to prosper we need God fearing people to lead this nation. God don't want ten percent, he wants it all. The devil is up and about his business. The devil is lying and is the father of it. He is a deceiver. When Stephen saw Jesus he prayed, lay not this sin to their charge.

We see in part and know in part. We are looking through a glass darkly. One day we will see him as he is. We will be known as we are known. I want to give God the glory. When I awake in his likeness, I will be satisfied. Tribulations worketh patience, patience experience and experience hope. Salvation is of the Lord. It is something you can die on. We will be called up in the twinkling of an eye forever to be with the Lord.

Thank God for his blessings that we have received here today. Thank God for being here. Thank God for this wonderful congregation; for being so attentive.

Elder Hobart Hamilton, Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the stand and asked everyone to pray for him. He said, we must be doing something right; if we are doing wrong God wouldn't be blessing us this way. I have so much to be thankful for. Throughout this Association I believe we did what the Lord wanted us to do. It is all about feeling the Spirit of the Lord. Together we can do things. The devil works, but the Lord is greater. He has invited every sinner to work. The householder invited the people to come and work in the vineyard. He promised to pay them a penny. Every man and woman can retain that penny if they will repent. He invited them to come in and promised to pay them. When you get that love, you want everybody to have it.

If you belong to the Lord people will know it, even if you are in a strange city. I thank God my mother and father prayed for me. There is no place to stop praying. We need to pray for our enemies. My brothers and sister are all in the Church. I have one son still out there. That householder didn't stop. He continued to go out and invite them in.

We are commanded to pray for our very enemies. When hurt, God will help you with that. God commanded men and women everywhere to repent. The world needs to turn from sin and continue to pray. I would love to be able to tell you how great God's peace is.

He said come and work. He asked them, "why do you stand here?" They said, "no man has hired us." He went out at the ninth hour and again at the eleventh hour. If you come in at the eleventh hour God will still reward you. You must work. Silver and gold are not worth anything when the Lord comes again.

If you have the Lord in you, you have eternal life and the devil can not touch you. At the end of the day he told the steward to pay them and to give them all a penny. I love the Lord. I love everyone of you. God didn't just give us love for the brothers and sisters, but love for everyone. The steward gave everyone a penny. Some of them grumbled. We are all equal in the eyes of God. If we get over in Heavens Land the Lord will gird himself and serve us. If you do not love the brothers and sister, there is something wrong. When God gives you something it is forever. When we make mistakes God pulls us back in line. I thank the Lord for what I have felt and heard today. I feel the spirit of the Lord here. How wonderful God is. May God bless and save you. God has commanded man everywhere to repent.

Elder Thomas J. Dials, Moderator of the Sardis Association, said it is very difficult to break up. It has been so wonderful. We have experienced a power greater than any power ever imaginable. When that Spirit links up it causes us to rejoice.

A tree in the road prevented some from getting here the other night. There was something in me that prevented me from coming home. A two edged sword had to come in. I tried to clean up and look like an Old Regular Baptist. I even got up in the stand and shook hands. We have to clean up the inside and the outside will come clean. The Lord must do the saving. The holy ghost Spirit must come in. I looked on the inside and saw something not good. The holy ghost baptism is to the man on the inside and causes the man on the outside to be clean. When that death comes you are sealed. There is no repentance after death. You must seek him when you have breath. If there is no resurrection then Christ is not risen. The good part is that we have the resurrection. The sisters went down to anoint Jesus' body. They had put a great stone over Jesus' tomb. The devils that were in the legion were cast out and went into the swine, the devil buffets this man. Jesus is the only way. Jesus said go and find a colt where the two ways meet.

There is a new and living way, that is Jesus Christ. When they went to anoint Jesus' body they ask, "who will roll the stone away?" Many things are put in front of us. When they got there the stone was rolled away. That living water came from Jesus. They pierced him in the side and out came blood and water. I wanted that living water. I got in touch with that water. On the inside this man is all dressed up. The old man was done away with. You are looking at a new man on the inside ready to go home. There is a place greater than this world. I am glad Jesus got up that day. I am glad this weekend about forty two years ago he touched me and took away that old stony heart.

They went to the grave and Jesus was gone. He got up that day. They asked, "where is he?" We have come to worship him. I am glad this little group this weekend come to worship him. He dresses us up on the inside. One day I am going to fall down to death. I believe I have already died once. We are all going to get up in the morning. He was right there to make me alive again. There is nothing going to hold us down.

He is coming again for the last time. I believe in a real resurrection. I believe it will be the same body, but it will be a spiritual body. Won't it be wonderful when we see him coming in a cloud of glory. This same Jesus you see ascending will be descending. When he comes back he is coming for that kingdom. That kingdom is right within you. He does the saving. Cleanse your hand ye sinners, be afflicted and mourn and weep. There are paths down here, inquire for that old path and when you find it, walk there in. I am so thankful that God has blessed us and I am glad God is coming again.

I am thankful for this day, for this whole week. He is coming again to take the old Church home.

Elder Arthur Mathis, of the Sardis Association, dismissed the service.

Your Clerks

## CIRCULAR LETTER

To my dearly beloved Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association and our correspondent Associations:

It is with much prayer and pleading unto God that I endeavor to write this circular letter for the 2013 session of the Sardis Association. As I began to think about this mighty task that was given to me at last year's association, it came to my mind how blessed I have been to be raised around this old Baptist family. I thought about the many wonderful Brothers and Sisters that I have known through the years and the many that have out stripped us and gone on. How they showed me so much love in so many different ways. Sometimes it was by a piece of candy or a quarter they gave me. Sometimes it was from a meal they had prepared. Sometimes, it was by going out of their way just to greet me and give me a hug. By showing me this love, the Brother's and Sister's light shone, not just to me but to all they came to meet, showing to all that God had done a work in their life. As I pondered all this, the Lord put it on my heart to write this letter about the Grace of God and its beauty in our lives.

It may be difficult to find the words to describe the grace of God. God is present in our lives in so many ways; His gifts are so plentiful that we tend to not notice each and every one. James 1:17 *Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.* God's grace gives us whatever we stand in need of. It gives us our salvation, it gives us our healing, it comforts us in our time of need, and it shows through His children as a witness to the lost. God's grace is His beauty manifest in our lives.

When we were yet sinners, God's call came to us causing us to see what we were by nature and what we can be by the grace of God. When a man or woman begins to take heed to this call they begin a travel from nature to grace. Romans 3:23-24 tells us that *For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.* So even though we were sinners God loved us so much that we could receive His salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. As Paul explains in I Timothy 1:12-15, *And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who hath enabled me for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.* Isn't it wonderful to know that even though we may have felt, as Paul did, that we were the chief among sinners that the Grace of the Lord was exceedingly abundant that through faith in Jesus Christ we could receive everlasting salvation?

It is also wonderful to consider that even before we came to Christ, His grace was present in our lives. It was through God's mercies that we were able to escape the many dangers the world had in store for us. He lengthened out our lives, kept us out of harm's way, and gave us more opportunities to call on Him. When we laid down the things of the world and began to clean up our lives, the stony heart that we once held was to be changed to a heart of flesh, one that is truly able to love. Titus 2:11-14 *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously, and godly in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.* So when we allow God's light to shine into the dark place that is the heart of a sinner, when we clean up our lives and reject the ways of the world, God's love teaches us how to live a life that is pleasing unto Him. For a child of God, it is their whole heart's desire to live according to His will and to follow His commandments.

Many of us tell of our experience and say that once Christ came into our lives we perceived the world with a different set of senses. The sky was bluer, the grass was greener and the birds' songs never sounded so sweet.

That is because this beautiful gift of God, our salvation, transforms us into a new creature and everything about us is renewed. Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace are we saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast.* Through the gift of God's grace are we saved not of any works by the hand of man but by faith in Jesus Christ who was sent from the Father to be the perfect sacrifice that we could not provide in ourselves.

Once we give our whole heart, mind, and soul to God and obtain the gift of salvation, God's grace begins to work in a new way in our lives - it keeps us and delivers us through the many temptations the world will send at us. I Peter 1:3-5 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.* God's grace keeps His children with power from on high. A true child of God has an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled and will not fade away. Once you have been born again, had your robe washed white in the blood of the lamb you're kept by the power of God and will not willfully sin again. God's grace through Jesus Christ has born you into a lively hope that when the walks of this life have ended you can rest in the paradise of God awaiting that great and noble resurrection morning when the true children of God will board a cloud of glory and go home to Heaven to live for evermore. Where there will be no sickness, no heartache, no trouble throughout all eternity.

Even though we can see God's many good works in our lives, because His love for his children is so great it is hard to comprehend His affect on our lives. In Ephesians 3:17-18 Paul prayed that the Ephesians could realize just this. *That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.* Here in this present world the works of God are mysterious to us and we may never fully understand how His love and mercy manifest itself in our lives. For now we see through a glass darkly and all God's ways are not evident to us. But we can joy knowing that He is always with us and that He will never forsake us and never leave us and that His grace is sufficient to keep us through the temptations of the Devil that buffets at us daily. I Corinthians 10:13 *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

When God's grace has manifest itself in our lives giving us the precious gift of salvation, there is a light on the inside that will show out to everyone we meet. The way we live our lives will be evidence of what we have on the inside. I will never forget the kind words and acts of love the Brother's and Sister's showed to me when I was younger. They came back to me many times when I was burdened by the ways of the world. It was because they had experienced God's grace in their life that caused them to rejoice in the Lord and even though I was a poor lost sinner I could see a little glimpse of His grace through them. I Peter 4:9-10 tells us to, *Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.* So Brothers and Sisters, let us rejoice in the glory of the Lord. Let us use the gift of our salvation to be a light to the world always being good stewards of the grace of God. Let us uphold the good old fashioned way of our forefathers. Let us cast all our cares upon God trusting with faith believing that the same grace that brought our feet out of the mar and the clay of sin will take us home to Heaven on that great resurrection morning. May God Bless you all.

Your Brother in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd J. Dials". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "D".

Elder Todd J. Dials

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

**FEBRUARY, 2014**

**OKEECHOBEE:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Ivan Neal Thornsby, David Crigger, Thomas J. Dials and Todd Dials.

**APRIL, 2014**

**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.

**MAY, 2014**

**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 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, Harold SESCO, Greg Stanley, Sam Frye, Gary L. Young and Eric Williamson.

**JUNE, 2014**

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

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

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following regular church service. Ministers called: Harold SESCO, 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 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, 2014**

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

**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 Sam Frye. 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, Faris Tuttle and Raymond Stapleton.

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

**MARY ELIZABETH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Thomas J. Dials, Bobby Scott, Sr., Leonard Napier, Clifford Williams, Paul Bevins, Arthur May and Kelly Slone.

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

### **AUGUST, 2014**

**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, Arthur Mathis, Clyde Perry and Harold SESCO.

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

**ANTIOCH:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday following the regular Church service. Ministers called: Chester Cochran, Lester Cochran, Clyde Lewis 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: Greg Stanley, Hobart Hamilton and Elisha Branham.

## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

### JANUARY, 2014

**OKEECHOBEE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Okeechobee Church on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis, Paul Maynard, Billy Joe Robinson, Hobart Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty and James Barney.

### MARCH, 2014

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

**TURKEY CREEK** will hold a memorial meeting at the Enon Church House of 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, Bobby Scott, Sr. and Hobart Hamilton.

### APRIL, 2014

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

**PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday at the Church of 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, 2014

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

**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, Leonard Hamilton 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, Elbert Sesco 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, Lacy Walters and Sam Frye.

**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, Harold Sesco and Gary Young.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Dix Fork Church of 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, 2014**

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Smith Cemetery on the Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the first Sunday in June at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Dale Williamson, Richard Staton, Paul Bevins 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, Lester Cochran 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 of 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 at the church house of all the deceased 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 of all those buried on the John Gilford Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork. Ministers called: Eric Williamson, Elbert Sesco, Gary Young, Duane Smith and Sam Frye.

**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, Randall Lowe, Kenneth B. Jude and Gabe D. Lowe, Jr.

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

**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 and Sylvia Blackburn 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 and Sammie Moore. Everyone welcome. Dinner to be served.

### **JULY, 2014**

**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: Ben Scott, Lonnie Jude, Todd Dials, Randall Lowe, Sam Frye 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 of the deceased members of the Reed and Lockard families on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Gary Young, Stoney Blackburn, Duane Smith, Paul Bevins 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. Ministers called: Arthur Mathis, Jimmy Amos and Sam Frye with moderator and assistant moderator attending. Everyone is welcome.

**BUCK CREEK CHURCH** will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held on the Dials Cemetery on 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. of 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, Hobart Hamilton and Frankie Scott with moderator attending.

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the J. M. Taylor family and will include the Maynard, Lowe, Taylor, Scott, Blackburn and Nichols families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Duane Smith, 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: Wayne Herald, Jr., Sam Frye, Albert Cable and Thomas J. Dials.

#### **AUGUST, 2014**

**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, 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: Clifford Williams, Kenneth B. Jude, Preston Lewis, 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 of the deceased members of the Church and the friends of the community and veterans killed in action. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Greg Stanley, Andrew Walters and Richard Staton. Everyone Welcome. Dinner will be served.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the Pilgrims Home Church on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. of all those buried on the Alfred Young Cemetery. Ministers called: Danny Runyon, Richard Staton, Greg Stanley and Harold Sesco.

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

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the McCoy Cemetery including John and Margret McCoy, Oscar McCoy family, Tolbert McCoy family, also Johnnie Nichols, Sr. family and Lowe family of Gulnare, KY, Sister Victoria (McCoy) Maynard 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: 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, Arthur May, Gayle Brown, David May 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 , Johnny and America Jude, Mark Jude, son of Kenneth B and Dolly Jude, Henry Lee and Doris Jude, Mitchell Jude and other family members buried at the head of Peter Cave on Sunday following the third Saturday. Ministers called: 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.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at Brother Lacy Fletcher's home of 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 Sunday after the odd Saturday(August 31). All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

**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 (August 31) at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Hillard Newsome, Lacy Walters, Jerry Overstreet and Don Blake Little.

### SEPTEMBER, 2014

**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., 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 of 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.

**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, Duane Smith, Paul Maynard, Arthur Mathis and Lacy Walters.

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

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

### **OCTOBER, 2014**

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

**SALEM CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday of 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 Scott Hamilton.

**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, Jimmy Stewart and Sam Frye.

**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 with moderator attending.

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

### **NOVEMBER**

**ANTIOCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members and friends of the Antioch Church on the fourth Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Jimmy Amos, Ralph Cloud, Mike Ramsey and John Lewis.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

| <b>CHURCH</b>                            | <b>DAY AND TIME</b>   |
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| Bent Branch Church                       | Every odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  |
| Bent Branch/Pilgrims Home at Bent Branch | New Years Eve at 7:00 p.m.  |
| Bride of Christ Church                   | Easter Sunday at 11:00 a.m.<br>Ministers called: Clarence Mathis, Hobart Hamilton, Lester Cochran and Arthur Mathis   |
| Sidney 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.<br>New Years Eve at 8:00 p.m.  |
| Mary Elizabeth Church                    | Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.  |
| Pilgrims Home Church                     | Second Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.  |
| Pilgrims Rest Church                     | Every fourth Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.<br>Fourth Saturday Night meeting in April, 2014 will recognize the ones who came to Brushy and established the Pilgrims Rest Church as an arm from the Pilgrims Home Church in January, 1969 and the community that came together to make this possible. Ministers called: Hobart Hamilton, Dale Williamson, Thomas J. Dials with moderator attending. |
| Salem Church                             | Easter Morning 2014 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 29, 2014)  |
| Rosa Church                              | Every first Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.<br>Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.   |
| Turkey Creek Church                      | New Years Eve at 7:30 p.m.<br>Every odd Sunday at 11:00 a.m except March 30, 2014.<br><br>June second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Estill Hamilton, Edward L. Smith, Bill Blevins, Dale Williamson, Ray Hamilton, James Barney, Wayne Herald, Jr., Jimmy Amos and Lloyd Brown.  |

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

**ELDER BILLIE HOWARD**

Billie Howard, eighty five, of White Oak Branch, West Liberty, KY passed away Monday, April 8, 2012 at his residence after a brief illness. He was born June 5, 1925 at West Liberty, KY. He was the son of the late Ballard and Louise Montgomery Howard.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter, Jewel Howard and one grandson, Jerry Ray Howard, Jr. Also, he was preceded in death by four sisters: Beulah Chapman, Victoria Ball, Gertie Bolin and Lottie Howard and four brothers: Shafter, Luster, Sylvester and Hardin Howard.

He was united in marriage on September 2, 1950 to Polly Kathleen Montgomery. They were married for sixty five years.

Surviving are his wife, Polly, of White Oak Branch, West Liberty, KY; two daughters, Shirley (Dale) Stephens of Jamestown, TN and Lula (Paul) Maberry of West Liberty, KY; three sons: William Jay Howard, John M. Howard and Jerry R. (Geraldine) Howard all of West Liberty, KY. Also, one brother, Clint Howard of West Liberty, KY. He left behind sixteen grandchildren: David and Richard Stephens, Christy and John Braddock, Brandy and Brian Gibbon, Mandy and Bobby Smith, Amanda and Hubert Wright, Kayla and Steven Skaggs, Susan and Bob Eldridge, John M Howard, Christopher & Stephanie Cox, Kimberly and Nicholas Hall, Jesse and Nicky Cox, Heather Cox, Ashley Cox, Billy Joe Cox, Kelli Maberry and Alison Keeton, along with twenty four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

When he was eighteen years of age he had another birth; when he was saved by the grace of God. From that point on, he dedicated his life to God and to the Church where his membership was and to all the correspondence. He was a man that always gave his best in whatever he did. He loved the Brothers, his family and the people without fail. He always looked forward to the weekend, even on Sunday evening, because he loved meeting with the brethren and worshipping God with them. Everyone who knew him will miss him as we do. We also know that even though we have sad and heavy hearts from our loss of a Dad, husband and friend, he has gained his reward and that gives us joy. The world has lost a great friend in Billie Howard's passing for when he prayed, he prayed for the whole world. We loved him with all our hearts and miss him just as much.

After Dad was converted, he became a member of the Baptist Church where his mother was a member. His dad was a member of the Smith Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. After he had moved his family to Ohio to find work, he became a member of the Ohio Laborers Union where he worked to support his family for many years. In 1961, being so far from his home in Kentucky, he found a Church called the Miami Valley Church of the United Baptist. He then moved his membership there where he remained a member for many years. In 1980, after retirement, he moved his family back to Kentucky. A few years later he moved his membership to the Antioch Church of Old Regular Baptist located at Wayne, WV where he remained until his passing.

Written by the family

Note : Elder Billie Howard, our friend and Brother, was our traveling companion for thirty four plus years. As long as we live, we will remember our good times together in the Lord, the meetings filled with the Spirit and our love for mankind. May God bless his good wife, Polly and his children. They are always in our prayers.

Elder Clarence Mathis



## ELDER MILFORD LOWE

Elder Milford Lowe passed away on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at his home at Varney, KY. He was born October 20, 1919. He was a son of James Pry Lowe and Mary Jarvis Lowe, who preceded him in death.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Gertie Jones Lowe. She was a daughter of Freelon Jones and Gustavia Jones of Meathouse, KY. He was also preceded in death by two brothers; Clinton B. Lowe and Lloyd Lowe, as well as a sister, Hester, who died at age of fifteen. He was preceded in death by children: Garnet Lowe Maynard and Curtis Hayes Lowe and two grandchildren.

Survivors include: his wife, Doris Williamson Lowe and children: Gabe and (Irene) Lowe, Lloyd and (Elsie) Lowe, Larnia and (Sabert) Nichols, all of Pilgrim, KY and Jean and (Tom) Delong of Lovely, KY. He is also survived by nineteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Times were hard for everyone growing up in the 1920s and 1930s.

Brother Milford found the Lord early in life and he never deviated from that Holy and Divine Calling. He would never fail to answer someone's call if he was needed to baptize someone, to go and pray for the sick, faith on someone, and to give good counsel. We can almost hear him singing the old songs of Zion. Elder Milford always stood for sound doctrine all of his life.

Everyone who knew him, loved him. "Well done my good and faithful servant!" Elder Milford worked hard while raising his family; farming, logging and in coal mines, as well as other jobs.



Written By: Elder Homer Muncy, Jr.

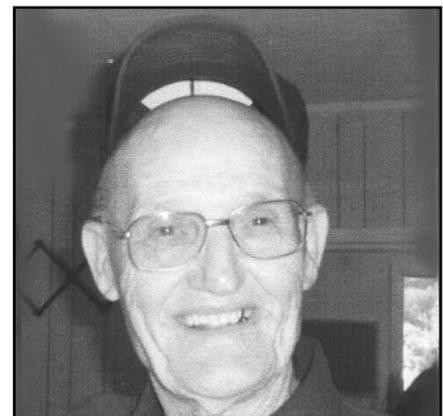
## ELDER JACK ROBINETTE

It is with a sad heart that we will try to write the obituary of Brother Jack Robinette. Brother Jack was born June 13, 1928 and went to be with the Lord on December 21, 2012. He was the son of the late Joe and Thelma Robinette. Brother Jack had fourteen brothers and sisters; eight deceased and six left to mourn his passing: Sunny, George, Carl, Lucille, Ann and Sandy.

Brother Jack married Betty Barnett and to this union was borne two sons; Bud (Shelia) Robinette of Chapmanville, WV and Greg (Sherry) Robinette of Holden, WV. Brother Jack had three grandchildren and on great-grandchild.

After Betty's passing Brother Jack married Sister Lucy Robinette of Hatfield, KY, where he made his home until his passing. He had four stepchildren: Bertha Jean (Danny) Reed, Linda (Roger) May, Ronald (Priscilla) Robinette and Condor (Belinda) Robinette. Condor preceded him in death. He had six step grandchildren and nine step great-grandchildren. They all called him Papa Jack.

Brother Jack was a member of the Tabitha Church for many years. He moved his membership to the Pilgrims Home Church when he got unable to go to the Tabitha Church. Brother Jack said he had three home churches: Pilgrims Home, Apple Orchard and Turkey Creek. He loved to go to all the churches and the association. "Welcome to the Sardis Association," he would say, just last year. Brother Jack loved to talk about the Scriptures in the Bible.



He would set for hours and talk to anyone who wanted to talk. Brother Jack and Brother Danny Reed would go down to Brother Bobby Field's and talk for hours about the Scriptures. Brother Jack loved to sing and to hear pretty singing. His favorite song was, "I Am Blessed". All of us who knew him knew that, "I Am Blessed," was his song. He always said, "true song."

There is so much we could say about Brother Jack, but this says it all; our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sadly missed by everyone who knew him.  
Written by his family.

### **LOIS MARIE BENNETT**

With a broken heart and very much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my sister, Lois Marie Bennett. She was born January 21, 1937, to the late Epton and Lucy Nichols Maynard. She went home to be with the Lord on August 30, 2013 at her home in Summerfield, FL.

Sister Lois had been a member of Apple Orchard Church for many years.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Bennett, and brothers: W.F. Maynard, Elwood Maynard and three infant brothers.

Those left to cherish her sweet memories include: two sons, Robert Ray Bennett and James Edward Bennett; one daughter, Kathy (Richard) Lowe; four sisters: Irene (Harold) Johnson, Pauline (Fred) Loughrey, Doris (Roger) Branham of Summerfield, FL and Beatrice (Roger) Blackburn of Dandridge, TN; brothers, Paul (Ruby) Maynard, Pikeville, KY and Freddie (Darlene) Maynard, Ulysses, KY; sisters-in-law, Alice Maynard, Rush, KY and Minnie Maynard, Reddick, FL; eight grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Lois enjoyed life and had the best sense of humor and loved to share a laugh. She always had a smile on her face. She will be missed by all her family and friends.

Sleep on, we will meet you in Heaven. Thank God for the years we spent together and all the memories we have. We will always love you.

Written by her brother, Freddie Maynard



### **GOLDIE RATLIFF BLACKBURN**

Goldie Ratliff Blackburn, age ninety three, of Meta, KY passed away on Thursday, December 27, 2012. She was born January 24, 1919, the daughter of the late Floyd and Flora Layne Ratliff.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. She had held her membership there since September 19, 1976.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Burnis (Bun) Blackburn; one son, Douglas Lucian Blackburn and nine brothers and sisters.

She is survived by five sons: Eugene (Grace), Kelly (Wanda), Roger, Archie (Rita), Vernon (Carol); four daughters: Jewel (Ray), Kathy (Roy), Janice (Harold), and Cherri (Rick); fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.



Mamaw loved all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren with a special kind of love, but her love extended far beyond that. She had essentially "adopted" her church family into that same inner circle. Each and every one of them belonged to her like they were her own children. "Her little boys" she would always say as she kissed their cheek.

This year a spot will be vacant at the Bent Branch's Foot-Washing for the first time in over thirty five years; her spot. Both the physical spot where she sat every church time and the spot in our hearts. There is not a person who knew her, that will ever be able to look at a red bird without thinking about her. She loved her birds. They would bring a smile to her face as she sat on the back porch and fed them. She had a few that would come and eat out of her hand. It was a precious site to behold, God's innocent little creatures interacting with one of God's loving children. It amazed everyone that the little wild birds were not afraid to take the bread from her outstretched hands. Those little birds haven't been around this summer. When she went away, so did they.

We used to tease her about being a celebrity because of her TV appearances on the news after the 2009 flood. Her house was completely destroyed by the water, but it did not destroy or even deter her faith. She sat out in her chair in the front yard and "supervised" as everyone worked to get the house back together for her. The news crews wanted to interview her and she conceded. But, never once did she utter a complaint. She told them that she thanked God for all the people who had helped out and that she was so blessed because her house was even better than it was before the flood. That is one of the most inspirational memories she could have left with us.

Her valuable lessons about Jesus, family, respect, and love, will continue with everyone she touched. Her smile and stories of "how things used to be" will be missed, but because of her humble and faithful service to God, we know there is a way to see her again. She has just taken "her flight without an airplane".

Written by her heartbroken family

### **CAUSBY BLANKENSHIP**

It is with a sad and also joyful heart that I write this for my loving sister, Causby Blankenship. Causby went to be with the Lord on September 28, 2012. She was born on March 22, 1930 to the late Estil and Alcie Cline Ritchie.

She is also preceded in death by: her husband, Troy Blankenship Jr.; an infant son; a daughter, Delores Chambers; a son-in-law, Jimmy Chambers; three brothers: Virgil, Steve and Hershel Ritchie; three sisters: Shelva Cline, Lennie Long and Lillie Mae Ritchie and two nieces, Drucilla Thompson Lester and Lavonda Carter.

Left to morn her death and carry on her memory are: a son, Bobbie (Jane) Blankenship, four grandchildren: Benita, Brandon Chambers, and Nicholas and Maya Blankenship; two sisters, Dessie (Judd)Ciine and Elva (Emerson) Thompson; a special niece, Carmella Porter; a special nephew, Drexel Cline and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Causby loved going to church. She attended Rosa Regular Baptist Church and was a member for over fifty years. She enjoyed gardening and being with her family. She was a shy and loving person that was good to everyone she met. She loved to tell stories of growing up and always gave advice to the nieces and nephews.

I went to help her on the last day of her life and the last words she spoke to me were, "Oh Lord, why don't you just come and get me?" She left us that evening.



I believe God thought it was time to send down the angels to get her ready and take her home.

We shall be known by the life we live and the fruit we bear. She was the perfect fruit and lived the life of an angel. I am sorry she beat me there. I believe that she has joined the rest of my family and is waiting on us.

God saw her suffering was over and he opened the pearly gates. God saw her time was over and said my child your are not too late.

Although we loved her dearly, we did not want her to stay. Her precious love she gave us all will never go away. I love you Sissy and hope to meet you someday soon.

Written by her sister and Sister in Christ  
Elva Thompson and niece, Carmella Porter

### **WILDA MAY DILLON**

Wilda Dillon, one hundred four years old, of Radnor, WV went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at her residence. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00p.m. Sunday May 12, 2013 at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, Dingess, WV with Elders Arthur May and Hobart Hamilton officiating. Burial followed at the Dillon-Prince Cemetery, Dingess, WV.

She was born July 19, 1908 at Kirk, WV, the daughter of the late Henry and Mary Hannah May.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by: her husband, William Riley Dillon, Sr.; two sons, William Riley Dillon, Jr. and Everett Dillon; three daughters, Gracie Stultz, Lola Taylor and Oma Straub. She was preceded in death by grandchildren: Billy Robertson, Scott Straub, Carolyn Fry, Teddy Joe McConnell, Dennis Fosgate and Yvonne Day and sons-in-law: Willard Stultz, Roy Robertson and Leo Straub. She was also, preceded in death by: a daughter-in-law, Elsie Dillon; five brothers: Isaac, William, Sherman, Jeff and Blackburn May and four sisters: Pearl Dillon, Georgia Vance, Lola Lackey and Janie Prince Runyon.



Surviving Wilda are three daughters: Antha Robertson, Ola (James) Nicholson and Bessie (Joe) McConnell and eight sons: Lee (Faye) Dillon, Dewey Dillon, John (Mary Jo) Dillon, Henry (Martha) Dillon, Jeff (Yvonne) Dillon, Dennis (Billie Joe) Dillon, Jeryl Paul (Faye) Dillon and Michael (Deloris) Dillon. She is survived by two daughters-in-law, Trula and Kelly Dillon. Also, surviving are one sister and brother-in-law, Causby and Hayse Stanley. She also leaves behind many grandchildren, great grandchildren great-great grandchildren and great-great-great grandchildren.

The family can never express or be thankful enough for Mom's care giver and the health care providers who helped care for her.

Wilda was baptized in July, 1940 by Elder Grover Carey and she became a member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church where she retained her membership until her passing.

By Her Family

Note: I will try to write a few words concerning our mother, grandmother and sister in the Lord. My Mom loved the Church and as long as she was able she was faithful to fill her seat.

Mom lived out her faith, she treated everyone with love and respect.

One of the ministers at her funeral, Elder Albert Cable, told of an incident that happened before he was a Christian. Some of the brethren were talking about another brother. Later he asked my Mom, Sister Wilda, What do you think? She answered, "Jib", that was his nickname, "I don't talk about my brothers."

I remember Mom going and staying up at night with a sick neighbor so the family could get some rest. There are many stories that could be told about her, but the most memorable thing was going to Church with her and, when God blessed her with his Holy Spirit, hearing her shout and praise his Holy name.

She will be greatly missed, for she was a blessing from God to our entire family. We thank God for her. To those who don't know her God, you can see her again, if you repent and believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

To the family, you do not need for me to write about Mom, we all know the person she was. She was an example of a Christian. She has gone to be with her Lord, in God's eternal home where there is room for everyone. May God bless and keep you until the day of Christ, when he will be glorified in his Church.

To her Church family, remember we have a reward; wherefore love one another, forgive, be merciful and keep the faith. Bless one another, for we are called to be a blessing. May the grace of God be with you all.

This written by her son,  
Elder Jeff Dillon.

### **JETTIE GIBSON**

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my loving mother, Jettie Gibson. She was born on August 12, 1936 to the late Toby and Stella Robinette. She went home to be with the Lord on February 27, 2013.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Shade Gibson and four brothers: Redford Robinette, Elmer Robinette, Ervine Robinette and Ralph Robinette.

She was survived by two brothers, Raymond Robinette and Toby Robinette, Jr. Mom had four children: Emmitt (Bo) Gibson of Varney, KY, Teresa Morton of Virgie, KY, Lasagna (Boo) Wright of Virgie, KY, and Earnie (Punk) Gibson of Varney, KY. She had six grandchildren: Tara Mullins, Kate Morton, Courtney and Misty Wright and Casey and Colby Gibson. Mom loved her children and grandchildren.



She was a retired cook from Johns Creek School. She was a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church. Mom enjoyed going to church and serving the Lord and being with all her brothers and sisters.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends, but I know she is at rest and peace with our Lord and we will meet again in the presence of our Father and Lord. Rest on Mom for a little while, we will see you soon.

Written with a saddened, but peaceful heart  
Your loving son, Earnie Gibson

## CLAUDIA HALE

With much sadness, we gather to write the obituary of our kind loving mother, Claudia Hale. She was born August 30, 1923 in Kentucky and departed this life January 1, 2013 at her home surrounded by her family.

She married John B. Hale on August 23, 1941 in Pikeville, KY. He preceded her in death on March 21, 1998. Also, preceding her in death was a grandson, Ronnie A. Hale; a very special daughter-in-law, Susie Hale; four sisters: Norma Pinson, Doris Williamson, Jettie Jewell and Nadene Williamson and one brother, Donnie Williamson. Her brother, Isaac Williamson died the month after she passed.

She is survived by three sons: Claude (Martha) Hale of Langsville, OH, William (Patricia) Hale of St. Amant, LA and John Elloit (Jane) Hale of Jackson, OH. She had two daughters; Karen Hale Elliot of Wilkesville, OH and Katrina Hale of North Redington Beach, FL. Also surviving are fifteen grandchildren, twenty three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She had one brother, two sisters and one sister-in-law: Lonnie Williamson, Lena (Billy) Webb of Varney, KY, Lucille (Wade) Bostic of Charleston, SC and Billie Joyce Williamson (wife of Isaac) and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mom was baptized on the fourth Sunday in August, 1947. She had her membership with The Maggie's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist at Dundas, OH. She and Dad loved the church and the members. All of us children were raised with the Old Regular Baptist as family.

Mom loved life, her family and the church. I found a note she had written to one of the grandchildren in 1992. She had written "I love my children and grandchildren so much I might fail to see very little bad in them. I wish all of you could know how much I love you. The sound of any of your names makes us proud." Those sentences were so accurate. She loved her family and church family and friends so very much. Mom was a light to all who knew her, offering the best wisdom and guidance. She was an example for all of us. During the last days, she spoke much of the Lord and loved ones that has passed on. We are going to miss her so much, but we know she has gone home with the Lord.



## OLLIE A. RAY HINKLE

With a broken heart and the help of our dear Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my mother and Sister in Christ, Ollie A. Ray Hinkle. She was born on November 29, 1929. Mom went to be with Lord on May 12, 2013; Mothers Day. Mom was ready to go home. Some of the last things that Mom said to Dad and myself was "I want to go home".

Ollie was survived by her husband, Billy and three sisters: Martha (Sue) McCoy, Nancy McKinney and Mary Ann Jones.

Mom was preceded in death by: her parents, Lacy and Kissiah Dorton Ray of Varney, KY; six brothers: Russell, Jack, Tom, Jessie, Ben and Amos; three sisters: Gustie Young, Leigh Staggs, Gracie Charles and one son, Wendell Hinkle of Grundy, VA.

Ollie married Billy Hinkle on October 15, 1941. To this union five children were born; four sons: Wendell (Regina), Jerry (Kathy), Monroe (Pam) and Danny (Serna Davis); one daughter, Diana Stacy (Stanley); five grandchildren: Stephanie Webb, Jessica Hinkle, Chase Hinkle, Samantha Stacy, Justin Hinkle; four great-grandchildren: Seth Webb, Sage Webb, Mia Webb and Hunter Hinkle.



Ollie and Billy were together for sixty three years and seven months. Those are her natural children, she leaves behind hundreds of men and women and children that she claimed were hers. Four were special to her: Wanda Porter, Alvin Sherppard, Emma Baldwin and Joseph Fletcher.

Mom gave her hand to the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church on November 25, 1956. She was baptized by Elder Jonah Ester Williamson and Elder Willie Varney. Mom loved the church. They were always there before the doors opened! She loved going to church and being with everyone there. She would come home and say what a wonderful day they had. Mom's picture now hangs over the seat where she always sat.

Mom was a homemaker. She loved to cook and wanted everyone who come to her house to eat. If someone went away hungry it wasn't from her not having food on the table.

Mom, we know you are not in pain anymore. We thank God for that because you had you share of pain over the years. We hope to see you in Heaven's land one day. We miss you Mom!

Written by her loving family,

### **ORVILLE "BOB" JUSTICE**

The Justice family writes this obituary with both profound sadness and great pride. Orville "Bob" Justice was born January 25, 1927 to the late Eulan and Clarice (Plymale) Justice. One of seven children, he grew up at Kimper, KY.

Bob married Emogene ("Jean") Faye Francis on her twentieth birthday, September 26, 1947, and remained lovingly devoted to her until her death in January, 2009. The two lived out the entirety of their married life in Pike County, KY at Kimper.

He was preceded in death by one son, Robert E. Justice. Bob, a dedicated father, left behind one daughter, Drucilla (Justice) Dotson. Bob had four grandchildren: Shea (Dotson) Potter, Derek Dotson, Chariety (Justice) Slone and Jason O. Justice. He had three great-grandchildren: Hannah Potter, Drake Potter, and Adrian Slone.



Bob battled lung sickness for over twenty years and was diagnosed with a second lung cancer in 2012. After a nearly half-year battle with the disease, he was called Home on March 19, 2013. He was eighty-six years old. Bob now rests, beside his wife, Jean, at the Justice Family Cemetery at Kimper, KY.

Bob was a tireless man-tireless in his love for God; tireless in his love for family; and tireless in his love for community. Though he will be remembered for his years of labor devoted to his various businesses-ranging from running a service station to operating a coal business, he will be best remembered for his love for God and people.

Bob offered a constant fatherly presence in the lives of his family, faithfully instilling in them good values and morals. Indeed, his deep emotion and generosity to family and friends knew only one bound-his love for God. Bob was baptized September 18, 1949, and for over sixty three years, he humbly followed God's Word. His membership rests at the Little Virgie Old Regular Baptist Church at Kimper, KY.

Bob's physical absence is greatly felt by his family and friends, but the presence of his love still dwells in our hearts. With God's sweet blessing, we can hold on to our cherished memories of him and strive for better hereafter, where we might once again be reunited. May the Lord bless these words to honor the memory of and our love for Bob Justice.

Written by the family of Orville "Bob" Justice

## BLACKBURN MAY

With the help of our Lord Jesus Christ we will sorrowfully try to write the obituary of our beloved husband and father, Blackburn May. He was born February 10, 1952 to the late Sherman and Florence May. He was a carpenter by trade, who enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

Blackburn married Patricia Ann May, the love of his life, on August 7, 1975. The following August they gave birth to their first of three sons. Blackburn was a member of the Samaria Church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptist where he raised his children to love the Lord.

Blackburn was preceded in death by his loving parents and three brothers: Willis, James and Bill. Left behind to cherish his memories are his brothers and sisters, his loving wife of thirty eight years, Patricia Ann May; his sons: Blackburn May, Jr. (Carol Anne), Steven May (Sabrina) and Michael May (Jessica); his grandchildren: Becky, Joey and Ales May and Christian Mullins.

We will surely miss him but take solace in knowing Dad was a child of God. Until we meet again. We love you daddy.

Written by his wife,  
Patricia and his Sons



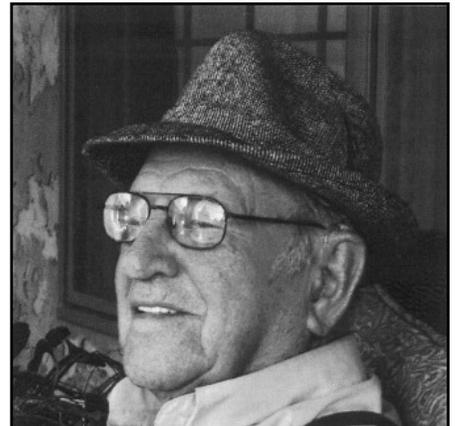
## ELDON LEE MAYNARD

It is appointed of every man that he must die. When death comes, we as individuals will mourn the passing of our loved one. We look back and reflect upon all the memories that have been created. All the happy moments that we will cherish race through our minds. Each family member has their own special memories that are sacred to them, mean so much to them and the special bond they held with their loved one. With this in mind, we the family of our dear Dad and Granddad, Eldon Lee Maynard, will attempt to write a fitting obituary of the man who helped to mold us into what we are today.

Eldon Lee Maynard, age eighty eight, formerly of Varney (Brushy Creek), KY passed away on Thursday, July 18, 2013, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law surrounded by loving family. He was born September 14, 1924, in lower Brushy, the son of the late Glatice Stamper Maynard and the late Eldon "Doc" V. Maynard.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his loving wife of fifty two years, Hester Smith Maynard; a brother, Elster Gene Maynard; three sisters: Minta Mae Maynard, Dora Griffey and Martha Nichols; one son-in-law, Louie Muncy and one grandson, Louis Craig Muncy.

He is survived by: one son, Grover Lee Maynard and his wife, JoAnn, of Summerfield, FL; one daughter, Linda Gail Muncy Davidson and her husband, Warren, of Sevierville, TN; three granddaughters: Edith Ann Morris and her husband, Mitch, of Punta Gorda, FL, Lesa Kaye Dorton and her husband, Darren, of Pikeville, KY, and Tawanna Leigh Muncy of Sevierville, TN; three grandsons: Garrett Lee Maynard and his wife, Jennifer, of Johnstown, OH, Warren Blake Maynard and his wife, Michelle, of Butte, Montana and Jason Wayne Muncy and his wife, Selena, of Abingdon, VA.



He had six great-granddaughters: Devonna, Alecia, Kelli, Ashley, Caylee and Ally; eight great-grandsons: Gunner, Riley, Nathan, Wade, Josh, Brandt, Bradley and Dawson; two great-great-grandsons, Noah and Cruz. He is also survived by a host of many nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

Granddaddy was blessed with a strong work ethic that led him to many different occupations: share cropper, factory hand, the telephone company, business owner, coal miner, plumber, electrician, carpenter and probably some others we have failed to mention.

He officially retired at the age of sixty two, but continued to stay busy until only five years ago when at the age of eighty three; his health would not allow him to continue on.

Granddaddy was also blessed with a wonderful personality. He never met a stranger or a child that he didn't have a kind word or a smile for. As he became weaker and weaker, we were blessed to spend a good amount of time with him and to hear his stories and realize just how truly fortunate we all are for being a part of his life. Prior to his passing, he mentioned that he wished he could have left more behind for his family, but what he left behind was more valuable than anything money can buy.

Granddaddy was able to share a special story with us a few months back and we feel it is fitting to share in his obituary. He had his eye on a special girl, Hester Smith, and one night while returning home from a church service, he stole an opportunity to win her heart. He had recently purchased a new flashlight from an Army Surplus Store, but it wasn't an ordinary flashlight, it was made to wear around your wrist. Granddaddy knew that Grandmother and her family had to cross an old worn out bridge in the dark. There was no sure footing and the bridge was filled with holes and very unstable. Grandmother was warning her family when he approached, turned on his light and used it to move the family safely across the bridge. As he recalled, not long after this night, six to eight months later, they were married on December 22, 1944.

We wanted to share this story because of the symbolism of the light. There is another light that is shining for us all and it too will lead us to safety. Granddaddy searched for this light for many years and once it was found, it made a change in him.

Granddad had spent his life around the church. He was fortunate enough to attend every Sardis Association meeting since 1968. During all these years, he could be found assisting in whatever capacity was needed and was always a familiar face around the kitchen. Then in April of 2007, Granddad answered the knock at his heart's door and gave his hand to be baptized and became a faithful member of the Apple Orchard Church. Due to his illness, he was not able to attend services like he wanted to, but he was always there in spirit. He cared for his brothers and sisters in Christ deeply and showed the Love that dwells in the heart of God's children. God Bless!

Written by his loving family.

Also, we the family, would like to pass along a special thank you to several people who mean a lot to us and to Grand Daddy. Warren and his family welcomed him into their home and their hearts and we really do appreciate all that you have done. You stood there by his side and tried to make him as comfortable as possible and made sure he didn't want for anything. To Aunt Martha's family, you made him welcomed and always gave him a place to rest in your home on Sycamore. To Doctor Littleton, nurse Julie, the other Hospice nurses and Homer and Lisa Justice, each of you made him feel special and got a glimpse of his wonderful personality. Each of your efforts and the amazing care and friendship that you gave him will not be forgotten. Again, thank you to all!

## ELLA JO (MILLER) MCGUIRE

It is with broken and heavy hearts, and trusting in God to give us the words, we attempt to write the obituary of our loved one, Ella Jo Miller McGuire.

Ella was born March 29, 1938, to Reuben and Ada (Terry) Miller. God called her home on Wednesday, November 7, 2012.

She married Charles Edgar McGuire in October, 1958. Their union produced two loving sons, Neal Warren (wife Sharon) McGuire and James Brian (wife Stephanie) McGuire. She was blessed with two granddaughters, Leila Dawn McGuire and Kelsey Elizabeth McGuire and a step-grandson, Gary Matthew Goff.

For most of her life Ella was ready to go to meet the one she prayed to so many times. Ella was baptized on her sixtieth birthday, March 29, 1998. She was baptized by Brother Dale Williamson and Brother Elbert SESCO. She placed her membership with the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church on Brushy where she was a faithful member until the day the Lord called her home. Ella didn't miss a chance to attend church. Come Sunday morning she was up early and ready to go, no matter if the weather was too hot or too cold or if she felt under the weather.

Ella enjoyed cooking for her traditional family and her church family. Whenever Ella cooked or when someone came to her house, she would make sure they had plenty to eat. If someone went away from her home hungry, it was their own fault.

During her last months she was in a lot of pain with her knee but she knew no pain when she was in her kitchen cooking.

Ella loved the month of September because it was Association time. She loved getting up early each morning of the meeting and cooking for all the brothers and sisters. She especially loved pie baking day. This was the day that the Pepsi boys delivered the pop for the meetings and she would not allow them to leave without eating pie and ice cream.

Ella's last days on earth were lonely as she had lost her loving husband, Charles, only ten weeks before on August 29, 2012. She, also, lost both of her brothers recently, Eugene Miller on September 13, 2011 and JE Miller on October 17, 2012.

Ella was also preceded in death by both her mother and father, Reuben and Ada Miller and an infant sister, Emma Sue Miller.

She is survived by both her sons and their families and her loving sisters: Imogene Worrix, Joyce Justice, Mary Lou Lyons, Rita Rhodes and Zita Tooley and a host of friends and other loving family members.

We are patiently waiting for the day we can all be together with Ella again. No more pain and no more tears, only love, peace, joy and praising God.

Sleep on a little longer sweet Ella, soon we will take our flight on the clouds with sweet Jesus and be with you again.



Lovingly written by,  
Her children and sisters

## LILLIE GIBSON MCGUIRE

"Granny", age seventy seven, of Hatfield, KY peacefully passed away at home surrounded by her loving family, Saturday, May 11, 2013. She was born at Varney, KY, November 10, 1935 to the late Ballard and Ida Goff Gibson.

She was a faithful member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Varney, KY since March 23, 2005.

She was preceded in death by: two brothers, Ballard, Jr. and Elmer; six sisters: Bertha, Eula, Lillian (Her Twin), Minnie, Eunice and Wilda.

She is survived by: her loving husband of almost sixty one years, Ruel B McGuire; one brother, Don; three sisters: Mary Ann, Dixie and Martha; her children: Mark Allen, Albert (Tammy), Alberta (Tom Jr.), Arnold (Patricia) and Annette; thirteen grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and a host of loving family, friends and her best friends, Bailey and Molly whom she truly loved, too.



Granny was a very special person. One of the things I will remember about Granny was her joy. She was always so happy. No matter what she would put a smile on your face. She had so much pain it was unreal but yet it seemed like the Lord just helped her deal with it, daily.

You couldn't just shake her hand; she had to have a hug. She loved her family dearly and she also loved her Church family. More than anything else in this world she loved the Lord and she wanted everybody to know him so they could go to Heaven, too. She preached to everyone all the time especially her family. She would say, "you better get right with God today because there is no guarantee of tomorrow for any of us. If you want to see me again change your ways and be baptized. Don't put it off. Just do it. The Lord loves you truly and so do I."

She had very high standards and if she didn't like what you were doing she would tell you with nothing held back. It would either make you mad or make you laugh, that is just the way she was. When the Lord got a hold of her it changed her heart and life. And she gave it all away to everyone she met. You either accepted her the way she was or you would be told to get out of her way and go home.

"I love you, Doll" was one of her favorite things to say and "talk to ya next time and come when you can." She would say, "tomorrow is another day and if it don't come we don't need it anyway."

One of the main things that kept her going was her great-grandchildren, especially Braylen, because he was the newest addition to the family. Seems like they all gave her energy and life and when she saw them she would just light up.

You couldn't just visit Gran without having something to eat or get a cup of coffee because if you did it would offend her. She kept everybody's favorite candy on the coffee table for them to have when they were there and she would make sure the cookie jar was always full for all the grandchildren and whoever would come in. She'd say, "make yourself at home." She had a shoulder for you if you just needed to talk. She may have been cripple handed but she could work rings around a young person. We told her she'd work a good mule to death and she laughed and said well if it or they don't want to work get rid of them. Just get it done, child, just get it done.

She will be greatly missed by everyone, but we know she is in a better place and is much better off. Her last words were, "I love you more than you will ever know and I thank everyone for all they have done for me. Please tell them, I love them all" and with tears in her eyes she went to sleep and the Lord took her home to be with him. No more pain and no more suffering!! May God be blessed by her precious life.

Written by her daughter, Uslie Alberta (McGuire) Dotson,

## RICHARD K. MILLER

Richard K. Miller, forty five, of Prichard, WV passed from this life to Eternal Life to be with the one he loved above all, Jesus Christ, on July 3, 2013. He was born, the son of the late Richard Miller, Sr. and Betty Miller, on October 23, 1967.

He is survived by: his mother, Sister Betty Miller of Huntington, WV; his wife, Kimberly Scott Miller of Prichard, WV; three daughters: Christana Miller and Aimee (Kevin) Jackson of Huntington, WV and Randi Miller of Prichard, WV and one son Richard Scott Miller of Prichard, WV. Also, he is survived by a brother, John L. Miller of Huntington, WV, a sister, Linda (Jeff) McLaughlin of Hillsboro, OH and his father-in-law and his wife, Randy and Linda Scott of Hardy, KY.



He was preceded in death by: an infant daughter, Peyton Miller; his mother-in-law, Eva Scott; a brother-in-law, Dallas Bowen; paternal grandparents, Brad and Maudie Mathis of Huntington, WV. He leaves behind many loving family members, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rich graduated from Buffalo High School in Wayne County, WV and received his Masters Degree from Marshall University at Huntington, WV in Elementary Education. He taught at Wayne Middle School located at Wayne, WV. Also, he coached football for many years along with girls basketball. He had a special love for his students and had mutual respect for the faculty and co-workers.

We all know Rich did a lot of suffering during the fifteen months of his illness, but we are assured that he is resting under the altar of God until the day of redemption, which I firmly believe is not so far away. I have never felt such a desire as I do today to wish to be in Paradise under the altar of God today with him. I am homesick for that place where the Bible says; *to be Absent from the body is to be present with God.*

I want everyone to know that; I, Rich's brother; his wife, Kim; his sister, Linda and his mother, Betty; along with other family and friends have done everything within our earthly power to keep my precious brother here with us, but today we must trust in Jesus as he wanted to take Rich home. We believe the Lord decided Rich had suffered enough. We would like to sincerely extend out gratitude to each of you that has said a prayer or supported Rich and his family through this most difficult time.

Rich was converted at the little Antioch Church located a Wayne, WV in May, 1998, became a member of the Antioch Church and has since walked with a spiritual influence and humbleness that has yielded great character. He attempted to raise his children in the admonition of the Lord. He held his family highest on his priority list just under his savior, Jesus. Please understand that we do not believe everyone goes to Heaven, but we believe you must repent with a Godly sorrow and be born again, as the Holy Bible teaches. Rest assured that I witnessed a miracle some fifteen years ago in the little Antioch Church when I saw with my own eyes Rich crying like a lamb being slain, then moments later rejoicing and shouting the praises of Jesus all over that church house that night. He has never been the same since.

May God bless all of you and I pray none of us will ever forget our beloved brother, son, father (coach Miller) and may he rest in holy peace until we meet again in that bright city called Heaven where we will part no more.

Written by his family

## MARY ELLEN (DIALS) MOORE

The love of a family towards one another is so wonderful. When you can feel and see the love in every action that a person does; it means so much to the ones around. We can feel and see the love of God through his people. God is love and blesses them that share in his love.

Mary Ellen (Dials) Moore of Pilgrim, KY went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 6 at the Community Hospice Center in Ashland, KY. Mary Ellen was born on January 9, 1920 on the Peter Cave Fork of Pigeon Roost, KY to the late Pete and Wilda Pauley Dials.

She was a retired school teacher, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother.

She was a member of the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church at Beauty, KY.

She was married to the late Dewey Moore. Mary Ellen is preceded in death by: her parents as well as her brothers: Ellis Dials, John Dials, Jerome Dials; sisters: Oma Dials Muncy, Nona Dials Mills, Gladys Dials Hale and Hattie Dials Cassell; a granddaughter, Ladonna Preece Hammonds and a great-grandson, Jason Proctor.

She is survived by three brothers: Burgess (Betty) Dials of St. Albans, WV, Elmer (Jean) Dials of Tomahawk, KY and Acey Pete (June) Dials of Medicine Lodge, KA. Sister Mary Ellen is survived by her three children: Eula Deane Moore (Avery) Preece of Deboard, KY, Dane B. (Susan) Moore of Pilgrim, KY, and Pete D. (Melinda) Moore of Deboard, KY. She is survived by seven grandchildren: Barrett and Daniel Moore of Pilgrim, KY, Pete Jr. and Ryan Moore of Deboard, KY, Connie Preece (Keith) Stone of Beaver Creek, Ohio, Mitchell Preece of Deboard, KY and Barry (Debbie) Preece of Wayne County, WV. Mary Ellen is survived by fourteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren as well as many friends, family and church family.

Sister Mary chose teaching as her profession and in that day it was not easy to accomplish. Going to college in the evenings and on Saturdays after working all week was not a task for the lazy. She did this for many years in an effort to provide for her family. Along with teaching, raising a family, going to college, she helped maintain a farm which meant working long days.

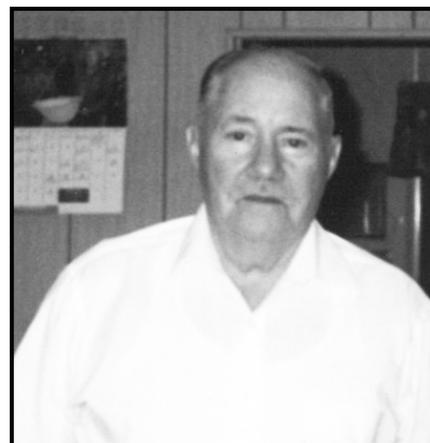
Sister Mary Ellen was a woman that loved to work and raised gardens as long as she was able. Life threw her many problems but she met the challenges with hard work and determination to succeed. She looked to the Lord for her help and attended the Buck Creek Church as long as she was able. Sister Mary Ellen was sick for a long time but on January 6, 2013, she went home to be with the Lord. She is missed by family, church and friends.



## JOHN MURPHY

With the help of our Lord and Savoir, Jesus Christ, I am attempting to write the obituary of my husband and the Daddy to my five children.

We had over fifty eight years of marriage. I feel that part of me went with him! My home feels empty! The night he left us to join the Lord, my oldest son, Freddie and I were with him. We could feel the Lord's presence. I feel that John went home to Heaven where he will not suffer anymore! His mind will be clear there. John's race is won. What we all strive to do is make it to Heaven and John has finished his race. My heart is broken but I can rejoice to know John has a new painless home.



John Murphy was born, September 18, 1928 to the late Ethel Fields Murphy and Jonah Murphy. John had one brother, Edward Murphy (Deceased) and one half brother, Donnie Canada.

He was married to Calista Williamson Murphy on October 9, 1954. John and I were the parents to five children: Joyce Damron is married to Jackie Damron and the widow to Carlos Mullins (Deceased). Freddie Murphy is married to Mary Lou Murphy, Mickeal Murphy is married to Gloria Murphy, Brenda Sue Chapman is married to Rusty Chapman and Barbara Anderson is the widow of Ruby Anderson (Deceased). We had eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

John was a former Marine for the United States Marine Corp. He worked for the UMWA as a coal miner for thirty years. John retired in 1986.

John gave his life to the Lord on May 31, 1998. He joined the Pilgrims Home Church of Old Regular Baptist at Brushy, KY where he was a member for fifteen years. He was ordained as a deacon in the Pilgrims Home Church on May 26, 2001. John enjoyed his Christian life and his service as a deacon.

I know that John sent up a lot of prayers for his family, friends and brothers and sisters in the Church. He was a joyful person that loved to get a good joke on you. John will be missed by all that knew him, but especially by me, his loving wife and his children.

Written by: Calista Murphy with the help of  
Freddie Murphy and Barbara Anderson

### **DOROTHY NELSON**

Even though our hearts are broken, it is with the fondest memories that we write the obituary of our beloved sister and aunt, Dorothy Sue Nelson. Dorothy was born May 25, 1946 to the late George and Rebecca (Marcum) Nelson.

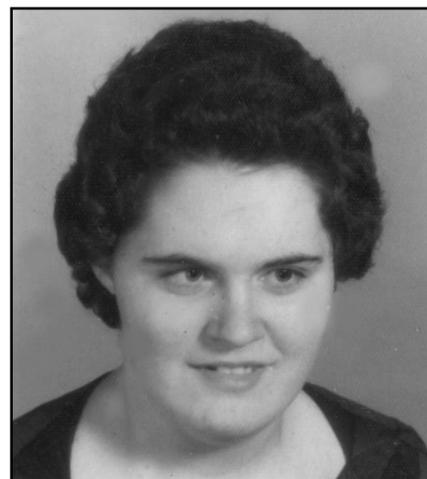
She was also preceded in death by five brothers: Frank Nelson, Dewey Nelson, Rush Jay Nelson, Roscoe Nelson and Lewis (Bud) Nelson; three sisters: Polly Fletcher, Alice Farley and Martha N. Lockard, also preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Richard Fletcher.

Dorothy was survived by: one sister, Mary B Maynard; by her care givers; her niece and nephew, Maria Theresa Lockard Prater and Robert and Missy Lockard; sisters-in-law: Jenny Nelson, Florence Nelson, Margret Nelson and Alice Nelson. She is survived by brothers-in-law: Cecil Farley, Louie Maynard and Earnest Lockard; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Dorothy was baptized on June 15, 2003. She was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. Dorothy loved the Lord and her church. She loved every one of her Sisters and Brothers in the church. She loved to hear the old time church songs.

Dorothy was a loving sister and aunt. She never had any children of her own, but God gave her several nieces and nephews to help raise. She loved all her nieces and nephews and they all loved her in return.

Dorothy leaves behind a loving legacy. We her family will miss her, but we believe she is in Heaven.



## SYLVIA BLACKBURN SMITH

Sylvia Smith, ninety eight, passed away at her home at 9 a.m. on March 26, 2013. She was born on July 19, 1914 at Canada, KY to James Ballard and Mazie Smith Blackburn.

She was preceded in death by: her first husband, Alvin L. May and her second husband, George Smith; a daughter-in-law, Deloris May; a son-in-law, Charles Bentley; a great-grandson, James Paris May II; two sisters Darlene Crigger and Leona Stanley; one brother, Willie Casher Blackburn; five brothers-in-law: Elder Rush Stanley, Ermil Deskins, Melford Howell, Vernon Crigger and William Coda Stanley and one sister-in-law, Opal Crigger Blackburn.

She is survived by: two children, Bonnie Jean Bentley of Mentor, OH and Chester Ray May of Wakaka, IN; two step-children, Betty Jewel Howell (Julian) of Corning, CA, and Sylbia Scott (Bob) of Orlando, FL; twin brothers Paris Blackburn (Phyllis) of Galena, OH and Wayne Blackburn (Fay) of Sidney, KY; four sisters: Dolly Deskins and Arminda Stanley of Sidney, KY, Jean H. Williamsom (Ralph) of Fallston, MD and Yvonne B. Willamson (Kenneth) of Brownstown, MI. Eleven grandsons: Gary Lee Bentley (Shirley), Jackie Ray Bentley (Connie), Dennis Bentley (Jaycn), William Paris Bentley (Patty), Ricky Bentley, Randy Bentley (Mary Ann), Scott Bentley (Brenda), Robert Bentley, Roger Wayne May (Billie), James Paris May (Brenda), Ronald E. May; one granddaughter, Theresa Marie Anderson (Doug); four step-grandchildren: Jeff Howell, Jay Howell, Jennifer H. Creech, and Gregory Alan Scott; twenty two great-grandchildren: Gary Lee Bentley II, Melissa Powell, Brett Bentley, Brad Bentley, John Bentley, Vivian Garris, Vernon Bentley, Chloe Bentley, Bonnie Marie Huff, Brian Charles Bentley, Heather Marie Bentley, Amber Bentley, Matthew Scott Bentley, Bethany Bentley, Amanda Nicole Anderson, Kaitlyn Marie Anderson, Tyson Wayne May, Jamie Marie May, Christopher May, Michael May, Katie May, and Gary Patrick May; seven step great-grandchildren: Ryan Howell, Sydney Howell, Eli Howell, Carsin Howell, Bryson Howell, Andrew Creech, and Matthew Creech; seventeen great-great-grandchildren: Maddie Toner, Jocelyn Toner, Kierston Toner, Giessle May, Ava Blue May, Bentley Isayah Anderson, Londyn Monroe Bentley, Trinity Bentley, Hyde Su Huff, Ava Marie Bentley, Robert Elvis Garris, Kiyah Powell, Kameron Powell, Brandon Bentley, and Corbett Bentley, Dylan Patrick, and Paige Elizabeth Patrick. She also leaves behind a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

In 1940, Sylvia realized that she needed to prepare for life after death and started making preparations to this end. She was baptized and took up membership at the Lonesome Dove Old Regular Baptist Church in the Union Association. In December, 1981, she brought her membership to the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church in the Sardis Association where she has remained a faithful member until death.

She will be missed by the church and all the members. She was a great help to the church in any way she could be of assistance. One of her greatest joys was baking dried peach and apple pies for Dix Fork Church and for the Sardis Association. She always had her 'kilt lettuce' and onions for 'church time', and always bringing the rolls, fall beans, fried chicken livers, and many other foods. She was an excellent cook and always wanted to share her hospitality with others. When the Dix Fork Church's lunch room was built in 1998, she bought the electric stove and a refrigerator for the kitchen.

She always loved having a little garden when she was able to tend it and she would can and freeze food for the winter. She was never idle when she was able to work, but she was continually finding some job to do. She loved everyone and would help anyone she felt needed help.

We feel she is now resting from her labors, waiting to be revealed in that day when she will meet the Lord in the air, and so shall she ever be with the Lord in his Heavenly Kingdom.



So, when Jesus comes back to get his Church, we feel that Sylvia will be in that blood-washed band and will rest eternally in the paradise of God. Sorrow not as others who have no hope for her hope was in the Lord Jesus Christ eternally. So sleep on, Sylvia, and take your much deserved rest. We are all going to miss you, but we will meet you someday in that heavenly home.

Funeral services were held at the Dix Fork Church on Friday, March 29, 2013 at 11 a.m. with Elder Stony Blackburn delivering the eulogy, and Elders Lacy Walters, Edward L. Smith, Tommy Dials, and Richard Staton officiating. Services were conducted at the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home on Wednesday night with Elders Lacy Walters, Ivan Neal Thornsby, Bobby Scott, Albert Cable, and Richard Staton. Thursday night's services were conducted by Elders Charles Edwards, Paul Maynard, Billy Joe Robinson, Hobart Hamilton, and Arthur Mathis. Burial followed in the Blackburn Cemetery on Dix Fork Road at Sidney, KY, with grandsons servicing as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were nephews, Brother Daniel Stanley and the Dix Fork Brothers of the Church.

Written By Brother and Sister-In-Law,  
Wayne and Fay W. Blackburn

### PAULINE WHITE

With a heavy heart I am going to try to write the obituary of my loving wife, Pauline White, with the help of God.

Pauline Runyon White, sixty four, passed away December 6, 2012 at Williamson Memorial Hospital. She enjoyed life and her church. Pauline was a loving wife and mother and grandmother who loved her family, friends and always said the church friends were special.

The Lord saved her when she was about seventeen years old. She was a member of the church of God at Chattaroy, WV for many years. When the Lord saved my soul, Pauline joined Little Rosie Old Regular Baptist Church, about fifteen years ago. Pauline loved working in the church and the association.

Pauline was a homemaker. She also worked at Deacon Cleaners in Williamson, WV. She never failed to tell her friends about Jesus. She would tell them that they need to get saved before it was to late. Pauline Runyon White was born March 16, 1948 at Borderland, WV to Haskel Runyon, Sr. and Josephine Collins Runyon of Borderland, WV.

She was a graduate of Williamson High School and a member of the Little Rosie Old Regular Baptist Church.

Besides her parents she is survived by: her husband, James Harvey White; daughter, Kimberly Dawn White Allen, Danny Allen of Borderland, WV; sisters: Wilma Lea Runyon of Borderland, WV, Margaret Ann (BJ) Thompson of Harmony, NC and Mildred (Eddie) Varney of Salt Rock, WV; brothers, Freddie Runyon of Borderland, WV and Haskel, Jr. (Bonnie) Runyon of Borderland, WV; a grandchild, Destiny Paige Teeters, who she loved so well and a host of loving nieces, nephews and friends.

She is sadly missed by her friends, church, and family. Rest for a little while, Pauline, we will reunite again,



Written by husband,  
Harvey White

## FRED WILLIAMSON

Fred Williamson of Lancaster, KY passed this earthly life Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Fort Logan Hospital. Fred was born in Pike County, KY, Friday, August 21, 1942. He was the son of the late George Williamson and Eula (Robinette) Williamson.

Fred was a retired custodian of the Pike County Board of Education and a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Brushy, KY. In addition to Fred's parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Vernal Williamson.

Fred is survived by: his wife, Anna Williamson of Lancaster, KY; one son, Thomas Robinette of Lancaster, KY; a grandson he raised, Jason Robinette; three daughters: Ernestine (David)Dotson of Varney, KY, Patricia Charles of Varney, KY and Leisha (Brian) Rowlin of Stanford, KY; three brothers: Marvin Williamson of Ocala, FL, Paul Williamson of Varney, KY and Hassel Williamson of Columbia, KY; one sister, Shirley Moore of Columbia, KY. Fred has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Fred also leaves behind a host of other living relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He will be sadly missed by all of those who knew and loved him.



## ISAAC WILLIAMSON

With a sad and aching heart, I will attempt to write an obituary of my beloved husband, Isaac, who left us February 23, 2013.

Isaac was born September 9, 1928 to the late John B. and Taney Case Williamson on Hurricane in Pike County, KY. He had so many fond memories of his youth there. He loved the things he did, he learned to drive a truck at thirteen years of age by turning the log truck around for his dad and sometimes his Uncle Marshall Williamson would let him drive the truck out of Hurricane. He enjoyed all the chores he had to do. He was never lazy.

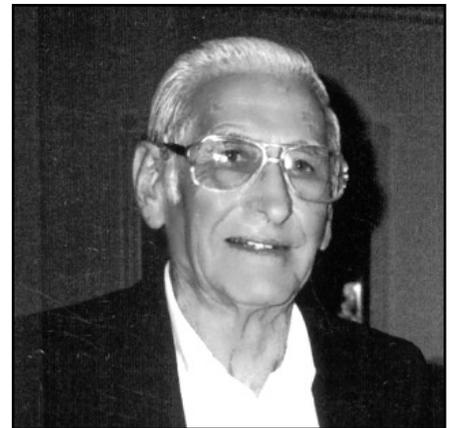
When he was sixteen years old, the family moved out of Hurricane to property they bought on the main road. At the age of twenty one we met. I had come to Brushy to teach school. We were married October 7, 1950, making our time together sixty two years.

Isaac was a talented man. He was a knowledgeable logger, timber man. He could run a dozer better than anyone. And when we wanted a house, he figured it out and built it himself. Going on to build a lot of houses for himself and others.

Isaac joined the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church on August 28, 1982. Isaac worked tirelessly for this church. He wanted it to be the best.

The only thing Isaac loved more than his church and his community was his family. He loved his girls, and any time they needed him to handle any task he was there. When we lost Debbie he never really recovered.

He loved taking his grandsons to the hills. Showing them the things he had learned, what tree was what, what you could eat. He knew it all.



Besides his parents, he went to his heavenly home to be with four sisters: Claudia Hale, Norma Pinson, Jettie Jewell, and Doris Williamson; as well as Nadine and Donnie who died in infancy; one daughter, Deborah Martin and one granddaughter, Mary Victoria.

He leaves behind two sisters, : Lena (Bill) Webb and Lucille (Wade) Bostic and one brother, Lonnie Williamson.

He is survived by his loving wife, Billie Williamson; two daughters, Peggy (Patrick) Walker and Mary Jane (Freddie) Scalf; five grandsons: David (Carol) Stepp, Robert (Vickie) Thornbury, Isaac Paul (Tina) Stepp, Andrew Scalf, and John Roger (Natalie) Martin; seven great-grandchildren: Cody and Nicholas Thornbury, Danica Martin, Crystal and Derrick Jude, Austin Maynard and Morgan Canada and a host of family and friends.

Written by his family,  
Who loved and misses him so much

### **PEARL ROSS WILLIAMSON**

It is with precious memories I write this obituary for my dear grandmother, Pearl Ross Williamson.

Pearl was born, Pearl Taylor, March 2, 1919 to the late Thomas Taylor and Idella Fields Taylor and died July 1, 2013. She grew up on Brushy Creek, KY and moved and lived in Ocala, FL for several years.

She lived for ninety four years and outlived two husbands, both of her children, all her brothers and sisters, and one grandchild. Her brothers and sisters included: Oscar Taylor, Julius Taylor, Bertha Lowe, Birdie Burchett, Maxie Taylor, Tom Taylor, Jr., Opal SESCO and Ruth Maynard. She had two children, Joseph "Leroy" Ross and Janet Gay Bowling.

She met her first husband, Victor Ross, and they were married and had two children. He passed away in 1969. Sixteen years later, she met and married, Kelsie Hi Williamson. They were both very happy together.

She lived alone until she was ninety two years old and was unable to take care of herself. She moved in with her granddaughter, Lou Ann Justice, in Williamson, WV. Within a short time, it became difficult to care for her, so she made her residence at the ARH Skilled Nursing facility in South Williamson, KY. The staff loved her and took excellent care of her. She passed away in their care. She had a full and happy life and is reunited with all her loved ones in Heaven.

Surviving to remember her are granddaughters: Linda (Gerry) Heschel, Sharon (Mike) Sears, Tina (Jamie) Forrest, Della (Thomas) Tinch, son-in-law, Thomas Bowling and Lou Ann Justice. She had several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She is resting at the Mountain View Memorial Gardens at Huddy, KY next to her daughter, Janet.

Written by granddaughter,  
Lou Ann Justice



**OBITUARIES**  
**of**  
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**ROSALIE (WHITT) BLACKBURN**

This obituary is written with love, respect and fond memories of my sister-in-law, Rosalie (Rosie what we like to call her) Blackburn. Rosie was born Sept 17, 1948 and departed this life on October 8, 2012, making her stay on earth sixty four years and twenty two days.

She was the daughter of the late Ernest and Ruby (Hensley) Whitt of Inez, KY and the daughter-in-law of the late, Jobie and Trixie (Cains) Blackburn of Pilgrim, KY.

She was married to Cletis "Bo" Blackburn on November 6, 1970 and this union was blessed with two sons, Steven Michael of Lexington, KY and Jeffery Cletis of Tampa, FL.

Rosie is survived by one brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy (Kay) Whitt of Tomahawk, KY; two nephews, Rusty Whitt and Dennis B.

Horn; two nieces, Tammy Kaye Conrad and Rhonda Jo Horn; sister and brother-in-law, Eugene (Thelma) Moore; brother-in-law, Marion Duncan and three special friends: Barbara Slone, Debbie Watkins both of Inez, KY and Sharon Walker of Mississippi.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Connie and brother-in-law, Ronald Gene Horn in 1976; four sisters-in-law, who loved her very much: Bertha Duncan, Margie (James) Jude, Eunice Robinson and Mae (Troy) Hickman. One special friend, Susan Burke of Inez, KY preceded her in death in 2000.

Rosie was a member of the Turkey Creek Church of the Nazarene at Turkey Creek in Martin County, KY.

She was a graduate of Inez High School. She received her Bachelor Degree, a Fifth Year Degree and Rank One Degree all from Morehead State University. Rosie was created to be a teacher; she loved young people of all ages. She taught Math at Pigeon Roost Elementary School at Pilgrim, KY, Bartow Elementary School at Bartow, FL, Ashland Elementary School in Ashland, KY and Warfield Middle School at Warfield, KY for a total of twenty two plus years.

Due to failing health she retired from Warfield Middle School in 2000. Through her teaching career she was the sponsor for the 4-H Club, Math Bowl Club, Coach of the Cheerleading squad and WMS Girls Basketball. She was selected Martin County Teacher of the Year in 1997.

My heart is heavy today as I write this obituary, not only of my sister-in-law, but also my friend. Due to her health the last couple of years she was unable to get out much. She bore her sickness with dignity, she never complained, although she was always in pain. She had a kind word and a smile for everyone. She spend most of her time throughout the day talking on the phone (which I for one miss the most). She also loved her little I-pad the boys brought her. This way she could keep in touch with family, friends and former students.

Knowing and loving Rosie, I now close this obituary with this little message to all who loved and cared for her. "When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right there, in your heart". Until we meet again Rosie, Rest in Peace!



Written by her sister-in-law and friend,  
Thelma Moore

## JACOB CLINE

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of my husband. Jacob was born January 7, 1923 on Peter Cave of Wolf Creek, KY. He died January 10, 2013 at his home at Inez, KY. He was the son of Rallin Cline. His mother was Ibba Fields Cline.

Four brothers and a sister preceded him in death: Ramson, Jeff, James and Johnny Cline and Mahala Cline Young.

Survivors include: one son, Norvin (Lucy) Cline; three grandchildren: Chris (Cyndi) Cline, Regina Cline and Andra Dials; six great-granddaughters: Cortney, Erin, Jasmine, Carlajay, Jayla, and Bailey.

He truly loved his family and stood by them as long as he could. He surely loved people and had such a forgiving heart that he never turned anyone from his door that needed help. He was called on different hours of the night to help someone in need. He never complained he said that was a Christian's duty. Sometimes he would ask me to read the Bible to him.

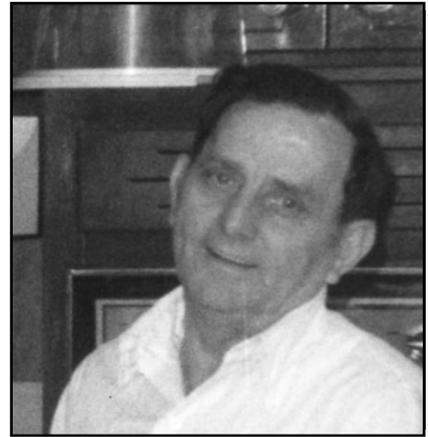
I would sit by his bedside and read and he would weep and rejoice and talk about what Jesus meant to him. He was too weak at times but he would quote the scriptures correct. He was very strict in his salvation and stood only one way. What he read in the Bible; that was what he would preach.

So often I would hear him saying something and I would ask him what was wrong and he would say nothing was wrong. He was praying for his children and for sinner people. If anyone knew his life, I did. We had sixty six and one half years together.

I never saw anyone who had patience as he did and such a forgiving heart. He has one more call to face. I truly believe he has won his Crown. He is missed so much, but I have never forgotten how he would stand and preach obedience to folks. He fought a good fight and I am thankful his warfare is over.

He was baptized in 1950 and was ordained as a minister sometime in 1960.

Written by his loving wife,  
Edna Cline



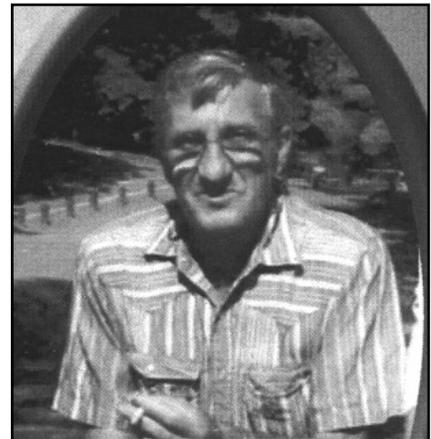
## BILL LACKEY

It is with much sadness that I write the obituary of my day, Bill Lackey. Dad was the son of the late Will and Betty (Sartin) Lackey. He was born June 11, 1943 and departed this life on September 12, 2012.

Dad was preceded in death by: his wife of forty five years, Frances Lackey; a son, William Lackey, Jr. and a grandson, Willie Mounts.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children: Allen Lackey of Mt. Sterling, OH; Eugene Lackey, of Ranger, WV; Karen Francis of Hatfield, KY and Donna Lackey of Lenore, WV. He had three brothers: Raymond Lackey and Clyde Lackey of Lenore, WV and Lonnie Lackey of Delbarton, WV and a sister, Edith Faye White of Lenore, WV. He had thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Dad was laid to rest on the Lackey Cemetery on September 14, 2012. I would like to say a special thank you to my two sons, Joey and Kyle Rayser for all the help and care for the last three years of dad's life and to Elder Albert Cable for always visiting dad in the hospital and at home.



Cherish the time you have with your family, because there is no promise of tomorrow here on this earth, but if we live our lives for the Lord we will see them again in Heaven.

Sadly written by Daughter,  
Donna Kay Lackey

### CHESTER RAY MAY

Chester Ray May, age seventy seven, of Wawaka, IN, died on Sunday, April 28, 2013 at Parkview Noble Hospital. He had been in poor health for the last few years. He was born April 27, 1936 in Pikeville, KY to Alvin Luther May and Sylvia Blackburn May Smith.

On April 28, 1956, in War, WV, he married Deloris Harmon May, who preceded him in death in June, 2008. Also, preceding him in death was: his mother, on March 26, 2013; his father; his step-father, George Smith, on February 8, 1994; a grandson, James Paris May II and a brother-in-law, Charles Bentley.

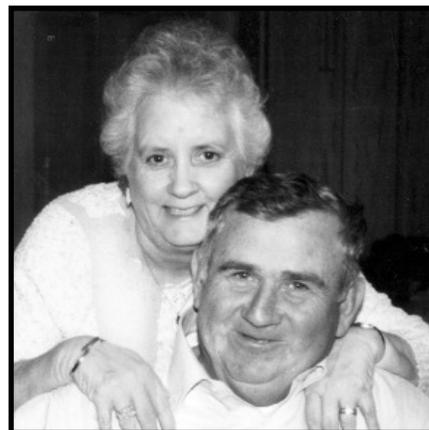
Chester attended the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon, IN.

Surviving him are: three sons and their spouses: Roger Wayne May (Billie), James Paris May (Brenda), both of Kendallville, IN and Ronald E. May of Wawaka, IN; six grandchildren: Tyson Wayne May, Jamie Marie Lidy, Christopher May, Gary Patrick May, Michael May and Kaylie Patrick May; seven great-grandchildren: Dylan Patrick, Paige Elizabeth Patrick, Kierston Toner, Giessle May, Ava Blue May, Jocelyn Toner, and Maddie Toner; one sister, Bonnie Jean Bentley of Mentor, OH; four half siblings: John Paul May of Ashley, IN, Brenda May Bolen of Albion, IN, Aileen May Phiephel and Tammy May of Rome City, IN and several nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

Chester moved in 1961 from Kentucky to the Noble County, IN area where he raised his family. He worked as a topper and material handler for Quick Tanks in Kendallville, IN, retiring from there in 1975. He enjoyed watching sports, especially his grandchildren's baseball games. He also enjoyed buying and fixing up old cars, raising chickens and he loved to watch old western movies on television.

We feel Chester Ray is now resting from all his labors. Sleep on Ray, until Jesus comes back to get his church and we pray that you will be in that number that will be called up to meet the Lord in the air and will live eternally in God's Paradise.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on May 1, 2013 at the Little Flock Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon, IN. Officiating were Elders Russell Hicks, Larry Dixon, and Morris Wicker. Visitation was held at the church on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. with special services at 7 p.m. He was buried at the Orange Township cemetery beside his wife in Rome City, IN. Brazzell Funeral Home at the Albion Chapel was in charge of all arrangements.



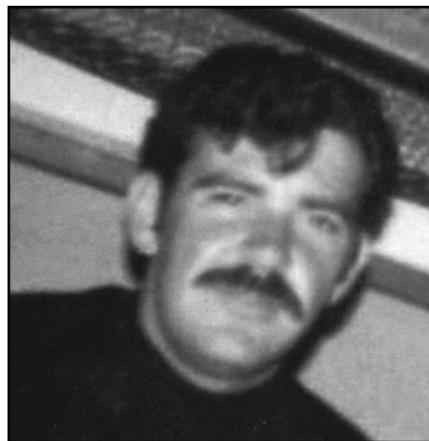
## **CLYDE MAYNARD**

Clyde Maynard, sixty seven, of Bent Branch, KY died Saturday, May 11, 2013, at Pikeville Medical Center. He was born in Pike County, KY on November 6, 1945. He the son of the late Tennis Maynard and Eunice (May) Maynard.

He was a coal miner, a U.S. Army veteran and was of the Baptist faith. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, James Maynard.

He is survived by: his wife, Linda (Katoda) Maynard; four children: Verne Marble (Lori) of Overland Park, KA, Kevin Marble (Jamie) of Indiana, Bobby Marble (Shilo) of Pikeville, KY, Debbie Hubeler (Alfie); four siblings: Virgil Maynard of Robinson Creek, KY, Emma Lou Biliter, Shirley Bolden and Linda Justice, all of Kimper, KY and six grandchildren: Haley, Joy Faith, Christian, Grace and Olivia.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in the Community Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Dale Williamson and Elder Danny Runyon officiating. Burial followed in the Maynard Cemetery, Right Fork of Brushy. Pallbearers were nephews: Todd Biliter, Brian Biliter, Terry Ray Maynard, Ryan Justice, Chris Bolden and Mathew Maynard.



## **GENE ELBERT MAYNARD**

It is with a sad heart I write the obituary of my uncle, Gene Elbert Maynard. He was born in Pike County, KY on June 28, 1932 to his parents John and Anna Bevins Maynard. He passed from this life on June 23, 2013, just a few days shy of his eighty first birthday.

Uncle Gene was preceded in death by his parents and his oldest sister, Alene Malone of Scott Fork, Meta, KY, as well as his brothers: James Maynard of Ironton, OH, Paul Maynard of Scott Fork, Meta, KY, and Billy Maynard of Miamisburg, OH.

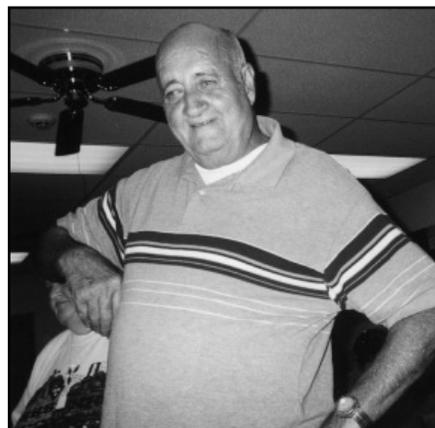
Surviving Uncle Gene is: his devoted wife, Patricia Ann Bauer Maynard; two sons, Mickey Joe Maynard and his wife, Cheryl, of Dayton, OH and Raymond Ball and his wife, Margaret, also of Dayton, OH. He leaves behind four grandchildren: Heather Maynard, Brittany Maynard, Raymond Ball, Jr. and Emily Ball and one great-grandchild, Lexie Maynard.

He is also survived by three sisters: Alice Rivard of Southgate, MI, Rebecca Hess of Scott Fork, Meta, KY and Sylvia Lynch, of Gulnare, KY and a host of nieces and nephews.

I have such fond memories of Uncle Gene, or rather I should say, Uncle Gene and Aunt Pat, because they were always together. It just seems natural to think of both of them when you think of one or the other.

He met and married Aunt Pat while working as a carpenter in Dayton, OH. They were blessed with fifty three happy years together. These memories always include family. He loved his nieces and nephews and was good to us all. He absolutely loved being the laugh of the party when we were all gathered together. It was commonplace for Uncle Gene to be laughing it up with Uncle Paul and Uncle Bill while playing tricks on Alene, Alice, Becky Ruth and Sylvie Ann. They were so funny!

Uncle Gene considered Scott Fork his home and usually came back once a year to visit, but after being here for a few days, he was ready to go back "home" to his other home in Dayton.



I'm sure that if he could, he would tell us of another home that we would never ever want to leave. God gave us the promise of a home in glory, to reside with His son, Jesus, forever. I'm also sure that Uncle Gene would urge all of his family and friends to come to know the Lord as their Savior so we could all be together again in this new "home".

I think I can speak for the rest of the family when I say that Uncle Gene is truly missed and will never be forgotten. We love you, Uncle Gene.

Written by his niece,  
Mary Ann Thacker

### NAOMI SUE (PHILLIPS) MUNCY

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I attempt, with Gods grace, to write the obituary of our beloved mother, Naomi Sue (Phillips) Muncy. She was born at Turkey Creek, KY on January 25, 1938 to the late Roy and Hazel Varney Phillips.

Mom spent her youth on Turkey Creek with her parents surrounded by her family and friends. She spoke often of her late grandparents, Mommy Varney and Daddy Pa "Uncle Ken" Varney and always held them and all her uncles, aunts and cousins very close to her heart. She loved them all very much.

On November 2, 1957 Mom married Floyd "Clayton" Muncy and during the first four years of their marriage, while still living in Pike County, they became the parents of a daughter and a son. The fall of 1961 brought changes for their family as they moved to Mason County, WV; making their home together in Gallipolis Ferry, WV for close to thirty years. After their move they brought two more sons into the family.

Mom was preceded in death by a son, Clayton Alan Muncy in July, 1973 and by her husband in September, 1992.

She is survived by: a daughter, Elizabeth (Steve) Muncy Burnett; two sons, Neal (Melissa) Muncy and Scot (Pam) Muncy all of Mason County, WV; a sister, Wilma (Phillips)Scalf of Turkey Creek, KY and Roy Phillips, Jr. of Portland, OR; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mom also leaves behind a host of family including aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and lots of friends.

She loved being a wife, mother and homemaker, but was thrilled when she became a grandmother. She loved each of her grandchildren very much and was always happiest when they were with her.

The year 2007 was both a sad and happy year. Mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and thus began a journey that would be hard for all who knew her. Earlier that year she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. I was with her that day and it is one of the happiest days of my life.

While her health overall was good, her memory began to dwindle away. The last five years were tough for both her and us, but I held on the fact and hope of her salvation. I knew that no matter what happened she was headed for a better place, a place filled with love and family and most of all her Lord.

On December 9, 2012 God called our Mother, His and our angel, home making her time on earth seventy four years, ten months and eleven days.

These last few month have been tough but knowing that mom is with our Heavenly Father has made the grief more bearable, I look forward to one day joining her there and pray that everyone who knew and loved her will accept the Son as their personal Savior and meet with her there, too.

As always she will be missed but will forever be in our hearts. From her children: Elizabeth, Neal and Scot.



## CLIFFORD ROBINETTE

Clifford Robinette, seventy two, of Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek, KY passed away Friday, September 28, 2012 at Pikeville Medical Center. He was born November 13, 1939 to the late Butler and Vicie (Canada) Robinette of Varney, KY.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: one granddaughter, Alexandra Robinette; two brothers, Ray Hollis Robinette and Toney Lee (Kingfish) Robinette; and two half brothers, Luther Goff and Johnny Goff.

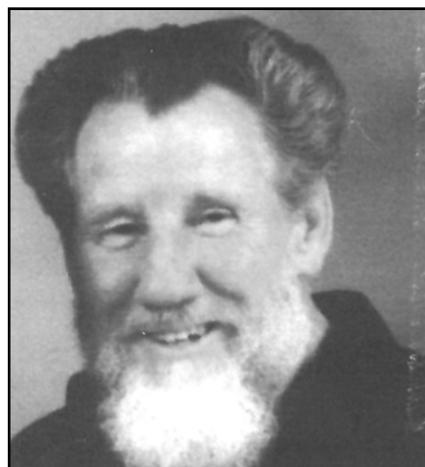
He was a retired disabled coal miner having worked for Pittston Coal Company. He was a member of the UMW (local 1440) for forty six years.

He is survived by: his wife of forty seven years, Barbara Joan (Dutton) Robinette; one son, James Randall (Randy) Robinette and his wife Sandi (Tackett) Robinette; one daughter, Dayna Suzanne Robinette and her fiancée, Brandon Williams all of Belfry, KY; one sister, Martha Runyon of Meta, KY; three grandsons: Dylan Braday Williams and Cody Randall Robinette of Belfry, KY and Robert Tackett and his wife Alexandria (Caudill) Tackett of Wheelersburg, OH. He is also survived by a host of loving nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on October 2, 2012 at Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, KY with Elder Gary Young and Elder Richard Staton officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery at Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek with nephews and friends serving as pall bearers.

Clifford was an avid hunter for many years. He enjoyed hunting deer, turkeys, rabbits and raccoons. He just loved being outdoors for any reason. Clifford was a loving patient man, who thought it was his responsibility to take care of every one in the family. He is greatly missed by all of his family and friends, especially by his wife, Joan.

Lovingly written by Joan Robinette.



## ERNEST "VERLIN" ROBINETTE

This is an attempt to write the obituary for one of the sweetest men I have ever known. Ernest Verlin Robinette was the son of Edward and Mary Faye (Francis) Robinette. He was born on April 15, 1941 and was one of five children: Verlin, Clayton, Brenda(Wilson), Larry and Reba(Webb, Boyd).

His father, Edward, died when the children were very young. So the children lived with their grandparents, Lilburn and Fannie (Stanley) Robinette, where they were provided a loving home at their farm on Brushy Creek. All of the siblings are deceased with the exception of Larry Robinette of Waterford, MI, Clayton Robinette of Varney, KY and a half-brother, Michael David Maynard, Piso, KY. Verlin was married to Anna Lea Canada (Robinette, Williamson) on September 21, 1961 and they had four children: Ernestine "Ernie" Dotson, Patricia (Trish) Charles, Lesa Robinette Miller and Thomas Robinette.

Verlin is survived by: Ernie, Trish, Thomas and Lesa; twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two aunts, Victoria Gettel (Robinette) Sparta, TN and Ernestine England (Robinette) Pontiac, MI, Clinton Robinette of Pikeville, KY and a great number of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to mourn his passing.



Verlin married Penny (Scott) Robinette in 1977 and had one daughter, Semoaria (Sis) Robinette.

He is survived by: his wife, Penny; daughter, Sis; Step-daughter, Robin; grandson, Chris and many grandchildren to mourn his passing.

Verlin had a chronic lung disease and was an invalid for many years. He was lovingly taken care of by his wife, daughter and stepdaughter, as well as other family members and friends.

Verlin was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. He was employed as a trucker until his health prevented him from working. He loved "caving" in his healthier days and had a life-long love for McDonald's coffee and Kentucky Fried Chicken!! He had a passion for old photographs and family history, which he passed on to his son, Thomas. Verlin always had a wonderful smile and a hot cup of coffee for anyone who came to visit.

He was a good man and professed that he had talked to his Savior and had made things right with his Soul. Verlin made the decision a long ago to donate his body to science to use whatever way that might benefit someone. He was a most gentle and kind man, whom we all loved and adored.

Written By; His Family

### **GOMER DARRELL STATON**

Gomer Darrell Staton, fifty seven, of Turkey Creek, KY went home to be with his Lord, Sunday, June 9, 2013. He was born September 30, 1955 at Pikeville, KY, the son of the late Burl and Gladis Staton.

He was preceded in death by a son, Darrell Edward Staton. He was a disabled coal miner.

Gomer is survived by: one daughter, Amanda Staton; two sons, Anthony Paul (Misty) Staton and Chris (Jessica) Staton; two brothers, Richard (Peggy) Staton and Garrett Lynn (Carol) Staton; three sisters, Eva Gail Reed, Tammy (Paul) Maynard and Jackie Hatfield; three grandchildren, Tyler Smith, Kaitlyn Staton and Kylee Staton and a host of other family and friends.

Gomer ended his journey here on this earth at his home surrounded by the love of his family. He was a gentle, humble man who lived his life simply. He was lighthearted and had a great sense of humor. He cherished his children, grandchildren and family and they cherished him. He was a generous person who would help anyone that asked.

He said the Lord had forgiven him and he will receive his reward in heaven. He went into the loving arms of his Savior on Sunday, June 9, 2013. He will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.



Written by his family.

### **MAXINE (MAHON) VARNEY**

It is with a broken heart that I try to write the obituary of my precious sister- in-law, Maxine (Mahon) Varney, of Reidsville, NC, formerly of Ragland, WV. She was born, June 4, 1954, at Williamson, WV, the daughter of the late Greenway and Georgia ( Duty) Mahon.

She was preceded in death by: a granddaughter, Kylie Belcher; two brothers, Luther and Jackie Mahon and her father and mother-in-law, Elder Willie and Parlee Varney.

She attended the Reidsville Freewill Baptist Church and also loved The Eternal Rose Church in Lakeville, Ohio.

She is survived by: her loving husband, Clayburn Varney and a daughter, Regina (Chris) Belcher.



She had two grandsons, who were the love of her life, Nathan and Zachary Belcher; brothers: Holland (Phyllis) Mahon of Elon, NC, Paul Mahon of Sanford NC, Toney (Patti) Mahon and Teddy Mahon, both of Ragland, WV and David Mahon of Winterplace, FL.

Also, she is survived by special sisters-in-law: Lauria Hoye, Darlis Williams and Jewel Mahon and many nieces and nephews and friends.

Maxine was a very special lady and was loved by all who knew her. She would tell Clayburn, for the last two years or more, everyday, that when she passed away, she would be waiting for him on the other side.

He took care of her so diligently, from the time they learned of the lung cancer. Special thanks to Elders Hargis Tuttle and Larry Newsome for showing her so much love, by calling to check on her. Also, special thanks to Elders Richard Staton, Bobby Scott, David Crigger, Lacy Walters and Hobart Hamilton, for taking care of the funeral.

Written by her two sister-in-laws,  
Mintie Gilman and Dolly Baisden,  
who were like sisters to her.

### **JOYCE HOPE YOUNG**

Joyce Hope (Williamson) Young, seventy three, of King Camp Branch, Varney, KY, passed from this earthly life on Thursday July 4, 2013 at her residence.

She was born Thursday June 13, 1940 in Pike County, KY, a daughter of the late James Landon and Belle (Francis) Williamson.

She was a homemaker. Other than her parents, Joyce was preceded in death one brother, J. L. Williamson, Jr. and two sisters, Betty Ruth Lowe and Ola Mae Williamson.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Gene Young, of Varney, KY, one son, Billy Gene Young of Varney, KY, two brothers, Kenneth Williamson of Hatfield, KY and Ralph Williamson of Pikeville, KY

Joyce Hope (Williamson) Young leaves behind many other friends and loved ones to mourn her passing. She will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved her.



**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 to 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 2013**

**MT. PLEASANT:** Lacy Walters, Dewey Blackburn, Frankie Scott  
**APPLE ORCHARD:** Charles Lowe, Freddie Maynard, John Young  
**BENT BRANCH:** Dean Lowe, Ray Blackburn, Michael Lowe  
**BIG BRANCH:** Gene Blackburn, Donald Preece, Randall Scott  
**MARY ELIZABETH:** David Staten, Thurman Stacey, George Edminston  
**BETHANY:** Arthur May, David May, Albert Cable  
**PILGRIMS HOME:** Stoney Blackburn, Clyde James, Mike Johnson  
**SALEM :** George Hensley, Ernest Sesco, Ferrell Sesco  
**SIDNEY:** Virgil Fletcher, Eugene Moore, Butler Fletcher  
**DIX FORK:** Charles Edwards, Walter Bogar, Wayne Blackburn  
**NARROWS BRANCH:** Donnie Farley, Greg Scott, Bobby Scott, Jr.  
**LEANNAH:** Larry Robinson, Jarrett Robinson, Billy Joe Robinson  
**BUCK CREEK:** Vadis Blackburn, Todd Dials, Marion Duncan  
**TABITHA:** Rex Napier, Alex Hensley, Avery Hensley  
**LITTLE ROSIE:** Harvey White, Vernal Sesco, Danny Allen  
**TURKEY CREEK:** Ron Hamilton, Harold Blackburn, Scotty Thomas  
**SAMARIA:** Bernard Aldridge, Alton May, Chester Lackey  
**ROSA:** Charles Paynter, Ivan Blankenship, Charles Testerman  
**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Alvin Thornbury, Paul Maynard, Richard Staton  
**PILGRIMS REST:** Foster Blackburn, Ervin Thacker, Reford Billiter  
**OKEECHOBEE:** Robert Pridemore  
**ELIZABETH:** Clyde Perry, Randall Lowe  
**LITTLE TAVIE:** Leonard Napier, Chester Cochran, Lester Cochran  
**ANTIOCH:** Arthur Mathis, Clarence Mathis, George Saunders  
**BRIDE OF CHRIST:** Sam Frye, Sammie Moore, Gary Napier

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| Blackburn, Harold (606)237-0138   | Turkey Creek      | Box 615, Belfry, KY 41514                             |
| Blackburn, Stoney (606)353-4522   | Pilgrims Home     | 2598 Dix Fork Road, Sidney, KY 41564                  |
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| 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                 |
| Edwards, Charles (740)364-0636    | Dix Fork          | 144 Pierson Blvd., Newark, OH 43055                   |
| Fletcher, Lacy (606)298-4965      | Buck Creek        | P. O. Box 313, Tomahawk, KY 41262                     |
| Frye, Sam (304)429-2181           | Bride of Christ   | 669 Lewis Subdivision, Huntington, WV 25704           |
| Gannon, Ron (606)237-6275         | Dix Fork          | P. O. Box 111, Forrest Hills, KY 41527                |
| Gilman, Randy (863)357-3214       | Okeechobee        | 60 N. W. 98th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972            |
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| Hensley, John Henry (304)235-3547 | Tabitha           | 205 Golf Road, Williamson, WV 25661                   |
| Herald, Wayne, Jr. (740)377-9461  | Buck Creek        | 113 Franklin Street, South Point, OH 45680            |
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| Jude, Hershel (606)673-1068       | Elizabeth         | 105 Rock Castle Lane, Louisa, KY 41230                |
| Jude, Kenneth B. (606)673-3003    | Sidney            | 701 Norris Fork Road, Louisa, KY 41230                |
| Jude, Lonnie (606)395-7153        | Sidney            | P. O. Box 396, Lovely, KY 41231                       |
| Jude, Robert (606)395-5009        | Sidney            | P. O. Box 146, Lovely, KY 41231                       |
| Lackey, Randall Lee (304)542-2283 | Samaria           | RR1, Box 131, Williamson, WV 25661                    |
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| Lowe, Michael (606)631-6355       | Bent Branch       | 169 Scott Fork, Pikeville, KY 41501                   |

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Lowe, Randall L. (606)631-3734       | Elizabeth       | 13739 Brushy Road, Pikeville, KY 41501        |
| 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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| May, David (304)393-9109             | Bethany         | Rt 1, Box 41, Kermit, WV 25674                |
| Maynard, Paul (606)631-5835          | Apple Orchard   | 12941 Brushy Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501         |
| Moore, Sammie (304)272-5505          | Bride of Christ | 398-2 Mile Creek Road, Wayne, WV 25570        |
| Muncy, Homer Jr. (606)395-5686       | Leannah         | HC 67, Box 620, Pilgrim, KY 41250             |
| Napier, Leonard (304)486-5119        | Little Tavie    | Rt. 1, Box 203, Pritchard, WV 25555           |
| 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                |
| 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                  |
| Runyon, Jerry (740)992-2687          | Little Tavie    | 38143 State Rt. 143, Pomeroy, OH 45769        |
| Scott, Ben                           | Leannah         | HC 67, Pilgrim, KY 41250                      |
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| Sesco, Harold (606)353-0161          | Pilgrims Home   | Box 130, Sidney, KY 41564                     |
| Smith, Duane (606)631-3423           | Pilgrims Home   | 80 John Young Branch, Varney, KY 41571        |
| Smith, Edward L. (606)834-9958       | Dix Fork        | 2911 Camellia Drive, Flatwoods, KY 41139      |
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| Staton, Richard (606)237-1217        | Pilgrims Home   | 3668 Long Branch Road, Belfry, KY 41514       |
| Thornsberry, Ivan Neal (304)475-3908 | Dix Fork        | 181 Academy Drive, Delbarton, WV 25670        |
| Walters, Andrew (606)631-9717        | Pilgrims Home   | 4981 Brushy Road, Varney, KY 41571            |
| 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, Bruce (606)353-7874      | Dix Fork        | 2865 Meathouse Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519    |
| Williamson, Dale (606)631-9738       | Pilgrims Home   | 5213 Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, KY 41501        |
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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           |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     |          | 1        | 8                | 2            | July                |
| Apple Orchard   | 11:00/11:00   | Gary Young        | Duane Smith         | 75                | 150           |                     |                    |                         |                            | 1                   | 3        | 3        | 22               | 1            | June                |
| Bent Branch     | 10:00/10:00   | Dale Williamson   | Duane Smith         | 175               | 350           | 1                   |                    |                         |                            | 1                   | 1        |          | 22               | 3            | August              |
| Big Branch      | 11:00/11:00   | Richard L. Staton | Danny Runyon        | 75                | 175           | 1                   |                    |                         |                            |                     |          | 2        | 21               | 3            | July                |
| Mary Elizabeth  | 11:00/11:00   | David Crigger     | Lacy Walters        | 75                | 200           | 1                   |                    |                         |                            |                     |          |          | 27               | 3            | July                |
| Bethany         | 11:00/11:00   | Arthur May        | Albert Cable        | 100               | 250           |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     | 1        | 1        | 38               | 4            | August              |
| Pilgrims Home   | 10:00/10:00   | Elbert SESCO      | Danny Runyon        | 250               | 500           | 3                   | 1                  |                         |                            |                     | 8        |          | 95               | 4            | August              |
| Salem           | 11:00/11:00   | Elbert SESCO      | Danny Runyon        | 75                | 150           | 2                   |                    |                         |                            |                     | 1        | 1        | 51               | 1            | May                 |
| Sidney          | 2:00/10:30    | Thomas J. Dials   | Wayne Herald, Jr.   | 100               | 250           |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     |          |          | 36               | 4            | June                |
| Dix Fork        | 11:00/11:00   | David Crigger     | Lacy Walters        | 150               | 300           | 1                   |                    |                         |                            |                     | 1        |          | 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           | 3                   |                    |                         |                            |                     |          |          | 26               | 2            | July                |
| Buck Creek      | 10:30/10:30   | Thomas J. Dials   | Wayne Herald, Jr.   | 125               | 275           |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     | 1        | 1        | 19               | 3            | June                |
| Tabitha         | 2:30/11:00    | Rex Napier        | Albert Cable        | 50                | 100           | 1                   |                    |                         |                            |                     |          |          | 19               | 1            | August              |
| Little Rosie    | 11:00/11:00   | Elbert SESCO      | Paul Bevins         | 30                | 75            |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     | 1        |          | 7                | 2            | April               |
| Turkey Creek    | 11:00/11:00   | Hobart Hamilton   | Richard Staton      | 150               | 300           |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     |          |          | 46               | 2            | May                 |
| Samaria         | 11:00/11:00   | Randall Lackey    | Tim Robinson        | 50                | 150           |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     | 1        |          | 36               | 1            | July                |
| Rosa            | 10:30/10:30   | Hobart Hamilton   | Gary Young          | 60                | 200           | 1                   |                    |                         |                            |                     | 1        | 1        | 22               | 3            | August              |
| Little Virgie   | 11:00/11:00   | Richard L. Staton | Leon Robinson       | 75                | 150           |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     | 2        |          | 10               | 4            | June                |
| Pilgrims Rest   | 10:30/10:30   | Gary Young        | Duane Smith         | 75                | 275           | 1                   |                    |                         |                            |                     |          |          | 14               | 2            | June                |
| Okeechobee      | 4:00/10:00    | Randy Gilman      | Richard Lowe        | 35                | 80            |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     |          |          | 6                | 4            | February            |
| Elizabeth       | 10:30/10:30   | Gabe Lowe, Jr.    | Clyde Perry         | 50                | 100           |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     |          | 1        | 12               | 1            | June                |
| Little Tavie    | 10:30/10:30   | Chester Cochran   | Lester Cochran      | 75                | 200           |                     |                    |                         |                            | 1                   | 1        |          | 15               | 2            | July                |
| Antioch         | 7:00/10:30    | Leonard Napier    | Clarence Mathis     | 75                | 150           |                     |                    |                         |                            |                     | 2        |          | 12               | 4            | August              |
| Bride of Christ | 6:30/11:00    | Sam Frye          | Sammie Moore        | 40                | 80            | 1                   | 1                  |                         |                            |                     |          |          | 7                | 3            | July                |
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## October 2013

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## February 2014

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## March 2014

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## May 2014

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## June 2014

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## July 2014

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## August 2014

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## September 2014

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