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Sardis Association of Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ convened with the Pilgrim Home Church, Varney, Ky., Friday, September 12, 1925, and Sept. 13, 1925, at the stand after prayer by elder Willie Blackburn, the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Jonah Bevins. Tim 4-16. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

After a short intermission the delegates from the several churches assembled at the church house and after singing and prayer by Elder Frank Hopkins the Association proceeded to business in the following order:

1st. The letters from the several churches were handed in, read, received and delegates seated.

2nd. The Association then organized by electing Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator; Elder Hi Maynard, Assistant Moderator, and Elder Jonah Bevins, Clerk; Elder A. J. Maynard, Assistant Clerk.

3rd. On motion, the rules of decorum were read by the clerk.

4th. Called for newly constituted churches and none responded.

5th. Called for corresponding letters from sister associations and received the following: New Salem, at the hands of Elder F. A. Hopkins. Hayes Maynard and Allen Maynard; Kyova, at the hands of Elders H. G. Spence and Bro. Joshua Pack.

Delegates from sister Associations were received and seated with us.

6th. Called for transient ministers and received Elders W. H. Bowling, Willie Hay, Willie Blackburn and James Jude.

7th. Resolved that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8th. Appointed committee to see that peace prevailed at the stand consisting of Bro. R. Stanley, Bro. Geo. Maynard. Also to see that the stand was filled with ministers.

9th. Appointed a committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday, consisting of one delegate from each church. With the entire delegation from Pilgrim Home church who reported as follows:

1st. W. C. Hay.

2nd Harvey Spence.

3rd. Allen Maynard.

4th. F. A. Hopkins.

10th. Appointed a committee on arrangements consisting of one delegate from each church, with the Moderator, clerk and corresponding ministers and members invited.

11th. On motion the Association adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

**Saturday, September 13th, 1925**

1st. Met pursuant to adjournment after being called to order by the Moderator, Elder F. M. Preece made some soul-cheering remarks, and after song, Elder Jonah Bevins led the delegation in prayer.



2nd. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

3rd. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Elders A. J. Maynard and F. M. Preece, who reported as follows:

Mt. Pleasant	\$ 9.00
Mary Elizabeth	2.95
Apple Orchard	5.11
Rebecca	7.00
Salem	11.20
Bent Branch	10.00
Big Branch	4.30
Dick's Fork	3.65
Pilgrim's Home	9.16
Mt. Carmel	4.50
Bethany	2.00
Lenah	3.00
Sidney	0.00
Narrows Branch	5.30
Wolf Creek	2.35

Total from all churches ----- \$79.51

4th. Called on Treasurer to report, who reported as follows:

Grand total on hand ----- \$104.88

Expenditures for minutes for  
1924 ----- 88.50

Balance in hands of Treasurer \$ 16.38

Amount in Day and Night  
Bank, Williamson ----- 3.33

Balance ----- 13.05

Donations from all churches -- 79.51

Grand total ----- 92.56

5th. Resolved, that Rev. J. M. Hen-

sley be appointed Treasurer.

6th. Appointed the same committee as of yesterday to arrange ministry for Sunday, who reported as follows:

1st. Elder L. T. Preston.

2nd. Elder Hi Maynard.

3rd. Elder Hays Maynard.

4th. Elder Ester Hopkins.

7th. Call for brethren appointed to write letters to sister association, the letters were as follows: Letter to New Salem received and appointed Elders Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, L. T. Preston, Ester Hopkins, Bros. C. Williamson, J. M. Hensley and Lee Murphy. To bear same to be held with the New Salem church, Harold, County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1926, and to continue the two following days. Letter in hands of Elder Jonah Bevins, Kyova letter, read, received and delegates appointed as follows: Elders F. M. Preece, W. H. Maynard, L. T. Preston, A. J. Maynard, F. A. Canterbury, Ester Hopkins, Bros. A. J. Case, Caudill Williamson and Don Varney. To begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1926. Letter in hands of Elder L. T. Preston.

8th. Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

Mt. Pleasant, the second Saturday and Sunday in July, 1926. Elders A. J. Maynard, Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, F. A. Hopkins, with Moderator to attend.

Rebecca, second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1926. Elders Hi May

nard, Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, F. A. Canterbury with Moderator to attend.

Pilgrim Home, fourth Saturday in August, 1926. Elders Hayes Maynard, Frank Hopkins, with Moderator to attend.

Narrows Branch, fourth Saturday and Sunday in July, 1926. Elders Hi Maynard, Willie Hay, A. J. Maynard, with Moderator to attend.

Dick's Fork, fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1926. Elders L. T. Preston, Willis Blackburn, Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, Wallace Jackson, with Moderator to attend.

Wolf Creek, second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1926. Elders E. F. Fields, Jim Jude, Wallace Jackson, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins to attend.

Salem, first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1926. Elders F. M. Preece, Hi Maynard, L. T. Preston, with Moderator to attend.

Mt. Carmel, first Saturday and Sunday in July, 1926. Elders Finis Adkins, Jonah Bevins, Joseph Cline, with Moderator to attend.

Mary Elizabeth, third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1926. Elders Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, A. J. Maynard, Ester Hopkins, with Moderator to attend.

Bent Branch, third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1926. Elders Hi Maynard, Hayes Maynard, W. C. Hayes, Jonah Bevins, with Moderator

to attend.

9th. Called on brethren appointed to attend Union Meetings and Sister Association to report, who reported satisfactorily. But some failures were reported and those failing to attend were excused.

10th. By motion, it was ordered the same committee, with Bro. Hi Maynard, be given another year to complete the records of the Association.

11th. On motion it was ordered that Article 12 of 1924 Minutes be left out of this year's Minute and recorded on the Association records.

12th. On motion it was ordered that the clerk have any obituaries of deceased brethren and sisters printed in our minutes.

13th. Query from Bent Branch church. Shall we receive into our fellowship men having more than one living wife or women having more than one living husband?

Answer: We advise the churches not to receive any such into their fellowship except those who have put away their companions for the cause of fornication, and such cases have gospel or church evidence of same.

14th. Resolved, that we have the articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the Minutes.

15th. Resolved, that we have 1000 copies of Minutes printed and Clerk superintend printing and distributing



of same.

16th. Resolved, that we advise the churches not to receive into their fellowship any man or woman having more than one living companion, ex-those who have put away their companion for the cause of fornication, and such cause have gospel and church evidence of same.

17th. On motion, it was ordered that Andy Runyon's name be left out of the list of ministers of the Association.

18th. Resolved, our next Association be held with the Leannah church, Martin County, Post office, Moree, Ky. beginning on the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1926. And that Elder Hi Maynard preach the introductory sermon, and Elder L. T. Preston be his alternate.

19th. Resolved, that we extend to this community our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their kindness and great care manifested towards us and we pray that God the Giver of all good things, will restore to them many fold and bless them naturally and spiritually.

20th. Resolved, that the Association adjourn to the time and place mentioned.

On motion, it was ordered the minutes be signed by Moderator and clerk.

ELDER ESTER HOPKINS,  
Moderator.  
ELDER JONAH BEVINS,

Clerk.  
ELDER A. J. MAYNARD,  
Asst. Clerk.

Sunday Service, Sepeember 13, 1925

The brethren appointed to preach on the stand met a large audience of people and proceeded according to the arrangements of the committee.

The services were introduced by Elder L. T. Preston and then Elder Hi Maynard preached from II John, 9th verse. "Whosoever thansgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

Elder Hayes Maynard preached from St. John 10 ch. 1st v. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

Elder Ester Hopkins preached from James 1-27. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

The Association was a real pleasant one, and we do hope and trust that the preaching of the brethren, through-out the coming year will be in harmony with the brethren who preached on the stand Sunday. And that it may be regular in doctrine and practice, and the theme of Salvation which was preached will be the means of an in-gathering to the fold, and the next

TABLE OF CHURCHES

	Church Days	Received by Baptism	Received by letter	By Restoration	Dismissed by letter	Dismissed by Exclusion	Deceased	Total Members
Mt. Pleasant: J. M. Hensley, Jonah Bevins	2	3				2		32
Mary Elizabeth: M. Roman, Wallace Jackson	3	2				2		37
Apple Orchard: E.F. Fields, Stanford Maynard, W.M. Nichol	1	2					1	29
Rebecca: F. M. Preece, W. M. Mullins, A. Evans	2			1				49
Salem:: Harrison Bevins	1		2			6	2	33
Bent Branch: E. Bevins, W. M. Lowe	3	1						25
Big Branch: J. E. Taylor, W. T. Taylor, H. McCoy	3							38
Dix Fork: R. Crigger, J. H. Brown	1						1	21
Pilgrim Home: A. J. Case, C. Williamson, Don Varney	4	9	1		2	4	1	85
Mt. Carmel: L. T. Preston, W. H. Maynard	1	1	1			1		23
Bethany: Joe Jaral, Dan Jewel	4	1		1		2	2	21
Lenah: Sam Robison, Tom McCoy	2							13
Sidney:	4							33
Narrow's Branch: L. Smith, L. Murphy, F. Scott	4							18
Wolf Creek: J. E. Cline, Charlie Jude	3	1			1			23
TOTAL								480



year may be one of great prosperity to all the churches that go to make up this great assembly.

May God bless us all to so live that our love toward each other may flow more freely, and that we may be blessed to pray for the poor lost and undone sinners, who are trampling the mercies of a gracious and merciful Lord under their sinful feet, if, peradventure, they may be spared a little longer.

Yours to serve,

JONAH BLEVINS, Clerk.

### CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and preserve, maintain, and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them, in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seat.

Article 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed

their number in full membership, those baptized received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it 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 governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Article 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into the Union who shall petition by letter and messenger (and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly,) shall be received by the Association, and manifest by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Article 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

Article 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Article 9. Every motion made, and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.



Article 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association.

Article 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Article 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary for that purpose.

Article 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected, if need be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Article 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union, when they may deem it necessary.

Article 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority.

Article 16. The Association shall have power, (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication between the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they think nec-

essary. (6) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (7) To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association. (8) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union. (9) That no minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more ordained ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptists, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and all things that are therein contained.

Article 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is head and king of His Church.

Article 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the sealer and the applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Article 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and These are One.

Article 5. We believe the Old and New Testament Scripture to be the infallible Word of God, and take it for our only rule of faith and practice,

and nothing is to be taken from or added to it.

Article 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ, that he tasted death for every man, that salvation is to all men and women on the terms of the Gospel.

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#### RULES OF DECORUM

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opened and closed by prayer.

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Article 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Article 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

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Article 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association requires.

The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member, providing the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association shall be equally divided.

Article 12. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

Article 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Article 14. No person shall speak more than five minutes at the same time without liberty obtained from the Association.

Article 15. These rules of decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every Association.

#### OBITUARY

Elder C. W. Hensley was born May 24, 1862, and was converted several years ago. He was in the organization of Bethnay church when organized and was always found a faithful servant of his Master.

The writer had known him for about thirty years and he was a strict member of the Church. He passed away on June 8, 1925. He was loved by all the Brotherhood and we will

*Bro. Bevis*  
miss his presence in the church here below but we believe his spirit is at rest. He served as clerk of the Bethany church several years until his death.

I will say to his relatives that he is gone never to return again on earth in the walks of man but believe that at the sound of the trump his mortal body will awake and be changed and meet Jesus in the air ever to be with the Lord.

Humbly,

HI MAYNARD.

#### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Jonah Bevis	Goody, Ky.
Ransom Smith	Hardy, Ky.
E. F. Fields	McClure, Ky.
Wayne Cline	Piso, Ky.
F. M. Preece	Holden, W. Va.
A. J. Maynard	Williamson, W. Va.
A. A. Shepherd	Holden, W. Va.
Ester Hopkins	Williamson, W. Va.
W. H. Bolling	Piso, Ky.
J. E. Taylor	Jarad, Ky.
Hi Maynard	Goody, Ky.
J. H. Brown	Crigger, Ky.
Willis Blackburn	Varney, Ky.
L. T. Preston	Catlettsburg, Ky.
W. H. Maynard	Catlettsburg, Ky.
Simeon Johnson	Canterbury, W. Va.
F. A. Canterbury	Canterbury, W. Va.
James Jude	Couder, Ky.
J. S. Muncy	Sprigg, W. Va.
Charlie Jude	Laura, Ky.
Joe Cline	Portsmouth, O.
Wallace Jackson	Couder, Ky.