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IN MEMORY OF ELDER W. J. PRATER

Moderator of this Association for Twelve Years from 1922 until his death October 29, 1934

Elder Prater lived and preached the Gospel for more than forty years and the influence of his life and teachings was felt throughout this section of the country. He fell dead while preaching the gospel in the Peter Creek Church.

We greatly feel his loss to the churches, but feel sure that while it is our loss it is his eternal gain.

(This page contributed in his memory by Elder T. M. Mounts, Clerk of the Association.)

MINUTES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1939

Association called to order by Moderator W. H. Thacker. Singing and prayer by Hadley Edwards. The introductory was preached by Elder Teddy Ball. His subject was Eph. 5:1, "Be Ye Therefore Followers of God, as Dear Children."

Ministers left on stand Friday: Elders. Monty Miller, James Runyon, D. C. Stover, Luther Bradley and Kelly Profit.

Messengers assembled in John's Creek church house and were brought to order by Moderator W. H. Thacker. Prayer by Elder A. L. Tackett.

Letters from several churches were read from which the following table was prepared:

Louisa delegates: Elders W. H. Thacker, A. P. Justice, M. C. Slone; Brothers D. M. Blackburn, T. J. Thacker.

Sardis Church and delegates: Elder Jason Raines, Brother Ira Simpkins.

Pond Creek Church and delegates: Brothers Anderson Farley, J. T. Stacy, Thomas Blackburn and C. J. Micky.

Big Creek Church and delegates: Elder W. M. Stanley, Licentate Joe Thacker, Brothers M. B. Blackburn, and Albert Blackburn.

Brushy Fork Church: Not represented.

Raccoon Church: Brothers Milton Coleman, and Gilmore Slone. Sulphur Spring Church and delegates: Elder A. J. Blackburn and S. K. Smith.

Peter Creek Church and delegates: Elders Noah Smith, G. W. Smith, Brothers Richard Smith, G. W. Blair, Harrison Stump, Roland Dotson, and Harrison Smith.

Little Hope Church and delegates: Elders B. M. Fields, Licentate; M. H. Ball, Brothers Mitch Blackburn, and J. H. Blackburn.

Joppa Church and delegates: Brother G. M. Stepp.

Grapevine Church and delegates: Elder J. W. Slone, Brother T. J. Justice.

Samaria Church and delegates: Elder Ted Ball, Brothers C. C. Dotson, Jeff Hatfield, Robert Dotson, J. C. Hager, W. J. Hatfield.

Little Union Church: Brothers James Fuller, Charlie Freeman.

Pilgrim's Rest Church and delegates: Brother F. M. Akers.

John's Creek Church and delegates: Elders Paris Coleman, W. N. Smith, Brothers Jackson Coleman, Jake Stilton.

Antioch Church and delegates: Elder T. M. Mounts, Brothers L. C. Chapman, Albert Casey, and Bud Dotson.

CHURCH	Received by Ex & Bap.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Present Members	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution,
Louisa	3		1		3	5	59	2	\$ 3.70
Pond Creek	8			1	1	4	39	2	5.00
Sardis	2				3	1	25	1	2.05
Big Creek	3					1	26	3	5.50
Raccoon	1			1		3	13	4	3.60
Sulphur Springs	1		1		1	1	12	1	.75
Peter Creek	9	1	2	2	4		91	4	5.30
Little Hope	4						27	1	6.00
Joppa							5	4	1.00
Grapevine						1	16	3	2.00
Samaria	2	2				2	31	3	5.55
Little Union			1			1	10	3	2.20
Pilgrim's Rest							12	4	1.50
Antioch							46	2	2.00
John's Creek	4	2					22	1	3.80
TOTALS	37	5	5	4	12	19	434		\$49.05

Organization: The Association was then organized by appointing Elder W. H. Thacker, Moderator, Elder A. P. Justice, Assistant Moderator, Elder T. M. Mounts, Clerk, Secretary and Treasurer, and Jason Raines, Assistant Clerk.

- 1. Newly constituted churches called for. (None.)
- 2. Abstracts of principles, rules of decorum and constitution read and to be printed in these minutes.
- Correspondence from sister Associations received as follows: Washington Assoication—Delegates: Elders Hadley Edwards,
 W. M. B. Sutherland, G. B. Sutherland, James Runyon, Monty Miller and E. S. Stevens.

Indian Creek Association—Delegates: Elder E. O. Lilly; Transient ministers, G. L. Walker, D. C. Stover, from Indian Creek Association.

Union Association-Delegates: Elder Charlie Compton.

Rock Springs Association and Delegates: Elder A. L. Tackett, Kelly Profit, Luther Bradley, Orville Caudili.

Association made motion to print obituaries of Elders, Deacons and members of our churches, which was unanimously carried.

Association agreed to have picture of Elder Jackson Prater printed in our minutes.

- 4. The Moderator is to make all temporary arrangements.
- 5. A member from each church, with all the messengers from this church, are appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand. They reported: On stand Friday, Sept. 1, 1939: Elders James Runyon,

- D. C Stover, Monty Miller, Luther Bradley, Kelly Profit.
- 6. Delegates appointed to visit sister Assoications are as follows:

Washington Association: Elders A. P. Justice, T. M. Mounts, Noah Smith, Ted Ball, Paris Coleman.

Indian Creek Association: Elders A. P. Justice, W. H. Thacker, Noah Smith, Ted Ball, B. M. Fields, Brother George Blair.

Union Association: Elders W. M. Dotson, B. M. Fields, Brother Albert Blackburn.

Rock Springs Association: Elders T. M. Mounts, W. M. Dotson, M. C. Slone, Martin Ball.

7. Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brother C. J Micky, Elder A. J. Blackburn, Brother Albert Blackburn.
Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1939

The association was called to order by Moderator W. H. Thacker. Prayer by Elder W. M. B. Sutherland.

- 1. Roll called and the absentees marked.
- 2. Committee on arrangements reported and discharged.
- 3. Finance Committee reported \$49.05.
- 4. Delegates appointed last year to visit sister Associations reported. Those unable to fill their appointments were excused.
- 6. The following preachers were on the stand Saturday: Elders Orville Caudill, K. L. Profit, Luther Bradley, G. L. Walker, G. B. Sutherland, Hadley Edwards.
- 7. Committee on preaching for Sunday reported as follows: Elders Charlie Compton, E. O. Lilly, A. L. Tackett, E. S. Stevens, W. M. B. Sutherland.
 - 8. Union meetings as follows:

Louisa Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before second Sunday in August, 1940. B. M. Fields, T. M. Mounts, W. N. Smith, A. J. Blackburn.

Sardis Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before first Saturday in August, 1940. Elders W. M. Stanley, Ted Ball.

Pond Creek Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before second Saturday in July, 1940. Elders Paris Coleman, A. J. Blackburn, Ted Ball, W. H. Thacker.

Big Creek Church and Delegates:

Brushy Fork Church and Delegates: Not represented.

Raccoon Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before fourth Saturday in July, 1940. Elders T. M. Mounts, W. H. Thacker, W. M. Dotson, M. C. Slone.

Sulphur Springs Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before first Saturday in August, 1940. Elders W. H. Thacker, H. W. Prater, Licentate Joe Thacker.

Peter Creek Church and delegates: Meets Friday before fourth Saturday in July, 1940. Elders W. H. Thacker, A. P. Justice, Ted Ball, A. J. Blackburn, Paris Coleman.

Little Hope Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before first Saturday in July, 1940. Elders W. M. Stanley, A. J. Blackburn, H. W. Prater. Joppa Church and Delegates: Not represented.

Grapevine Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before third Saturday in July, 1940. Elders T. M. Mounts, Noah Smith, Jason Raines.

Samaria Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before third Saturday in June, 1940. Elders A. P. Justice, Paris Coleman, A. J. Blackburn, W. H. Thacker, Hadley Edwards.

Little Union Church and Delegates: None.

Pilgrim's Rest Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before fourth Saturday in August, 1940. Elders A. P. Justice, Ted Ball, W. H. Thacker, M. C. Slone.

Antioch Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1940. Elders W. H. Thacker, A. P. Justice, T. M. Mourts, M. C. Slone, W. M. Dotson, B. M. Fields.

John's Creek Church and Delegates: Meets Friday before first Saturday in August, 1940. Elders Ted Ball, A. P. Justice, W. H. Thacker, T. M. Mounts.

- 9. Way Bill to Association—All coming to Association by the way of Williamson come on State Highway to Canada, Ky. All coming by the way of Pikeville come on Pikeville-Williamson Road to Canada, Ky.
- 10. Washington Association meets with Sumac Grove Church September, Friday before the second Sunday, 1940, in Dickerson County, Haysi, Va.
- 11. Indian Creek Association held with Indian Creek Church, Monroe County, W. Va., Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1940.
- 12. The Union Association will be held with Cane Patch Church, Wise County, Virginia, beginning Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1939.
- 13. Rock Springs Association will be held with Dry Fork Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1940 at Vale, Ky., on Christian Creek, five miles east of Morehead, Ky.
- 14. Motion to change union meeting from three days to two days was made by G. W. Smith and seconded by W. N. Smith. Said motion failed to pass.
- 15. Motion made and passed that obituaries of brothers and sisters be included in our minutes.
 - 16. Secretary reports all work up. Cash left on hand, none.
- 17. Circular letter called for and read, and ordered to be printed in these minutes. Elder B. M. Fields was selected to prepare the letter for next year.
- 18. The clerk was authorized to superintend the printing of the minutes, 1,000 in number, and distribute them among the churches. He shall be allowed \$10.00 for his services as Secretary and Treasurer, and \$39.05 for the printing of the minutes. The balance left in treasury—none.
- 19. Our next Association is appointed to meet with Big Creek at Canada, Pike County, Ky., commencing on Friday, August 31, September 1-2, 1940. Elder W. M. Stanley to preach the introductory and Elder W. H. Thacker to be his alternate.
 - 20. This Association tenders its heartfelt thanks to the brethren

and sisters and many friends who so bountifully entertained us during this session. May God add His sweet blessings to them while here on earth and take them in the resurrection morning with Him to the Glory Land for ever to stay with Him.

Closed by prayer by Elder E. S. Stevens. Then adjourned until the time and place of our next Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER W. H. THACKER, Moderator ELDER A. P. JUSTICE, Asst. Moderator.

ELDER T. M. MOUNTS, Clerk ELDER JASON RAINES, Asst. Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 3, 1939

Singing and Prayer by Elder Luther Bradley. Elders on stand: 1st. Elder E. O. Lilly, Text, 1st chapter Paul; 2nd. Elder A. L. Tackett, Text, John 5:1; 3rd. E. S. Stevens, St. John 6:37, "All that the father give me shall come unto me." 4th, W. M. B. Sutherland.

The preaching was harmonious, God-honoring, salvation by Grace and Grace alone. The poor little children of God were fed a spiritual feast and God glorified.

ELDER T. M. MOUNTS, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To Mates Creek Association, Dear Brethren and Sisters:

In compliance with your request of last year, I will undertake to address you in the form of a Circular Letter from James 3:17. "But the wisdom that is from above is first PURE, then PEACE-ABLE, GENTLE, and easy to be entreated, FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUITS, without PARTIALITY and without HYPOCRISY."

The Apostle Paul who was well up in the scale of learning and ability as a man of his day, when he got a discovery of heavenly wisdom, it seemed that his wisdom was like trash. Our human wisdom so far as that is concerned is of very little good unless it is inspired with the wisdom that is from above.

Plenty of folks have worldly wisdom, but dear brethren, it takes heavenly wisdom to help us to know how to make use of our human wisdom. Heavenly wisdom is pure because that it emanates from a pure source. It is peaceable because that it comes from the God of peace. It is gentle and easy to be entreated because it proceeds from a God full of compassion and tender mercy. It is without partiality and hypocrisy because God is no respecter of persons and there is no cause of hypocrisy in Him.

The wisdom from above will build up, edify and strengthen. Jesus speaks about the wisdom of a wise servant that gives meat in due season; "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household to give them meat in due season." Blessed is that servant whom his Lord shall find so doing when he cometh. The wisdom of God is more precious than rubies, corals or

pearls and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Exalt wisdom and it will promote thee, she shall bring thee honor when thou doest embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Man knoweth not the price of wisdom, neither is it found in the land of the living, it can not be gotten for gold; neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. "Whence then cometh wisdom and where is the place of understanding?" Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living and kept close from the fowls of the air. Destruction and death say, "We have heard the fame thereof, with our ears. God understandeth the way thereof and He knoweth the way thereof For He looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole Heaven, to make the weight for the winds; and He weigheth the waters by measure. When He made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder, then did he see it and declare it, yea and searched it out, and unto man He said: "Behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."

Heavenly wisdom means to trust in the Lord with all thine heart. Lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths.

Dear brethren, it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom and if any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth none, and it shall be given him. Preaching the gospel with the HOLY GHOST sent down from God is a revelation of heavenly wisdom and was ordained unto our glory. It pleased God to destroy the wisdom of the worldly wise and to make foolish the wisdom of this world, and when we come to the time that we know not what to do we should be like Solomon—ask God for a wise and understanding heart.

Daniel came more than once to the end of his knowledge and knew not what to do and so he called upon the Revealer of Secrets: God, whose name is Wisdom, and He directed his paths.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were delivered from the fiery furnace because God sent His angel and delivered them because they trusted in Him and sought the wisdom of God to guide them in their fiery trial.

Joseph trusted in the Lord with all his heart and none were found in all the land of Egypt so discreet and wise as he, so he became lord over all Egypt to preserve life and posterity. He was always guided by the wisdom of God which was the main cause for his ornament of grace as well as his promotion.

Job was the greatest of all men of the East and because he feared God and eschewed evil and when the hand of distress came heavy upon him by the touch of Satan, in all this Job sinned not nor charged God foolishly but in the heavenly wisdom which was his he said: "Blessed be the name of the Lord." When the Queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon in her own land and decided to come and prove him though she lived far away even in the uttermost parts of the earth she made the journey and after seeing and hearing the wisdom of Solomon she exclaimed: "All that I heard in my

own land was true and behold the half was not told me."

Paul lets us know that in simplicity and godly sincerity, which proceeds directly from the wisdom of God we have our conversation in the world not with fleshly wisdom and he further says to the brethren at the church at Collosse: "We do not cease to pray for you and desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Paul further addresses the church in these words: "For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you and for them at Laodicea and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Farewell beloved—and may the God of peace and the sweet communion of His dove-like Spirit be with you all is the prayer of your unworthy,

W. M. DOTSON.

OBITUARIES

ELDER JOSEPH B. RAMEY

It is with a sad heart that we make the feeble attempt to write of a father in Israel, Elder Joseph B. Ramey. He was born February 15, 1855, he departed this life December 16, 1938, age 83 years, 2 months.

He was married to Caroline Maynard, of Raccoon, Ky., in 1870 and to this union were born thirteen children, seven of them and his wife preceded him in death. Six survive to mourn the loss of a dear father.

Elder Ramey joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1885 at Raccoon and was baptised by Elder Bazil Hatfield. He always stood for the doctrine of salvation by grace and grace alone. We can say as the apostle, he has fought a good fight, therefore there is a crown laid up for him.

His children have lost a good father and the church a pious leader, but our loss is his eternal gain. May the God of all grace and love be with you all, amen.

M. C. SLONE.

JAMES ELISON DOTSON

James Elison Dotson, of Hardy, Ky., son of Jordan and Rhoda Dotson. Born September 16, 1870. departed this life April 25, 1939. Age, sixtynine years, seven months and nine days.

He was united in marriage to Lear Hatfield on May 18, 1893.

To this union were born nine children, three boys and six girls. One daughter and one son preceded him in death. He leaves his dear wife, seven children, four brothers, two sisters, two half sisters and a host of friends to mourn for him. His companion has lost a good husband one who was always ready to help in time of need, not only to her and the children but to all of his friends.

He joined the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church about twenty-three years ago and some years later he was ordained Deacon and served in that capacity until death came.

He was loved by all who knew him. He was faithful and active in his church work and the Pond Creek Church will miss his counsel in church affairs.

His doors were always open to the Baptist people who came, and often had the Brethren to preach in his home. He did enjoy having the Brethren and Sisters and friends to come. They never came too often. He was in bad health for several months before the end came but he bore his pains well.

Funeral services were conducted at his home by Elders W. M. Stanley, Hibbard Thacker, Plenny Justice and Teddy Ball. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery near the home, to wait the second coming of Christ and his hope was that he would be resurrected with the Saints to ever be with the Lord. He lodged strangers, he washed the Saint's feet and kept himself clean from the ways of the world. Henceforth there is a crown laid up for him.

Written by C. J. Mickey.

RULES OF DECORUM

- I. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
- II. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
- III. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to speak.
- IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the moderator until he is done speaking.
- V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.
- VI. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the association.
- VII. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.
- VIII. No member of the association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the association, nor whispering in time of public speech.
- IX. No member of the association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of brother.
- X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the rules of the decorum.
- XI. Names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as many times as the association may require.
- XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, providing the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the association be equally divided, in that event he shall give the casting vote.
- XIII. Any members who shall wilfully violate any of these rules shall be reproved by the association as they think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- I. We believe in one true and living God, who is the Creator, upholder and righteous disposer of all things; and that He is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.
- II. We believe that Jesus Christ existed in His mediatorial person, as the head and life of His body, the church, from everlasting.
- III. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is, and was, and shall forever remain, His body and fullness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.
- IV. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature, and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited Grace of God.

- V. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete, and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.
- VI. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination, in every sense as the Bible teaches it.
- VII. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's Grace, and shall ultimately enjoy Heaven and immortal glory.
- VIII. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and unjust, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.
- IX. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot-washing an example.
- X We believe the Scriptures of the Old Testament and New Testament, as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith, and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under the gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

Article I. This Association shall be called Mate's Creek District Old Regular or Primitive Baptist Association.

Article II. 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 that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Article III. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded and deceased since the last association.

Article IV. 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 this union.

Article V. The association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Article VI. The association shall have a moderator, clerk, and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article VII. Newly constituted 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 manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship. Article VIII. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the association.

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

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

Article XI. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future associations.

Article XII. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by the hands of their messenger to the association, and those moneys thus contributed by the churches and received by the association shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, who shall be accountable to the association for all the moneys received by him, and pay out of the same according to the direction of the association.

Article XIII. There shall be an association book kept, wherein the proceedings of every association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive compensation for his trouble.

Article XIV. 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 XV. 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 XIV. The association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolate a chain communication among 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 appropriate those moneys by the churches contributed for an association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) 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. (8) To admit any orderly ministers of our faith and order to a seat in the association. (9) The association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the association.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder W. M. StanleyRan	som, Kentucky
Elder A. J. Blackburn	
Elder Jason RainesLenora,	
Elder W. H. ThackerFish	
Elder W. E. ThackerMil	
Elder A. P. JusticeRays	
Elder G. W. SmithCole	
Elder J. W. SloneFish T	CHI CONTROL OF THE CO
Elder M. C. Slone Fish	
Elder Noah SmithCole	
Elder T. M. MountsMaje	
Elder Teddy BallRan	
Elder B. M. Fields	
Elder William DotsonSt	
Elder D. B. Smith	
Elder Paris ColemanCole	
Elder W. N. SmithColer	
Elder A. J. BallRawl,	
Elder Anse CaseyColer	
Elder H. W. Prater Ran	

LICENATES

Lon WarrixGoody,	Kentucky
Anderson Justice Fish Trap,	Kentucky
M. H. BallPinson Fork,	Kentucky
Joe ThackerCanada,	Kentucky
John Fuller	Kentucky

NAME AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS AND NUMBER MINUTES

Louisa-M. C. SloneFish Trap,	Ky.	80
Pond Creek—C. J. MickeyBelfry,	Ky.	150
Sardis—Floyd MountsBelo, W.		35
Big Creek—Albert BlackburnCanada,		95
Brushy Fork-G. W. Lowe		35
Raccoon-Milton Coleman	Ky.	75
Sulphur Springs—J. B. MayIra,	Va.	30
Peter Creek-G. W. BlairFeds Creek,		125
Little Hope—B. M. Fields	Ky.	95
Joppa—G. M. Stepp	Ky.	20
Grape Vine—J. W. SloneFish Trap,	Ky.	25
Little Union-J. H. FullerFeds Creek,	Ky.	30
Pilgrim's Rest—F. M. Akers	Ky.	30
Antioch—L. C. Chapman	Ky.	30
Samaria—Teddy BallRansom,		50
John's Creek—Jackson ColemanSimers,	Ky.	50

