

Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Thirteenth
Annual Session
OF THE
Original
Mates Creek
Regular
Primitive Baptist Association
HELD WITH
Samaria Church

RANSOM, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, AND 5,

❧[1965]❧

Next session convenes with the Sulphur Spring Church, Buchanan County, Virginia, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1966 at 10:00 a. m. Elder W. H. Thacker is to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Guy Campbell is to be his alternate.

OFFICERS

W. H. THACKER - Moderator McAndrews, Ky.
DAN ADKINS - Assistant Moderator Huddy, Ky.
STEARL HATFIELD - Clerk McCarr, Ky.
J. E. HATFIELD - Assistant Clerk McCarr, Ky.

Proceedings

OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE SAMARIA CHURCH

FRIDAY MORNING—September 3, 1965

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder W. H. Thacker.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Teddy R. Ball, text, Psa. 51:5, Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, etc.

Call for the Letters from all the churches.

Moved and seconded that we receive all the letters and have the letter from the Samaria Church read.

Election of officers: The association then elected Elder W. H. Thacker, Moderator, Elder Dan Adkins, Assistant Moderator, Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk, Brother J. E. Hatfield, Assistant Clerk.

Newly constituted churches called for. None reported.

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the Minutes. Messengers appointed last year to visit sister associations reported, and those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from sister associations received and seated as follows:

Mt. Zion Association: Elder Henry Smith, and Elder Owea Harvey.

Rock Spring Association: By letter and Eld. W. M. Littleton.

Union Association: By letter and Elders G. D. Smith, Vollie Church, Jonah Stidham, Dillard Wilder and Carson McCoy.

New Liberty Association: Elder J. M. Whaling.

Senter Association: Elders Dewey Roten, C. O. Yates and Brother Bob Speakes.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary arrangements.

A messenger from each church, together with all the messengers from the Samaria Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand. They reported the following:

Friday at Stand—Elder Lunday Coleman to open. 1. Elder French Cadle; 2. Elder Joel Stanaland; 3. Elder William Littleton; 4. Elder J. M. Whaling.

For Saturday at the Stand—Saturday Morning—Elder C. O. Yates to open. 1. Elder A. L. Neely; 2. Elder Owen Harvey; 3. Elder Dewey Roten.

Saturday Evening—Elder Carson McCoy to open 1. Elder Don Lilly; 2. Elder J. M. Whaling.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Philip Dotson, Bradley Warrix and Frank Wheeler.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Brethren M. B. Blackburn, Bob Dotson, and Andy Blackburn.

Messengers who agreed to visit sister Associations are follows: Mt. Zion: Elders Frank Wheeler and Dan Adkins.

Rock Spring: Elders Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn and Opa Thacker and Brethren Harrison Street, Kenner Bevins, Ira Smith, and M. B. Blackburn.

Senter: Elder Frank Wheeler, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, and Teddy R. Ball; Brethren Ervil Smith, Adrian Dotson and Harrison Street.

United Primitive Baptist: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler and Teddy R. Ball; Brother Bob Dotson.

Union: Elder Lonnie Warrix, Teddy R. Ball, and Brethren Harrison Street, Elmer Brown, Bradley Warrix and Shorty Vandyke.

New Liberty: Elders Frank Wheeler, Teddy R. Ball and Brother M. B. Blackburn.

Moved and seconded that the Association be adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING—September 4, 1965

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Joel W. Stanaland of the Prince William Association. Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangments reported the following:

Committee met at the stand and was called to order by the Moderator. Committee studied the work of the Association and

agreed that the Association should carry on its work in the usual manner, with the following note: It was brought to the attention of the committee that one of our churches had a member or members in their church that had not been baptized by orderly Primitive Baptists. Committee advises that the Association admonish all the churches against receiving or having fellowship with any person that has not been baptized by orderly Primitive Baptists, and also if any of our churches has done this that they get themselves in order by our next association.

Moved and seconded that the committees work be accepted and that they be discharged.

Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported the following:

Elder William Littleton to open. 1. Elder Jack Wheeler; 2. Elder C. J. Deloach; 3. Elder Luther Bradley.

Finance Committee reported \$268.70 and was discharged. Called on Union Meeting appointees to report. They reported. Those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Union Meetings and their appointees as follows:

Louisa Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1966. Elders to attend: Dan Adkins, W. H. Thacker, Frank Wheeler, Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff, Joe Thacker and Lonzie Blair.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1966. Elders to attend: Dan Adkins, Joe Thacker, Frank Wheeler, Teddy R. Ball, Homer Blackburn, and W. H. Thacker.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1966. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Guy Campbell, Frank Wheeler, W. H. Thacker and Everett Brizendine.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1966. Elders to attend: Everett Brizindine, Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins, J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler and Kit Ratliff.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1966. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff and Eli Estep.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1966. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler,

J. H. Blackburn, Joe Thacker, Homer Blackburn, Kit Ratliff and Eli Estep.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1966. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Frank Wheeler, Teddy R. Ball and Joe Thacker.

Joppa Church meets the first Saturday in June, 1966. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins and Don Hatfield.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1966. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Frank Wheeler, Eli Estep, and Homer Blackburn.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1966. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler, Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins, Homer Blackburn and Kit Ratliff.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1966. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler, Lonzie Blair, Kit Ratliff and John Looney.

Johns Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1966. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins, Kit Ratliff, Eli Estep, J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler and Opa Thacker.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1966. Elders to attend: Dan Adkins, Kit Ratliff, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler, Glen Vipperman, Eli Estep and Joe Thacker.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1966. Elders to attend. J. H. Blackburn, Lonzie Blair, Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff, John Looney, Joe Thacker, Homer Blackburn, Everett Brizendine and Eli Estep.

New Friendship Church meets the fourth Saturday in June, 1966. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker, Don Hatfield and Teddy R. Ball.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes and that Brother Earnest Blair prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 1350 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the

Obituaries of the following:

Sisters Patty Street, Oney Church Smith, Parlle Blackburn, Lilly Rose Varney, Fannie Justice, Syrena Blackburn and Lillie Bevins Damron. Brethren Wilburn Coleman, R. L. Justice, James T. Justice, J. Wallace Coleman, Billie Stiltner, Marshall Justice and Green Justice and Elder George Hunt.

May we resolve to give thanks first to God and then to our Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for the wonderful way they took care of the Association.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that all funds left after paying for the printing of the minutes and other expenses of the Association be left in his care until the next association.

The Finances were disposed of as follows:

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| Balance left on hand from last year | \$287.60 |
| Amount received from the churches | 268.70 |
| Donations at the stand | 84.30 |
| Total cash on hand | \$640.60 |
| Cash paid out: | |
| Paid for the minutes (1964) | \$205.00 |
| Paid for moving the seats .. | 30.00 |
| Give the Moderator | 15.00 |
| Give the Clerk | 10.00 |
| Give correspondents | 103.00 |
| Balance cash left on hand | \$277.60 |

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Sulphur Spring Church in Buchanan County, Virginia and to begin at 10:00 a. m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1966; and the Elder W. H. Thacker be appointed to reach the Introductory Sermon and that Elder Guy Campbell be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder J. H. Blackburn. Then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

Elder W. H. Thacker, Moderator
Elder Dan Adkins, Ass't Moderator
Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk
Brother J. E. Hatfield, Ass't Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING—September 5, 1965

Singing and prayer by Elder William Liltteton of the Rock Spring Association.

1. Elder Jack Wheeler of the Burning Spring Association, text: Isaiah 53:1. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

2. Elder C. J. DeLoach of the Prince William Association, text: 2 Chron. 7:14. If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, etc.

3. Elder Luther Bradley of the Burning Spring Association, text: Psalm 22:20. Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

We are happy that we can say that this was one of the best if not the best associations ever, for Mates Creek. And to our sister associations our hearts rejoice with you for the wonderful correspondence. The ministers were blessed to preach sweet Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and all and all to His people.

To the visiting brethren and sisters, we could not get all your names but we want you to know that we rejoiced in having you visit us. We feel that surely God sent you our way. Pray for us and come to see us when you can. We stand with open arms to receive you with love and peace.

—The Clerk

EVENING MEETINGS

Saturday Evening at Old Pond Creek Church House—

1. Elder James Wheeler; 2. Elder Henry Smith; 3. Elder A. L. Neely.

Sister Ida Colman's Home—

1. Elder J. H. Blackburn; 2. Elder C. J. DeLoach; 3. Elder Teddy R. Ball.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren in the Lord,—As I was appointed by our association last year to write to you in a form of a Circular Letter, I will try at this time and hope the Lord will bless me.

My mind leads me to the first of Genesis: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God saw the light and it was good and God divided the light from the darkness.

Now getting to the point if the Lord will bless me, after God had made everything that was made and replenished the earth, God said, Let us make man in our image and likeness.

I feel sure the Lord has given me a hope in His Son for I have been deeply concerned in man, what is man that God is mindful of him.

Dear Brethren, we look at Man from the standpoint that he is nothing but a dying dust worm. He cannot live or move without God.

Dear Brethren, man is the work of God's hand and He gave him dominion over all His creation.

Brethren, I believe it was man that violated God's law; did God hate that man? No. God had an everlasting love for man. I believe that God loved no man's wrongs, but he loved us when we were dead and in our sins.

Man sold himself for ought and had nothing to pay with. With the world and all its powers had nothing to pay the redemption price. It could not be found among sinful things of the earth.

God's love for man was so great that He gave His only begotten Son who came and was crucified and hung on the tree of the cross and shed His precious blood to redeem fallen man, and He redeemed a people out of every kindred, tongue and nation, a people unto Himself. It was God's great love for His people that He sent His Son into the world to pay the precious price for fallen man.

Man was created the object of God's love, God has an all-seeing eye and He watches over us in this troublesome world, whether we have our minds on Him or not.

When the darling Son was making His ascension back to His Father, He said, I go away and I will prepare a place for you, and if I go away, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am you may be also.

In the book of Job it says, if a man dies, shall he live again? and Job answered and said, All of my appointed time will I wait till my change comes, He will call and I will answer.

What is it that dies? If it is Man that dies, it will be man that lives again.

We understand that the Scripture teaches that the dead in Christ shall rise first, and the promise is from one that cannot lie, that man will live again. The scripture teaches that the Spirit goes back to God who gave it.

Brethren, some sweet day when God declares that time shall be no more, he will awaken our sleeping dust and we will be taken home to glory, where we can praise Him and be with Him for ever more.

Brethren, since I feel that the almighty God has given me a hope in His Son, I have been deeply concerned about man.

Brethren, I hope you receive this letter with a hope in your breast of living again.

May His love and grace abide in His children for ever is my humble prayer.

Written by a brother, living in hope of living again.

—William K. Bevins

NAMES OF VISITING ELDERS

Elder Carson McCoy—Union Association
Elder Don Lilly—Mt. Zion Association
Elder J. M. Whaling—New Liberty Association
Elder A. L. Neely—Mt. Zion Association
Elder Henry Smith—Mt. Zion Association
Elder F. C. Cadle—Mt. Zion Association
Elder C. J. Deloach—Prince William Association
Elder James Wheeler—Burning Spring Association
Elder Jack Wheeler—Burning Spring Asso.
Elder Luther Bradley—Burning Spring Asso.
Elder William Littleton—Burning Spring Asso.
Elder Joel W. Stanaland—Prince William Asso.
Elder C. O. Yates—Senter Association
Elder Dewey Roten—Senter Association
Elder Owen Harvey—Mt. Zion Association

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky.
Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky.; Ph. 427-9886
Joe Thacker, Canada, Ky.
John Fuller, Canada, Ky.
W. H. Prater, Hardy, Ky.
Lonnie Warrix, Rt. 1, Shalbiana, Ky.
W. N. Smith, Kimper, Ky.
J. H. Blackburn, Phillis, Ky.
Kit Ratliff, Kimper, Ky.; Ph. 437-4815
Dan Adkins, Huddy, Ky.; Ph. 353-4963
Frank Wheeler, Stone, Ky.; Ph. 353-4910
James E. McIntosh, Hardy, Ky.
Green Coleman, Millard, Ky.
Guy Campbell, Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky.
Eli Estep, Phelps, Ky.; Ph. 456-3688
Eldon Thacker, Phyllis, Ky.
Opa Thacker, Cincinnati, Ohio
S. B. Justice, Paintsville, Ky.
Lonzie Blair, Steele, Ky.
John Looney, Grundy, Va.
Glen Vipperman, Kimper, Ky.
Don Hatfield, Hardy, Ky.
L. M. Sammons, Ft. Gay, W. Va.
Newton Daniels, Thelma, Ky.
Homer Blackburn, Kelsa, Va.
Monroe Sammons, Inez, Ky.

Licentiates:

Shorty Vandyke, Vansant, Va.
Paris Ramey, McCarr, Ky.
Willard Dotson, Redjacket, W. Va.
Clark Owens, Pinsonfork, Ky.
Lundy Coleman, Millard, Ky.
Jeff Chapman, Kimper, Ky.
Troy Casey, Phelps, Ky.
Kedna Charles, Phillis, Ky.
Eferett Bisendine, McCarr, Ky.

| CHURCH | NAME OF MODERATOR | COMMUNION |
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| Louisa—Elder W. H. Thacker and Guy Campbell | | July 2nd Sat. |
| Pond Creek—Eld. Teddy R. Ball and Frank Wheeler | | June 2nd Sat. |
| Big Creek—Elder Joe Thacker | | June 3rd Sat. |
| Raccoon—Elder Dan Adkins | | June 4th Sat. |
| Sulphur Spring—Elder J. H. Blackburn | | July 1st Sat. |
| Peter Creek—Elder Teddy R. Ball | | June 4th Sat. |
| Little Hope—Elder W. H. Thacker | | July 1st Sat. |
| Joppa—Elder Dan Adkins | | June 1st Sat. |
| Grapevine—Elder J. H. Blackburn | | July 3rd Sat. |
| Samaria—Elder Teddy R. Ball and Frank Wheeler | | June 3rd Sat. |
| Johns Creek—Elder J. H. Blackburn | | July 2nd Sat. |
| Calvary—Elder Kit Rathiff | | June 1st Sat. |
| Little Union—Elder Teddy R. Ball | | May 1st Sat. |
| New Friendship—Elder S. B. Justice | | July 4th Sat. |
| Dry Fork—Elder Teddy R. Ball | | May 2nd Sat. |

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

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| Louisa—Bradly Warrix, Zebulon, Ky. | 75 |
| Pond Creek—Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky. | 140 |
| Big Creek—M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. | 100 |
| Raccoon—George McCoy, Raccoon, Ky. | 90 |
| Peter Creek—Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky. | 100 |
| Sulphur Spring—J. B. May, Kelsa, Va. | 60 |
| Little Hope—Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky. | 50 |
| Joppa—Ernia Varney, Nolan, W. Va. | 20 |
| Grapevine—William K. Bevins, Phillis, Ky. | 90 |
| Samaria—J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. | 130 |
| Johns Creek—Noth Smith, Box 74, Kemper, Ky. | 60 |
| Little Union—Earnest Blair, Reds Creek, Ky. | 60 |
| Calvary—Rosco Varney, Meta, Ky. | 60 |
| Dry Fork—Garland Childress, Vansant, Va. | 90 |
| New Friendship—Robie Lewis, Boons Camp, Ky. | 25 |
| Total | 1150 |

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

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| Mt. Zion—J. R. Lilly, Box 345, Hinton, W. Va. | 20 |
| Senter—Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St., Winton-Salem, N. C. | 20 |
| Rock Spring—Eld. Charles Caudell, 520 Anderson, Franklin, Ohio | 20 |
| Mountain—Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C. | 20 |
| United P. B. of Va.—Allen Easter, Hillsville, Va. | 20 |
| Union—J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky. | 20 |
| Burning Spring—Goable Ratliff, West Liberty, Ky. | 20 |
| Total | 140 |
| To the Clerk—Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. | 60 |
| Grand Total | 1350 |

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

- Louisa—Elder W. H. Thacker, Brethren Lundy Coleman, Abner L. Justice, Bradley Warrix, Riley Coleman and Wheeler Thacker.
- Pond Creek—Elder Frank Wheeler, Brethren Ransom Scott, Andy Blackburn, Grant Blackburn, C. C. Dotson, F. C. Runyon, George Bevins and Bob Dotson.
- Big Creek—Elders Joe Thacker and Opa Thacker, Brethren Daniel Roberts, Joe Stanley, Ireland Coleman, Luther Smith and M. B. Blackburn.
- Raccoon—Brethren George McCoy, and Brother Dare May.
- Sulphur Spring—Elders J. H. Blackburn and Homer Blackburn, Brethren George Lester, George Edd Lester, Claud Stiltner, Junior Blackburn, Harold Blackburn, Arthur May, J. B. May and Ira W. Simpkins.
- Peter Creek—Elder Eli Estep, Brethren Philip Dotson, Richard Smith, Adrian Dotson, Ervil Smith, Sidney Smith, Virgil Smith, Troy Casey and Roland Dotson.
- Little Hope—Brethren Lee Stiltner, Roy Ball, George Ball, A. H. Blackburn and Dewey Dotson.
- Joppa—Elder Dan Adkins.
- Grapevine—Elder Kit Ratliff, Brethren Sam Lowe, Landon Webb, Arvill Justice, Stewart Justice, J. H. Justice, Miles Thacker, Ertle Hunt and Wm. K. Bevins.
- Samaria—Elders Teddy R. Ball and Don Hatfield, Brethren Willie Hatfield, Stearl Hatfield, Earnest Dotson, John Coleman, J. E. Hatfield, Andrew Hearld, Mikel Smith, Virgil Smith, Ralph Smith and Noah Norman.
- Little Union—Elder Lonzie Blair and Brethren Finis Slone, Theo Fuller, Paul Miller, Ford Stiltner, Jim Henry Fuller, Edward Blair and Earnest Blair.
- Johns Creek—Brethren William I. Smith, Elcania Smith, Floyd Smith, Bailey T. Coleman, Noah Smith and Johnie Stilner.
- Calvary—Elders Kit Ratliff and Glen Vipperman, Brethren Jeff Chapman, Sid Varney, Rosco Varney and Andrew Hunt.
- Dry Fork—Elder John Looney, Brethren Harrison Street, Shorty Vandyke, Ralph Street, Sam Barton, Garland Childress, Amos Dotson, Elmer Brown and Arthur Brown.
- New Friendship—Elders L. M. Sammons and S. B. Justice, Brethren I. D. Preston, and Roby Lewis.

OBITUARIES

PARLLE SCOTT BLACKBURN



With a sad aching heart I try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Parlle Scott Blackburn, who was born April 11, 1871, and deceased December 21, 1964, making her stay on earth 93 years, 8 months and 10 days. She was married to R. T. Blackburn, the son of Isom Blackburn and Nancy Reed Blackburn. To this union were born 11 children, 5 deceased and 6 living. Earl Blackburn of Canada, Ky., Millard Blackburn of Sydney, Ky., Vady Varney of Huddy, Ky., Fonnies Scott of Wyoming, Vestie Blackburn of Columbus, Ohio, and Flossie Hange of Holland, W. Va.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church about 35 years ago. Her membership was at Little Hope Church. She was faithful and filled her seat until she was unable to attend. She was good and kind to everyone. She left a host of grand children and great grandchildren, and friends and relatives to mourn their loss. I feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her daughter, Vada Varney and great granddaughter, Jeanetta Honeycutt.

SYRENA BLACKBURN



Syrena Blackburn departed this life July 9, 1965 at the age of 87 years. She was the daughter of the late John H. and Sarah May. She was the wife of the late Elder A. J. Blackburn and mother of Elder J. H. Blackburn. She is survived by three sons and three daughters. She was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 64 years.

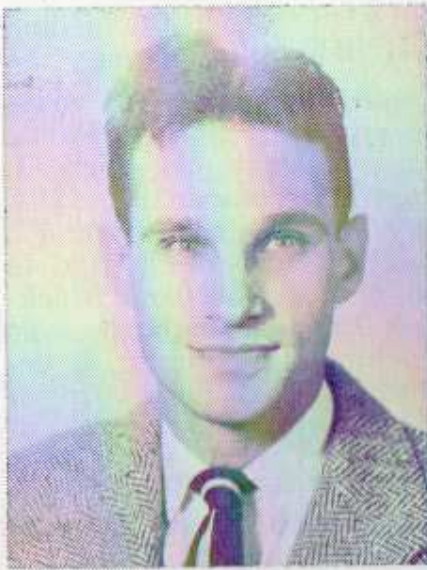
May we say, Sleep on, Mother until we meet again.
—The Family

R. L. JUSTICE

R. L. Justice departed this life March 9, 1965 at the age of 75 years. He was the son of the late Isaac Justice and Rebecca Honaker Justice. He is survived by his wife, three brothers, and four sisters. He was a firm believer in salvation by grace. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

—J. H. Blackburn

JAMES T. JUSTICE



James T. Justice was born October 26, 1923 and deceased April 13, 1965. He was the son of J. H. and Sarah Justice. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church July, 1940. He leaves his father and mother, wife, one daughter, and a host of friends. We feel our loss is his eternal gain. —Father and Mother

MARSHALL JUSTICE



Marshall Justice departed this life February 8, 1965 at the age of 72 years. He was the son of the late Talbert and Vina Anderson Justice. He was married to Cora Honaker Justice who survives.

Other than his wife and six daughters and a host of friends. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

—J. H. Blackburn.

LILLIE BEVINS DAMRON

Lillie Bevins Damron, the daughter of the late Elder T. J. and Mary Anna Morris Bevins, was born January 25, 1884 at Meta, Ky. She died February 11, 1965, making her stay on earth 81 years and 17 days. She was married to Anthony R. Damron on May 6, 1905, and to this union was born one daughter who died in infancy. She was also preceded her in death by her husband several years ago.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Big Creek, having joined about four years ago.

She is survived by one brother, George W. Bevins of Meta, Ky., and by many relatives and friends who mourn her loss, but who feel assured that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rell Bevins.

WILBURN COLEMAN



Wilburn Coleman, born May 11, 1883, deceased June 26, 1965, making his stay here on earth 82 years, one month, and 15 days. His wife, Nancy Lizzie Coleman preceded him in death September 20, 1961. To this union were born 9 children, 4 boys and 5 girls. Two boys Troy Coleman and D. M. Coleman preceded him in death. Monroe Coleman, Sophia, W. Va., Ray Coleman, Belfry, Ky., Jettie Coleman, Kimper, Ky., Zella Smith, Kimper, Ky., Margaret Esta Charett, Toledo, Ohio, Julia Hester Pigg, Detroit, Mich., Dixie Lou Hinson, Lyons, Ill.; twenty-seven grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, five brothers, Hibbard Coleman deceased, Jackson Coleman, deceased, Amos Coleman, deceased, James L. Coleman, Louisville,

Ky., Daniel Coleman, Wayne, W. Va., one sister, Missouri Whitt, Wayne, W. Va..

He was married to his second wife Zettie May, August 24, 1964. She is from Raccoon, Ky. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church June 27, 1954 and was a faithful member until death. We all miss him.

PATTIE STREET



It is with much sadness I try to write the obituary of one of our most faithful members of the Regular Primitive Baptist Church of Dry Fork. Sister Pattie Street, who God blessed to live 81 years on this earth with good health. I am sure our loss is heaven's gain.

Brother Paul said, "Sorrow not, even as others which have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and arose again, even so them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. Looking forward to the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the resurrection of our bodies. Comfort ye with these words."

Written by Brother John Looney.

BILLIE A. STILTNER

Billie A. Stiltner, son of Myrtle and the late Ballard Stiltner, was born December 8, 1929 and died June 26, 1965.

Survivors other than his mother include his wife, Ruby Charles Stiltner, five daughters, three brothers, and four sisters, a host of friends to mourn his passing. But we feel our loss is his eternal gain. Written by his aunt.

—Gladys Kendrick

ONEY CHURCH SMITH



Born January 14, 1880, died February 27, 1965, making her stay on earth 85 years, one month, 13 days.

Her father was Frank Church, her mother, Phoebe Blackburn Church. Her mother died when she was one year old. She was brought up by her grandparents, who were members of the Primitive Baptist Church. From a teen-aged girl she was interested in religious affairs.

She was married to Ballard Smith on March 23, 1900. To this union were born four children. Two little boys died in infancy. Her only son died one year and a half before her death, the grief from which she never overcame. One daughter, Flossie Smith Hunt, survives.

She joined the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Pinsonfork on the first Saturday in May, 1920, and was baptized by Elder W. J. May, her husband's grandfather, the following Sunday. She was a faithful member until death, and never took part with unruly members who detested the church.

Those she left who mourn her loss: her husband, one daughter, five grandchildren, two sisters, six brothers, and a host of friends. Our loss is her eternal gain. We hope to meet her in that eternal home some sweet day.

Written by her eighty-nine year old husband, Ballard Smith

A flower of love most precious,
Is resting where the angels trod,
Dust thou art and to dust returneth,
And unfolds in the city of God.

By Mary Wheeler

LILY ROSE BOSTIC VARNEY

It is with a sad and broken heart that I try to write an obituary of my dear and loving mother, one who was so dear to us.

She was born October 8, 1909, daughter of Henry and Rosie Bostic. She deceased this life June 10, 1965, making her stay on earth 55 years, 7 months and 25 days.

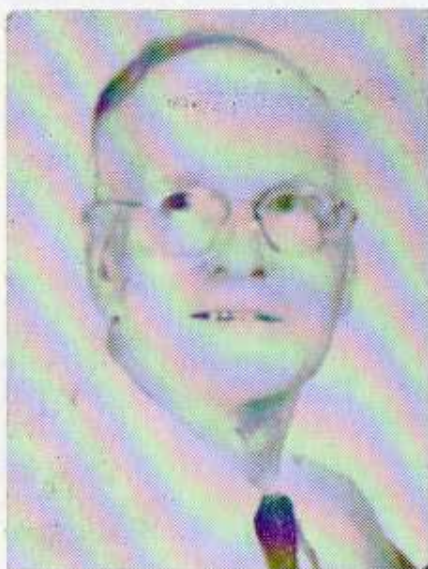
She joined the Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church on May 2, 1965, and was baptized by Elders Kit Ratliff and Eli Estepp. She took fellowship with the Calvary Church. She had been sick for several years, but she filled her seat in church when she was able to attend. But her seat in the church and at home is vacant now, never to be filled any more. She was married April 29, 1927 at Kimper, Ky., to John Varney. She is survived by 10 children, although one preceded her in death. Those surviving include: Mr. Ance Varney of Canada, Ky., Mr. Ernest Varney of Pikeville, Ky., Mr. Henry Varney of Meta, Ky., Mr. Jessie Varney of Kimper Ky., Mr. Rora Varney of Chicago, Ill., Mr. Armon Varney of Meta Ky., Mrs.

Jeannett Owens of Canada, Ky., Jenell and Lester Varney both at home. In addition to her children she is survived by nineteen grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Mr. Hobert Bostic of Pinsonfork, Ky., Mr. Arthur Bostic of Chicago, Ill., Mr. Robert Bostic of Kimper, Ky., Mr. Johnny Bostic of Conway, Va., Mrs. Della Hinkles of Varney, W. Va., Mrs. Minnie Rutherford of Pinsonfork, Ky., Mrs. Rhoda Johnson of South Williamson and Mrs. Nellie Dotson of Chicago, Ill. Also a host of friends.

I just cannot say enough about my dear mother. She was always a good mother to her children and a good wife to Dad. I have a hope of seeing her again when Jesus comes. Oh, how lonesome we are without her, but the good Lord took her against our will. But I feel her loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her broken-hearted children and husband, John Varney.

GREEN F. JUSTICE



We, the Little Union Primitive Baptist Church at Fed's Creek do bow in humble submission in the death of our dearly beloved brother, Green J. Justice who passed quietly from this world of sickness and sorrow to that place of peace and rest on July 13, 1965 at 2 a. m. at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Kentucky.

Brother Justice was born June 1, 1893 at Fishtrap, Ky. He was the son of Green and Lila (Adkins) Justice.

He first married Rebecca Blackburn who preceded him in death in 1937: To this union were born ten children as follows: four boys and six girls.

Albert Justice, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky., Finice Justice, Meta, Ky., Arson Justice, Justiceville, Ky., Hassell Justice, still

at home, Flora Kendrick, West Carrollton, Ohio, Carrie Coleman, Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky., Perlle Coleman, Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky., Dorothy Hunt, Mouthcard, Ky., Ruby Hall, Mouthcard, Ky., Stella Coleman, Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky.

Also surviving him are 34 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. On March 2, 1940 he was married to Lizzie Slone who still survives. In October, 1964, Brother Justice and his wife joined and were baptized into the fellowship of Little Union Church by Elder Teddy Ball and Lonzie Blair.

Brother Justice' sickness was long and painful, but was patiently endured.

Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." May we be ever mindful and bow reverently to the will of God. May we also never cease to thank God for the influence of a tried and true servant of the kind, who by the grace of God, was able to finish his race in peace. We feel that his life was well spent and we shall continue to miss him for his unselfish Christian life has truly left footprints in the sands of life.

ELDER GEORGE HUNT

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my dear husband, George Hunt, the son of Frank and Rebecca Steel Hunt. He was born May 24, 1885 and died January 10, 1965. We spent about forty-five years together and forty-two of them in the church. I don't want to weep as those who have no hope (Thes. 4:13). One of his greatest desires was to be found faithful to the end. His Stormy Banks I stand and Cast a Wishful Eye. last song he tried to sing was:

"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie."

He is sleeping in the Bogar Cemetery near his home.

He leaves the following children: L. F. Hunt, C. L. Hunt, of Hardy Ky.; also Raymond Hunt, Mrs. Clyde Hankins, Hardy Ky., and Mrs. Sylvia Woreland, Prestonsburg, Ky., by a previous marriage to Hattie Scott.

He also leaves one brother, Perry, one sister, Mrs. T. T. Stanley.

Brother George Hunt was ordained to the ministry in 1948. He was faithful until death and firm in the doctrine of salvation by grace.

Written by Lassie B. Hunt.

FANNIE JUSTICE

Fannie Junstice departed this life February 18, 1965 at the age of 74 years. She was the daughter of the late George and Gertrude Meade Thacker. She was married to Hillard Justice, who preceded her in death. She leaves five sons. and four daughters to mourn their loss. She was a devoted mother and faithful member of Grapevine Church. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

—J. H. Blackburn

J. WALLACE COLEMAN

J. Wallace Coleman was born January 27, 1892, decaused July 2, 1965. He was the son of the late Ruben and Matilda Lester Coleman. He was married to Ida Hurley, who survives. He is survived by his wife, four daughters, three sons and one sister. He had requested to be baptized as quickly as possible, but was never able to be out again.

We feel sure our loss is his eternal gain.

—J. H. Blackburn

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.

2. 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.

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

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

5. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

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

7. 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.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

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

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

11. 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.

12. 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 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 messengers to the Association, and those monies 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 monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.

13. 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.

14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

15. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

16. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of 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 monies 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 minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

17. We welcome any and all orderly and peace loving Primitive Baptist to visit with us.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. 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.

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and life of His body, the church from everlasting.

3. We believe the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is and was and shall forever remain His body and fulness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

4. 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.

5. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

6. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

7. 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.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and the unjust, and the happiness of the righteous shall be eternal and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

9. 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.

10. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments 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 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.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect of the person who spoke before so as to mak remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can to convey his ideas.
6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother."
10. 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 Decorum.
11. 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.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided 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.
13. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | | CLERKS AND ADDRESSES | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------|
| Louisa | Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky. | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Rec'd by Relation | Restored to Fel. | Dis'd by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Tot. Membership | Sat. of Meeting | Contributions | |
| Pond Creek | Bob Dotson, Hardy, Ky. | 5 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 63 | 2 | \$22.00 | |
| Big Creek | M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 143 | 2 | 25.00 | |
| Raccoon | George McCoy, Raccoon, Ky. | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 58 | 3 | 23.00 | |
| Peter Creek | Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky. | 4 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 5 | 35 | 4 | 25.00 | |
| Sulphur Spring .. | J. B. May, Kelsa, Va. | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 102 | 4 | 20.00 | |
| Little Hope | Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky. | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 53 | 1 | 15.00 | |
| Joppa | Ermia Varney, Noland, W. Va. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 | 1 | 13.70 | |
| Grape Vine | William K. Bevins, Phyllis, Ky. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 1 | 5.00 | |
| Samaria | J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. | 7 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 33 | 3 | 13.00 | |
| Little Union | Ernest Blair, Fed Creek, Ky. | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 9 | 158 | 3 | 25.00 | |
| John Creek | Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 36 | 1 | 20.00 |
| Calvary | Roscoe Varney, Meta, Ky. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | 47 | 1 | 20.03 |
| New Friendship .. | Robie Lewis, Boones Camp, Ky. | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 13 | 1 | 12.00 | |
| Dry Fork | Garland Childress, Vasant, Va. | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 23 | 4 | 10.00 | |
| Totals | | 29 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 23 | 835 | ... | 268.70 | |

