

Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Sixteenth
Annual Session
OF THE
ORIGINAL
Mates Creek
REGULAR
Primitive Baptist Association
ORGANIZED IN 1849
HELD WITH
John's Creek Church
KIMPER, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
AUGUST 30, 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1,

❧[1968]❧

Next session convenes with the Samaria Church, Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1969 at 10:00 a. m. Elder Frank Wheeler is to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Joe Thacker is to be his alternate.

OFFICERS

ELDER TEDDY R. BALL - Moderator, McCarr, Ky.
ELD. J. H. BLACKBURN - Ass't Moderator, Redjacket,
West Virginia
BROTHER STEARL HATFIELD - Clerk, McCarr, Ky.
BRO. KEENE VARNEY, JR. - Ass't Clerk, Ransom, Ky.

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Proceedings

OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE JOHN'S CREEK CHURCH

FRIDAY MORNING—August 30, 1968

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Frank Wheeler.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Teddy R. Ball. Text: Psalm 66:5—Come and see the works of God: He is terrible in His doing toward the children of men.

Call for the letters from all the churches. Moved and seconded that we receive all the letters, and have the letter from the John's Creek Church read, and have the names of the messengers enrolled in the Minutes.

Election of officers: The association then elected Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder J. H. Blackburn, Assistant Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk; Brother Keene Varney, Jr., 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:

Burning Spring Association: By letter and minutes and messengers to wit: Elder Will Carty, James Wheeler, Goble Ratliff, Proctor Lyons, Mart Moore, Bruce Gullett and Raymond Kenard.

Union Association: By letter and minutes and messengers to-wit Brother Booten Hamilton and Elder J. M. Profit.

Mt. Zion Association: Minutes and messengers to-wit Elders A. L. Neely and Don Lilly.

Rock Spring Association: Minutes and messengers to-wit Elders Luther Bradley, W. A. Bradley, Gale McGuire, Noah Dawson and Fred Akers.

New Liberty Association: By Minutes only.

Received Minutes from the following associations:
Mt. Zion, New Liberty, Senter, Union, Mountain, Burning
Spring, Rock Spring and Sand Lick.

Visitors from sister associations received and seated as
follows: Mt. Zion: Elder Owen Harvey and wife, Elder
Dowell Stover.

Rock Spring: Elder William Littleton and Brother Albert
Littleton.

New Liberty: Elder Rosco Ratliff.

Burning Spring: Elder Paul Keaton, Brethren Walton
Jones, Junior Arnett, Elder Glen Lilly and Elder Stewart
Breeding.

Union:

Sand Lick: Elder Lee Wilson and Brother Muncey
Campbell, Shafter Johnson and Talt Napier. Sisters
Rebecca Johnson, Molly Patrick and Idia Napier.

Chestnut Grove Church: Elder Bruce Thomas, Lambling,
Va.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all tem-
porary arrangements.

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

For Friday at the stand: Elder James Wheeler to open.

1. Elder Jimmie Moore.

For Saturday: To open, Elder Paul Keaton. 1. Elder Don
Lilly; 2. Elder Lee Wilson; 3. Elder William Littleton;
4. Elder Will Carty.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Moved and seconded that one messenger from each
church be appointed on the Committee on Arrangements.
The following were appointed: Brethren Bob Warrix, Jake
Runyan, Joe Thacker, Pat Keen, Philip Dotson, George
Lester, Roy Ball, Dan Adkins, Orville Justice, Andrew
Hearld, Lonzie Blair, Roby Lewis, Elmer Brown and Joe
Dodson.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Breth-

ren Frank Wheeler, C. C. Dotson and Walter Daniels.

Messengers who agreed to visit sister associations are as follows:

Mt. Zion: Elders Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins and Walter Runyon, Brethren Ray Smith and Alvis Keene.

Rock Spring: Elders J. H. Blackburn and Teddy R. Ball; Brethren Roby Lewis and M. B. Blackburn.

Senter: Elders Frank Wheeler, J. H. Blackburn and Walter Runyon.

Union: Elders Lonzie Blair and Elmer Brown, Brethren Harrison Street, George Fuller, and Teddy R. Ball.

New Liberty: Elders Frank Wheeler, J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Moore and Walter Runyon; Brethren M. B. Blackburn.

Burning Spring: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Moore, Frank Wheeler, Walter Runyon, Dan Adkins, Lonzie Blair, Eli Estep and Teddy R. Ball. Brethren Andy Blackburn, Pat Alvis Keene, Tilden Chapman, Roby Lewis, Jake Runyon, Walter Daniels, Harrison Street, M. B. Blackburn, and Adrian Dotson.

Sand Lick: Elders Teddy Ball, Elmer Brown, Lonzie Blair and Joe Thacker and Brother Harrison Street.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with the Pond Creek Church and to begin Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. before the fifth Saturday and Sunday in March, 1969.

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

SATURDAY MORNING—August 31, 1968

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Joe Thacker.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee on Arrangements met in the John's Creek Church House and was called to order by the Moderator.

1. Moved and seconded that the association carry on

its work for Saturday in the usual manner.

2. Moved and seconded that we ask the Union Association to drop the Orthodox Church until it makes peace with the Sand Lick Association.

Moved and seconded that the Committee's work be accepted and that they be discharged.

Moved and seconded that we seat the Brethren from the Sand Lick Association as visitors.

**With reference to Item 1, of the Committee on Arrangements in our 1967 minute. Brethren C. C. Dotson, Frank Wheeler, Andrew Hearld and Stearl Hatfield was appointed by the Moderator to examine the record books of the New Friendship Church, they reported the following.

From the records available we could not find anything to justify the complaint.

Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported the following. 1. Elder Gale McGuire to open; 2. Elder Bruce Thomas; 3. Elder Raymon Conard; 4. Elder A. L. Neely; 5. Elder Luther Bradley.

Finance Committee reported \$320.00 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 the second Saturday in August 1969. Elders to attend: Avery Lowe, John I. Smith, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins and Kit Ratliff.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1969. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Oda Hall, Dan Adkins, Avery Lowe and Joe Thacker.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1969. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Guy Campbell, Oda Hall, Kit Ratliff and Don Hatfield.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1969. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, J. H. Blackburn, Oda Hall, Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins and Kit Ratliff.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1969. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, John Looney, Homer Blackburn, J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine and Lonzie Blair.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1969. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Guy Campbell, Elmer Brown, Eli Estep, T. R. Ball, Wheeler Thacker, Kit Ratliff, Avery Lowe and Everett Brizendine.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1969. Elders to attend: Mickael Smith, Avery Lowe, Walter Runyon, Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins and Joe Thacker.

Joppa Church meets the first Saturday in June, 1969.

Elders to attend: Guy Campbell, Avery Lowe, Oda Hall, Frank Wheeler and Dand Adkins.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1969. Elders to attend: Guy Campbell, John I. Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Homer Blackburn and Elder Walter Evans invited.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1969. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Homer Blackburn, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Oda Hall and Jimmie Moore.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1969. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, John I. Smith, Elmer Brown, Avery Lowe, Frank Wheeler, John Looney and Everett Brizendine.

John's Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1967. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, John I. Smith, Eli Estep, Homer Blackburn and Kit Ratliff.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1969. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Dan Adkins, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Glen Vipperman, Eli Estep, Frank Wheeler, Avery Lowe, John I. Smith and Oda Hall.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1969. Elders to attend. Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, John Looney, John I. Smith,

Homer Blackburn and Evert Brizendine.

***Memorial meeting for all deceased members will be on the fourth Sunday in July.

New Friendship Church meets fourth Saturday in July, 1969. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Don Hatfield, T. R. Ball, Avery Lowe, Oda Hall, Joe Thacker and Dan Adkins.

Columbus Meets the fourth Saturday in April, 1969. Elders to attend: Eli Estep, Elmer Brown, Avery Lowe, J. H. Blackburn, Opa Thacker, T. R. Ball, Don Hatfield, Clifford Thacker, Elder Roby Furgeson invited to attend.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes and that Don Hatfield prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 1600 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following: Sisters Myrtle Justice, Hattie Justice, and Donna Jean Blackburn. Brethren William Jeff Prater, Anderson Scott, Riley A. Coleman, Tolbert Smith, Jake Blackburn, Elder John Fuller and Brother and Sister David and Barbara B. Justice.

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:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$318.25
Amount received from the Churches	320.00
Total Cash on Hand	\$638.25
Cash Paid Out:	
Paid for the Minutes (1967)	\$268.00
Paid for moving the seats	15.00
Give the Moderator	15.00
Give the Clerk	10.00
Total Cash paid out	\$308.00
Balance Cash left on hand	\$330.25

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Samaria Church at Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky and to begin at 10:00 o'clock a. m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1969; and that Elder Frank Wheeler be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and that Elder Joe Thacker be his alternator.

Minutes read, approved, closed by Prayer by Elder Dan Adkins. Then adjourned until the time of our next Association. Signed by:

TEDDY R. BALL, Moderator
J. H. BLACKBURN, Ass't Moderator
R. S. HATFIELD, Clerk
KEEN VARNEY, JR., Ass't Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING—September 1, 1968

1. Singing by Elder Gale McGuire and prayer by Elder Goble Ratliff.

2. Elder Bruce Thompson. No special text.

3. Elder Raymond Conard, text: 2 Samuel 12:3—But the poor man had nothing; save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up, etc.

4. Elder A. L. Neely, text: Acts 3:1—Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

5. Elder Luther Bradley, text Psalm 22:17—I may tell all my bones: They look and stare upon me.

6. Elder Teddy R. Ball our Moderator came forward and after a short discourse, offered thanks to God, first, for so wonderful association, and the Corresponding brethren and the visiting brethren and sisters. Second, to the brothers, sisters, and friends of the John's Creek Church for a job well done in taking care of the Association. Then closed the Association with singing and praises to our heavenly Master.

—The Clerk

Friday Evening at Old Pond Church—1. Elder Don Lilly; 2. Elder A. L. Neely.

Saturday Evening: At Brother Jeff Thacker's Home at 4:30 p. m.—1. Elder Bruce Goulet; 2. Elder Mart Moore; 3. Elder Proctor Lyons. At Brother Green Coleman's Home at 7:30 p. m.—1. Elder Mart Moore; 2. Elder Proctor Lyons; 3. Elder Bruce Goulet.

At Blackberry Church, 7:30 p. m.—1. Elder Elmer Brown; 2. Elder Paul Keaton; 3. Elder James Wheeler; 4. Elder Jimmie Moore.

At Sister Bessie Smith's Home, 7:30 p. m.—1. Elder Noah Dawson; 2. Elder Wilson Bradley; 3. Elder Owen Harvey; 4. Elder Will Carty.

To the ministers and messengers who may compose the Mates Creek Association when convened with John's Creek Church, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1968, by the request of the last association.

I will now make the attempt to write what is called a Circular Letter to be submitted for consideration at this present session, trusting that God will lead and direct my mind in such a way that I may write something that will be a comfort to God's humble poor.

First, I want to say that every good and perfect gift comes down from above. We do the good things that God is pleased with after that we are born of the Spirit of God. Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted of God, for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man. We all sin and do wrong because of the sin that is in the flesh but thanks be to God after we are born of the Spirit of God the old sin is bound in such a way that it can't do the things that it would before the birth.

Let me call your attention to a scripture in Matthew 1:21. "And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins." The question with many people today is, "Did the Lord save them when He died on the cross or did He leave them something to do about it?" I believe that He saved the whole family at one time over 1900 years ago when He died on the cross and since that time He has been revealing it to His people what He did for them. I love to think about what the apostle Paul said about it. "Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ before the world was. So we believe that it is all in His hands. All power, both in heaven and earth was given into His hands, that He, Christ, should give eternal life to as many as the Father has given Him.

My brethren, I believe that will be the family that will sing in the glory world. Them that have had a new birth so it is by the grace of God that we His people are what we are.

Dear brethren, I am glad to think that the Church was what He came and gave His life for. He said I am the Head and ye are the body of the Church, visible and invisible. I don't think Christ purposed all His people to join the Church that He set up here in the world, but I believe that He will manifest His sweet Spirit to everyone that He died for. Some were between the cradle and the grave because he declared by the one Spirit, Ye are all baptized into one

body and the body is Christ. So my dear brethren, in the final wind-up, I believe there will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust and the happiness of the righteous will be eternal and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting. So I must bring my remarks to a close. May the good Lord lead and direct our minds in all our undertakings is my humble prayer for Jesus' sake.

In hope of eternal life, your unworthy brother,

—Elder Joe Thacker

CHURCH AND MESSENGERS

Louisa: Elders W. H. Thacker, Guy Campbell, Green Coleman, Brethren Bradley Warrix, Robert B. Warrix, Jessie Tucker, Flem Justice, Abner L. Justice, Kedna Charles, Clifford Thacker and Chester Bevins.

Pond Creek: Elder Frank Wheeler, Licentiate Walter Runyon, Brethren Andy Blackburn, C. C. Dotson, Bob Dotson, Fairchild Runyon, Roland Dotson, Jake Runyon and Walter Daniels.

Big Creek: Elders Opa Thacker, Joe Thacker and George Fuller, Brethren Daniels Roberts, Joe Stanley, Landon Thacker and M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon: Brethren Alvis Keene, Joe Morris, George McCoy, Homer Coleman and Johnnie Coleman.

Sulphur Spring: Brethren George W. Lester, George E. Lester, Willie Blackburn, Junior McCoy, Grover Blackburn, Luther Blackburn and Roger Blackburn.

Peter Creek: Eli Estep, and Troy Casey, Brethren Leo Coleman, Richard Smith, Philip Dotson, Adrian Dotson, Harrison Smith, Ray Smith, Elliott Casey, Paul Smith, Virgil Smith.

Little Hope: Brethren Roy Ball, George Ball, Ballard Blackburn and Elder John I. Smith.

Joppa: Elder Dan Adkins.

Grapevine: Brethren Ertle Hunt, Orville Justice, Landon Webb and Miles Thacker.

Samaria: Elders Teddy R. Ball and Don Hatfield, Brethren Willie Hatfield, Andrew Hearld, J. E. Hatfield, Stearl Hatfield, Keen Varney, Jr., Luther Scott and Noah Norman.

John's Creek: Brethren Lee Stiltner, Floyd Smith, Elcanie Smith and Bailey T. Coleman.

Calvary: Elders Kit Rtliff, Glen Vipperman and Andrew Hunt. Brethren Rosco Varney, Sid Varney, Jeff Chapman, Ben Chapman, and Rush Chapman.

Little Union: Elder Lonzie Blair.

New Friendship: Brethren Roby Lewis and I. D. Preston.

Dry Fork: Elder Elmer Brown, Brethren W. A. Brown and Harrison Street.

Columbus: Elders James Moore and Lunday Coleman. Brethren Lonnie Warrix, John Warrix and Joe Dotson.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

W. H. Thacker, Canada, Ky.
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Joe Thacker, Canada, Ky.; Ph. 353-7669
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J. H. Blackburn, Red Jacket, W. Va.
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.
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Eldon Thacker, Phyllis, Ky.; Ph. 835-4896
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.; Ph. 353-7912
L. M. Sammons, Ft. Gay, W. Va.
Homer Blackburn, Kelsa, Va.
Everett Brisendine, McCarr, Ky.
Avery Lowe, Williamson, W. Va.
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Willard Dotson, Pie, W. Va.
John I. Smith, Belfry, Ky.
Elmer Brown, Vansant, W. Va.
James Moore, 179 S. Richardson, Columbus, Ohio
Ph. 274-6970
Jeff Chapman, Kimper, Ky.

Licentiates:

Wheeler Thacker
Shorty Vandyke, Vansant, Va.
Paris Ramey, North Matewan, W. Va.
Kedna Charles, Phillis, Ky.
Chester Bevins, Phillis, Ky.
Clifford Thacker, Millard, Ky.
Walter Runyon, Stone, Ky.
Michael Smith, Ransom, Ky.

CHURCH	NAME OF MODERATOR	COMMUNION
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,		August first 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 Ratliff		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.
Columbus—Elder Teddy R. Ball		April 4th Sat.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa—Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky.	125
Pond Creek—Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky. 41531	190
Big Creek—M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519	100
Raccoon—George McCoy, Raccoon, Ky.	90
Peter Creek—Leo Coleman, Star Route, Phelps, Ky. 41553	90
Sulphur Spring—J. B. May, Star Route, Box 197, Hurley, Va. 24620 ..	75
Little Hope—Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	75
Joppa—Mrs. Erma Varney, Nolan, W. Va. 25687	20
Grapevine—William K. Bevins, Philis, Ky. 41554	90
Samaria—J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544	180
John's Creek—Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. 41539	70
Little Union—Earnest Blair, Fed's Creek, Ky. 41524	50
Calvary—Rosco Varney, Meta, Ky.	60
Dry Fork—Garland Childress, Vansant, Va. 24656	100
New Friendship—Roby Lewis, Boon's Camp, Ky. 41204	20
Columbus—Mrs. Mary Lynn Coleman, 2456 Dawnlight Ave. 43211 ..	50
Total	1385

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mt. Zion—J. R. Lilly, Box 345, Hinton, W. Va.	20
Senter—Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St., Winston-Salem, N. C. ..	20
Rock Spring—Lurman McGuire, 639 East Ave., Hamilton, Ohio	20
Mountain—Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.	20
Union—Elder Alvin N. Proffitt, Ealia, Ky.	20
Burning Spring—Walton Jones, Cannel City, Ky.	20
Sand Lick—Muncy Campbell, Rowdy, Ky.	20
New Liberty—Lester Martin, 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, W. Va. ..	20
To the Clerk—Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	55

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF VISITING ELDERS

Elder James Wheeler, Rt. 4, Paris, Ky.
Elder Paul Keaton, Keaton, Ky.
Elder Will Carty, Hendricks, Ky.
Elder Bruce Gullett, Rt. 2, Beaver, Ohio
Elder P. R. Lyon, Sr., Martha, Ky.
Elder Gale McGuire, Box 276, Rt. 3, Brookville, Ohio
Elder Rosco Ratliff, Alum Creek, W. Va.
Elder Goebel Ratliff, Malone, Ky.
Elder William Littleton, Rt. 4, Olive Hill, Ky.
Elder Luther Bradley, Rt. 2, Morehead, Ky.
Elder W. A. Bradley, Rt. 2, Georgetown, Ky.
Elder A. L. Neely, Hinton, W. Va.
Elder Owen Harvey, Hinton, W. Va.
Elder Fred W. Akers, Troy, Ohio
Elder Noah Dawson, Franklin, Ohio
Elder J. L. Wilson, Appalachian, Va.
Elder W. Don Lilly, 3946 Reid Ave., Lot 5 1, Lorain, Ohio
Elder H. B. Thomas, 125 East View, Galax, Va.
Elder Raymond Kanard, 421 Mulberry Street, Lebanon, Ohio
Elder Mart Moore, Blane, Ky.
Elder Glen Lilly, 4016 Hughes St., Huntington, W. Va.
Elder Stewart Breeding, 203 31st St., Huntington, W. Va.

OBITUARIES

MYRTLE JUSTICE



It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my mother, Myrtle Justice. She was born Sept. 9, 1910 and passed away July 22, 1968, making her stay on earth 57 years, 10 months, and 13 days. She was the daughter of Flem and Vada (Smith) Justice.

She was married to Estil Thacker, the son of Elder W. H. Thacker July 11, 1928. To this union were born 3 daughters: Martha Edith Moore, Huntington, W. Va., Vada Jane Charles, Phyllis, Ky., Emogene Fields, Stone, Ky. My father passed away August 1, 1937.

She later married Julius Warrix and to this union was born one son, William Howard Warrix, Massillon, Ohio.

She leaves 9 grandchildren, a father, 2 brothers and 8 sisters.

Mother joined the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church Oct. 7th and was baptized Oct. 13, 1962 by Elders Teddy R. Ball and W. H. Thacker. She lived a true and faithful member until death.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter,

—Vada Jane Charles

HATTY JUSTICE



"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Hattie Justice was the daughter of the late Abner B. and Vicy Hatfield Justice. She was born Dec. 30, 1892 at Fishtrap, Ky.; died July 12, 1968, her stay here 75 years, 6 months and 12 days.

She was united in holy matrimony to A. P. Justice, Oct. 1, 1914. To this union were born one daughter, Tula Justice Coleman, preceded her in death Sept. 11, 1961; three sons: P. B. Justice, Indianapolis, Ind; Paul Justice, Robinson Creek, Ky.; A. E. Justice, Indianapolis, Ind. She is also survived by 11 grand-

children and 10 great grandchildren; six sisters: Mrs. Polly Reynolds, Phyllis, Ky., Mrs. Hester Goff, Jikeville, Ky., Mrs. Fona Spence, Pikeville, Ky., Mrs. Dixie , Huntington, W. Va., Mrs. Edna Sowards, Wyandotte, Mich., Mrs. Lacy Little, Rt. 1, Elkhorn City, Ky. One brother: Clyde Justice, Shelbyana, Ky.

Sister Justice was received into the fellowship of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church, July 15, 1928; baptized by the late Elder Joe B. Ramey and remained true, loyal and faithful to the church until

her passing. She not only leaves her three children and their families but a host of relatives and friends and the entire membership of the Church in which she was affiliated.

Psalms 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 her race in peace. We feel that her life was well spent and we shall continue to miss her for her unselfish Christian life has truly left footprints in the sands of life.

DONNA JEAN BLACKBURN



It is with sadness we write an obituary of our darling granddaughter, Donna Jean Blackburn. She was the daughter of Albert and Dorothy Blackburn. She was born Jan. 29, 1952 and was called away Aug. 30, 1967 at the age of fifteen years and seven months. She united with the church at the age of thirteen, and was sincere about the church or anything pertaining to it. She was mild and gentle and was loved by all who knew her. Just a few days before she passed away she asked that at her funeral the minister read Matthew 5, verses 3 through 10. Her funeral was preached by Elders Teddy Ball and Lonzie Blair.

Her father and mother have lost a precious jewel, but may God bless them to know His will be done, and that it is so much better a little further on.

Written by,

—Elder and Mrs. Johnny Blackburn

ANDERSON T. SCOTT



With a sad and aching heart I write this obituary of my dearly beloved husband Anderson T. Scott, born at Hardy, Ky. August 28, 1918; deceased this life November 21, 1967, making his stay on earth 49 years, 2 months and 23 days. He was the son of Thomas Scott and Georgie Stafford Scott. He was married to Lilly Miller. This union was blessed with four children, 2 sons and 2 daughters: Anderson Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, Marshall Douglas of Hardy, Ky., Mrs. Rosetta Daiza of Dearborn, Mich. and Mrs. Ada Jean McCown of Hardy, Ky. He also leaves 2 brothers and 5 sisters. He became a member of the Old Pond

Primitive Baptist Church Feb. 1965. His illness kept him from attending church as much as he would have liked. He bore his pain with great patience. He had a kind word and smile for everyone. Those who mourn his passing know our loss is great but it is his eternal gain. We feel our heavenly Master with great wisdom and mercy called this kind humble man from this troubled world to sleep in peace until He calls him to his heavenly mansion he so surely deserves. The loving memory of our dear husband and father will be ours until we meet again.

Written by his sad wife,

—Lilly Scott

TOLBERT SMITH



Tolbert Smith died Jan. 16, 1968. He was born Jan. 14, 1899 and was the son of William and Jane Blankenship Smith.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church June 18, 1950 and was a faithful member.

He married Tuella Honaker Smith. To this union were two children: William Tolbert Smith of Ransom, Ky. and a daughter, Mrs. Bobbie Jean Kindrick of Columbus, Ohio.

—Written by Estill and Pearl Hatfield

JAKE BLACKBURN



Jake Blackburn was born April 21, 1871; deceased Jan. 9, 1968. He was the son of John and Betty Blackburn and was married to Dollie (McCoy) Blackburn, who survives. To this union were born four children. Two preceded him in death. Surviving are Hansel Blackburn and Mrs. Estil (Pearl) Hatfield, both of McCarr, Ky. and one son of a previous marriage whose address is unknown.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church May 27, 1956 and was baptized by Elders T. R. Ball and Frank Wheeler.

—By Mrs. Estil Hatfield

ELDER JOHN FULLER



Elder John Fuller was born July 15, 1880; departed this life August 17, 1968, making his stay on earth 88 years, 1 month and 2 days. He was united in marriage to Anna Rowe Feb. 25, 1901. To this union were born 21 children. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. Kelsie Hensley, Mrs. Ethel Thacker, Mrs. Naomi Thacker, Mrs. Rachel Elswick all of Canada, Ky. Mrs. Kassie Thacker of Stone, Ky., Mrs. Ruth Blair of Feds Creek, Ky.; three sons George of Canada, Ky. and Kermit and Zack of Columbus, Ohio.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek in May, 1936. He was ordained an Elder of the Church May 19, 1940. He was blessed to preach the gospel until he became unable to attend the church. His presence will be missed in church but we feel of a surety that our loss in his gain.

Written by one who loved him,

—Brother Mordecai Blackburn

RILEY A. COLEMAN



It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my dear husband, Riley A. Coleman. He was born Sept. 29, 1897; deceased Sept. 26, 1967. He was the son of David Coleman and Mary T. Coleman. He united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized Sept. 14, 1958. He always filled his seat each church time until he became too sick to attend.

He left 11 children: 7 girls, Vernelia C. Phillips, Jeleanor C. Stewart, Hula C. Looney, Lois C. Bogar, Martha C. Ward, Mary C. Smith, and Wanda C. Mays. Four sons: Riley Jr., Dennis, Lomar, and Gary and 15 grandchildren. He has two brothers: Anthony and George Coleman;

two sisters, Ella C. Daniels and Lucy C. Goff.

Written by his wife,

—Carrie Coleman

WILLIAM JEFF PRATER

I will try in my poor and weak way to write an obituary of my brother. William Jeff Prater was born April 7, 1893, the son of Elder W. J. Prater and Caroline McCoy Prater. He was married at an early age to Ocie May. To this union were born two children, a boy and a girl. The latter died in infancy. The son Jackson resides at Chesapeake, Va.

Later he was married to Gracie Blecher and to this union were

born eight children of which four preceded him in death. To mourn his loss 3 sons and 2 daughters: Jackson of Chesapeake, Va., Clarence of Lynchburg, Va., Homer at home, Lillian and Frances of North Carolina. He has an unknown number of grandchildren and several greatgrandchildren.

Jeff united with Old Pond Church 1949 and was baptized by Elder Rene Singleton, assisted by Elder Teddy Ball. He loved the Church and the doctrine of salvation by grace through the atoning blood of our Lord. He was afflicted in body for about 25 years. The last week he lived, he seemed to be in good spirits according to his neighbors and friends. They made the remarks that there wasn't a better man who ever lived. On Saturday he sat at home and sang three hymns of grace and with a clear voice which he wasn't able to do for many years. On Sunday morning he went to sleep very early after speaking a few words to his wife. Then fell asleep on his arm May 26th, 1968. We miss him terribly but we humbly bow to the will of our heavenly Father, believing we will meet him after this life is past. We can say to his loving wife and precious children: Weep not for him. He rests from all his labors.

—Written by his brother H. W. Prater and two sisters Mazzie and Drucie.

DAVID AND BARBARA B. JUSTICE



It is with a sad heart I try to write the obituary of my dear loving father and mother, David and Barbara B. Justice.

David Justice was born Dec. 11, 1870, deceased Jan. 6, 1945, making his stay on earth 74 years and 26 days.

Barbara (Blackburn) Justice was born Dec. 7, deceased Oct. 10, 1961, making her stay on earth 85 years, 10 months and 3 days.

Father and mother were married Nov. 7, 1895. To this union were born 8 children, two deceased, Surildia and Okey Justice. They leave two sons, Dallas and Carl Justice, four daughters, Quennie, Chaney, Goldia Bevins, Delphia Justice and Flossie Thacker. They reared two grandchildren, Marie Phaton and Buster Justice. They also leave 31 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, and several great great grandchildren.

Mother joined the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church June 10, 1926. Father joined the same church March 14, 1942. They both lived faithful members until their deaths. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by their daughter,

—Flossie Thacker

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 reprovred by the Association as they think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	By Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Sat. of Meeting	Contribution
Louisa	Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky.	18	1	...	...	...	...	3	73	2	\$25.00
Pond Creek	Bob Dotson, Hardy, Ky.	16	4	...	...	...	1	6	177	2	40.00
Big Creek	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky.	10	...	...	...	...	...	2	75	3	25.00
Raccoon	George McCoy, Raccoon, Ky.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	4	25.00
Peter Creek	Leo Coleman, Phelps, Ky.	3	...	...	...	4	...	3	92	4	20.00
Sulphur Spring ..	J. B. May, Star Rt. Box 197, Hurley, Va.	9	...	3	...	...	...	...	74	1	14.00
Little Hope	Dewey Dotson, Pinsonford, Ky.	3	...	...	...	2	1	1	32	1	20.00
Joppa	Mrs. Ermia Varney, Nolan, W. Va. ....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	1	5.00
Grape Vine	Miles Thacker, Phylis, Ky. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	3	15.00
Samaria	J. E. Hatfield, McCarfr, Ky.	22	1	...	8	...	2	3	191	3	40.00
Little Union	Ernest Blair, Fed Creek, Ky. ....	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	30	1	17.00
John Creek	Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. ....	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	43	2	20.00
Calvary	Roscoe Varney, Kimper, Ky.	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	18	1	14.00
New Friendship ..	Roby Lewis, Boones Camp, Ky. ....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	20	4	5.00
Dry Fork	Garland Childers, Vansant, Va.	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	37	2	20.00
Columbus	Marylynn Coleman, 2456 Downlight Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211 ..	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	22	4	15.00
Totals		96	11	3	12	9	8	23	963	...	320.00

