

Minutes

OF THE

**One Hundred Eighteenth
Annual Session**

OF THE

**ORIGINAL
Mates Creek**

REGULAR

Primitive Baptist Association

ORGANIZED IN 1849

HELD WITH

Louisa Church

MILLARD, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

SEPTEMBER 4, 5, AND 6,

1970

Next session convenes with Dry Fork Church, located
Vansant, Virginia, Buchanan County, to begin Friday
before the first Sunday in September 1971 at 10:00 a.m.

OFFICERS

ELDER TEDDY R. BALL - Moderator, McCarr, Ky.

ELDER J. H. BLACKBURN - Assistant Moderator,
Newtown, W. Va.

BROTHER STEARL HATFIELD - Clerk, McCarr, Ky.

BROTHER KEEN VARNEY, JR. - Assistant Clerk,
Ransom, Ky.

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Proceedings

**Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist
Association, Held With the Louisa Church**

FRIDAY MORNING -- September 4th, 1970

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Elmer Brown. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Dan Adkins: Text: Genesis 1:1: In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth.

Call for the Letters from all the Churches. Read the letter from the Louisa Church. Moved and seconded that we accept all the Letters.

Moved and seconded that we refer the letter from the New Friendship Church and the letter from the Columbus Church to the committee on arrangements.

Election of Officers: The Association then elected; Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder J. H. Blackburn, Assistant Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk; Brother Keen 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.

Correspondents from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Union: Elders J. M. Profit and Jonah Stidham, Brother Booten Hamilton.

Mt. Zion: Elder Don Lilly.

Rock Spring: Elder William Littleton.

New Liberty: By Minutes Only

Little Yadkin River Primitive Baptist: Elder Jessie Collins and O. W. Sisk.

Senter: By Minutes Only.

Sand Lick of Virginia: Elder Franklin Viers, Clarence Boyd, Elder Andrew McClothin and Elder Jim Oquin, Brethren Noah Yates and Lawrence Collins.

St. Clair's Bottom: Brethren W. B. Johnson and Henry Puckett and Vernon Heath and Elder Eugene Blevins.

Received Minutes from the following Associations: Senter, Mountain, New Liberty, Mt. Zion, Union, Sand Lick of Virginia, Little Yadkin River Primitive Baptist.

Visitors from sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Union: Sister Tallie Profit.

Mt. Zion: Elder J. R. Lilly.

Rock Spring: Brother Albert Littleton and Brother Ralph Casey.

Little Yadkin River Primitive Baptist: Sister Cary Collins.

Sand Lick of Virginia: Brethren Jim Southerland, Stacy Barton, Hayden McGlothing, Bob Southerland, Kermit Owens, Corbet Duty, Jim Bartley, Garland Yates, Clayton Belcher, Shella Anderson and Claude Epling; Sisters Lizzie Kiser, Maudie Boyd, Lota Collie, Nervie Barton, Lyndie Pergeon, Martha Taylor, Estill Owens, Carie Deel, Altie Breeding, Ethel Jacob, Bessie Kiser, Ada Childers, and Alfira Yates.

Burning Spring: Elder Paul Keaton.

St. Clair's Bottom: Brother W. M. Pucket and wife, Sister Isabelle Johnson.

Pleasant Grove Church: Elder Ray White.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary arrangements.

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

For Friday: 1st, Elder J. R. Lilly; 2nd, Elder Don Lilly; 3rd, Elder Jimmie Moore.

For Saturday: 1st, Elder Paul Keaton; 2nd, Elder Andrew McGlothin; 3rd, Elder Jessie Collins; 4th, Elder Ray White.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: A messenger from each church was appointed to serve.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Walter Runyon, Fonso Justice and John I. Smith.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

Mount Zion, Little Blue Stone Church, begins Friday before the last Sunday in August 1971; Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins and Walter Runyon.

Rock Spring, New Burlington Church, begins Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1971; Elders to attend: Opa Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Jimmie Moore.

Union, is held with the Orthodox Church and begins Friday before the third Saturday in September 1970; Elders to attend: John I. Smith, Joe Thacker, Joe Slone.

New Liberty: Will be held with the Naomi Church and to begin Friday before the first Sunday in October 1970; Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, J. H. Blackburn and Walter Runyon.

Sand Lick of Kentucky, begins Friday before the second Sunday in September 1970; Elders to attend: Robert Warrix, Clifford Thacker and Chester Bevins.

Burning Spring, Old Paint Church, begins Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August 1971; Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff and Elmer Brown.

Little Yadkin River, Deep Creek Church, begins Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September 1970; Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Fonso Justice and Avery Lowe.

Sand Lick of Virginia: Begins Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1970. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Joe Slone, Teddy R. Ball and Fonso Justice.

St. Clair's Bottom, Rush Creek Church, begins Friday before the 3rd Saturday in July 1971; Elders to attend: Fonso Justice, Elmer Brown and Teddy R. Ball.

Moved and seconded that our annual Meeting be held with the Peter Creek Church and to begin Friday evening at 7:30 before the last Sunday in March 1971.

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

SATURDAY MORNING -- September the 5th, 1970

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder -- Frank Wheeler.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

We the Committee met in the Louisa Church House, after being called to order by the Moderator discussed the following. It was moved and seconded by the Association that the Letters of the Columbus and New Friendship Churches be referred before the Committee because of the baptism of some of their members.

1st -- We ask that the Association ask the Columbus Church to baptise Brother Curt Elliott.

2nd -- We ask the Association to rescind the action of receiving the New Friendship Church in 1959 (Reason Baptism).

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

Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported the following:

1. Elder J. R. Lilly to open.
2. Elder Lewis Hill
3. Elder Eugene Blevins
4. Elder Franklin Viers.

Finance Committee reported the following: \$436.00 and was discharged.

Called on Union Meeting's appointees to report. They reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused. Union Meeting's and their appointees are as follows: Louisa Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1971. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Kit

Ratliff, John I. Smith, Fonso Justice, Everett Brizendine, David Coleman Jr., Paul D. Justice and Ricky May. Franklin Viers, Invited.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1971. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, Walter Runyon, Michael Smith, Joe Thacker and Don Hatfield.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1971. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, W. H. Thacker, Frank Wheeler, J. H. Blackburn and Fonso Justice.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff, Eli Estep, John I. Smith, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, Joe Thacker, Fonso Justice, Jimmie Moore.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1971. Elders to attend: Paul D. Justice, Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball, Homer Blackburn, John Loony, J. H. Blackburn.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1971. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Eli Estep, Teddy R. Ball, Jimmie Moore, Everett Brizendine, Elmer Brown and Kit Ratliff.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1971. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker, Walter Runyon and Avery Lowe.

Joppa Church meets the first Saturday in June, 1971. Elders to attend: Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, Walter Runyon, Joe Thacker and Elmer Brown.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1971. Elders to attend: John I. Smith, Elmer Brown, Kit Ratliff, Homer Blackburn, Avery Lowe, Paul D. Justice, Troy Casey, J. H. Blackburn, Eli Estep.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1971. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, W. H. Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Moore, Franklin Viers, Everett Brizendine, Don Hatfield, and Fonso Justice.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1971. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Everett Brizendine, J. H. Blackburn, John I. Smith, Elmer Brown, Kit Ratliff, Clifford Thacker, Fonso Justice, Michael Smith, and Joe Slone.

John Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1971. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Troy Casey, John I. Smith, Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins, Teddy R.

Ball, Kit Ratliff, Eli Estep and Fonso Justice.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1971. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Joe Thacker, John I. Smith, Fonso Justice, Kit Ratliff, Eli Estep, Troy Casey, J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Moore, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, and Jeff Chapman, Glen Veperman.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1971. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Fonso Justice, Jimmie Moore, Franklin Viers, J. H. Blackburn, John I. Smith, Everett Brizendine, Jimmie Oquine, John Looney, Elmer Brown, and Shorth Vanyke.

Columbus Church meets the fourth Saturday in April, 1971. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Opie Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jesse Thacker, Chester Bevins, Avery Lowe, Joe Slone, Teddy R. Ball, Fonso Justice; also, every minister in Pontiac Church is invited; also Elder Joseph Moore from the Dayton Church.

Cool Spring Church meets the first Saturday in April, 1971; Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Chester Bevins, W. H. Thacker, Wheeler Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Fonso Justice, Jimmie Moore, Avery Lowe, Lundy Coleman and Kit Ratliff.

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

Agreed that we have 1650 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

Brethren Ira Simpkins, Philip McCoy, John Dewey Thacker, Scott Smith, Trimble Runyon, George Bevins, Harold Stiltner, James H. Fuller, Willard Bryan Fuller, Perry Hatfield, Troy Lester, C. C. (Lum) Dotson, and Floyd and Annie Smith.

Sisters Ida Scott Blackburn, Luna Blackburn, Doanie Smith, Bertha Marie Gannon, Armenda Smith, Ethel Justice Deskins, and Oma Elizebeth Collins, Sister Annie Fuller and Brother J. B. Thacker and Sister Louisa Moore.

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 . . .	\$473.25	
Amount received from the Churches . .	436.00	
Donations at the Stand and Pictures . . .	76.80	
Total Cash on Hand		\$986.05

Cash paid out:		
Paid for the Minutes (1970)	\$282.00	
Paid for moving the seats	30.00	
Give the Moderator	15.00	
Give the Clerk	10.00	
Total Cash Paid out		\$337.00
Balance Cash left on Hand		\$649.05

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Dry Fork Church at Vansant, Virginia and to begin at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September 1971, and that Elder Frank Wheeler be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and that Elder Homer Blackburn be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved, closed with prayer by Elder Robert Warrix, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:	Moderator -- Teddy R. Ball
	Asst. Moderator -- John H. Blackburn
	Clerk -- Stearl Hatfield
	Asst. Clerk -- Keen Varney, Jr.

SUNDAY MORNING -- September 6th, 1970

Singing and prayer by Elder J. R. Lilly.

1. Elder William Littleton of the Rock Spring Association. Text: St. John 3:16-- For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

2. Elder Lewis Hill of the Sand Lick Association of Virginia. Text: Hebrews 11:1 -- Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

3. Elder Eugene Blevins of the St. Clairs Bottom Association. No Special text.

Elder Franklin Viers of the Sand Lick Association of Virginia. Text: St. John 5:25 -- Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

5. Elder Teddy R. Ball (our moderator), after a few words of advice to the Association, offered thanks to God for so wonderful an association, and to the brethren, sisters and friends for taking care of the Association and a special thanks from all the members to the Pike County Board of Education for the use of the School Building.

Closed by prayer by Elder W. H. Thacker.

EVENING MEETINGS:

Brother Bradley Warrix Home:

Elders Avery Lowe, Jimmie Moore, Lundy Coleman and Wheeler Thacker

Raccoon Church House:

Elders Paul Keaton, Parley Cantrell and Arnold Childers

Fed's Creek Church House:

Elders Elmer Brown, Lewis Hill and Joe Slone

Jeff Thacker's Home:

Elders W. H. Thacker, Avery Lowe, Joe Thacker, Jimmie Moore and Lundy Coleman.

CIRCULAR LETTER

My Beloved Brethren, Messengers, Elders, and Deacons, who compose the Mates Creek Association, and all True Believers in Salvation by the Sovereign Grace of God:

I will try in my weak effort to write this circular letter to be published in our 1970 Minutes.

My one desire is to write unto you my understanding of the True Salvation set forth by the Word of Almighty God as set forth in Ephesians 2:1 through 10 as reads, "And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins," realizing we were dead to the Love and Knowledge of God until He quickened us from our dead state and made us alive in Christ Our Lord.

I believe we were totally unable to bring ourselves into life and that, because of Adam's transgression of God's Law, we were sunk in sin and death, but, because of God's Love and Mercy, He gave His Only Begotten Son to come into the world, born of the virgin Mary, to suffer and die to redeem us from this lost state.

Therefore we have to say it's by the Sovereign Grace of God we are saved, not of works which we have done.

I believe in an effectual calling as we understand St. John, Chapter 5, Verse 24 states, "Verily, Verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my Word and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting Life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life."

John 5:25 states, "Verily, Verily, I say unto you the hour is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live."

Thank God for this message that men and women and children shall hear the voice of God's Son and be made alive from a dead state of sin into the marvelous Light and Life of our Lord Jesus!

So this unworthy servant's prayer is that we, the Children of Promise, continue in the old path of our fathers in doctrine and practice, ever trusting our Lord and Master to give us Wisdom and Grace to carry on, looking forward to that Great and Wonderful Day when all the redeemed family of God are to be called together to go Home where we'll never be separated anymore.

Our Lord promised as he was preparing to leave this unfriendly world. John 14 states that He has gone to prepare a place for His

Children and that He will return for us that where He is we will be also.

In conclusion I say, Dear Brothers and Sisters, my hope is to be with all of the Redeemed of God in Heaven.

Written by one in Hope of Eternal Life,

Everett Brizendine

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa -- Elder W. H. Thatcher, Brethren Bradley Warrix, Calvary Runyon, Albert Justice, Harry Thacker and Elder Joe Slone.

Pond Creek -- Elders Frank Wheeler and Walter Runyon. Brethren Andy Blackburn, F. C. Runyon, Robert Dotson, Walter Daniels, Evans Breeding and Ray Harlow.

Big Creek -- Elders Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins and Opa Thacker and Brethren John Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Daniel Roberts, Landon Thacker, Delmer Williamson and M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon -- Elders Fonso Justice and Avery Lowe, Brethren Joe Morris, Alvis Keene, Paul Dean Justice and King Coleman.

Peter Creek -- Elders Eli Estep, Troy Casey and Willard Dotson, Brethren Philip Dotson, Adrian Dotson, Virgil Smith, Paul Smith, Bob Casey, Earl Casey and Earl Smith.

Sulphur Spring -- Brethren George W. Lester, Claude Stiltner, George Edd Lester and Elders J. H. Blackburn and Homer Blackburn.

Little Hope -- Elder John I. Smith and Brethren A. H. Blackburn, George Slone, George Ball and Roy Ball.

Joppa -- Brother Earnest Dotson.

Grape Vine -- Brethren Sam Lowe, Landon Webb, Arvill Justice and Miles Thacker.

Samaria -- Elders Teddy R. Ball, and Everett Brizendine and Brethren Michael Smith, Stearl Hatfield, J. E. Hatfield, Andrew Hearld, Keen Varney, Jr., Richard Hatfield, Luther Scott, Ray Hatfield, Bruce Hatfield, and Freeland Smith.

Little Union -- Brethren Theo Fuller, Edward Blair, Earnest Blair, and Finis Slone.

Johns Creek -- Brethren Johny Stiltner, Lee Stiltner, Baily T. Coleman, and Noah Smith.

Calvary -- Elder Kit Ratliff and Brethren Rosco Varney, Rush Chapman, Verdie Justice and Martin Thacker.

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

Dry Fork -- Elders Elmer Brown and John Looney, Brethren Shorty Vandyke, Lundy Childres, Harrison Street, Howell Armos and Estill Vandyke.

Columbus -- Elders Lundy Coleman and Wheeler Thacker, Brother Joe Dotson.

Cool Spring -- Elders Chester Bevins and Robert Warrix, Brethren Clyde Sanders, Harry Thacker and Calvary Runyon.

CHURCH	NAME OF MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa	--Elder W. H. Thatcher -----	July, 2nd Sat.
Pond Creek	--Eld. Terry R. Ball and Frank Wheeler -	June, 2nd Sat.
Big Creek	--Elder Joe Thacker -----	June, 3rd Sat.

Raccoon--Elder J. H. Blackburn ----- June, 4th Sat.
 Sulphur Spring--Elder J. H. Blackburn ----- August, 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 Ratliff ----- June, 1st Sat.
 Little Union--Elder Teddy R. Ball ----- May, 1st Sat.
 Dry Fork--Elder Teddy R. Ball ----- May, 2nd Sat.
 Columbus--Elder Teddy R. Ball ----- April, 4th Sat.
 Cool Spring--Elder Teddy R. Ball ----- April, 1st Sat.

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W. H. Thacker ----- Canada, Ky.
 Teddy R. Ball ----- McCarr, Ky. Ph. 427-7174
 Joe Thacker ----- Canada, Ky. Ph. 353-7669
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 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.
 Eli Estep ----- Phelps, Ky. Ph. 456-3688
 Eldon Thacker ----- Phyllis, Ky. Ph. 835-4896
 Opa Thacker ----- Cincinnati, Ohio
 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 Brizendine ----- McCarr, Ky.
 Avery Lowe ----- Pikeville, Ky.
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 John I. Smith ----- Belfry, Ky.
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 Jeff Chapman ----- Kimper, Ky.
 Walter Runyon ----- Stone, Ky. Ph. 353-4473
 Troy Casey ----- Phelps, Ky.
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 Joe Slone ----- Fishtrap, Ky.
 Robert B. Warrix ----- Route 3, Pikeville Ky. Ph. 432-1752

Chester Bevins ----- Rt. 1, Shelbiana, Ky. Ph. 432-1830
 Clifford Thacker ----- Shelbiana, Ky.

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Shorty Vandyke ----- Vansant, Va.
 Paris Ramey ----- North Matewan, W. Va.
 Kedna Charles ----- Phyllis, Ky.
 Michael Smith ----- Ransom, Ky.
 Johnnie Hatfield ----- Sidney, Ky.
 Elmer Thacker ----- Canada, Ky.
 Jessie Tucker ----- Millard, Ky.
 King Coleman ----- Raccoon, Ky.
 Paul Dean Justice ----- Raccoon, Ky.
 Richard May ----- Raccoon, Ky.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa--Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky. -----	140
Pond Creek--Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky. 41531 -----	180
Big Creek--M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519 -----	100
Raccoon--Joe Morris, Raccoon, Ky. -----	90
Peter Creek--Leo Coleman, Phelps, Ky. 41553 -----	90
Sulphur Spring--George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. -----	90
Little Hope--M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. -----	75
Joppa--Mrs. Erma Varney, Nolan, W. Va. 25687 -----	20
Grapevine--Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554 -----	90
Samaria--J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544 -----	170
Johns Creek--Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. 41539 -----	70
Little Union--Earnest Blair, Feds Creek, Ky. 41524 -----	60
Calvary--Roscoe Varney, Meta, Ky. -----	60
Dry Fork--Garland Childers, Vansant, Va. 24656 -----	100
Columbus--Miss Marylynn Coleman, 2456 Dawnlight Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211 -----	50
Cool Spring--Robert B. Warrix, Route 3, Pikeville, Ky. --	20

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mount 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, Route 2, Morehead, Ky. ---	20
Mountain--Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C. -----	20
Union--Alvin N. Profitt, Box 511, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858 ---	20
Burning Springs--Walton Jones, Cannel City, Ky. -----	20
Sand Lick--Muncey Campbell, Rowdy, Ky. -----	20
New Liberty--Lester Martin, 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, W. Va.	20
Sand Lick of Virginia--Robert Jackson, Rowe, Va. -----	20
Little Yadkin River--Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. --	20
To the Clerk--Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544 -----	45
Total -----	1650

Obituaries

LOUISA MOORE



In loving memory, we write this obituary of our mother, Louisa Moore. She was born July 3, 1890, in Pike County. She was the daughter of the late Anderson and Oma West Smith.

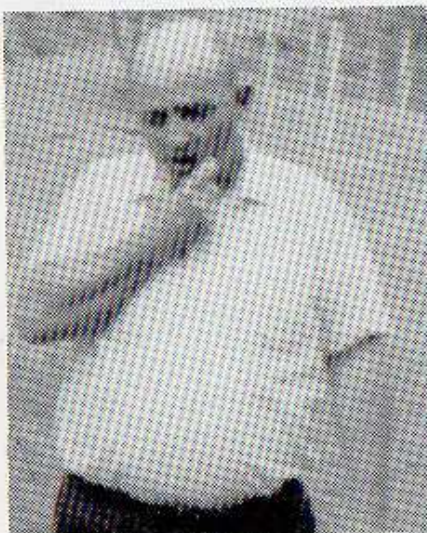
She was married to Alonzo Moore who preceded her in death in 1957. To this union was born two sons, Daris N. Moore of Philipsburg, Pa., and Anderson Moore of Ransom; two daughters, Mrs. Marie Sheridan of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Juanita Howard of Cleveland, Ohio; three sisters, Mrs. Tom Skeens and Mrs. John Smith of Ransom and Mrs.

Nancy Akers of Matewan, W. Va. She leaves nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She was always loyal and faithful to the church until her death in July 26, 1970. Gone, but not forgotten in the hearts of her family and many friends.

Written by Anderson and Neveline Moore

J. B. THACKER



It is with an aching heart I try to write an obituary of one of our Brothers in the Lord.

Brother J. B. Thacker was born March 22, 1927. Departed this life January 14, 1970, making his stay on earth 42 years, 10 months and 22 days. Brother J. B. was a veteran of World War Two. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church in June 1969 and lived a faithful member until death. He was the son of Elder Joe Thacker and Sister Ethel Fuller Thacker. He was married to Juanita Rutherford early in life. To this union were born

three sons: Terry Vance Thacker, Gary Neil Thacker of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Brian Clay Thacker of North Carolina.

Later in life he was married to Dixie Marie Maynard. He is survived by his parents, wife, three sons and two grandsons, Robert Vance and Joey Neil Thacker; five sisters, Mrs. Hazel Sturgell, Mrs. Joyce Thornsbery of Canada, Ky.; Mrs. Polly Ann Zellars of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Dixie Lam Smith and Mrs. Marie Jacobs of Ypsilanti, Mich., two brothers, Harold of Chicago, and Clifford of Tucson, Ariz.

He lived in Tucson at the time of his death.
We feel assured that God has taken him. His spirit is resting
in the paradise of God.

Written by one who loved him.

Mordicai Blackburn

ANNIE ROSE FULLER



Mrs. Annie Rose Fuller, 86, of Canada, Ky., died Sunday at 7 p.m. at her home after a lingering illness.

Born December 1, 1883, in Pike County, she was a daughter of the late Ett and Levica Yates Rowe. Her husband, John Fuller, also preceded her in death. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. Naorma Thacker, Mrs. Kelsie Hensley, Mrs. Ethel Thacker and Mrs. Rachel Elscick, all of Canada, Mrs. Cassie Thacker of Stone, and Mrs. Ruth Blair of Feds Creek; three sons, Kermit and Zack Fuller of Columbus, O., and George Fuller of Williamson; a brother, Rush Rowe of Columbus, O.; a sister, Mrs. Nola Bass, also of Columbus, O.; and 49 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Written by the children

LUNA BLACKBURN BLACKBURN



With sadness I will try to write the obituary of my loving mother, who passed this life January 19, 1970, making her stay on life 73 years. She is one we all miss so much that words could never express. Just the hearts of us ten children know, and God how great a loss.

Luna Blackburn Blackburn was born March 29, 1897. She was the daughter of the late Bud Blackburn and Belvadora Smith Blackburn. She was married to Willard Blackburn January 1, 1912 who preceded her in death. She was a mother of 13 children. Three sons preceded her in death.

Mommy joined the Old Primitive Baptist Church November 10, 1945, which she lived a faithful life. Mom was a precious mother so kind and good. Although we miss her so much, God knew best and always does what is right.

We children feel that our great loss is Heaven's great gain.

Missed so much and how we love her.

Written by her daughter--Belvadora Smith

OMA ELIZEBETH COLLINS



It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my mother, Oma Elizebeth Collins. She was born October 5, 1890. She passed away May 18, 1970, making her stay on earth 79 years, seven months and 13 days. She was the daughter of Bill Blackburn and Lotta Williamson Blackburn. She was married to Floyd Collins. To this union were born four sons and three daughters and she leaves several grandchildren, one sister, one brother and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She belonged to Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for many years and lived a faithful member. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter -- Ermia Varney

ETHEL JUSTICE DESKINS



It is with a sad heart I try to write the obituary of my dear niece, Ethel Justice Deskins. She was born August 6, 1907, deceased January 31, 1970, making her stay on earth 62 years and five months. She was married to Jimpee Deskins in 1925 and to this union were born 12 children -- seven girls and five boys and two preceded her in death.

She was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her aunt--Ora Justice

ARMENDA SMITH



Armenda Smith, the daughter of Curtis Smith and Jane Smith, was born August 11, 1886, deceased March 24, 1970. She was the wife of S. K. Smith. She leaves her husband, two boys by a previous marriage, Roland Phillips, Roy Phillips, and one daughter, Vacey Young to mourn their loss. She was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for many years.

Aunt Minda, as we all knew her, had a hard time in this life -- worked hard to support her family. Her first husband, John Phillips, passed away and left her

with little children and she supported them. May God bless her fam-

ily and her beloved widower. Old Brother Solim sure was faithful to wait on Aunt Minda. We feel our loss is her gain.

Her funeral was preached at Samaria Church by Michael Smith, John Blackburn and Teddy Ball.

Written by Teddy Ball

IDA SCOTT BLACKBURN



Ida Scott Blackburn was the daughter of William Scott and Nancy Jane Runyon Scott. She was born October 5, 1885 and deceased August 2, 1970 at the home of her son, Earnest Blackburn, Chesapeake, Ohio. She united with the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church about 35 years ago and she and her beloved husband were baptized together at the hand of Elders Teddy Ball and Joe Thacker. She leaves her beloved husband and five sons to mourn their loss: Earnest, Charles, Oscar, Walter and Tracey, whom she dearly loved. May God ever bless her children to

remember Mother's christian life and bless Uncle Graint in his old days that they may be reconciled to God's holy will.

Her funeral was preached in Old Pond Church by Elders Frank Wheeler, Don Hatfield, John Blackburn, Teddy Ball and we are sure our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by request of family--
Teddy R. Ball

BERTHA MARIE GANNON



Mrs. Bertha Marie Gannon, 46, of McVeigh, Ky., departed this life January 21, 1970 at 1:43 p. m.

She was born October 29, 1923, making her stay on earth 46 years, two months and 23 days. She was the daughter of the late Wayne and Emily Ball Smith. She was married to Fred Gannon June 8, 1946 who survives. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Gannon of McVeigh, Ky.; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Sue Chapman of Jeffersonville, Ind.; a sister, Mrs. Flora Smith of Belfry, Ky.; a brother, Bogar

Smith of Canada, Ky., and a half-brother, Clyde Smith of Waverly, Ohio, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

I miss my loving wife so much, it is almost more than I can bear, but I hope to meet her and God some sweet day. I loved her with all my heart.

Fred Gannon

DOANIE SMITH



Doanie Smith was born March 19, 1884 and died May 23, 1970. She was married to Curtis Smith, son of David Smith and Margaret Smith of Coleman, Ky. To this union were born nine children, four boys and five girls.

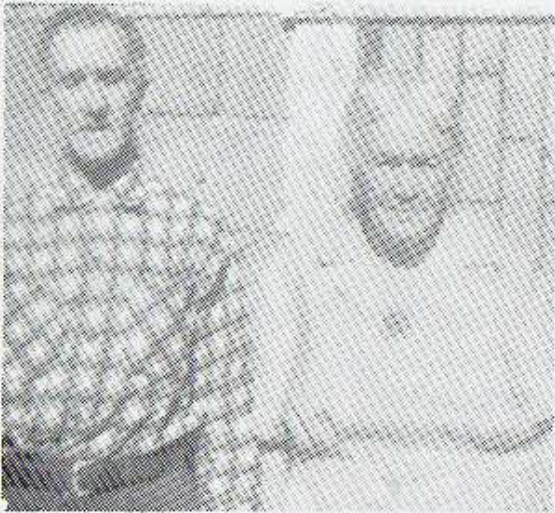
She left to mourn her loss her husband, four daughters and one son -- the others preceding her in death.

She was the oldest member in the Primitive Baptist Church of Peter Creek, joining at an early age and remaining a true and faithful member until death. She will be truly missed by her husband, children and many relatives and friends

for everyone knowing her loved her but we all believe she has just gone on to a better home to await us there.

Written by her sister-in-law, Daisy Smith

FLOYD AND ANNIE SMITH



It has been our Father's will to call from our midst a precious old father and mother in Israel, Floyd and Annie Smith. Brother Floyd was born October 28, 1888, the son of Jim and Katie Smith and departed this life March 9, 1970. Sister Annie was born July 16, 1888, the daughter of Charlie Hess and Jane Collins Hess, and departed this life August 11, 1970. They were united in marriage in 1906 and to this union was born ten children, three of them having preceded

them in death. They were both faithful members of the Primitive Baptist Church and he was a deacon in the church until his passing away.

They leave to mourn their loss four sons: Noah, Elcanie, Charley and Emzy, all of Kimper; three daughters, Catherine Coleman, Ora Hunt and Pinkie May, all of Kimper, Ky.; thirty-one grandchildren, forty-nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

The children have lost a precious father and mother, the church two faithful members and the community two good citizens, but we feel our loss is their great gain. May God, by His Grace, make us to be submissive to His will, and to realize there is a better day, when all the family shall be reunited, never to be separated again.

By request--J. H. Blackburn

TRIMBLE RUNYON



We, the family, friends and members of the Primitive Baptist Church at Old Pond, in deep sorrow humbly bow in submission to our Heavenly Father's will, calmly say "Thy will be done, in calling away from the shores of time, Brother Trimble Runyon."

Son of the late Thomas and Louise Scott Runyon, he was born February 5, 1900, died May 20, 1970, making his stay on earth 70 years, three months and 15 days. His first wife, Peruna Chapman Runyon and two sons preceded him in death. He united with Old Pond Church the fourth Sunday in April, 1930. He

made known his calling to the ministry April 1966. He lived faithful until death. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, Mary Varney Runyon, seven children, fourteen grandchildren, six brothers, two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends.

We feel our loss is his eternal gain. "Sleep on, Darling, until Jesus comes again."

Written by his heartbroken wife, Sister Mary Varney Runyon

PERRY HATFIELD



Perry Hatfield was born March 8, 1884, deceased July 30, 1970, making his stay on earth 86 years, four months and 22 days. He was the son of Jacob Hatfield and Margret Whitt Hatfield.

He was married to Cosby Coleman Hatfield September, 1914. To this union were born 14 children. Three preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and 11 children. He leaves five sons: Albert of McVeigh, Anderson of Pinson Fork, Teddy and Curtis of Ransom, Raymond of Hampton, Va.; six girls: Gladys Slone, Myrtle Dotson of Ransom,

Elizebeth Dotson of McCarr, Easter Stiltner of Belfry, Caroline Sullivan of Hampton, Va., Maggie Caldwell of Buffalo, S. C.; also surviving are one brother and two sisters: Jake Hatfield and Nancy Blackburn of Pinson Fork and Caroline Ball of Elkton, Md.; also 37 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren. He united with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church in 1970 and was baptized July 12, 1970 by Elder Teddy R. Ball.

He will be dearly missed by all, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his daughter-in-law, Chelsea Hatfield

WILLARD BRYAN FULLER



Willard Bryan Fuller, son of Willard and Patty Fuller, passed away July 19, 1970. He was eight years and five months old. He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother; his grandparents, Lakie Fuller, Roy Hall and Mae Hall, and a host of his relatives.

We feel his loss is his eternal gain in Heaven in the arms of Jesus.

Written by his grandmother--
Lakie Fuller

JAMES H. FULLER



James H. Fuller, 66, of Feds Creek, Ky., died Sunday in Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

A member of the Primitive Baptist Church, he was born April 17, 1901, at Feds Creek, and was the son of the late Ben and Elizabeth Miller Fuller.

Survivors include the wife, Lakie Blair Fuller, and the following children: James Cary Fuller, Willard Fuller, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter and Mrs. Phyllis Freeman, all of Feds Creek.

Additional survivors include five brothers, Elzer Fuller, Landon Fuller, Howard Fuller, Elden Fuller and Theodore Fuller, all of Feds Creek; two sisters, Mrs. Maudie Phugh, also of Feds Creek; and Mrs. Lakie Stiltner of Lorado, W. Va., and 13 grandchildren.

By the Family

C. C. (Lum) DOTSON

C. C. (Lum) Dotson passed away August 3rd, 1970. He was the son of the late Jorden and Alice Dotson. His wife Polly Dotson was the daughter of the late J. E. and Lear Dotson. To this union was born three children, Mrs. Bertha Wilson, Irvin Dotson and Vivian Ratliff. He is also survived by two brothers, Roland and Scott Dotson; one sister, Mrs. Claudia McCoy. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church 1936, was ordained as Deacon in the same year. He lived a devoted life, devoting time and effort in serving the Churches and visiting the sick. He told me it was his desire to be working at the church when he was called from this life, a desire that was so graciously granted to him. He will certainly be missed by his family, the Churches and many friends, to which he was so devoted.

Written by Robert Dotson

TROY LESTER



Troy Lester, 39 years old, was killed instantly in a mining accident. He was the son of George W. Lester and the late Elizabeth Hackney Lester.

He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors, in addition to his father, are his wife, Mrs. Pauline Elsie Lester; one daughter, Patricia Sue Lester, at home; five sons, Sherman Lee, Larry Allen, Troy, Jr., Randall Eugene and Ronnie Dean, at home; four sisters and eight brothers.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Springs. He

was assistant clerk in the church.

Services were held at the home with Elder Johnny Blackburn and Teddy Ball. Burial was in the family cemetery.

The church has lost a faithful member. We feel our loss is his gain.

HAROLD STILTNER



Harold Stiltner, the son of Lee and Jane Coleman Stiltner, was born May 14, 1933 and departed this life May 20, 1970. Harold was a firm believer in Salvation by Grace. He made the statement to some of his family, that when he got better he wanted to unite with the church, but he was called away the following day.

He was good and kind to all he knew, never speaking bad of anyone. He leaves his father and mother and three daughters, Wanda Ward, Debra and Letha Stiltner, and many friends and relatives.

We feel he is peacefully resting from all the troubles of this life, just waiting for that call from our Lord when all that are in the graves shall come forth.

By J. H. Blackburn

IRA SIMPKINS

Ira Simpkins, the son of the late Jack and Lottie Steele Simpkins, was born November 24, 1888 and deceased this life September 4, 1969. He was married to Mary Hall Simpkins and to this union was born thirteen children. Five of them preceded him in death. He united with Primitive Baptist Church June 8, 1919 and was baptized by Elder Jason Raines. He was ordained as a deacon August 1st, 1935, and was faithful to this until death. He leaves to mourn, his

widow and eight children: four sons, Walter, Mack, Benny and John, and four daughters, Audrey Murphy, Mae Kennedy, Maude and Martha Simpkins, and a host of relatives and friends. The church has lost a faithful member, but we feel our loss is his great gain. His funeral was preached by Elder Everett Brizendine, Johnny Blackburn and Elmer Brown.

The Family

GEORGE W. BEVINS



George W. Bevins was born at Meta, Kentucky, to the union of Elder T. J. and Mary Anna Morris Bevins on March 18, 1894 and departed this life May 18, 1969 at the age of 75 years.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Niza Harmon Bevins; three sons, Thomas James, Lester and Wendell Bevins; one daughter, Magdalene Bevins Salter; eleven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

He was a faithful member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church and always attended services regularly and discharged his duties as a member.

His passing brought sadness to both family and friends because of his deep love and his devotion for the welfare of others. But we feel that our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by his wife, Mrs. Niza Bevins

SCOTT SMITH



Brother Scott Smith was born June 26, 1888, at Hurley, Virginia. He died March 25, 1970, making his stay on earth 81 years and nine months.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Springs for many, many years.

His wife, Jula Smith, and also two sons and two daughters preceded him in death.

Left to mourn his loss are two sons, Freelian Smith and Earl Smith of Norwalk, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. John (Goldie) Scolf of Norwalk, Ohio; Mrs. John (Lula) Huddle and Mrs. Burgess (Orpha) Bowling of McCarr, Ky.; two brothers, Solomon Smith of Ransom, Ky., and David Smith of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

37 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren also survive.
We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

The Family

PHILLIP McCOY



Phillip McCoy, son of Ace McCoy and Nancy Hatfield, was born February 27, 1890, and deceased November 1, 1969. He was married to Ella Jane Smith McCoy in 1909. To this union was born ten children. One preceded him in death. He leaves his lonely widow, Ella Jane McCoy; nine children: seven girls and two boys: Lucas Boling McCoy of Blackberry Creek; Mable and Deral Hatfield of Ransom, Ky.; Myrl Sullivan, Grace Hager and Dollie Dotson of Ransom, Ky.; Agnes of Detroit.

Brother Phillip united with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized Saturday, April 3, 1965 and lived faithful to his profession until death. His funeral was preached at Samaria Church by Elders Teddy Ball and Frank Wheeler. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. May God bless his family.

Written by--Elder Teddy R. Ball

JOHN DEWEY THACKER



I will try in my poor and weak way to write an obituary of my Brother in the Lord, John Dewey Thacker.

Born January 16, 1906, departed this life October 18, 1969, he was the son of Green and Dulcina Thacker.

He was united in marriage to Isabelle Coleman on February 19, 1932. Born to this union were ten children: four boys and six girls. One boy preceded him in death. He has sixteen grandchildren, also four brothers and five sisters. He was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. I will say to his wonderful wife and precious

children and all that loved him, "Weep not for him. He has fallen asleep in the Lord, and we live in hope that we will meet him again to never be parted any more."

His wife, children and many friends will miss him very much, but our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by: His wife, children and
Elder Lundy Coleman

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, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

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 make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter 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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
Louisa	Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky.	3			7	1	1	1	88	2	\$ 30.00
Pond Creek	Bob Dotson, Hardy, Ky.	9			1		1	7	169	2	40.00
Big Creek	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky.	1			1		1	3	77	3	30.00
Raccoon	Joe Morris, Rt. 2, Box 213 C, Pikeville, Ky.	9			6			1	66	4	40.00
Peter Creek ...	Leo Coleman, Phelps, Ky.							1	98	4	40.00
Sulphur Spring	George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va.	3						2	81	1	25.00
Little Hope	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky.								31	1	25.00
Joppa	Ernia Varney, Nolan, W. Va.								8	4	10.00
Grape Vine	Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky.						4		29	4	26.00
Samaria	Estill Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544	6	1		2		3	4	191	3	40.00
Little Union ...	Ernest Blair, Feds Creek, Ky.				1				28	3	25.00
John Creek	Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky.							2	41	2	25.00
Calvary	Roscoe Varney, Kimper, Ky.	1							21	1	20.00
Dry Fork	Garland Childress, Vansant, Va.	2							45	2	35.00
Columbus	Miss Marylynn Coleman, 2456 Dawnlight Ave., Columbus, Ohio	4	1						27	4	15.00
Cool Spring ...	Robert B. Warrix, Rt. 3, Pikeville, Ky.								4	1	10.00
	Totals	36	2	1	17	1	8	20	1004		\$436.00

