

Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Nineteenth
Annual Session
OF THE
ORIGINAL
Mates Creek
REGULAR
Primitive Baptist Association
ORGANIZED IN 1849
HELD WITH
The Dry Fork Church
VANSANT, BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, AND 5,
[1971]

Next session convenes with the Old Pond Church, located at Belfry, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin Friday before the first Sunday in September 1972 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.

Proceedings

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

FRIDAY MORNING -- September 3rd, 1971

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Homer Blackburn. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Frank Wheeler; Text: 1st John 3:1: Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Called for the letter from all the Churches. Read the letter from the Dry Fork Church. Moved and seconded that we accept all the letters.

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. The Friendship and Deerfield Churches came with letters asking admittance to the association. It was moved and seconded that we accept their letters and have the names of their messengers enrolled in the minutes.

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:

Mt. Zion: Elder Don Lilly, A. L. Neely and Elder James Booth.

Rock Spring: Elders W. M. Littleton, Luther Bradley, Gale McGuire and Brother Albert Littleton.

Sand Lick of Virginia: Elders Franklin Viers, Clarence Boyd, Andrew McGlothlin, Fred Church, Evans Edwards, Jimmie Oquin, Willis Cumpton, Henry Viers, Lewis Allen Hill, Fred Church, Fred Yates, Garland Yates, Josh Viers, Bob Arrington, Vernon Edwards.

Burning Springs: Elder Monroe Cantrill.

Union: Brethren David Akers and Tommy Adkins.

St. Clair Bottom: Elders Eugene Blevins, Eddie Lillies and Brethren Bearnie Heath and Will Puckett.

Received Minutes from the following Associations: Mt. Zion, Sand Lick of Virginia, New Liberty, Rock Spring, Burning Spring, Senter.

Visitors from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Mt. Zion: Brethren Herbert Schrader, Kenith Lilly and Elder Robert Booth and Wife.

Rock Spring: Brethren Lurman McGuire and wife, Sisters Oleda Martin, Janie Martin and Ollie Hall.

Burning Spring: Brother Clarence Howard.

Little Yadkin River: Elder Jessie Collins and Wife.

Union: Sister Mary Adkins.

Sand Lick of Virginia: Elder Robert Mabe and Wife, Elder Arnold Childres and Wife, Brethren Jim Bartley, King McGlothin, Webster Edwards, Brother Lawrence Count and Wife, Brother Clayton Belcher, Sisters Ethel Jacobs, Celest Blair, Genos Presley, Raghel Hagey, Maudie Boyd, Carie Deel, Lizzie Kiser, Lizzie Presley, Julia Breeding, Mae Calley, Lully Calley, Eva Edwards, and Lindy Pergon. Elder Robert Mayhorn and Brethren Charlie Presley, Earnest Edwards, Robert Jackson, Estill Owens and Alred Oquin.

St. Clair's Bottom: Brethren Jerry Fisher and Wife, Will Puckett and Wife and Sister Minnie Hylton.

Mud Creek Association: Brethren Gene Thomas and Rickey.

Stoney Creek Church: Elder Elbert Hunter.

Cedar Grove Church: Elder Johnny Duggans and Sisters Dana Rogers and Sadie Hodge.

Wilson Church of North Carolina: Brother Millard Church.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary arrangements.

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

For Friday Afternoon: Elder Andrew McGlothin to open; 1st, Elder Arnold Childres, 2nd, Elder Clarence Boyd, 3rd, Elder Franklin Viers.

For Friday Evening: Elder Gale McGuire to open; 1st, Elder Willis Cumpton, 2nd, Elder Jessie Collins, 3rd Elder Don Lilly.

For Saturday: Millard Shelton to open; 1st, Gene Thomas, 2nd, Johnny Duggins, 3rd, Eugene Blevins, 4th, Luther Bradley.

For Saturday Evening: Robert Booth to open; 1st, Elbert Hunter, 2nd, Robert Mayhorn, 3rd, Henry Viers.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

A messenger from each church was appointed to serve as follows: Brethren Cal Runyon, Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker, Fonso Justice, Eli Estep, Homer Blackburn, John I. Smith, Miles Thacker, Michael Smith, Earnest Blair,

Noah Smith, Rush Chapman, Elmer Brown, Wheeler Thacker, Clyde Sanders, Martin Childres and Ray Anderson.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Ray Harlow, Charlie Browning and Opa Thacker.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

Mt. Zion: Will be held with Mt. Zion Church at Ronceverte, W. Va., Elders Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins and J. H. Blackburn and Ted R. Ball, will be Friday before the last Saturday in August, 1972.

Rock Spring: Will be held with the Pine Grove Church, near Morehead, Ky. Elders to attend: Jimmie Moore, Opa Thacker and Brother M. B. Blackburn, will begin Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1972.

Union: Will be held Friday before the second Saturday in September 1972. Elders Chester Bevins, Clifford Thacker and Teddy R. Ball to attend.

New Liberty: Will be held with the Naomi Church at 610 Patrick Street, Charleston, W. Va., and to begin Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1971. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, J. H. Blackburn and Brother M. B. Blackburn.

Sand Lick: Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix and Brethren Ray Hatfield and Bradley Worrix.

Little Yadkin River: Will be held with the Deep Creek Church near Mt. Airy, North Carolina. Elders to attend: Elders Fonso Justice, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown and Teddy Ball.

Burning Spring: Will be held with the South Fork Church in Morgan County, Kentucky, and will begin on Friday before the third Saturday in August 1972. Elders to attend: Jimmie Moore, Michael Smith, Brother Walter Daniels and Teddy R. Ball.

Sand Lick of Virginia: Will be held Friday before the second Sunday in September 1971. Place: Lick Creek near Haysi, Virginia. Messengers to attend: Elders Michael Smith, Dan Adkins, Elmer Brown, Fonso Justice, John Looney, and Brethren Kenedy Charles, Lundy Childres, Shorty Vandyke, Estill Vandyke and Teddy R. Ball.

St. Clair's Bottom: Will be held Friday before the third Sunday in July 1972. Place: Rush Creek Church. Messengers to attend: Elders Fonso Justice, Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball and Brother Lundy Childres.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with the Johns Creek Church and to begin Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. before the fourth Sunday in March 1972.

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

SATURDAY MORNING -- September 4th, 1971

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

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following: Committee met in the home of Brother Shorty Vandyke and was called to order by the Moderator. After discussion of the business of the Association it was moved and seconded that the Association carry on its work for Saturday in the usual manner.

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

Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported the following:

Elder Robert Mabe to open.

1. Elder Monroe Cantrill
2. Elder A. L. Neely
3. Elder Jimmie Moore
4. Elder Robert Mayhorn
5. Elder Franklin Viers

Finance Committee reported the following: \$540.00, and was discharged.

Called on Union Meeting's appointees to report. They reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused. Union Meetings and their appointees are as follows:

Louisa Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1972. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Teddy R. Ball, Avery Lowe, Dan Adkins, John I. Smith, Fonso Justice, Lundy Coleman, Wheeler Thacker, Carson McCoy and Bobby Mayhon.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1972. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Teddy R. Ball, Walter Runyon, Dan Adkins, Kit Ratliff, Joe Thacker, Don Hatfield and John I. Smith.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1972. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Elmer Brown, Fonso Justice, J. H. Blackburn, Walter Runyon, John I. Smith, W. H. Thacker, Frank Wheeler and Kit Ratliff.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1972. Elders to attend: Franklin Viers, Jimmie Moore, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler, Dan

Adkins, Robert Worrix, Lundy Coleman, Robert Mayhorn, and Eugene Blevins.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1972. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, John Looney, Teddy R. Ball, Everett Brizendine, Homer Blackburn, J. H. Blackburn and Paul Dean Justice.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1972. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Fonso Justice, Joe Slone, Elmer Brown, Everett Brizendine, Paul Dean Justice, Rickey May, Joe Thacker, Jimmie Moore, Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff, Franklin Viers and Earnie Stump.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1972. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Michael Smith, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker, Walter Runyon and Avery Lowe.

Joppa Church: no union meeting.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1972. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, King Coleman, John I. Smith, Paul Dean Justice, Jeff Chapman and Kit Ratliff.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1972. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, W. H. Thacker, Michael Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine, Jimmie Moore, Walter Runyon, Elmer Brown, John I. Smith, Fonso Justice, Don Hatfield and Frank Wheeler.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1972. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Willis Compton, Everett Brizendine, Clarence Boyd, John I. Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown and Franklin Viers.

John Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1972. Elders to attend: Eli Estep, Troy Casey, Elmer Brown, John I. Smith, Kit Ratliff, Fonso Justice, Everett Brizendine, Dan Adkins and J. H. Blackburn.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1972. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Eli Estep, John I. Smith, Joe Slone, Fonso Justice, Troy Casey, Jeff Chapman, Franklin Viers and Joe Thacker.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1972. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Michael Smith, Franklin Viers, John I. Smith, Jimmie Oquin, Jimmie Moore and Lewis Allen Hill.

Friendship Church meets the third Saturday in June, 1972. Elders to attend: Jimmie Moore, Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Roby Furgerson, Will Carty,

Walter Runyon, Joe Slone, Parley Cantrell, John I. Smith and Paul Keaton.

Columbus Church meets the fourth Saturday in April, 1972. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Joe Slone, Clifford Thacker, Don Hatfield, Teddy R. Ball, Chester Bevins, Jess Tucker, Jimmie Moore, Fonso Justice, Opa Thacker, Avery Lowe and John I. Smith. We invite all the Preaching from the Pontiac Church, also Joseph Moore of the Dayton Church.

Cool Spring Church meets the first Saturday in April, 1972. Elders to attend: Chester Bevins, Robert Worrix, Wheeler Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff, Avery Lowe, Fonso Justice, Lundy Coleman, Clifford Thacker, Jess Ulius Thacker and Jess Tucker.

Deerfield Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1972. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown and Dan Adkins.

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

Agreed to have 1750 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the obituaries of the following: Sisters Erma Williams Fuller, Bertha Hardy, Roxie Sanders, Eiland Collins, Drema Sue Harris Worrix, Vada Smith, Hassie Varney Thacker, Catherine (Kate) Armes, Tilda Slone, Caroline Hatfield Ball and Fanny Farley Scott; Brethren Howard H. Hatfield, Lawrence Billiter, Grover C. Blackburn, Landon Thacker, Darrell Edward Dotson, Willie Paul Collins, Rosco Varney, Butler Smith, Press Taulby Bevins, Charlie L. (Bob) Dotson, Clark Owens, Flem Keese, Ransom Scott and Brother and Sister Victoria Adkins and Lilburn Adkins.

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 -----	\$ 649.05
Amount received from the Churches -----	540.00
Donations at the stand and pictures -----	227.04
Total Cash on Hand -----	\$1,416.09
Cash paid out:	
Paid for the Minutes (1970) -----	\$ 288.34
Give the Moderator -----	15.00
Give the Clerk -----	10.00
Give Correspondents -----	104.00

Total Cash Paid out -----

\$ 417.34

Balance Cash left on hand

\$ 998.75

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Old Pond Church at Belfry (Ky. State Route 119), Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Friday before the First Sunday in September, 1972, and that Elder Homer Blackburn be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and that Elder Elmer Brown be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder W. H. Thacker, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

Moderator, Teddy R. Ball
Asst. Moderator, J. H. Blackburn
Clerk, Stearl Hatfield
Assistant Clerk, Keen Varney, Jr.

SUNDAY MORNING -- September 5th, 1971

Singing and Prayer by Elder Robert Mabe.

1. Elder Monroe Cantrill of the Burning Spring Association. No special text.

2. Elder A. L. Neely of the Mt. Zion Association. Did not get text.

3. Elder Jimmie Moore of the Mates Creek Association. Text: Isaiah 33:20, Look upon Zion, the city of our Solemnites, etc.

4. Elder Robert Mayhorn of the Sand Lick Association of Virginia. No special text.

5. Elder Franklin Viers of the Sand Lick Association of Virginia. Text: Mark 16:15, And he said unto them, Go ye into all the World and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Closed out by our Moderator after thanking God for another wonderful Association, and for the Corresponding Brethren and Sisters, also for the members and friends of the Dry Fork Church for taking care of the Association. This ended the One Hundred Nineteenth Year for Mates Creek Association. We should be thankful that God's Grace has kept us all these many years, and try to pray that we can continue to go on in love and peace.

EVENING MEETINGS:

Saturday Night at Duty View Church:

Elders Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Moore and Fonso Justice to attend.

Louisa Church:

Elders Opa Thacker, Eugene Blevens and Monroe Cantrill to attend.

Little Union:

Elders Joe Slone, Eddie Lyons and William Littleton to attend.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren that may compose the Mates Creek Association of Regular Primitive Baptist, when convenes with the Dry Fork Church, located at Vansant, Virginia. I submit this for a Circular Letter (According to the Scriptures).

Thou even thou art Lord alone; Thou hast made heaven the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are therein, the seas and all things that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshipeth thee. (Nehemiah 9:6)

WHO KEEP US AS THE APPLE OF HIS EYE

In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all man kind (Job. 12:10). With him is strength and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are his (Job 12:16). What is man, that he should be clean? And he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? Behold he putteth no trust in his saints; Yea the heavens are not clean in his sight. How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water? (Job 15:14, 15, 16) Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? Or is it gain to him that thou maketh thy way perfect? Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? Will he enter with thee into judgement? (Job 22:3, 4) How then can a man be justified with God? Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman? Behold even to the moon and it shineth not; Yea the stars are not pure in his sight. How much less man that is a worm? And the son of man which is a worm? (Job 25: 4, 5, 6) He hath compass the water with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. (Job 26: 10) By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; His hand hath formed the crooked serpent (Job 26:13). There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen; the lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it (Job 28:7, 8)

WISDOM IS THE GIFT OF GOD

Man knoweth not the price thereof neither is it found in the land of the living. The depth saith, it is not in me; and the sea saith it is not with me. It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. And unto man he said Behold the fear of the Lord that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding. The spirit of God hath made me, And the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. Yea his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers. Hearken unto this O man; Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God. Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge? How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south wind?

GOD GIVEST AND GOD TAKE AWAY

Givest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich? which leaveth her eggs in the earth and warmeth them in the dust, and forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them. She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers; her labor is in vain without fear; Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imported to her understanding. But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is Godly for himself; the Lord will hear when they call unto him. He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; the wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God. For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire and the wicked through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God; God is not in all his thought. The word of the Lord are pure words as silver tried in a furnace of earth purified seven times.

HIS SOUND HAS GONE INTO ALL THE WORLD

And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly upon the wings of the wind. The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament sheweth his handy work. Thou art he that took me out of the womb; thou didest make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts I was cast upon thee from the womb; That art my God from my mother's belly. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord; and kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdoms is the Lord's and he is the governor among the nations. A seed shall serve him, it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come and declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born that he hath done this. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; The world and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth; the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

CAN THE VOICE OF THE LORD WAKE UP THE DEAD

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thundereth the Lord is upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Ka-desh. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve and discovereth the forests. And in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

HAS GOD GOT A BLESSED PEOPLE ON THIS EARTH

The Lord setteth upon the floods; yea, the Lord setteth King forever. The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioneth their hearts alike he considereth all their works. There is no King saved by the multitude of an host; a

mighty man is not delivered by much strength. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord up holdeth him with his hand.

I have been young and am old; yet have not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful and lenient; and his seed is blessed, Sacrifice and offerings thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened; burnt offerings and sin offerings hast thou not required; then said I, Lo I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will O my God; yea thy law is within my heart. I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me. And I said oh that I had wings like a dove; for then would I fly away, and be at rest. The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they be born speaking lies. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

GOD WILL NOT LEAVE US NOR FORSAKE US

O God thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. By thee have I been holden up from the womb; thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels; my praise shall be continually of thee, thou which hast shewed me great and sore troubles shalt quicken me again, and shall bring me up again from the depths of the earth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure throughout all generations. And they say how doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most high? Behold these are the ungodly who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

THOU SHALT WORSHIP THE LORD THY GOD AND HIM ONLY

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood, and these three agree in one. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his son. If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house neither bid him God speed;

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The beast that thou sawest was and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition. And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was and is not and yet is. These shall make war with the lamb, and the lamb shall overcome them; for he is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings; and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire, And there shall

in no wise enter into it anything that defileth neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the lamb's book of life.

Behold I come quickly; blessed is he that keepeth the saying of the prophecy of this book. He that is unjust let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still, and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still, and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. I have written this with love in my heart to all.

Yours in hope of eternal life,

Andrew Herald

203 W. 4th Ave., Williamson, W. Va.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa -- Elders W. H. Thacker and Robert B. Worrix, Brethren Bradley Worrix, Harry Thacker, Calvery Runyon, Albert Justice, Joseph Slone, Jack Coleman, John Slone, Chester Bevins, Clifford Thacker and Jess Tucker.

Pond Creek -- Elders Frank Wheeler and Walter Runyon, Brethren Jake Runyon, Walter Daniels and Ray Harlow.

Big Creek -- Elders Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins and Opa Thacker, Brethren Daniel Roberts and M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon -- Elders Fonso Justice and Paul Dean Justice, Brethren Glen Coleman, George McCoy, Johnny Slone, Morgan Coleman and Alvis Keen.

Peter Creek -- Elders Eli Estep, Jimmie Moore and Troy Casey, Brethren Virgil Smith, Adrion Dotson, Elliott Casey and Earl Casey.

Sulphur Spring -- Elders J. H. Blackburn and Homer Blackburn, Brethren W. Lester, George E. Lester, Claude Stiltner, Charles McCoy Jr., and Frank Lester.

Little Hope -- Elder John I. Smith and Brother George Ball.

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

Samaria -- Elders Teddy R. Ball and Michael Smith, Brethren Stearl Hatfield, J. E. Hatfield, Keen Varney Jr., Luther Scott, Richard Hatfield, Ray Hatfield, Freeland Smith, Andy Dotson, Dennis Dotson, Bruce Justice, Fonso May and Jess Hager.

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

John Creek -- Brethren Johnnie Stiltner, Lee Stiltner, Bailey T. Coleman, Elcanie Smith and Noah Smith.

Calvary -- Elder Kit Ratliff, Brethren Rush Chapman, Sid Varney, Martin Thacker and John Varney.

Dry Fork -- Elders John Looney and Elmer Brown, Brethren Shorty Vandyke, Carl Vandyke, Estill Vandyke, Lundy Childres, Garland Childres, Walter Owens, Sam Barton, Arthur Deel, Ralph Street, Harvey Hans, Howel Alms and Paul Street.

Columbus -- Elders Wheeler Thacker and Lundy Coleman, Brethren Lonnie Worrix and John Worrix.

Cool Spring -- Brethren Clyde Sanders, J. L. Cantrell, Calvery Runyon, Harry Thacker and Anthony Coleman.

Friendship -- Elder Avery Lowe and Brother Martin Childres.
 Deerfield -- Brethren Ray Anderson, Joe Blackburn and Joseph
 Blackburn, Jr.

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CHURCH	NAME OF MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa--	Eld. W. H. Thacker -----	July, 2nd Sat.
Pond Creek--	Elds. T. R. Ball and Frank Wheeler -	June, 2nd Sat.
Big Creek--	Eld. 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.
Grape Vine--	Elder J. H. Blackburn -----	July, 3rd Sat.
Samaria--	Elder Teddy R. Ball and Frank Wheeler -	June, 3rd Sat.
John's 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--	Elds. Teddy R. Ball and Lundy Coleman -	April, 4th Sat.
Cool Spring--	Elder Teddy R. Ball -----	April, 1st Sat.
Friendship--	Avery Lowe -----	July, 3rd Sat.
Deerfield--	Elder Robert Mayhorn -----	May, 4th Sat.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa--	Bradley Worrix, Zebulon, Ky. -----	150
Pond Creek--	Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky. 41531 -----	150
Big Creek--	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519 -----	100
Raccoon--	Richard May, Raccoon, Ky. 41557 -----	100
Peter Creek--	Evelyn S. Dotson, Phelps, Ky. 41553 -----	100
Sulphur Spring--	George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603 ----	90
Little Hope--	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519 -----	50
Grape Vine--	Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554 -----	90
Samaria--	J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544 -----	190
John's Creek--	Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. 41539 -----	60
Little Union--	Earnest Blair, Feds Creek, Ky. 41524 -----	60
Calvary--	Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. 41539 -----	60
Dry Fork--	Garland Childres, Vansant, Va. 24656 -----	125
Columbus--	Sandra Kay Coleman, 2456 Dawnlight Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211-----	75
Cool Spring--	Robert B. Worrix, Route 3, Pikeville, Ky. 41501 -	20
Friendship--	Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 41260 -----	50
Deerfield--	Joe H. Blackburn, Deerfield, Michigan 49238 -----	90

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mt. Zion--	J. R. Lilly, Box 345, Hinton, W. Va. 25951 -----	20
Senter--	Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St., Winston Salem, N. C. -----	20
Rock Spring--	Lurman McGuire, Route 2, Morehead, Ky. 40351 -	20
Union--	Alvin N. Proffitt, Box 511, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858 --	20
Burning Spring--	Walton Jones, Cannel City, Ky. 41408 -----	20

New Liberty--Lester Martin, 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, W. Va.	20
Sand Lick of Virginia--Robert Jackson, Rowe, Va. 24646-----	20
Little Yadkin River--Curtis Harbor, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 27017	20
To the Clerk-- Stearl Hatfield , McCarr, Ky. 41544-----	30
Total -----	1750

Obituaries

CAROLINE HATFIELD BALL

Mrs. Caroline Hatfield Ball, 75, a former Ransom, Ky., resident, died Monday in the Floyd County Memorial Hospital at New Albany, Ind.

Mrs. Ball became ill Monday while visiting with a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Yeager, in New Albany. For the past 13 years, Mrs. Ball had made her home with her son, George Hatfield, in Elkton, Md.

Born Jan. 16, 1896, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Margaret Whitt Hatfield. She was preceded in death by two husbands.

She was a member of a Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving, in addition to the daughter and son, are three other daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Huff of Chattaroy, Mrs. Grethel Taylor of New Holland, Pa., and Mrs. Betty Jo Fields of Virginia Beach, Va.; two other sons, Bill R. Ball of Newark, Del., and Walter Hatfield, also of Elkton; a sister, Mrs. Nancy Blackburn of Pinsonfork, Ky.; a brother, Jake Hatfield, also of Pinsonfork; 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



AUNT KATE ARMES

Mirira Catherine (Kate) Armes, the daughter of the late James and Ageline Lester, was born July 5, 1876 and departed this life Oct. 5, 1970, making her stay here on earth 94 years and three months. She was united in marriage to William Armes. To this union was born 14 children. Her husband preceded her in death in 1946, two infants, two sons which were killed in mine accidents: John Armes in 1945 and Vince Armes in 1961. One daughter also preceded her in death, Lou Street in 1969.

She leaves to mourn her loss five daughters: Mrs. Gertie Coleman, Rowe, Va.; Mrs. Florence Coleman, Drill, Va.; Mrs. Gusta Coleman, Lee-master, Va.; Mrs. Virgil Osborne, Vansant, Va.; Mrs. Alice Jackson, Centersburgh, Ohio; four sons, Howell Armes, Vansant, Va.;



Dock Armes, Vansant, Va.; Slimp Armes, Coeburn, Va.; Jim Armes of Newport News, Va.; 43 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

She united with the Primitive Baptist Church about three years ago but she was never able to be baptized, although she had church in her home as often as the preacher could come. I have heard her many times pray for her children and her neighbors, and that she loved everybody. She couldn't understand why God was keeping her here for, that she was ready to go to that beautiful home where she would never be sick or suffer any pain. Her special song was "The City That Lies Four Square."

We all miss you, Ma, but we know you are with God. Sleep on, Ma, take your rest from all your labors and we hope to join you in the sweet by and by.

Written by her son, Howell Armes

TILDA SLONE

Tilda Slone passed away June 7, 1971 at the age of 76 years. She was the daughter of W. H. Harris and Belle Harris.

Sister Slone was the widow of the late Will Slone. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Louisa for many, many years.

Left to mourn her loss is one brother, Ruey Harris of Phyllis, Ky.; two sisters, Angeline Kendrick of Bowling Fork, Ky., and Didema Kendrick Chaney of Virgie, Ky.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by,

Elder Robert B. Worrix



HASSIE VARNEY THACKER

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear wife, Hassie Varney Thacker.

She was born August 28, 1920, deceased July 10, 1971, making her stay on earth 50 years, ten months and 12 days. She was born at Kimper, Ky., the daughter of the late Charlie and Grace Maynard Varney. She was a member of Primitive Baptist Church. She was united in marriage to Martin Thacker November 14, 1936. To this union was born nine children, three of them preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her loss four daughters, Kathryn Mullins and Philistine Goff, both of Fairborn, Ohio; Imogene Curry of Florence, Ky.; Mae Thacker at home; two sons, Robert Clinton Thacker of Fords



Branch, Ky., and James Edward Thacker, at home; a brother, Ted Varney of Kimper, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. Eunice Parker of Marion, Ohio; Mrs. Ocie Chaney of Red Creek, Ky.; Mrs. Peggy Ann Thacker of Russell, Ky., and 11 grandchildren.

We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her husband, Martin Thacker

DREMA SUE HARRIS WORRIX

It is with a sad heart, that I try to write the obituary of my beloved wife, Drema Sue Harris Worrix.

She was born March 26, 1949, departed from this life March 5, 1971, making her stay on this earth 21 years, 11 months and seven days.

She was united in holy matrimony to Lonnie B. Worrix September 9, 1970. Surviving other than her husband are her father (Junis) and mother (Ocie) Harris; three brothers, Darrel, Donald and Michael Harris; five sisters, Maxie Coleman, Phillis Hunt, Janice, Teresa and Deborah Harris; her grandmother, Mrs. Sylvania Lane and Iley Harris.

She united with the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church Saturday, October 1970. She was a faithful member. Her husband, the church, and her many friends miss her.

We live in hope to see her again. She is gone but not forgotten. Our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her husband,
Lonnie B. Worrix

Elder Lundy Coleman



VADA SMITH

It is with a sad and broken heart that I'll try to write an obituary of our dear sweet mother, Vada Smith. She was the daughter of Monroe and Octavia Akers. Mom was born July 16, 1911, and departed from this earth March 15, 1971, making her stay here on earth 59 years, seven months and 15 days. She was married to Roosevelt Smith and unto this union was born twelve children. Three of the children and Dad preceded Mom in death. She leaves nine children to mourn her loss many relatives and friends. We all miss Mom so much, but I know her loss is heaven's gain.

Mom joined the Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June of 1950 and took her membership in the Samaria Church. She



loved her church and attended whenever she was able to. She was a wonderful mother and could only rest when she knew her children were well. She lived only for God and her children. I've heard her say so many times, "I hope the good Lord lets me live to raise my family." God granted Mom her wish to stay on the earth to see all of us on our own. I do believe she is resting now and she won't ever have any sickness, pain or troubles. We all miss her very much, life will never be the same. I hope all of us will meet her in heaven when this life is over. She is gone and can't come back to us, but by the grace of God, I will meet her again some day.

Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Elene Chapman

EILAND COLLINS

With a sad heart and in loving memory, we write this obituary of our dear sister, Eiland Collins. She was born July 7, 1910, in Pike Co. She was the daughter of the late K. B. Morris and Matilda Ramsey Morris.

She was married to Estil Collins of Raccoon, Ky., who preceded her in death. To this union was born four sons and three daughters, and two sons preceded her in death.

Eiland united with the Primitive Baptist Church the fourth Sunday of September 1951. She was loyal and faithful to the church until her death April 28, 1971.

Gone but not forgotten in the hearts of her family and many friends.

Written by her brothers,
Joe Morris and Lawrence Morris



ROXIE SANDERS

Roxie Sanders was born October 18, 1881 and died November 20, 1970 at the Jenkins Hospital making her stay on earth 89 years, one month and two days. She was the daughter of Bill Johnson. In 1900 she was married to Wiley Sanders and to this union were born nine children.

Her husband preceded her in death on September 29, 1927. Three of her children also preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing four sons: Clyde, Claude, and Johnson, all of Ashcamp, Ky., and Willy of Sarasota, Fla.; two daughters, Clesta Blair, Detroit, Mich., and Ora Sluss, Clintwood, Va.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized in 1927



where she lived a faithful member until death. She loved to hear the doctrine of Salvation by Grace. She always went to church as long as she was able to go although she was sick. We feel that she bore her suffering with much patience. We feel to know that when she met her appointed time she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to await his second coming where she will be one to awake in His likeness and go home satisfied to be forever with Him.

We will miss our dear mother but all we can say now is, Sleep on, Mother, for a little while until Jesus comes to take His jewels home. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her son, Clyde Sanders

ERMA WILLIAMSON FULLER

Sister Erma Williamson Fuller was born November 19, 1915, and departed this life March 24, 1971, making her stay on earth 55 years, four months and five days. She was married to George Fuller February 24, 1934. To this union was born five children, four boys and one girl.

She united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek January 21, 1951 and remained a faithful member until death. She leaves her husband, mother and five children to mourn her loss but we feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by one who loved her,
Mordicai Blackburn



BERTHA HARDY

In loving memory of our mother, Mrs. Bertha Hardy, who was born March 7, 1887 at Ransom, Kentucky, and died August 29, 1971 at her home at Pinsonfork, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Ulysses and Sally Varney Hatfield and was married to Jesse D. Hardy who preceded her in death in 1937. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, Charles Hardy of Pinsonfork, Kentucky; nine daughters, Mrs. Gay Coleman of Williamson, West Virginia; Mrs. Pauline Wilson, Mrs. Beatrice Combs, Mrs. Lorraine Carr and Mrs. Mildred Neely, all of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Zettie Chapman of Baltimore, Maryland; Miss Ethel Hardy of Pinsonfork; Mrs. Sally Varney of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Anna Lee Adkins of Huntington, West Virginia; one sister, Mrs. Matilda Hatfield of Pinsonfork, 24 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

Four other children preceded her in death, including a son, Ben-



nett Hardy, who died September 18, 1970.

Funeral services were conducted from the Old Pond Church with Elders Teddy Ball, Frank Wheeler and Dan Adkins officiating.

Loved and remembered by her family and friends.

VICTORIA AND LILBURN ADKINS



It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my loving mother-in-law, Victoria Adkins. She was born March 23, 1891, and departed this life February 7, 1971, making her stay

on earth 79 years, ten months and 14 days. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Raccoon for several years. She loved the grand Old Church and attended for as long as she was able.

She was married to Lilburn Adkins, and to this union ten children were born, seven sons and three daughters.

Lilburn and one of his sons, Henry, lived alone for six months and ten days. Lilburn was born May 28, 1888, and was found dead sitting in his chair on August 17, 1971. Now that God Almighty has called them from this troublesome world, it leaves ten heart-broken children, and several grandchildren to mourn their loss. But I hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by their daughter-in-law,
Mrs. Artie Adkins

RANSOM SCOTT



Brother Ransom Scott, Hardy, Ky., son of Alex and America Scott, deceased this life January 26, 1971. His first wife, Martha Coleman Scott, preceded him in death in 1949. Surviving are three sons, Dave Scott, Hardy, Ky.; Burl and Earl Scott of North Carolina; three daughters, Mrs. America Reed and Mrs. Mary Hunt of Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. Betty Breeding of Lawndale, N. C. One daughter preceded him in death; three brothers, Bert Scott of Hopkinsville, Ky.; Dock Scott of Logan, W. Va., and Bradley Scott of Hardy, Ky.; four sisters, Mrs. Andy Marcum and Mrs. Dora Smith, Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. Har-

riet Hager of Flint, Mich.; Mrs. Elsie Marrison of Huntington, W. Va.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Old Pond, Belfry, Ky., April 9, 1950. He was an ordained deacon and was faithful to the church and glad to help in any way for the betterment of the church.

Brother Scott was married to his second wife, Mrs. Alice Holcome Brackett July 17th, 1959. His step-children are Mrs. Cleo Hatfield, Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. Walter Fultz, Mrs. Alfred Hall and Jack Brackett of Louisville, Ky.; Charles Brackett of New Albany, Ind.; Mrs. James Chawning of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Loyd Stevens of Jefferson, Ind.

Brother Scott is sadly missed by his wife, children, brothers and sisters, members of the church and many friends.

Written by one who loved him,

Bob Dotson

FLEM KEESEE

Flem Keesee, born October 14, 1905, passed away December 10, 1967.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Sister Lee (Justice) Keesee; three sons, Don, Elmer and John George Keesee; four daughters, Zely Butterbaugh, Stella Kelly, Patricia and Jane Adams; 24 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Flem did not unite with the church, but he was a firm believer in Salvation by Grace, and proved his faith by the things he did and his expression of love for God's people.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by,

Elder Robert B. Worrix

CLARK OWENS

I will now with a sad and aching heart try to write an obituary of my loving husband, Clark Owens. He was born March 17, 1899, and deceased this life January 11, 1971. He was the son of Mirdieth Owens and the late Elizabeth Harrison.

He was married to Sarah Cochran October 19, 1926. To this union was born two sons, one son who preceded him in death, Eugene Owens. He was so good to his family and also to everybody. He was always so humble and didn't want to put any stumbling block in his brethren's way, I've heard him say so often so our loss, I firmly believe, is Heaven's gain.



Survivors to mourn his loss are his wife, Sarah Owens; one son, Jesse Lee Owens; his father, Mirdieth Owens; two grandchildren; one whole brother, Erby Owens, Williamsburg, W. Va.; four half-brothers, Montie, Delbert, Everett, Lawrence; three half-sisters, Stella Lilla, and Madeliene.

He said to me a good while back that there was a small voice came to him saying, "I will be with you to the end of the world." I say if that voice came from the good Lord, he will just as surely be in Heaven as there is a world and that is my faith I have.

Written by his wife, Sarah Owens

CHARLIE L. (BOB) DOTSON

With great sadness we are writing the obituary of our dear loved one.

Charlie (Bob) Dotson was born October 20, 1931, at Coleman, Ky., and was called away November 25, 1970. His stay here on earth was 39 years.

Bobby was the son of the late Butler Dotson and Martha Ratliff Dotson of Coleman, Ky.

He was married to Evelyn Smith, the daughter of Brother Virgil Smith and the late Pearl Boyd Smith of Feds Creek, Ky. His home was blessed with two lovely little girls, Teresa and Becky.

Bob was a firm believer of the Primitive Baptist Doctrine and he practiced what he believed at all times. He was a supporter of the Church and could be relied on in time of need.

He is sadly missed by his family and many friends, but our loss is his gain.

In loving memory,
Wife and Daughters



PRESS TAULBEE BEVINS

Press Taulbee Bevins passed away February 28, 1970. He was born December 27, 1888, the son of John and Francis Roberison Bevins and was a veteran of World War I. On January 15, 1912, he was married to Gennettie Elswick, who survives. Other survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Robert W. (Charlene) Pauley; two granddaughters, Charlotte Ann Pauley and Mrs. Annette Sue Martin; two half-brothers, Bill of Detroit, Mich.; Jim of Pikeville, Ky.; two half-sisters, Mrs. Anna Slone, Pikeville, Ky., and Mrs. Martha Damron of Ohio.

In September 1964 Daddy joined the



and was baptized by Elders Dan Adkins and Teddy Ball.

Daddy loved the church for many years before he asked for a home with them. He had a great capacity to love. He loved the brothers and sisters of the church, his friends and neighbors, and was loved by many.

A kind and loving husband and father, words cannot express the loss we have felt since God called Daddy home. He prayed and talked to God constantly in his last hours. You could feel the very presence of our dear Lord in his room, leaving us assured that God has a place of peace and happiness for him, when Christ shall come in the fullness of his glory.

Mrs. Charlene Pauley

BUTLER SMITH

Butler Smith of Ransom, Kentucky, was born May 19, 1887. He was the son of the late App and Arminda May Smith. He departed this life April 2, 1971. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Judy Smith; two sons and seven daughters. Three children preceded him in death. He left one brother, 44 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and neighbors who loved him.

Gone but not forgotten.

Written by his daughter,
Mrs. Octavia Hatfield
and sadly missed by his wife
and family

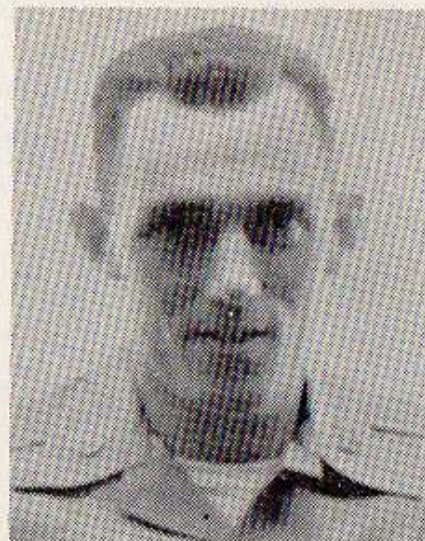


WILLIE PAUL COLLINS

I count it an honor to write an obituary for Willie Paul Collins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins, who departed from this life December 11, 1969. He was married to Nina Jean Thacker Collins and they were the parents of two daughters -- Kimberly Faye and Nina Jean.

Although Willie Paul did not live to join the Primitive Baptist Church, from what he told me, this was his preference. I visited him while he was in the hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. about two weeks before he died. There I witnessed him calling upon the Lord to save him from his sins. He confessed to me that he was depending solely upon Jesus as his hope for heaven.

I don't think there is any question where Paul is spending eternity. I believe he went out of this life trusting in Jesus the best way he knew how. I thank God that he allowed me to witness this experience and to be able to relate this in his obituary.



Written by his friend and fellow brother in Christ,
Larry D. Keene

ROSCOE VARNEY

As I sit here with sadness in my heart I'll try to write an obituary of my dear beloved brother, Roscoe Varney. Roscoe was born March 1, 1901 and departed us to join his loved ones and our heavenly Lord Jesus Christ, on March 3, 1971. Roscoe was 70 years and three days old.

He was the son of Henry C. Varney and Ollie Hensley Varney.

Roscoe Varney was a true believer in the old Primitive Baptist Church. He joined the Church on November 7, 1948 and stayed a faithful member until death. May God bless all of Roscoe's brothers and sisters and all loved ones that they may feel that "our loss is Heaven's gain." We miss our dear brother so much it is almost more than we can bear, but we hope to meet Roscoe and God some sweet day.

Written by his sisters and brothers



DARRELL EDWARD DOTSON



It is with a deeply saddened heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear beloved brother, Darrell Edward Dotson of Grand Rapids, Mich., who departed this life in a motorcycle accident in Michigan on October 24, 1970, making his stay on this earth 29 years and 364 days.

He was born to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dotson of Oakwood, Va., on October 25, 1940, at Mavisdale, Va.

He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, Mrs. Nancy Jane Dotson; a daughter, Samantha Jane Dotson of Michigan; his mother, Ennis Dotson of Vansant, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. Doris Jean Varny of Kimper, Ky.; Mrs. Della Mae Rowe, of Vansant, Va.; Mrs. Dartene Gayle Newsome of Madison Heights, Mich.; and Mrs. Diana Lynn Pennington of Larado, Texas; also one half-sister, Mrs. Mildred Vandyke of Oakwood, Va.

His father, Amos Dotson, preceded him in death. Also one half-brother, Andrew Dotson, preceded him in death, and a host of friends and relatives.

We can only hope that our loss is his eternal gain. He is very sadly missed by all. He is gone but not forgotten.

Written by his oldest sister,
Jean

LANDON THACKER

Brother Landon Thacker was born March 13, 1902, and departed this life April 21, 1971, making his stay on earth 69 years, one month and 19 days. He was the son of the late Albert and Polley (Smith) Thacker. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Stella (Smith) Thacker; six sons and two daughters, one step-son and one step-daughter; four brothers and one half-brother.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek and was baptized the third Sunday in August 1965. He was ordained as deacon of the Big Creek Church 3rd Sunday in November 1966 and lived faithful to his calling until death. We feel assured that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by one who loved him,
Mordicai Blackburn



LAWRENCE BILLITER

Lawrence Billiter was born in the year of 1891 and died September 26, 1970. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Old Pond Church 26 years ago. He lived a faithful member and attended church as long as he was able to go. He was loved by all who knew him.

He leaves his wife and several children to mourn their loss. We hope by God's great mercy to meet him again some day.

Written by his wife

HOWARD H. HATFIELD

By the request of the family I will try to write the obituary of Brother Howard H. Hatfield. The son of the late Alvin and Caroline Varney Hatfield, he was born April 12, 1881, and passed this life November 14, 1970, making his stay on earth 89 years, seven months and two days. He was married to Sarah Smith June 3, 1922. To this union was born six sons. One preceded him in death. Survivors are his loving wife; five sons, Bert, Joe E., James, Roy and John Lee Hatfield.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church on September 29, 1970. Brother Howard rejoiced greatly in God his Savior the remainder of his stay



here. Brother Hatfield was a loving brother to us, a good neighbor, a loving father and a wonderful husband. He was loved by all who knew him. Brother Hatfield left this world with a precious hope of living again beyond this life. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life,
Fonso Justice

GROVER C. BLACKBURN

Grover C. Blackburn was born March 14, 1894, and deceased this life February 10, 1971, making his stay on earth 76 years, ten months and 27 days.

He joined the church May 10, 1949, and was a faithful member until he got disabled to go to church but he still was a strong believer in the word of God. Everyone who knew him liked him because he was a good man.

He was married to the former Ollie Hensley and to this union was born 12 children, three of whom preceded him in death. Seven sons and two daughters are living: Mitchie of Belo, W. Va.; Bobby of Pinsonfork, Ky.; Tom of McAndrews, Ky., Carl and Russell of Detroit, Mich.; Gene and Ernest of Belfry, Ky.; Mary Hensley of Merrimac, W. Va.; Esta Maynard of Huddy, Ky.

No one knows how much we miss him but we hope that our loss is Heaven's gain.

He is also survived by 32 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

We feel that our father has gone to rest. He is sadly missed by his wife and children.

Written by his daughter-in-law, wife and children

FANNIE FARLEY SCOTT

Fannie Farley Scott, the daughter of James H. and Lydia Farley, was born April 8, 1888, and deceased November 26, 1970.

She was married to John Sidney Scott in December 1907, who preceded her in death December 21, 1966.

She was united with the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church in the year of 1953, and continued to be a faithful member until her death.

She left one daughter, Blanche S. Blackburn of McCarr, Kentucky; and one son, James H. Scott of Columbus, Ohio, to mourn her death. Two other sons, Hansel and Darrel Scott, preceded her in death.



She also left nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, Five sisters and one brother were left behind to mourn her loss.

We children have lost a precious loving mother and the church a faithful member but I feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by her daughter,
Blanche Blackburn

CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

6. The Association shall have a Moderator, 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, regenera-

ted 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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

