

*Minutes*  
OF THE  
One Hundred Twenty First  
Annual Session  
OF THE  
ORIGINAL  
Mates Creek  
REGULAR  
Primitive Baptist Association  
ORGANIZED IN 1849  
HELD WITH  
*RACCOON CHURCH*  
RACCOON, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
AUGUST 31st, SEPTEMBER 1, and 2,  
[ 1973 ]

Next session convenes with the Samaria Church at  
Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin Friday  
before the first Sunday in September at 10 o'clock a.m..

**OFFICERS**

Elder Teddy R. Ball ----- Moderator  
Elder J. H. Blackburn ----- Assistant Moderator  
Brother Stearl Hatfield ----- Clerk  
Elder Robert B. Warrix ----- Assistant Clerk



# ***Proceedings***

## **Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Association, held with the Raccoon Church**

FRIDAY MORNING — August 31st, 1973

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Fonso Justice. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Dan Adkins, text: 1st Peter 1:2, Elect according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, etc.

Called for letters from all the churches. Read the letter from the Raccoon Church. Moved and seconded that we accept all the letters.

Moved and seconded that we have the letter from the Raccoon Church printed in the Minutes.

Election of officers: The association then elected Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk, and Elder Robert Warrix, Asst. 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 fulfill their appointments were excused.

Correspondents from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Rock Spring Association: Elder Gale McGuire and Brother Lurman McGuire.

Burning Spring Association: Elder Will Carty, Elmer Isom, Brethren Luther Hay and Clarence Hodges.

Sand Lick District Association: Elders Josh Viers, Garnell Gilbert, Leonard Barton and Arnold F. Childress, Elder Robert Mayhon and Elder Franklin Viers.

Union Association: Elders Jonah Stidham and Carson McCoy.

Saint Clair Bottom District: Elder Eugene Blevins, Elder Eddie Lyle, Brother Henry Puckett.

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist: Elders A. L. Neely and Owen Harvey.

Received Minutes from the following Associations.

Rock Spring Regular Primitive Baptist, Burning Spring of Regular Primitive Baptist, Mt. Zion Regular Primitive Baptist, Sand Lick District of Regular Primitive Baptist, Senter District of Regular Primitive Baptist, Little Yadkin River Primitive Baptist, St. Clair Bottom District Primitive Baptist, Union Primitive Baptist, New Liberty Primitive Baptist, Mountain District Primitive Baptist.

Visitors from the sister Associations received and seated



as follows:

Sand Lick District: Elders Jimmie Oquin, Andrew McGlothin, Sisters Lindy Kiser, Laura Deel, Alta Breeding, Maggie Barton. Louis Allen Hill, Terry Thacker, Alford Oquin, Elder Otis Buell and Wife, Elder Bobby Arrington and Wife, Brother Leland Owens and Wife, Brethren Shelby Anderson, Claude Epling, Noah Yates, Lawrence Colley, Joe Edwards, Brother Jim Puckett and Wife, Sister Bessie Kiser and Sister Adie Childers.

Rock Springs: Sisters Julian McGuire, Ollie Hogee.

Burning Spring: Brother Cleophas Johnson and Sister Ocie Howard.

Mt. Zion: Sisters Gertrude Harvy, Minnie White.

Mt. Enon Association of Florida: Elder Fonso Justice.

Saint Clair Bottom: Brother Will Puckett and Wife, Brother Jerry Fisher and Wife, Brother Bernie Heath, Sisters; Virgie Lyle, Beulah Lyle and Sister Ethel Lyle.

Lexington Kentucky Primitive Church: Elder Paul Troutner and Brother Russel Maynard and Wife.

Cedar Grove Church of Mayodam, N. C.: Brother Roy Hall and Wife and Elder Weldon Joyce.

Wilson Church of Wilson, N. C.: Brother James Wilkins and Wife.

Little Yadkin River: Elder Jessie Collins.

Stony Creek Church: Elder Elbert Hunter and Wife.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

A messenger from each church, together with all the messengers from the Raccoon Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand.

They reported the following:

Friday at Raccoon Church House Elders: 1. Elder Jimmie Oquin. 2. Elder Fonso Justice 3. Elder Franklin Viers.

Friday Evening at the Raccoon Church House: 1. Elder Cleoevise Johnson. 2. Elder Gail McGuire. 3. Elder Jimmie Moore. 4. Elder Fonso Justice.

Saturday at the Stand: 1. Elder Paul Troutner. 2. Elder Louis Allen Hill.

Saturday Afternoon at the Stand: 1. Elder Eugene Blevins. 2. Elder Bobby Mayhon. 3. Elder Franklin Viers.

### Friday Evening

Little Union Church: 1. Elder Elbert Hunter. 2. Elder Owen Harvey. 3. Elder A. L. Neely.

Samaria Church: 1. Elder Eddie Lide. 2. Elder Eugene Blevins. 3. Elder Bobby Mayhon.

Johns Creek Church: 1. Elder Elmer Brown. 2. Elder



Jimmie Moore. 3. Elder J. H. Blackburn.

Committee on arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren: Kit Ratliff, Robert Warrix, Joe Thacker, Walter Daniels, Floyd Stump, J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler, Miles Thacker, Luther Scott, Earnest Blair, Lee Stiltner, Elmer Brown, Avery Lowe, Paris Blackburn, Johnny Jacobs, and Jimmie Moore.

Committee on finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Ray Harlow, Cal Runyon and Harry Thacker.

Messengers who agreed to visit sister associations are as follows:

Rock Spring: Elder's Jimmie Moore and Opa Thacker. Brethren M. B. Blackburn and Ballard Bryant.

Burning Spring: Elders Opa Thacker, Jimmie Moore, Teddy R. Ball, Robert Warrix, Elmer Brown and Johnny Jacobs. Brethren Ballard Bryant and Ira Smith.

Sand Lick District: Elders Opa Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Paul D. Justice. Brethren: M. B. Blackburn, Paul Taylor, Alvis Keen, Geo. Rose, Kidney Charles, William Slone, Clinton Justice, Paris Charles, Lawrence Jackson.

New Liberty: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown and Frank Wheeler, Brother M. B. Blackburn.

Little Yadkin River: Elder's Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, and Elmer Brown.

Mt. Zion: Elders Frank Wheeler, Johnny Jacobs, J. H. Blackburn and Teddy R. Ball.

St. Clair Bottom: Elder's Elmer Brown, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball and Johnny Jacobs. Brother George Rose.

Union: Elder's Teddy R. Ball, Robert Warrix, Brethren Albert Justice and Cal Runyon.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with the Big Creek Church, and to begin Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock before the last Sunday in March 1974.

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

**SATURDAY MORNING—September 1st, 1973**

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator, Prayer by Elder Louis Allen Hill. Roll Called and absentees marked.

Committee on arrangements reported the following: Committee met in the Raccoon Church house and was called to order by the Moderator. After discussion of the business of the Association it was agreed that we carry on the work of the Association for Saturday in the usual manner, with the following items added. 1. That the association give the Clerk \$25.00 for his services.



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

Committee on preaching for Sunday reported the following. Elder Jerry Brown to open. 1. Elder Robert Mayhon. 2. Elder Weldon Joyce. 3. Elder Franklin Viers.

Finance Committee reported the following \$562.00 and were discharged.

Called on Union Meetings 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, 1974. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff, Lundy Coleman, Avery Lowe, Dan Adkins, Reffard Howell, Paul Dean Justice, David Coleman, Eugene Blevins, Franklin Viers, and Bobby Mayhon invited.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June 1974. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Walter Runyon, Teddy Ball, Dan Adkins, Joe Thacker, Kit Ratliff, Mike Smith, Avery Lowe, W. H. Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Don Hatfield, John I. Smith.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 1974. Elders to attend: Walter Runyon, Frank Wheeler, John I. Smith, W. H. Thacker, Dan Adkins, Elmer Brown, Robert Warrix, Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, Paul Dean Justice.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July 1974. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Elmer Brown, John I. Smith, Dan Adkins, Eugene Blevins, Franklin Viers, Robert Warrix, Lundy Coleman, Wheeler Thacker, J. H. Blackburn.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1974. Elders to attend: Joe Slone, Kit Ratliff, Teddy Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Mike Smith, Elmer Brown, Avery Lowe, Fred Varney, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, Everette Brizendine

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1974. Elders to attend: Everette Brizendine, Robert Warrix, Teddy Ball, Elmer Brown, Mike Smith, Franklin Viers, Eugene Blevins, Paul Dean Justice and J. H. Blackburn.

Little Hope Church meets the first Saturday in July, 1974. Elders to attend: Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker, Walter Runyon, Avery Lowe, Fred Varney and W. H. Thacker.

Grape Vine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1974. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff,



Eli Estep, Joe Slone, Paul Dean Justice, Robert Warrix, Elmer Brown and John I. Smith.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1974. Elders to attend: T. R. Ball, Jimmie Moore, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, Paul Dean Justice, Frank Wheeler, Joe Thacker and Elmer Brown.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1974. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Robert Warrix, Franklin Viers, Joe Slone, Clifford Thacker, Michael Smith, Don Hatfield, Fred Varney, Lonzie Blair, J. H. Blackburn, John I. Smith and Elmer Brown.

Johns Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1974. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Bobby Mayhon, J. H. Blackburn, John I. Smith, Eli Estep, Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins, Joe Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Troy Casey, Robert Warrix and Paul Dean Justice.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1974. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins, Michael Smith, Teddy R. Ball, Eli Estep, Robert Warrix and J. H. Blackburn.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1974. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Jimmie Moore, J. H. Blackburn, Michael Smith, Louis Allen Hill, Franklin Viers, and Eugene Blevins.

Friendship Church meets the fourth Saturday in May 1974. Elders to attend: Dan Adkins, Robert Warrix, Proctor Lyons, Everett Brizendine, Mark Moore, Paul Keaton, Jerry Brown, and Roby Furgeson.

Columbus Church meets the fourth Saturday in April 1974. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Robert Warrix, Clifford Thacker, Joe Slone, Don Hatfield, Bobby Mayhon, Jessee Tucker, Paul Dean Justice, Opa Thacker, Avery Lowe, Everett Brizendine, Jimmie Moore, Franklin Viers, Josh Viers, Michael Smith, Onis Smith, John Jacobs, Arnold Childers.

Deerfield Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1974. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Joe Thacker, Jimmie Moore, Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball, Wheeler Thacker and Lundy Coleman.

Pleasant Hill Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1974. Elders to attend: Leonard Barton, Arnold Childers, Teddy R. Ball, Otis Buell, Billy Cook, Clovis Johnson, and Herbert Burton.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes and that Elder Jimmie Moore prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2000 Minutes printed and annex



our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

Sister's: Polly Ball May, Bertha Smith, Martha Alice Thacker, Gracy Slone, Elizie Fay Hatfield, Virgie Deel Vandyke and Baby Lisa Kathern Coleman.

Brethren: Willie Thacker, Jeff Hatfield, Edward C. Hess, Tilden Chapman, Robert Collins, Henry R. Meadows, Albert Hatfield, Roland Dotson, Earnest Blackburn, Joe Dotson, Wordy Dotson, Bud Dotson, John Daniels, T. J. Thacker, Wayne Slone, Julius Link Warrix, Jerry Calvin Justice, Charlie Browning, Abner B. Justice, John Garland Childress, Sidney Ray Hatfield. Brother Raymond and Sister Jane Wagner.

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

The Finances was disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year . . .	\$1,231.23
Amount received from the Churches . . \$	562.00
Donations and Pictures . . . . . \$	325.00
Total cash on hand . . . . .	\$2,118.23

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for minutes for 1972 . . . . . \$	416.78
Paid for moving seats . . . . . \$	
Give to Moderator . . . . . \$	15.00
Give to Clerk . . . . . \$	25.00
Give to Correspondents . . . . . \$	142.00
Give Old Pond Church 1972 . . . . . \$	50.00
Balance cash left on hand . . . . .	\$1,469.45

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Samaria Church at Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky and to begin at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1974.

Elder Robert Warrix was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Lundy Coleman was appointed to be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved, closed by Prayer by Elder Franklin Viers, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

Teddy R. Ball, Moderator  
J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator  
Stearl Hatfield, Clerk  
Robert B. Warrix, Asst. Clerk



SUNDAY MORNING—September 2nd, 1973

Introductory by Elder Jerry Brown of the Burning Spring Association. Prayer by Elder Paul Keaton of the Burning Spring Association.

1. Elder Robert Mayhon of the Sand Lick District Association. No special Text.

2. Elder Weldon Joyce of the Cedar Grove Church of Mayodam, N. C. Text; Hebrews 1:1, God who at Sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.

3. Elder Franklin Viers of the Sand Lick District Association. Text, St. Matthew 16:13; Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

4. Our Moderator Elder Teddy R. Ball. No special Text.

After a wonderful Sermon, closed out the Association. This may not have been our best Association but I do not believe we ever have had any better. Altho the closing out only lasted a few minutes it was surely a Heaven on Earth.

The Clerk

### **No Absolute Predestination of Both Good and Evil**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, and of the Mates Creek Association, since it has fallen my lot to write the Circular Letter it is with prayer and hope that the Lord will lead me in my effort, and that to the praise of His glory.

The Bible does not teach Absolute Predestination of all things. Jesus didn't teach it while here on earth, neither does the Spirit witness such things. The Bible does teach God's Predestination of His people to be conformed to the image of His Son. That is to those that love Him. For whom He did foreknow He also did Predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first born among many brethren. (Rom. 8:29) Moreover, whom He did predestinate them He also called. (Romans 8:30). Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will, and to the praise of the glory of His Grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. (Eph. 1:5)

In whom we have also obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will. That we should be to the praise of His Glory, who first trusted in Christ. (Eph. 1:11-12)

**God is light**, and in Him is no darkness at all. He is just and the justifier of His people. There is only one true and living God, and besides Him there is no other.



To admit to absolutism is to say there is no such thing as the devil, demons, the adversary, or wicked spirits, (as taught by the Bible) and the lust of sinful men. There is none good, no not one. It seems to me the absoluters contend that to admit there is another power is to detract from the sovereignty of God.

I believe that God is all mighty, and has all power, and none can stay His hand. Why He suffers some things to be as they are I do not know. I have not been His counselor, neither have I imparted any knowledge to Him, but this I know, He is Holy, Just, and righteous, and does not lead any man or woman to do that which is evil. To say that He does is to accuse God of having an unclean spirit, which to my mind is blasphemy. To say that God directs, actuates, causes, and controls all sinful acts of man, is to my mind, to deny that Christ ever came into the world to save sinners. For if God directs and causes us to do everything we do, then there is no transgression, for all have only done the things which God Predestinated for them to do. And that He is guilty of all the evil things that belong to the devil, and the Power of Darkness.

I do not believe that God causes sinful men to do their sinful deeds. That is the witness of my conscious, and the Spirit of Christ within me. The scriptures also witnessing with my spirit, and the Spirit of Christ.

The Bible tells us that God created all things, and pronounced them very good. God did not tempt Adam to transgress, for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither does He tempt any man. (James 1:13) For man is tempted of his own lust, and drawn away by that lust to do that which is evil. Adam ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and brought the whole race of man into death. For by the transgression of one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin. So death passed upon all men, for all have sinned, and the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Therefore, I cannot believe that God influences men to do that which is evil.

The Bible also says that he that sins is of the devil, and that Jesus came into the world to destroy the works of the devil. So, if God sent His Son into the world to destroy the works of the devil, and the works of sinful men, and then causes the devil and men to destroy the good, then it appears that God is at war with Himself. For if God ordained good works for His people to walk in them, and then ordained them to walk in evil works would that not be a kingdom divided against itself?



Jesus taught that every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. And if satan cast out satan he is divided against himself. How shall then his kingdom stand? If this be true of satan's kingdom would it not be also true of God's Kingdom? (Matt. 12:24-37)

If God tries to destroy the good with the evil, and the evil with good it seems that God must fail in one or the other of these things.

The Absolutors cannot prove by the Bible that these things are true. Isaiah said of these things taught of men, 'Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil. That put darkness for light, and light for darkness, that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. (Isa. 5:20)

Paul denies that he or any other of the Apostles said 'let us do evil that good may come, but rather let God be true, and every man a liar.' (Rom. 3:4-8)

God does not need the lies of sinful men to Glorify God, for God has said, 'Thou shalt not lie.' In other words, how can God judge us to be sinners for lying if we glorify God by so doing the very things that God decrees or causes us to do by His Power and influence. God will judge the world in righteousness, and will put all things under His feet at His time by Jesus Christ.

That God is almighty and has all power, and that He is Holy and righteous altogether, and knoweth all things, and is Supreme and above all things, and has all power is taught in the Bible. That He will over-throw the works and power of satan, and put down all evil is as sure as God is sure, but that He is long-suffering, and that He reserves His judgements until it pleases Him to execute them is also true.

He declared the end from the beginning. He works all things after the counsel of His own will, and according to His own purpose. Even that which seemth good and well pleasing in His own sight.

All these things I believe. I think people gets the foreknowledge of God and the Predestination of God mixed up, or try to twist and pervert the Bible to suit their own ideas. But because God foreknows something does not mean He is the author of it. Far from it. The Bible teaches there is a Power of darkness and of satan. We are told in John (4:1-4) there are spirits which are not of God. That there is a wisdom of this world, and is devilish and antichrist. So lets take the revealed word of the Prophets and Apostles, and what the Holy Spirit teaches us by Jesus Christ to be the truth, and not what some man says, amen.

Brethren, I hope this weak effort meets with your approval, and offends no one. I realize many things could be added, but



for the sake of space I will close. God bless you all.

Elder Walter Runyon

### VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Gale McGuire  
Elder Leonard Barton  
Elder Franklin Viers  
Elder Carson McCoy  
Elder Eddie Lyle  
Elder Owen Harvey  
Elder Andrew McGlothin  
Elder Terry Thacker  
Elder Otis Buell  
Elder Fonso Justice  
Elder Elbert Hunter  
Elder Weldon Joyce

Elder Garnell Gilbert  
Elder Robert Mayhon  
Elder Jonah Stidham  
Elder Eugene Blevins  
Elder A. L. Neely  
Elder Jim Oquin  
Elder Louis Allen Hill  
Elder Alford Oquin  
Elder Cleovis Johnson  
Elder Jessie Collins  
Elder Paul Keaton  
Elder Jerry Brown

### CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa — Elders W. H. Thacker, Robert B. Warrix, Clifford Thacker, Chester Bevins and Joe Slone, Jr. Brethren — Jess Tucker, Kedna Charles, Bradley Warrix, Albert Justice, Clyde Sanders, Calvary Runyon, Harry Thacker, Jack Coleman, Joseph Slone, Anthony Coleman.

Pond Creek — Elder Frank Wheeler. Brethren Leroy Smith, Evans Breeding, Ray Harlow, Jake Runyon, Andy Blackburn, Walter Daniels, Clifford Hunt, Robert Dotson.

Big Creek — Elders Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins, Elmer Thacker, Opa Thacker. Brethren — Daniel Roberts, Luther Smith, Delmer Williamson, Paul Taylor, Ireland Coleman and M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon — Elders Paul Dean Justice, King Coleman and Richard May. Brethren — Alvis Keen, Edward Bevins, Homer Coleman, Joe Morris, Lawrence Morris, Paris Charles, Rufous Goff, Dave Newsom, William Johnny Slone.

Peter Creek — Elders Eli Estep and Troy Casey. Brethren — Harrison Smith, Virgil Smith, Floyd Stump, Adrian Dotson, Earl Casey and Elliott Casey.

Sulphur Spring — Elder J. H. Blackburn. Brethren — Joe H. Blackburn, Grover Blackburn, Arthur May, George Lester, Roosevelt Young, Claude Wien, Frank Dotson and Frank Lester.

Little Hope — Elder John I. Smith.

Grapevine — Brethren — Orville Justice, Landon Webb, and Miles Thacker.

Samaria — Elders Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield and Fred



Varney. Brethren — Luther Scott, Stearl Hatfield, J. E. Hatfield, Andrew Hearld, Dennis Dotson, Bruce Hatfield, Landon Smith, Andy Dotson, Clayton Smith, Ballard Smith, and Sam Tickle.

Little Union — Elder Lonzie Blair. Brethren — Earnest Blair, Theo Fuller and Elza May.

Johns Creek — Brethren — Noah Smith, John Stiltner, Baily T. Coleman and Elcanie Coleman.

Calvary — Elders Kit Ratliff and Jeff Chapman. Brethren — Rush Chapman, Sid Varney, Martin Thacker, Bradley Coleman, Able Chapman, Riley Honaker and Homer Coleman.

Dry Fork — Elder Elmer Brown. Brethren — Lawrence Jackson, Harrison Street, Shorty Vandyke, Lundy Childress, Ralph Street, Paul Street, Jack Rose.

Friendship — Elder Avery B. Lowe. Brethren — I. D. Preston, Roby Lewis, Martin Childers.

Columbus — Elders Lundy Coleman, Wheeler Thacker, David Coleman. Brethren — Paris Blackburn and Ray Dotson.

Deerfield — Elders Johnny Jacobs and Onis Smith. Brethren — Bradley Hager and Ray Anderson.

Pleasant Hill — Elder Jimmie Moore. Brethren — Ira Smith and Ballard Bryant.

We the Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ called by name Raccoon now in session this the 4th Saturday of August, 1973.

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association when it convenes with the Raccoon Church at Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September 1973.

Dear Brethren we hope we are glad of the privilege of informing you by this letter of love and salutation and our beloved Brethren to-wit:

Elders Paul Dean Justice, King Coleman, Richard May and Brethren Pat Keene, Edward Bevins, Homer Coleman, Joe Morris, Lawrence Morris, Paris Charles, Paul Dean Justice, Rufus Goff, Dave Newsome, William Johnnie Slone, to bear this our Church Letter to you, hoping you will receive them to sit with you in counsel in all your Godly Consultations and to work for the peace of Zion.

Dear Brethren we are in peace and love among ourselves at this time;

Since our last Association we have received by:

Letter	0
Experience and Baptism	6



Relation	0	
Restored	0	
Dismissed by Letter	4	
Excluded	0	
Deceased	2	
Total Membership		62

Done and Signed by the order of the Church  
 Johnie Blackburn, Moderator  
 Lawrence Morris, Clerk

Contribution 50.00

Union Meeting appointees for next year Teddy Ball, Elmer Brown, John I. Smith, Dan Adkins, Eugene Blevins, Franklin Viers, Robert Warrix, Lundy Coleman, Wheeler Thacker, J. H. Blackburn.

Please list the names and address of your Ministers and Licentiates.

Ministers: Paul Dean Justice, King Coleman, Richard May.

Licentiates: Glenn Coleman, William Johnie Slone, Raccoon, Ky. 41557.

### NAME AND ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

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 Elder Frank Wheeler . . . . . Stone, Ky., Phone 353-4910  
 Elder James E. McIntoch . . . . . Hardy, Ky.  
 Elder Green Coleman . . . . . Millard, Ky.  
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 Elder Everett Brizendine . . . . . Phelps, Ky.  
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Elder Joe Slone . . . . . Fish Trap, Ky.

Elder Robert B. Warrix . . Rt. 4, Pikeville, Ky. Phone 432-1752

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Elder Clifford Thacker . . . . . Rt. 1, Shelbiana, Ky.

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Elder King Coleman . . . . . Raccoon, Ky.

Elder Paul Dean Justice . . . . . Raccoon, Ky.

Elder Richard May . . . . . Raccoon, Ky.

Elder Curt Elliott . . . . . Austinburg, Ohio

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Elder Elmer Thacker . . . . . Canada, Ky.

Elder Fred Varney . . . . . Hardy, Ky.

Elder Lonzie Blair . . . . . Feds Creek, Ky.

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Elder Junior Coleman . . . . . Columbus, Ohio

Elder Abner Justice . . New Rome, Ohio, Phone 878-8031

Elder Johnny Jacobs . . . . . Grand Blanc, Mich.

Elder Onis Smith . . . . . Grand Blanc, Mich.

### Licentiates

Shorty Vandyke . . . . . Vansant, Va.

Paris Ramey . . . . . North Matewan, W. Va.

Kedna Charles . . . . . Phyliss, Ky.

Johnny Hatfield . . . . . Canada, Ky.

Jess Tucker . . . . . Millard, Ky.

Arlen Thacker . . . . . Fishtrap, Ky.

Glen Coleman . . . . . Raccoon, Ky.

William Johnny Slone . . . . . Raccoon, Ky.

Landon Smith . . . . . Ransom, Ky.

Lawrence Jackson . . . . . Vansant, Va.

Walter Branham . . . . . Prater, Va.

Dave Dotson . . . . . Hilock Ave., Columbus, Ohio

J. C. Hager . . . . . 1300 Fish Lake Rd., Holly, Mich.



CHURCH	MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa—Elder W. H. Thacker . . . . .		July, 2nd Sat.
Pond Creek—Elds. T. R. Ball & Frank Wheeler . .		June, 2nd Sat.
Big Creek—Eld. Joe Thacker . . . . .		June, 3rd Sat.
Raccoon—Eld. J. H. Blackburn . . . . .		June, 4th Sat.
Sulphur Spring—Eld. J. H. Blackburn . . . . .		August, 1st Sat.
Peter Creek—Eld. Teddy R. Ball . . . . .		June, 4th Sat.
Little Hope—Eld. W. H. Thacker . . . . .		July, 1st Sat.
Grape Vine—Eld. J. H. Blackburn . . . . .		July, 3rd Sat.
Samaria—Elds. T. R. Ball & Frank Wheeler . .		June, 3rd Sat.
John's Creek—Eld. J. H. Blackburn . . . . .		July, 2nd Sat.
Calvary—Eld. Kit Ratliff . . . . .		June, 1st Sat.
Little Union—Eld. Teddy R. Ball . . . . .		May, 1st Sat.
Dry Fork—Eld. Teddy R. Ball . . . . .		May, 2nd Sat.
Columbus—Elds. T. R. Ball & Lundy Coleman . .		April, 4th Sat.
Friendship—Eld. Avery Lowe . . . . .		May, 4th Sat.
Deerfield—Eld. Robert Mayhon . . . . .		May, 4th Sat.
Pleasant Hill—Eld. Jimmie Moore . . . . .		April, 3rd Sat.

### DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa—Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky. . . . .	150
Pond Creek—Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky. 41531 . . . . .	150
Big Creek—M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519 . . . . .	115
Raccoon—Lawrence Morris, Raccoon, Ky. . . . .	120
Peter Creek—Evelyn S. Dotson, Phelps, Ky. 41553 . . . . .	100
Sulphur Spring—George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603 . .	100
Little Hope—M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519 . . . .	60
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 . . . . .	75
Dry Fork—Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Va. 24656 . . . .	150
Columbus—Sandra Kay Harris, 2456 Dawnlight Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43211 . . . . .	100
Friendship—Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 41260 . . . . .	50
Deerfield—James E. Hager, 846 N. Oak Street, Fenton Michigan 48430 . . . . .	100
Pleasant Hill—Jackie Scott, 112 Blue St., De Graff, Ohio 43318 . . . . .	50

### MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mount Zion—Allen L. Mann, Rt. 2, Box 252, Ronceverte, W. Va. 24970 . . . . .	20
Senter—Earl W. Severt, 4798 Cherry St., Winston Salem, N. C. 27100 . . . . .	20
Rock Spring—Lurman McGuire, Rt. 2, Morehead, Ky. 40351 .	20
Union—Jonah Stidham, Rt. 1, Box 213, Norton, Va. 24273 .	20



Burning Spring—Waltin Jones, Cannel City, Ky.	41408 . . .	20
New Liberty—Lester Martin, 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, W. Va.	25064	20
Sand Lick District—Robert Jackson, Rowe, Va.	24646 . . .	20
Little Yadkin River—Curtis Harbor, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.	27017	20
Saint Clair Bottom—Elder E. G. Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C.	28694	20
Mountain—Raymond C. Nichols, Galax, Va. . . . .		20
Teddy R. Ball—McCarr, Kentucky	41544 . . . . .	40
Clerk—Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	41544 . . . . .	40
	Total	2000

## Obituaries

### LISA KATHRYN COLEMAN



In loving memory of our grand daughter Lisa Kathryn Coleman entered into eternal rest July 26, 1972. She was born January 8th, 1972 in Mingo County. She is sadly missed by her friends and mother, Brenda Sue Coleman and Grandparents, Homer and Virginia Coleman. She is gone but will never be forgotten.

Written by her Grandparents,  
Homer & Virginia Coleman

### SISTER POLLY MAY

Sister Polly May was born March 18, 1882. Departed this life July 8, 1972. Making her stay on earth 90 years 3 months and 20 days. She was the daughter of the late Martin Ball and Margaret (Blackburn) Ball. She was married to H. W. May, Jr. who preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons and five daughters, 20 Grandchildren, 25 Great grandchildren and 18 Great Great grandchildren.

She united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Little Hope. She filled her seat as long as she was able.



Written by the Clerk  
Mordecai Blackburn



## VIRGIE DEEL VANDYKE



It is with sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear friend and neighbor Mrs. Virgie Deel Vandyke. She was born to Basil and Crissie Edwards Deel on Nov. 8, 1913 at Murphy, Virginia and departed this life June 2, 1973 making her stay on earth fifty-nine years, six months, and twenty-five days.

She was married to Carl Vandyke Sr., and to them were born four children: Jimmy, Carol Jean, Janice, and Carl Jr. She also leaves six grandchildren, one brother, and three sisters to mourn their loss.

Virgie united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Dry Fork and was baptised on July 30, 1961 by Elder Teddy Ball.

She was a loving mother and home maker always having a pleasant smile, the memory of which brings to our minds the scripture, Proverbs 31:28, Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also and he praiseth her.

## MRS. BERTHA SMITH

Mrs. Bertha Smith was born May 28, 1888, died March 30, 1973. Making her stay on earth 84 years 10 months & 2 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Smith & 2 sons, French & Andy Smith & 1 daughter Armanda Smith.

She is survived by five sons, Ostel Smith, Clinchco, Va.; Will Smith, Belfry, Ky.; Clive Smith, Canada, Ky.; Jhon Smith, Forest Hills, Ky.; and Winfry Smith of Stone, Ky. Two daughters, Mrs. Marie Scott of Chicago, Ill. and Mrs. Dorothy Webb of Williamson, West Va. One Brother, French Smith of West Va.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for the last 30 years. She was known and loved in both Ky. & Va. She was a kind and loving person and was good to everyone. To know her was to love her.

She is sadly missed by her family and her friends also.

So we say dear mother, sleep on until that Great Resurrection Day when we live in hope that we shall meet again.



Written By her Daughter In-Law  
Pat Smith



## ELZIE FAY HATFIELD

It is with a sad and aching heart that we undertake to write this obituary of our dearly beloved mother and Sister in Christ, Elzie Ray Hatfield.

Born May 20, 1897 she was the daughter of Nelson and Carrie Mounts Dotson and she died June 26, 1973 making her stay on earth 76 years, 1 month, and 6 days.

In January of 1953 she united with Samaria Primitive Baptist Church and remained a faithful and devoted member until her death.

She leaves to mourn her the following children: Mrs. Mary M. Dotson, Mrs. Lassie Coleman, Mrs. Beatrice Hager, Mrs. Abbie Jean Justice, and Mrs. Marie Coleman. Her husband, Albert Hatfield, and 4 sons and 2 daughters preceded her in death.

She is sadly missed both by her family and the Church, but we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by Mary M. Dotson and Virginia R. Hatfield



## GRACY SLONE



It is with much sadness, that I try to write an obituary of my dear mother Gracy Slone. She was born April 15, 1893, deceased July 10, 1973. Making her stay on earth 79 years, 2 months and 25 days. She was married to Matt C. Slone, Dec. 1, 1910. To this union was born 11 children. Her husband preceded her in death. Mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years. She leaves her 11 children and many Grand children and Great Grandchildren and many friends to mourn her loss. I've heard mother many times beg God to take her on her bed asleep. I thank God. I

believe he heard her prayer for he took her in her sleep. Sleep on mother. I hope by the Grace of God, I'll meet you & Daddy again.

Written by Joe Slone, Jr.

## MISS MARTHA ALICE THACKER

It is with an aching heart I try to write the obituary of my sister-in-law, Miss Martha Alice Thacker, who was born June 25, 1902, and departed this life June 14, 1973, making her stay on earth 70 years, 11 months and 14 days. She was the daughter of the late Hiffard and Nancy Jane Thacker.



She is survived by two brothers, Martin Thacker of Fishtrap, Ky.; Miles Thacker of Phyliss; three sisters, Sara Blackburn, Mary Thacker, of Fishtrap, Ky.; Ollie Ratliff of Meta, Ky., and a host of nieces and nephews.

Although she never did ask for a home with the Primitive Baptist Church, that was her belief. She left this world with a hope of a better home and I feel like our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by an unworthy Sister,  
Mrs. Miles Thacker

### ABNER B. JUSTICE

In loving memory, we write this obituary of our dear husband and father, Abner B. Justice. He was born September 20, 1896 at Fishtrap, Ky. He was the son of Green and Lila (Adkins) Justice. He departed this life March 31, 1972, making his stay on earth 75 years, 6 months and 11 days.

He united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church in 1940 and remained faithful until his death.

In the year 1922, December 25, he was married to Alice Justice. To this union were born three children; one boy and two girls. One daughter preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, Allen Justice, Matewan, W. Va.; one daughter Ruth Fannin, Matewan, W. Va.

He also leaves 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, two brothers Arvel and Flem Justice, one sister Mrs. William Kendrick and a host of friends and relatives.



Dad was good and kind and was loved by all that knew him.  
Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could see,  
Our dear Dad, as he used to be?  
Wouldn't it be wonderful to see him smile,  
And have him back for a little while?  
Could we be wrong for wanting him so?  
When the angels wanted him too?  
Could we be wrong for missing him so,  
And all the things we used to do,  
No — we wouldn't disturb his peaceful rest,  
For we know above all that God knows best,  
So, He called him to His home on high,  
But, we'll miss our Dad  
Everyday that goes by.  
But, we feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by his family  
Mrs. Alice Justice, Allen Justice and Ruth Fannin



## SIDNEY RAY HATFIELD

It is with a heavy heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved father who passed away on March 19, 1973.

He was the son of the late Melvin and Margie Hager Hatfield. He was born on June 2, 1912 and was 60 years old when he died. He was united in marriage to Bessie Tilley Hatfield on May 5, 1931.

His survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Bessie Hatfield of McCarr, Ky. Three girls: Mrs. Richard Rock of South Hadley, Mass.; Mrs. Joe Evans of Delbarton, W. Va. and Miss Felicia Hatfield at home. Two brothers: Mr. James Hatfield of Oceana, W. Va., and Mr. Hodge Hatfield of Woodriver, Ill. Three sisters: Mrs. Burgess Scott of Logan, W. Va.; Mrs. Evertt Charles of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Mrs. Boone Braggs of Cleveland, Ohio. Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Samaria Baptist Church from 1967 to 1973. He was baptized in Oct. 1967 by the Elders Teddy Ball and Everett Brizendine.

He died in March 1973 following a lingering illness. We feel our loss is Heavens' gain.

Written by his daughter,  
Felicia Hatfield



## JOHN GARLAND CHILDRESS

It is with sad aching heart I try to write an obituary of my dear loving Dad in the Lord. Dad was born November 5, 1929, and departed this life April 20, 1973, making his stay on earth 43 years, 4 months and 20 days. He was the son of the late James R. and Martha Owens Childress. He was married to Ida Mae Street and to this union was born two children Dale and Judy. Two adopted Elizabeth and Billy. Two foster Perry and David and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Fedscreek and was baptised May 7, 1961 by Elder Teddy Ball and Elder Ostel Smith. He lived a faithful member until death. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.



Daddy, our home is so lonely, we miss your smiling face,  
But we hope to meet you again, in that bright and happy place



Where you will not grow old and feeble, you will never need our care, But you will sing and shout forever with our loved ones that are there.

The time was sweet we spent below, but Jesus called, you had to go.

But children, serve Jesus, too, with him I'll dwell and wait for you.

Written by his wife and Children

### **CHARLIE BROWNING**



The obituary of our dear loved one. Charlie Browning was borned June 1, 1914 and was called away Aug. 1, 1973. His stay here on earth was 59 years and 2 months.

Charlie was the son of Florence (Runyon) Browning and the late Richard Browning.

He was married to Jessie Blackburn the daughter of Millard and Sally Blackburn of Sidney, Ky.

His home was blessed with seven lovely children. One son preceded him in death.

Daddy united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Old Pond, Sept. 12, 1969 and was baptized by Elder Frank Wheeler and Elder Dan Adkins March 15, 1970.

He loved his church, his brethrens and sisters. He was loved by many.

A loving husband and father words cannot express, the loss we have felt since God called daddy home.

We feel assured that our loss is his eternal gain. Our hope is that we will all be together again when Jesus comes to collect his love ones.

The one who loved him  
Jessie Browning and Children

### **JERRY CALVIN JUSTICE**

Jerry Calvin Justice departed this life November 22, 1972. He was born March 26, 1929. August 8, 1949 he was united in marriage to Hazel Coleman and to this union were born three children; one daughter, Brenda Carrol Smith, Arlington, Virginia; two sons: Jerry Dewayne and Paul David both of the home, one grand-daughter, Kimberly.

He is survived by his father, Flem Justice of Millard. His mother, Fannie Justice preceded him in death in 1949. He is also survived by three sisters: Mrs. Lassie Cool and Mrs. Frona Bevins of Elkhorn City, Mrs. Glema Sue Shaffer of Arlington, Virginia. Eight brothers: Bob Justice of Millard, Rufus Justice of Elkhorn City, Ky., Flem Dan, Malcolm Dean, Kenneth Darrell, Dolan,



Phillip and Fon Blake all of Arlington, Virginia.

On June 18, 1972 he asked for a home with the Louisa Primitive Church and was graciously received and due to his physical condition four of the ministers baptized him in a wheel chair.

It is with much reluctance that we accept his passing because he was so special and dear to our hearts, but mingled with the sadness is a stronger faith and trust in God who makes even the loss bearable. His spirit, we believe is with the Heavenly Father, but the love and closeness we shared with him will abide with us for as long as we live.

We feel he is now basking in the sunlight of God's love. "The Lord Giveth, And the Lord Taketh, Blessed Be The Name of The Lord."

The Family

### **JULIUS LINK WARRIX**

Julius Link Warrix, 78 years of age of Millard, Kentucky passed away March 28, 1973 after a long illness. He was born in Pike County, Kentucky, April 15, 1894. He was the son of the late William C. Warrix and Elizabeth Adkins Warrix. He was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church.

His first marriage to Mrs. Emmie Smith Warrix who passed away in 1922 there were two children born to this union; Mr. Julius Warrix of McArther, Ohio, and Mr. Willie Warrix also of McArther, Ohio. He later married Mrs. Louvina Thacker Warrix who passed away in 1946. There are 6 children surviving this marriage: Mr. John Warrix, Millard, Ky.; Mrs. Betty Mayhard, Burnswick, Ohio; Mrs. Rebecca Collins, Millard, Ky.; Mrs. Bethel Coleman, Millard, Ky.; Mrs. Ethel Scott, Pikeville, Ky.

He later married Mrs. Rose Wyatt who passed away February 14, 1963. There were no children born to this marriage.

He leaves 3 brothers; Mr. Alec Warrix, Fishtrap, Ky.; Mr. Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky.; John Warrix, Columbus, Ohio; one sister Mrs. Ollie Thacker of Fishtrap, Ky., and 24 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his daughter, Mrs. Bethel Coleman

### **JOHN DANIELS**

In memory of Brother John Daniels who passed away. He was approximately 75 years old. John Daniels was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Brother John Daniels lived at Barashea Creek, Freeburn, Ky. He was married to Minnie Stump Daniels who survives him.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by several children and grandchildren.

He is missed by his many friends and relatives.

The Family



## WAYNE SLONE



It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my dear brother, Wayne Slone.

He was born at Fishtrap, Kentucky the son of Hibbard and Cora Slone on September 21, 1926 and deceased this life October 6, 1972 making his stay on earth 46 years and 15 days.

He was married to Ruby Hylton and to this union were born 9 children; five daughters and 4 sons all who survive. He also leaves his wife, mother, 3 brothers and 1 sister.

He never joined any church, but I know that he believed in the Primitive Baptist and by his talk and actions I believe our loss is his gain. We have lost a dear loved one, but by God's mercy we shall meet again.

Written by his brother, Noah Slone

## T. J. THACKER

T. J. Thacker, age 91 of Dry Fork, Shelbiana, Kentucky passed from this life to one of celestial bliss September 17, 1972 where we feel he is basking in the light of God's Heavenly Domain.

He was born March 7, 1881 in Pike County, the son of Green Thacker and Lydia Conway Thacker. He united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church in 1913 and served as deacon faithfully until he became ill.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Martha May Thacker; five sons, J. U. Thacker, of East Shelbiana, Clifford R. Thacker of Shelbiana; Junice Thacker, James Everett Thacker and grandson, James Reaford Thacker all of the home, and Thomas W. Thacker of Columbus, Ohio; five daughters, Mrs. Josephine West of Miami, Florida, Mrs. Ocie McIntyre of Ashville, Ohio; Mrs. Goldie Patrick of Williamson, W. Va.; Mrs. Irene Castle of Millard and Mrs. Avonelle Ray of Garden Village; a brother, W. H. Thacker of Canada, Ky., a sister, Mrs. Sophis Daniels, of Raccoon, Ky., 47 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

He was a faithful husband and a devoted father to his children. He will live forever in the hearts of those who loved him and be reminded of him each time we hear the song he loved, "We Shall Sleep, But Not Forever".

Written by his wife and family





## BUD DOTSON

With a sad, aching heart, I try to write the obituary of my dear beloved Daddy, Bud Dotson. He was the son of the late Mose Dotson.

Daddy was born March 4, 1902 and departed this life, March 27, 1973, making his stay on earth 71 years and twenty-three days.

He was married to Margie Coleman the daughter of the late Ruben Coleman. To this union was born nine children, five boys and four girls.

His surviving children are as follows, Floyd Dotson, George Dotson, Freeling Dotson, Tennessee Ball and Mary Smith. He is also survived by the following adopted grandchildren: Samuel, Ray, Bobby, Darrell, and Phillis Ann.

He was preceded in death by two sons and two daughters, also by one grandchild and one great grandchild.

He had two brothers, John Dotson and Rant Dotson. Three sisters, Ada Coleman, Birtha Dotson and Tennessee Stichel.

Daddy joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Peter Creek. Him, mother and I were baptized the 26th day of Dec., 1954.

Daddy loved the church and lived a faithful member until death.

This world is so lonesome, since Jesus called Daddy home. I hope to meet him and mama again in that bright home above, where we never be parted no more.

I know Daddy nor Mother can never come back to me, but by the grace of God, I can go to them.

I believe, Daddy is resting from all his labor, so sleep on daddy, and take that peaceful sleep, until that beautiful day when Jesus voice, will bring you up from that peaceful sleep and take you home to Glory.

Oh how lonesome, I am without Daddy and Mama, my heart is filled with sadness. I miss them so much as time goes by. I miss them more their sweet face, and see no more. I am so glad I gave them their flowers while they were living. Daddy when you left me, something left me too. This world will never be the same without you. I'll not question why God took you away, because, I have a hope you will bloom again, when Jesus comes.

I hope my loss is His eternal gain.

Sadly written by one who loved him very much  
His broken-hearted Baby girl  
Mary Smith





## JOE DOTSON

It is with a sad heart that we try to write the obituary of our beloved father, Joe Dotson. He was born December 8th, 1901, in Phelps, Kentucky. He passed this life June 20th, 1973, making his stay here on earth 71 years, 6 months, 2 days. He was married to Myrtle Dotson on May 21st, 1922. To this union were born 12 children, two preceded him in death, Morgan and Rosa Dotson. He leaves to mourn him, his widow Myrtle Dotson and 10 children; Dave, John, Dallas, Lillie, Josephine, Julia, Corrine, Jeanette, Mary, Linda, and several grandchildren and many friends.



He joined the Primitive Baptist Church in Phelps, Kentucky around 1934 and was a faithful member. He moved to Columbus, Ohio in 1954 and served as a faithful Deacon in the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church until his death.

His wife and children have lost a precious husband and father. He is sadly missed by all of his brothers and sisters of the church and all that knew him. We know our loss is our Heavenly Fathers gain and you have gone on to a better home. Sleep on father in Jesus's loving arms. 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.

Sadly missed and written by his beloved family

## HENRY R. MEADOWS

It is with much sadness I try to write the obituary of my dear father Henry R. Meadows. He was born March 31, 1882, departed this life Oct. 27, 1972. Making his stay here on earth 90 years, 6 months & 28 days. He was the son of Samuel & Mary Meadows of Grayson, Ky. He was married to late Polly (Blackburn) Meadows. To this union were born 8 children. 4 preceded them in death, leaving 4 children to mourn his loss. 1 daughter, Mrs. Andy Blackburn, Hardy, Ky. 3 sons, Jack G., Richmond, Ind.; Paul Y., Indianapolis, Ind.; Blake G., Prestonsbury, Ky. 23 grand children and 48 Great grandchildren and 3 Great great grandchildren. He also left one Brother & one Sister





with a host of relatives & friends. We all will miss Papa for he was wonderful person & a great Dad, always doing for his children & grandchildren, he loved them as if they were his own.

Papa joined the Old Primitive Baptist Church a few years before he died but he had loved the church & done everthing he could to help the church many years before he joined. Him & mama loved cooking & helping take care of churches. Not only churches any family that had a death or sickness, they were both there to help. We all will miss him very much, but I believe Papa is at rest & all of his suffering is done so I can say sleep on Papa for I have hope we will meet again where there will be no trouble or parting again. We hope to meet you in the sweet bye & bye.

Written by his daughter,  
Mrs. Andy Blackburn

### ERNEST BLACKBURN

Ernest Blackburn was born September 14, 1906, and died August 18, 1970, making his stay on earth 63 years and 11 months. He was the son of J. W. Blackburn, and Elizabeth Smith Blackburn. He was married to Jeanette Blackburn, who survives, along with 4 sons. He was a strong believer in the Old Primitive Baptist Church. We feel our loss was his eternal gain.

*His raven hair had turned to silver  
When he was laid to rest,  
Sweet and kind, his smile so tender  
Lovelier than a rose at its best.*

*He was the flower in our home  
And sweetly faded here,  
We have a hope, a precious hope  
We'll meet him over there.*

Written by his Sister,  
Mary Wheeler

### ALBERT HATFIELD

It is with a very sad and aching heart that we are writing this obituary of our dearly beloved father, Albert Hatfield.

A B was born May 8, 1888 and deceased Oct. 4, 1957. He was the son of Jacob and Margret (Whitt) Hatfield. He lived for 69 years on earth with us and was married to the late Elzie Dotson Hatfield deceased June 26 of 1973. They were married on Dec. 23, 1915 and to this union was born 11 children — 7 girls and 4 boys which of these 2 girls & 4 boys preceded him in death. Leaving 5 girls and his widow to mourn his departure here on earth





which are the following: Mrs. Dennis Dotson, Mrs. James Hager, Mrs. Frank Coleman, Mrs. Junior Justice, and Mrs. Andy Coleman, all who reside at Ransom, Ky. His living brother is Jake Hatfield and his living sister is Nancy Hatfield. He professed a hope in Christ & joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Samaria in 1952 and as much as he was able he filled his seat in church.

We feel that our loss is his "Eternal Gain" although he is missed very deeply and sadly by his friends, his church and mostly by his family.

Written by: Dennis, Mary & Shirley Dotson

### **ROBERT COLLINS**



It is with great sadness that I try to write an obituary of my loving husband, Robert Collins, born September 2, 1910. He died July 10, 1972, making his stay here on earth 61 years, 10 months and 8 days. He was the son of Jack Collins and Polly Duty Collins. We were united in marriage November 18, 1937. To this union was born 6 children, four boys, Paul, Talmage, Leroy and Lonnie, two girls, Audre and Kathelene. One son, Paul, preceded him in death on December 11, 1969.

He leaves his wife, children, fourteen grandchildren and two sisters, Betty Morris and Gusta Kennedy to mourn their loss.

He was baptised on December 27, 1953 and was a Deacon of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church. He was a faithful member until death. He left a host of friends to mourn his loss. Although he is gone his memory will live forever, for all who knew him. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his wife Josie Collins,  
his sister Betty Morris and his  
Sister-in-law Emolene Warrix

### **BROTHER ROLAND DOTSON**

Where as it pleased our Heavenly Father to call our beloved Brother from the shore of times to wit, Brother Roland Dotson was born Sept. 8, 1888 at Coleman, Ky. Departed this life Aug. 25, 1973. Leaving a loving wife, Julia Taylor Dotson. Two daughters, Mrs. Gether (Mae) Irick, Stone, Ky.; Mrs. Delbert (Bessie) Underwood of Columbus, Ohio. One son, J. H. Dotson, of Huntington, W. Va., one sister Mrs. Claudia McCoy Hill Williamson. One brother Scott Dotson, Norwalk, Calif. Six Grandchildren and seven Great Grandchildren.

Joined Primitive Baptist 4th Sunday in April, 1915. Baptized by Elder G. H. Coleman. Served as Deacon of Peter Creek Church



about 50 years and was Deacon at Old Pond and was faithful until death. Leaving a host of loving Brothers and Sisters to mourn our loss.

Written by one who loved him very much,  
Dan Adkins

### TILDEN CHAPMAN



Tilden Chapman date of Birth Oct. 6, 1892 and died June 3, 1973. He is gone but not forgotten.

Your gentle face and patient smile  
With sadness we recall  
You had a kindly word for each  
And died beloved by all.

The voice is mute and stilled the heart  
He loved us well and true,  
Ah, bitter was the trial to part from  
one so good as you.

You are not forgotten loved one  
Nor will you ever be,  
As long as life and memory last  
We will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore,  
As time goes by we miss you more.  
Your loving smile your gentle face.  
No one can fill your vacant place.

Written by his Son,  
Rush Chapman

### EDWARD C. HESS

Edward C. Hess of Royal City, Virginia was born at Drill, Virginia on December 23, 1914. He was the son of the late Elbert Hess and Alafair Street Hess. He passed this life Tuesday, June 5, 1973 at the age of fifty-eight.

He was united in marriage March 19, 1934 to Crissie Mullins Hess. They were blessed with three daughters and one son.

Edward was employed by Royal Motor Sales of Royal City, Virginia, where he worked for approximately seventeen years.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife Crissie, three daughters, Mrs. Oma Simpson of Palm Dale, California; Mrs. Loraine Coleman of Haysi, Virginia, and Mrs. Gearldine Dales of Newark, Ohio; one son, Ferl Hess of Clearfield, Utah.

He leaves three sisters, Mrs. Ettie Hamon of Mount Gilead, Ohio; Mrs. Draper Brown of Mavisdale, Virginia, and Mrs. Rachel Sutherland of Clinchco, Virginia; three brothers, Luther





Hess of Ashland, Ohio; Lee Hess of Veinna, Virginia, and Jim Hess of Haysi, Virginia. Three half brothers, Walter Matney of Grundy, Virginia; William Matney of Pinson Fork, Kentucky, and George Matney of Beckley, West Virginia. He leaves ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He also leaves a step mother, two step brothers, five step sisters, and one adopted sister.

He never united with the Church, but he was a firm believer in salvation by grace and was always ready to assist and do anything for the Church in every way possible.

We feel his wife has lost a wonderful husband, his children a precious father, his brothers and sisters a loving brother, and the Church and community a faithful friend. We feel sure our loss is his great gain.

Written by his niece, Donna Faye



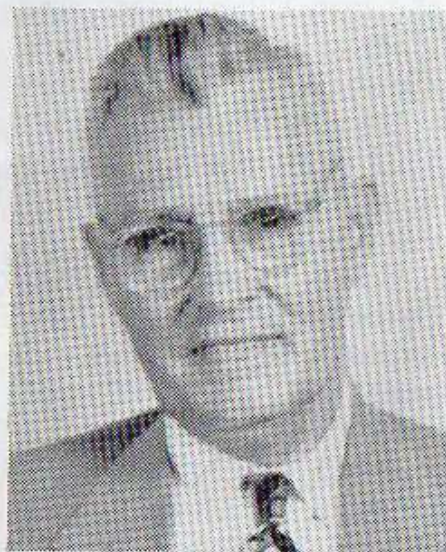
### WORDY DOTSON

In lovely remembrance of Wordy Dotson who passed away on 26 of May, 1973. Sadly missed by his wife & family who we miss so much but know our loss was heaven's gain.

His wife,  
Mrs. Bertha Dotson

### WILLIE THACKER

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of our dear Dad, Willie Thacker. He was born Feb. 26, 1886. He deceased Oct. 1, 1972, making his stay on earth 86 years, 7 months, & 4 days. He was born in Pike County, Ky. He was the son of the late Albert & Mary Ann Justice Thacker. He was married to the former Catherine Blackburn, who preceded him in death. To this union were born 14 children. 7 boys & 7 girls. He leaves 6 sons & 4 daughters & 29 Grandchildren & 30 Great Grandchildren and 4 brothers, Martin, Sidney, Ky.; John, App. & Elder Joe Thacker of Canada, Ky. & a host of friends to mourn our loss. He stayed with Opa & Allen for over 9 years after mother's departure from this life. He was a great inspiration to us. We love him so dearly & he was so good to us.





He died in Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio following a short illness. Dad was a retired miner. Dad was loved by all who knew him. Dad never joined any visible church here but he loved the old Primitive Baptist Church and was a strong believer in salvation by the grace of God & read his Bible every day. He went to church up in 60 years as often as a member. He was dearly loved by all who knew him & we feel assured that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his Son in hope of eternal life,  
Elder Opa Thacker, Goshen, Ohio

### JEFF HATFIELD



Jeff Hatfield was the son of the late John and Ida May Hatfield. He was born May 17, 1903 and died Dec. 25, 1972.

He was married to the former Lassie Jane Smith who survives. And to this union was born two sons. Phillip and Thomas J. Hatfield. And five grandchildren.

And to mourn his death are four brothers, one sister.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 8 some odd years.

He is sadly missed by his family and friends. He is gone but not forgotten, his memory will live with us always.

We miss you now, our heart's are sad, as time goes by, we miss you more.

Written by your wife, Lassie Hatfield

### RAYMOND AND JANE WAGNER

It is with much sadness that we try to write the obituary of our dear mom and dad, Jane and Raymond Wagner.

Mom was the daughter of the late Ransom and Feba Smith Coleman, Born August 25, 1904, and departed from this earth January 14, 1973, making her stay on earth 68 yrs., 4 mo., and 14 days.

Dad was the son of the late John and Betty Stiltner Wagner. He departed from this earth April 21, 1973, which is only about three months apart between their deaths. They were both united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Peter Creek (Coleman, Ky.)



They were married April 21, 1927. Unto this union were born eleven



children. Three children preceded them in death. This leaves eight children to mourn their loss: three sons, Kennie, John and Raymond, Jr. Wagner of Phelps, Ky.; five daughters: Feba Ann Johnson of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Betty Allen of Taylor, Mich.; Tavie Coleman, Alice Sawyers of Phelps, Ky., and Juanita Dotson of Forest Hills, Ky. They are gone but not forgotten. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Tavie Coleman and Juanita Dotson

## 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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.



STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS											Contribution
	Rec'd by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting			
Louisa -----	2	4	2	1	3	1	6	94	2	\$	25.00	
Pond Creek --						1	4	152	2		45.00	
Big Creek ---	3			2			1	91	3		35.00	
Raccoon -----	5				4		2	62	4		50.00	
Peter Creek --	6			1		1	5	104	4		40.00	
Sulphur Spring				1				92	1		36.00	
Little Hope --	10	3		1	1		1	25	1		30.00	
Grape Vine --								29	3		26.00	
Samaria -----	1			2			4	221	3		50.00	
Little Union --	5	1						32	1		25.00	
John Creek ---	2							40	2		25.00	
Calvary -----	1				2	1		32	1		25.00	
Dry Fork ----	9						2	47	2		50.00	
Friendship --	6							15	4		15.00	
Columbus ---								40	4		30.00	
Deerfield ----	4						1	40	4		40.00	
Pleasant Hill -	3	8			3	3		11	3		15.00	
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	58	17	2	7	13	7	26	1127		\$	\$562.00	



