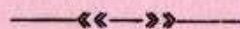


Minutes
OF THE
'ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Original Mates Creek Regular
Primitive Baptist Association

ORGANIZED IN 1849



HELD WITH
Samaria Church
RANSOM, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY,
AUGUST 30, 31 & SEPTEMBER 1,
1974



Next Session convenes with the Calvary Church, Kimper,
Pike County, Kentucky, to begin Friday before the first Sunday
in September, 1975 at 10:00 a.m.



OFFICERS

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| Elder Teddy R. Baill | Moderator |
| Elder J. H. Blackburn | Assistant Moderator |
| Deacon Stearl Hatfield | Clerk |
| Elder Robert B. Warrix | Assistant Clerk |

Proceedings

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Association, Held with the Samaria Church

FRIDAY MORNING — AUGUST 30, 1974

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Joe Thacker. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Robert Warrix, no special text.

Called for letters from all the Churches, read the letter from Samaria Church. Moved and second that we accept the letters and have the names of the Messengers enrolled in the Minutes.

Moved and second that we have the letter from Samaria Church printed in the Minutes.

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

Newly constituted churches called for: None reported.

Moved and second 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.

Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Burning Spring — Elders Robie Ferguson, Paul Keaton, Dudley Williamson; Brethren Franklin Hamilton, Jerry Brown, Walter Perkins, H. W. Kenard and Luther Hay.

Rock Spring — Elders Luther Bradley and Gale McGuire; Brethren Albert Littleton and Lurman McGuire.

Mt. Zion — Elder A. L. Neely

Sand Lick District — Elders Andrew McGlothlin, Clarence Boyd.

St. Clair Bottom — Elders Eugene Blevins, Eddy Lyles, Brethren Vernie Heath and Henry Puckett

Little Yadkin River — Elders Jessie Collins and Gene Ashburn
Received Minutes from the following Associations:

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

Visitors from the Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick District — Elders Lewis Allen Hill, Jimmie Oquin, Ostil Smith and Wife, Brethren George Lester, and Wife, Jim Southerland, Carl Street, Bob Southerland, Lelin Owens and Wife, Clayton Belcher, Billy Joe Owens and Truman Smith, Sisters Bessie Kiser, Shelby Anderson, Patrica Wolford, Nanett Jacobs, Roxie Childres and Debby Childers.

Rock Spring — Sister Panzie Bradley
 Little Yadkin River — Elder Vence Jones and Wife
 Mt. Zion — Brother Doris Morgan and Sister Minnie White
 St. Clair's Bottom — Brother Henry Puckett and Wife, and
 Brother Jerry Fisher
 Zion Rest Church of Richwood, W. Va. — Elder Monroe Hamon
 Sanpedero Association of Florida — Elder W. D. Stanaland
 Cedar Grove Church of North Carolina — Sister Bernice Yates,
 Dena Rogers, Lowney Nelson, Lola Harris, Sadie Hodge, Mattie Reid,
 Brethren Roy Hall and Wife, and Noah Reid and Wife
 Wilson Church of North Carolina — Brother James Wilkins
 and Wife, Sisters Doris Wilins and Betty Bostic
 Lenington Primitive Baptist Church of Lexington, Ky. — Brother
 Russel Maynard and Wife
 Zion Rest Church of Jacksonville, Florida — Elder J. E. McCormick,
 Brethren W. C. Turner, H. E. Pamentis and Wife and Deacon
 B. G. Dial
 Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary
 appointments.
 A messenger from each church, together with all the messengers
 from the Samaria Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching
 at the stand.
 They reported the following:
 Friday at Samaria Church House. 1. Elder W. D. Stanaland
 from Perry, Florida; 2. Elder J. E. McCormick from Jacksonville,
 Florida; 3. Elder A. L. Neely from Beckley, W. Va.
 Friday Evening at Louisa Church: Elder Teddy R. Ball, Elder
 Buffard Howell, Paris Blackburn, Robie Furgeson, and Michael Smith.
 Friday Evening at Old Pond Church: Elder Jimmie Moore, Elder
 Luther Bradley and Elder Vence Jones.
 Saturday at the Stand: 1. Elder A. L. Neely; 2. Elder Louis Allen
 Hill; 3. Elder Luther Bradley; 4. Elder Paul Keaton.
 Saturday Evening at Calvary Church: 1. Elder Avery Lowe; 2.
 Elder J. E. McCormick; 3. Elder Jimmie Moore
 Saturday Evening at Big Creek Church: 1. W. D. Stanaland; 2.
 Elder Michael Smith; 3. Elder Robie Furgeson; 4. Elder Teddy R.
 Ball
 Saturday night at Samaria Church: 1. Elder Arnold Childers;
 2. Monroe Cantrell; 3. Elder Elmer Brown; 4. Elder J. H. Blackburn
 Saturday Evening at Raccoon Church: 1. Elder Paul Keaton;
 2. Elder Lundy Coleman; 3. Elder Jerry Brown; 4. Elder Rufus
 Howell
 Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren
 Robert Warrix, Ray Harlow, Elmer Thacker, Paul Dean Justice,
 Floyd Stump, J. H. Blackburn, W. H. Thacker, Miles Thacker, Michael
 Smith, Lonzie Blair, Johnnie Stiltner, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Brown,
 Avery Lowe, Lundy Coleman, James Prater and Ira Smith.
 Committee on Finances were appointed as follows: Brethren
 Don Hatfield, Clyde Smith and Alvis Keen

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

Rock Spring — Elders Opa Thacker, J. H. Blackburn and Jimmie Moore. Brethren M. B. Blackburn, Ira Smith and Charles Brannan.

Burning Spring — Elders Jimmie Moore, Robert Warrix, Avery Lowe, Michael Smith, Teddy R. Ball and Opa Thacker.

Mt. Zion — Elders Teddy R. Ball and J. H. Blackburn.

Sand Lick of Virginia — Elders Robert Warrix, Michael Smith, Elmer Brown, J. H. Blackburn and Teddy R. Ball. Brethren M. B. Blackburn, Hal Arms, Lundy Childres.

New Liberty — Elders J. H. Blackburn and Don Hatfield. Brother M. B. Blackburn.

Little Yadkin River — Elders Teddy R. Ball and Michael Smith.

St. Clair Bottom — Elder Onis Smith, Elmer Brown, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball and Johnny Jacobs.

Union — Elders Teddy R. Ball, Robert Warrix and Brother David Akers.

Moved and seconded that our Annual Meeting be held with the Old Pond Church, and to begin Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock before the last Sunday in March, 1975.

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

SATURDAY MORNING — AUGUST 31, 1974

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

Roll Called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee ask that we show in the Minute why the date of the organization of the Association does not correspond with the number of Associations we have had. The answer is because of the Civil War there was four years that they did not have an Association.

Circular Letter examined and ask that it be presented to the Association for approval.

Committee advises that the Association be held with Calvary Church in 1975.

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

Committee on preaching for Sunday reported the following: To open, Elder Michael Smith, 1. Elder Robie Ferguson, 3. Elder Jimmie Moore, 4. Elder Franklin Viers.

Finance Committee reported the following \$581.00 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 1975. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, John I. Smith, Jimmie Moore, Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Ruffard Howell, Dan Adkins, Avery Lowe, Paul D. Justice, Lundy Coleman, Wheeler Thacker and Glenn Coleman.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1975. Elders to attend: Walter Runyon, Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins, Joe Thacker, Kit Ratliff, Michael Smith, Avery Lowe, W. H. Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Don Hatfield and John I. Smith.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1975. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Walter Runyon, Joe Slone, Don Hatfield, Robert Warrix and Elder Eugene Blevins is invited.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1975. Elders to attend: Robert Warrix, Elmer Brown, Lundy Coleman, Wheeler Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Eli Estep, Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith and Dan Adkins.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1975. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, J. H. Blackburn, Paul D. Justice, Wobert Warrix, Everett Brizendine, Teddy R. Ball and Don Hatfield.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1975. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Jimmie Moore, Elmer Brown, Kit Ratliff, Joe Thacker, J. H. Blackburn and invite Paul Keaton.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1975. Elders to attend: John I. Smith, Teddy R. Ball, Fred Varney, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith and W. H. Thacker.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1975. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Robert Warrix, John I. Smith, Paul D. Justice, Jeff Chapman, Joe Slone, Eli Estep, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker and Everett Brizendine.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1975. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Jimmie Moore, J. H. Blackman, Elmer Brown, Robert Warrix and Paul D. Justice.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1975. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine, Fonso Justice, Fred Varney, Robert Warrix, Michael Smith, Lonzie Blair, Troy Casey and Elmer Brown.

Johns Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1975. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Jimmie Moore, Robert Warrix, Everett Brizendine, Troy Casey, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Eli Estep and Dan Adkins.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1975. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, John I. Smith, Eli Estep, Robert Warrix, Jimmie Moore, Dan Adkins and Joe Slone.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1975. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Jimmie Moore, Franklin Viers, Lewis Allen Hill, Kit Ratliff, Michael Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Eugene Blevins and Robert B. Warrix.

New Friendship Church meets the fourth Saturday in June, 1975. Elders to attend: Any Elders from the Mates Creek Association and any from the Burning Spring Association, and any of our Corresponding Brethren.

Columbus Church meets the fourth Saturday in April, 1975. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, John I. Smith, Robert Warrix, Clifford Thacker, Jess Tucker, Paul Dean Justice, Joe Slone, Opa Thacker, Don Hatfield, Glenn Coleman, Arnold Childers, Dan Adkins and J. H. Blackburn.

Deerfield Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1975. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Moore, Joe Thacker. We extend our welcome to all the elders to come visit us.

Pleasant Hill Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1975. Elders to attend: Leonard Barton, Teddy R. Ball, Otis Buel, Arnold Childers, Herbert Burton and Don Hatfield.

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

Agreed that we have 2200 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries.

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 were disposed of as follows:

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| Balance left on hand from last year. | \$1,469.45 |
| Amount received from the Churches. | 581.00 |
| Donations and Pictures. | 273.00 |
| Total cash on hand. | \$2,323.45 |

Cash Paid out:

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| Paid for minutes for 1973. | 510.27 |
| Paid for moving seats. | 40.00 |
| Gave to Moderator. | 15.00 |
| Gave to the Clerk. | 25.00 |
| Gave to Correspondents. | 140.00 |
| Balance cash left on hand. | \$1,593.18 |

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Calvary Church at Kimper Pike County, Kentucky and to begin at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1975.

Elder Lundy Coleman was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Joe Slone was appointed to be his alternate.

Minutes read and approved.

Closed by prayer by Elder J. H. Blackburn. Adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

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

SUNDAY MORNING — SEPTEMBER 1, 1974

To open Elder Michael Smith.

1. Elder Roby Ferguson of the Burning Spring Association. Text: St. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only

begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

2. Elder Jimmie Moore of the Mates Creek Association. Text: 1st Corinthians 8:6: "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him."

3. Elder Franklin Viers of the Sand Lick District Association. Text: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

4. Teddy R. Ball, after a few words of advice to the members of the association, thank first the God of all grace for our coming together again in peace and love, then thanked the members and friends for caring for the association.

Dismissed by Elder W. H. Thacker.

CIRCULAR LETTER

My dear brethren and sisters of the Mates Creek Association of Old Regular Primitive Baptist.

You have honored me to write our Circular Letter.

I want to write to you and to all who read this letter, on the work of your God and mine, on how that this is the work of God, that we believe on Him whom He hath sent, Christ Jesus our Lord, St. John 6:29, and this is the work of God, that whom He did foreknow. He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son. To be conformed, to live a Christian life, to live Christ like, to fear God and keep His commandments. That He might be the first born among many brethren and that Christ is the first born from the dead. Colossians 1:18. And we being buried with Him in baptism wherein also we are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead. Colossians 2:12

And this is the work of God, moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called, and this is the work of God who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Timothy 1:9, 10.

This is the work of God, whom He called, them He also justified, moreover being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. And may we remember that faith without works is dead, by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2.

This is the work of God, whom He justified, them He also glorified. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars. One star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the Resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 1 Corinthians 15:41,42.

So may I conclude with this. I believe the heart and core of the faith, that was once delivered unto the saints is in the Resurrection from the dead. I hope to live forever in the land where Jesus is.

Your brother and colleague in Christ,

James Moore

VISITING ELDERS

Paul Keaton
Franklin Viers
Clarence Boyd
Vence Jones
Jessie Collins
Eddy Lyles
A. L. Neely
Louis Allen Hill
Gene Ashburn
Fonso Justice
Jerry Brown

Roby Ferguson
Andrew McGlothlin
J. E. McCromick
W. D. Stanaland
Monroe Hamon
Arnold Childers
H. A. Hylton
Luther Bradley
Gale McGuire
Eugene Blevins

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa — Elders W. H. Thacker, Robert B. Warrix, Clifford Thacker, Joe Slone and Arlin Thacker. Brethren Jess Tucker, Kedna Charles, Bradley Warrix, Albert Justice, Calvery Runyon, Harry Thacker, Jack Coleman, Joseph Slone, David Akers, Clyde Sanders, Anthony Coleman, Abner Justice and Noah Slone.

Pond Creek — Elder Walter Runyon. Brethren Jake Runyon, Evans Breeding, Ray Harlow, Walter Daniels, Dob Dotson, Andy Blackburn and Clifford Hunt.

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

Raccoon — Elders Paul Dean Justice and Glen Coleman. Brethren Clinton Justice, Alvis Keen, Paris Charles, Linton Collins, Elmer Goff and Rufus Goff.

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

Sulphur Spring — Elder J. H. Blackburn. Brethren R. V. Young, George Lester, Frank Lester, Frank Dotson, Joseph H. Blackburn and Arthur May.

Little Hope — Elder John I. Smith. Brethren Roy Ball, Virgil Smith and Ballard Blackburn.

Grapevine — Brethren Arville Justice, Landon Webb, Sam Lowe and Miles Thacker.

Samaria — Elders Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield, Fred Varney, Michael Smith and Everett Brizendine. Brethren R. S. Hatfield, J. E. Hatfield, Luther Scott, Dinnis Dotson, Jarvie Ward, Bruce

Hatfield, Andrew Herald, Clayton Smith, Ballard Smith, Freeland Smith and George Rose.

Little Union — Elder Lonzie Blair. Brethren Earnest Blair, Elzia May and Lee Varney.

Johns Creek — Brethren Noah Smith, Lee Stiltner, John Stiltner, Taylor Coleman, Harrison Smith, Plennie Coleman and Carl Coleman.

Calvary — Elder Kit Ratliff. Brethren Rush Chapman, Sid Varney, Martin Thacker, Homer Coleman, Wayne Varney, Earnest Thacker and Bradley Coleman.

Dry Fork — Elders John Looney, Elmer Brown and Lawrence Jackson. Brethren Harrison Street, Shorty Vandyke, Lundy Childers, Carl Vandyke, Howell Arms, Walter Owens and Rean Owens.

Friendship — Elder Avery Lowe. Brethren I. D. Preston and Roby Lewis.

Columbus — Elder Lundy Coleman. Brethren Evans Epling and Paris Blackburn.

Deerfield — Elder Johnny Jacobs, Brother Charles Blackburn.

Pleasant Hill — Elder Jimmie Moore. Brethren Ira Smith, Charles Branham, Avery Scott and Dewey Scott.

We the Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ called by name Samaria now in session this the third Saturday of August, 1974.

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association when it convenes with the Samaria Church at Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1974.

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 Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield, Fred Varney, Michael Smith and Everett Brizendine, and Brethren R. S. Hatfield, J. E. Hatfield, Luther Scott, Dennis Dotson, Jarvie Ward, Bruce Hatfield, Andrew Herald, Clayton Smith, Ballard Smith, Freeland Smith and George Rose, 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:

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| Letter | 0 |
| Experience and Baptism | 23 |
| Relation | 0 |
| Restored | 2 |
| Dismissed by Letter | 2 |
| Excluded | 0 |
| Deceased | 8 |
| Total Membership | 236 |

Done and signed by the order of the Church

Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator
Deacon J. E. Hatfield, Clerk

Contribution \$50.00

Union Meeting appointees for next year: Elders Teddy R. Ball, Jimmie Moore, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Robert Warrix and Paul D. Justice.

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

Ministers: Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield, Fred Varney, Michael Smith and Everett Brizendine.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

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| Elder W. H. Tacker. | Canada, Ky. |
| Elder Teddy R. Ball. | Phone 427-7174, McCarr, Ky. |
| Elder Joe Thacker. | Phone 353-7669, Canada, Ky. |
| Elder J. H. Blackburn. | Phone 426-4531, New Town, W. Va. |
| Elder Kit Ratliff. | Phone 437-4815, Kimper, Ky. |
| Elder Dan Adkins. | Phone 353-4963, Huddy, Ky. |
| Elder Green Coleman. | Millard, Ky. |
| Elder Eli Estep. | Phone 456-3688, Phelps, Ky. |
| Elder Opa Thacker. | Phone 625-7705, Goshen, Ohio |
| Elder John Looney. | Grundy, Va. |
| Elder Glen Vipperman. | Kimper, Ky. |
| Elder Don Hatfield. | Phone 353-7912, Hardy, Ky. |
| Elder Homer Blackburn. | Kelsa, Va. |
| Elder Everett Brizendine. | Phelps, Ky. |
| Elder Avery Lowe. | Turkey Creek, Ky. |
| Elder Lundy Coleman. | 2456 Dawnlight Ave., Columbus, Ohio |
| Elder John I. Smith. | Phone 237-6668, Forest Hills, Ky. |
| Elder Elmer Brown. | Route 2, Box 99, Oakwood, Va. |
| Elder Jimmie Moore, 3107 Parsons Ave., | Ph. 491-6742, Columbus, Ohio |
| Elder Jeff Chapman. | Kimper, Ky. |
| Walter Runyon. | Phone 353-4473, Stone, Ky. |
| Elder Troy Casey. | Phelps, Ky. |
| Elder Joe Slone. | Fish Trap, Ky. |
| Elder Robert B. Warrix. | Phone 432-1752, Route 4, Pikeville, Ky. |
| Elder Chester Bevins. | Phone 432-1830, Route 1, Shelbyana, Ky. |
| Elder Clifford Thacker. | Route 1, Shelbyana, Ky. |
| Elder Michael Smith. | Phone 427-7188, Ransom, Ky. |
| Elder King Coleman. | Raccoon, Ky. |
| Elder Paul Dean Justice. | Raccoon, Ky. |
| Elder Richard May. | Raccoon, Ky. |
| Elder Curt Elliott. | Austinburg, Ohio |
| Elder Wheeler Thacker, Ph. 873-2163, | 7363 W. Broad St. Columbus, O. |
| Elder Elmer Thacker. | Phone 353-7821, Huddy, Ky. |
| Elder Fred Varney. | Hardy, Ky. |
| Elder Lonzie Blair. | Phone 835-2350, Steel, Ky. |
| Elder Hubert Burton. | 326 Hillcrest N., Columbus, Ohio |
| Elder Rafford Howell. | 289 Lowell Drive, Columbus, Ohio |

Elder Junior Coleman.Columbus, Ohio
 Elder Abner Justice.Phone 878-8031, New Rome, Ohio
 Elder Johnnie Jacobs, Ph. 697-9804, 2203 Fenster Dr., Belleville, Mich.
 Elder Onis Smith, Ph. 697-9800, 22224 Fenster Dr., Belleville, Mich.
 Elder J. C. Hager, Ph. 634-9389, 13000 Fish Lk. Rd., Holly, Mich.
 Elder Monroe Cantrell.941 State St., Hobart, Indiana
 Elder Arlin Thacker.Phyllis, Ky.
 Johnnie Hatfield.Canada, Ky.
 Elder Glen Coleman.Raccoon, Ky.
 Elder Johnny Slone.Raccoon, Ky.
 Elder Lawrence Jackson.Box 206, Vansant, Va.

LICENTIATES

Brother Kedna Charles.Phyllis, Ky.
 Brother Jess Tucker.Millard, Ky.
 Brother Walter Branham.Vansant, Va.
 Brother Dave Dotson.Hillock Avenue, Columbus, Ohio
 Brother Lonnie Warrix.Columbus, Ohio
 Brother Paris Blackburn.Galina, Ohio

| CHURCH | MODERATOR | COMMUNION |
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| Louisa — Elder W. H. Thacker. | | July, 2nd Sat. |
| Pond Creek — Elder Teddy R. Ball. | | June 2nd Sat. |
| Big Creek — Elder Joe Thacker. | | June, 3rd Sat. |
| Raccoon — Elder J. H. Blackburn. | | June, 4th Sat. |
| Sulphur Spring — Elder J. H. Blackburn. | | August, 1st Sat. |
| Peter Creek — Elder Teddy R. Ball. | | June 4th Sat. |
| Little Hope — Elders W. H. Thacker & Michael Smith, | | July, 1st, Sat. |
| Grape Vine — Elder J. H. Blackburn. | | July, 3rd Sat. |
| Little Union — Elder Teddy R. Ball. | | May, 1st Sat. |
| Calvary — Elder Kit Ratliff. | | June, 1st Sat. |
| Dry Fork — Elder Teddy R. Ball. | | May 2nd Sat. |
| Columbus — Elders T. R. Ball & Lundy Coleman, | | April, 4th Sat. |
| Friendship — Elder Avery Lowe. | | May, 4th Sat. |
| Deerfield — Elder Robert Mayhon. | | May, 4th Sat. |
| Pleasant Hill — Elder Jimmie Moore. | | April, 3rd Sat. |

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa — Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky. 41501.150
 Pond Creek — Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky. 41531.190
 Big Creek — M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519.125
 Raccoon — Paul Dean Justice, Raccoon, Ky. 41557.130
 Peter Creek — Evelyn S. Dotson, Phelps, Ky. 41553.125
 Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603.125
 Little Hope — M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519.60
 Grapevine — Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554.90
 Samaria — J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544.190
 Johns Creek — Noah Smith, Box 74, Kinper, Ky. 41539.75
 Little Union — Earnest Blair, Feds Creek, Ky. 41524.60

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| 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 — Earnest Hager, 846 N. Oak St., Fenton, Mich. 48430. | 100 |
| Pleasant Hill — Jackie Scott, 112 Blue St., DeGraff, Ohio 43318. | 75 |

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

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| Mount Zion — Allen L. Mann, Rt. 2, B. 252, Ronceverte, W. Va. 24970. | 25 |
| Senter — Earl W. Severt, 4798 Cherry St., Winston Salem, N. C. 27100. | 25 |
| Rock Spring — Lurman McGuire, Rt. 2, Morehead, Ky. 40351. | 25 |
| Union — Jonah Stidham, Rt. 1, Box 213, Norton, Va. 24373. | 25 |
| Burning Spring — Walton Jones, Cannel City, Ky. 41408. | 25 |
| New Liberty — Lester Martin 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, W. Va. 25064. | 25 |
| Sand Lick District — Robert Jackson, Rowe, Va. 24646. | 25 |
| Little Yadkin River — Curtis Harbor, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 27017. | 25 |
| Saint Clair Bottom — Elder E. G. Lyle, W. Jefferson, N. C. 28694. | 25 |
| Mountain — Raymond C. Nichols, Galax, Va. 24333. | 25 |
| Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky. 41544. | 40 |
| Clerk — Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544. | 40 |
| Total. | 2200 |

OBITUARIES

ELDER FRANK WHEELER

Elder Frank Wheeler, 77, widely known minister of Stone, Ky., who migrated to the Pond Creek section of Pike County from his native Tazewell County, Va., at the age of 18 years, died Sunday evening.

Death occurred in the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital following a lingering illness.

Elder Wheeler was employed for many years as a foreman for the Tierney Mining Co. of Stone. For the past 28 years, he had been a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church and served as moderator of the Old Pond Church for many year.

In 1963, he was presented an honorary commission as a Kentucky Colonel on the staff of former governor Bert T. Combs.

Born June 5, 1896 in Tazewell County, Va., he was the son of the late Tom and Jenny (Brown) Wheeler. He was married to the former



Mary Blackburn, member of a wellknown pioneer family of Pike County.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Walter (Eunice) Runyon, a teacher in the Pike County school system; one son, Lacy P. Wheeler of Stone, an employe of the First National Bank of Pikeville, South Williamson Branch; three gránddaughters, Mrs. Joyce Slater of Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. Glenda Provine of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Shirley Casey of Woodland Hills, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Virgie Smith of Savage, Md. and several great-grandchildren. Two sons and a sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. (CDT) at the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Belfry, Ky. Elders Teddy Ball, Dan Adkins, Don Hatfield and Joanny Blackburn officiated and interment followed in the Coburn Point Cemetery at Huddy, Ky., under direction of Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

Pallbearers included Joe Hunt, Truman Blackburn, Jim Williamson, James Thomas Williamson, Edward Runyon and Junior Carter. Deacons of the Old Pond Church were honorary pallbearers.

I have written the following with a broken heart.

In memory of Frank Wheeler written by his wife, Mary Wheeler.

In the valley of dark shadows,
Where the sun can never shine,
I have searched my heart of sorrow,
Not a pleasure can I find.

I have loved you beyond measure,
But I'm here to weep alone,
And you cannot come to comfort,
The darling I have called my own.

Goodbye, Darling, my story's ended,
In that city you are divine,
No tongue can tell how good and faithful,
The flower that graced the shores of time.

FREDDIE DEAN FULLER

Freddie Dean Fuller departed this world at 3:15 a.m., March 4, 1974, at Thacker, West Virginia. He was born at South Williamson, Kentucky on May 27, 1958. the son of Lundy Fuller and Lillie Smith Bowling.

He is survived by the following: father, Mr. Lundy Fuller, South Williamson, Ky.; mother, Mrs. Lillie Smith Bowling, Phelps, Ky.; step-father, Mr. Ermal Bowling, Phelps, Ky.; one brother, Larry Fuller, Phelps, Ky.; four sisters: Mrs. Linda Dotson, Mrs. Janet Bowling, Miss Kathy Fuller, step-sister, Miss Tammy Lee Bowling all of Phelps, Ky; grandparents, Richard and Daisy Smith, Phelps, Ky. and Mrs. Tilda New, Ranson, Ky.

JOHNIE BLACKBURN

In memory of our dear husband and father, Johnie Blackburn.

He was born May 15, 1905 at Canada, Kentucky, the son of the late Tom and Octavia May Blackburn, and departed this life October 17, 1973.

He was married to the former Pearl Hatfield and was the father of one son, Edmond Gene Blackburn and one daughter, Loretta Blackburn Henson, all of Toler, Kentucky.

Also to mourn his death were the following sisters: Mrs. Annie Harris of Portsmouth, Ohio; Mrs. Zenaia Harris of Bowling Green, Ky.; and Mrs. Arlena Bogar of Sidney, Ky. One sister, Mrs. Lassie Hunt preceded him in death.

Although he was not a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, he was a firm believer in its doctrine and attended as often as he could.

He is sadly missed by his family, neighbors and all who knew him.

We feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his daughter,
Mrs. Loretta B. Henson



WILLIE P. HATFIELD

In memory of a dear husband, loving father, and a devoted grandfather, the following obituary is written.

Willie P. Hatfield, 88, of Dials Branch at Ransom, Kentucky, died Wednesday morning, August 7, in the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital following a long illness.

He was born October 25, 1885 to the late Floyd and Anna Pinson Hatfield, in Pike County, Kentucky.

He was a retired miner and a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom.

Survivors include, his wife: Mrs. Anna Ball Hatfield, Ransom, to whom he had been married almost sixty-seven years; two sons: Lucas Hatfield, postmaster at Ransom, and Jack Hatfield, Director of Health Occupations Education



at Frankfort, Ky; four daughters: Mrs. Hazel Scott and Mrs. Gardner Wallen both of Ransom; Mrs. Grace Dillon of West Hamlin, W. Va., and Mrs. Ruth Samland of Omaha, Nebraska; one brother, Wayne Hatfield of Ransom; twenty-seven grandchildren and thirty-five great-grandchildren; three brothers and two sons: Ernest and Billy preceded him in death.

The Lord gave him to us and the Lord took him away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

BESSIE TILLEY HATFIELD

It is with deep sadness that we write this tribute to Bessie Tilley Hatfield. She was born December 19, 1913 and passed from this life here on earth February 22, 1974 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in S. Williamson, Kentucky.

Sister Bessie was married to Brother Sidney Ray Hatfield who preceded her in death in 1973. She united with Samaria Church in October of 1967.

She was known for her faithful devotion to her family and others and is sadly missed by her daughters: Mrs. Emmogene Rock and Felicia Lynn Hatfield of Ware, Mass. and Mrs. Sophia Evans of Delbarton, W. Va.

We know that we should "weep not as others who have no hope" and feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by Virginia R. Hatfield at the request of her daughters.



PARIS DOTSON

It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of my father, Paris Dotson, whom I loved and miss very much. He joined the Baptist Church several years ago. He was eighty-three years of age, died May 4, 1974. Paris Dotson was married to Mary Dotson. He was the father of five boys and two girls. He is greatly missed by all of us.

Written by his daughter who misses him very much.

Mae Coleman



MINNIE COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that I try to write this obituary of my dear mother. She was the daughter of John Honaker and Lou Venil Collins Honaker. She was born September 8, 1878, deceased July 25, 1974, making her stay on earth ninety-five years, ten months, and 14 days.

She was married to Jackson Coleman in 1901. To this union were born six children, four sons and two daughters. Her husband and three children, two sons and one daughter, preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her death, two sons: Miles Coleman and Roy Coleman both of Kimper, Ky., one daughter: Mrs. Harvey Coleman of Kimper, Ky.; one brother, Ransom Honaker, Stone, Ky.; three sisters: Octavie Justice and Betty Varney of Kimper, Ky.; Didema Miller, Swords Creek, Va., and a host of friends.

She was united with the Primitive Baptist Church the first Sunday in June, 1925 and was baptized by Elder G. H. Coleman. She lived a faithful member until death. I feel our loss is her eternal gain. By the grace of God we shall meet her where there will be no sad farewells.

Written by her daughter, Pearl Coleman



OLLIE H. BLACKBURN

Obituary of our dear sweet mother, Ollie H. Blackburn, who departed this life August 9, 1974.

It is with much sadness that we try to write the obituary of our dear sweet mother, Ollie H. Blackburn, who departed this life August 9, 1974, making her stay on earth seventy-four years, one month and 17 days. She was a former Pond Creek resident for many years until she moved away and made her home with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchie Blackburn of Delbarton, W. Va.

She was born June 22, 1900 at Canada, Ky., daughter of the late J. C. Hensley and Polly (Blackburn) Hensley. Her husband was the late Grover C. Blackburn, who preceded



her in death February 10, 1971. To this union were born twelve children, eight of which are living, one daughter: Mary Florence Hensley of Merrimac, W. Va. seven sons: Ernest of Belfry; Tom of McAndrews, Ky.; William (Bobby) Blackburn, Pinsonfork, Ky.; Carl Blackburn, Vulcan, W. Va.; Mitchie of Delbarton, W. Va.; Clifford Gene (Grover) of Stone, Ky., and Russell Lee Blackburn of Detroit, Michigan. She also leaves thirty-five grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren to mourn her loss.

She had four children who preceded her in death along with three sisters and three brothers.

She was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years. She was a dear sweet mother to all of us. We will truly miss her. She was so good to us all. But we will hope and keep our trust in the Good Lord to give us strength in these difficult hours to come. We will try and not worry so much about her because we all know she is safe in the arms of Jesus.

We hope and pray to have faith in ourselves and the good Lord that we will meet her in that peaceful land where there will be no more pain and sorrow.

Written by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Grover Jr. Blackburn and family.

ROBERT LESTER THACKER

It is with much sadness I write the obituary of my son, Robert Lester Thacker. He was born February 19, 1928 and died March 1, 1974, making his stay on earth forty-six years and ten days.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Jean Rattliff Thacker, one son, Robert Micheal Thacker at home; one daughter, Mrs. Vicki Lynn Leedy of Louisville, Ky. He also leaves his father and mother, Willie B. and Bethel Thacker of Canada, Ky., one brother, Paul Douglas of Ashville, Ohio and six sisters: Mrs. June Williamson, Mrs. Brenda Moon

and Mrs. Polly Arnold all of Canada, Ky., Mrs. Violet Goodman of Stanville, Ky.; Patsy Hackney of Bellefontaine, Ohio; and Kathy Lynn Bowen of Turkey Creek, Ky. Two brothers preceded him in death. He had many friends and relatives who were saddened at his passing.

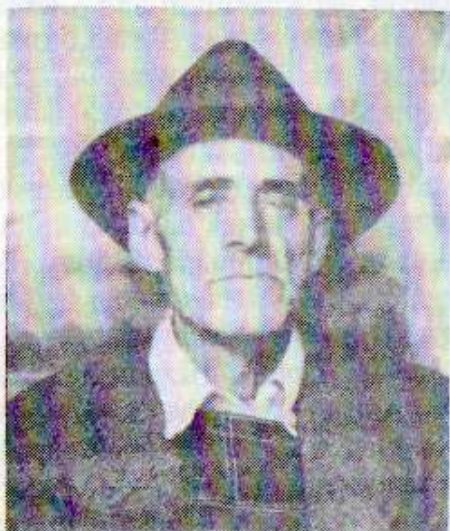
I have a precious hope that he is resting from all labor and pain and we will meet again where there will be no more parting.

Sadly missed by his family.

Written by his mother, Bethel Thacker.



JIM AND CALLIE LESTER



In sadness I will try to write an obituary of a dear old father in Israel, Uncle Jim Lester and his dear wife, Callie Lester. Brother Jim was born May 4, 1890 and departed this life March 24, 1974. Aunt Callie departed this life fourteen months before her husband. They were blessed with eight children, three daughters and five sons, all who are still living. Uncle Jim was a faithful member of Sulphur Spring Church, but Aunt Callie never united with the church, but she was a true believer in salvation by grace. They leave their eight children, fifty-one grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, one great great-grandchild, many relatives and a host of friends. They are greatly missed by the family and many friends, but we feel sure our loss is their gain.

WILLIAM RILEY BLACKBURN

It is with a sad and aching heart I try to write an obituary of my dear loving father, William Riley Blackburn. He was born February 23, 1906 and deceased December 29, 1973, making his stay on earth sixty-seven years, ten months and 6 days. He was the son of A. J. Blackburn and Syrenia May Blackburn. He was married to Nora Smith February 24, 1932. To this union were born six children, five girls and one boy. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Nora Blackburn of Grundy, Va., one son, Burlin Blackburn of Big Rock, Va.; five daughters: Mrs. Burton Potter of Warren, Mich.; Mrs. Basil Accord of Beckley, W. Va.; Mrs. Lucill Bailey of Grundy, Va.; Mrs. Ron



Moore of Oakwood, Va., and Miss Betty Blackburn of the home; two brothers: Elder J. H. Blackburn of Newtown, W. Va., and Joe H. Blackburn of Hurley, Va.; three sisters: Mrs. Pearl Jackson, Stella Wolford, and Mrs. Ida Willburn all of Hurley, Va., ten grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Dad joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Spring the first Saturday in November, 1965 and was baptized by Elder J. H. Blackburn and Elder Homer Blackburn. He was a faithful member of the church until his death and left a wonderful testimony of his faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am sure that he had been born again and let me say to his loved ones that his spirit is waiting for us all over on the other shore. May the God of all grace bless us all to meet Daddy in that glorious morning when the family of God will meet us in the air to live forever with our Redeemer. May we all ever look forward to that day when Jesus will call our sleeping dust from the tombs. It will awaken and come out of that grave with a new body and be caught up to go home to live with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for ever more. What a wonderful day that will be! O my trials and sorrows, my comforts and cares; the spirit of prayer and the answer of prayers; the steps that I tread and the station I fill; My Father determined and wrote in His will my cross and my crown are both willed by my God. He swore to His will and sealed it with blood. 'Tis proved by the Spirit, the witness within. 'Tis mine to inherit, I'll glory begin.

We feel to know that when he met his appointed time he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to await his second coming where then he will be awakened in His likeness and go home satisfied to be forever with the One who gave His life for His sheep. We live in hope of seeing Daddy again. He is gone but not forgotten. I feel our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by a brother in hope, Arthur May.

VICTORIA M. DOTSON

With sadness but with pride, love and honor, we give the following account of the life of a great person, our mother.

Mrs. Victoria McClanahan Dotson, born September 17, 1903, of the late William Alex and Lucy Davis McClanahan, was chosen as "A beautiful rose to bloom everlasting in her Father's garden."

After an illness of several years, in the early hours of the morning of March 24, 1974, she died at her home on Home Creek where she lived as a young girl.

She lived seventy years, six



months and six days, a life devoted to her family, her home and her church. She left here on earth all her most cherished belongings, her husband, Mr. Frank A. Dotson of Home Creek, one son and six daughters. She was preceded in death by a beloved young daughter, Trudy Kay in 1958. She also left behind three sisters and four brothers.

She was blessed with the love of fourteen grandchildren and many school children she had taught in her twenty years of teaching school.

Her association with the Primitive Baptist Church are among our earliest and fondest memories as she joyfully prepared many big dinners of fried chicken and ginger dumplings for Grandpa Alex and his preachers back in the forties when we lived at Paw Paw.

She became a member of the Sulphur Spring Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized by the Elder Johnny Blackburn on Sunday, June 1, 1969.

She lived to see our father baptized and an active member of the church she loved so well.

With sad and heavy hearts, we bid her body farewell at the Mountain Valley Memorial Park on March 26, 1974, at 2:00 p.m. Though she is gone, her memory and love will always remain a part of us.

Written by her daughters: Bonnie Lowman and Nancy Witt.

MRS. BERTHA M. ADKINS

Our mother was born March 14, 1906 and deceased this life November 28, 1973. She was the daughter of K. B. and Matilda R. Morris of Raccoon, Ky., deceased.

On December 23, 1922, she married Elder Dan Adkins. To this union were born the following children: Mrs. Emogene Browning, Mrs. Racine Daniels, Mrs. Arlenus Dillender, Edgar R. Adkins, Mrs. Gherelene Stanaland (deceased), Bill Joe Adkins, Harold L. Adkins, Alvis B. Adkins, Mrs. Jacqueline Deskins, Mrs. Karol-dean Smith. She had thirteen grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.



Mother joined the Primitive Baptist Church May 4, 1941. She occupied her seat as long as her health permitted her to. Her beautiful singing and wonderful expressions of womanhood will always remain with us because of our grateful teachings from God-fearing parents and our faith in God.

There is no spectacle on earth more appealing than that of our beautiful mother in her acts of playing with us, laboring and cooking meals for those she loved.

We feel that our home is a Christian home and is one of the Master's workshop where processes of character molding is silently, lovingly, faithfully and successfully carried on.

Our home was the laughter of babies and children, songs sang by mother, her teachings of everyday living and the strength of our

wonderful daddy. As a result there is warmth of loving hearts, light from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty and devotion of brotherhood to mankind.

Death is not the enemy of life, but its friend, for it is the knowledge that our years are limited which makes them so precious. It is truth that time is but lent to us which makes us at our best, look upon our years as a trust handed into our temporary keeping.

She was the most wonderful mother children could wish for and we were very fortunate and thankful God granted us this precious one.

We believe our loss is her eternal gain.

—Her children.

ABSLOM ERNEST THACKER

Absolom Ernest Thacker was born January 10, 1889, departed this life January 25, 1974, making his stay on earth eighty-five years and 15 days. He is survived by his wife, Celia Ann Blackburn Thacker, and one sister, Lizza Stanley, four half-brothers and one half-sister. He never united with the church but he was always ready to take care of the brethren and sisters and they were always welcome in his home. He loved to see them come and spend the night with him. Although he never had any children of his own, he was a father to all of us. We feel assured that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by one who loved him very much — Mordecai Blackburn.



GUSTAVA COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear loving mother, Gustava Pet Coleman. She was born September 6, 1900, deceased December 9, 1972, making her stay on earth seventy-two years, three months, and fourteen days. Mother was the daughter of the late Jordan Dotson and the late Sara Ann Hatfield Dotson. She was married to the late Wallie Coleman who preceded her in death. To this union were born eleven children. Three preceded her in death. Eight living are: Leo, Cleo, Wayne, Freddie, Mary Hatfield, Lizzie Datson, Polly Blackburn, Ruby Estep to mourn the loss of mother.



Mother joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Peter Creek in April, 1963 and lived a good and faithful life. I feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her son who misses her very much, Leo Coleman.

MRS. ELIZABETH ANN STANLEY

Elizabeth Ann Stanley was born April 15, 1926, departed this life February 4, 1974, making her stay on earth forty-seven years, ten months and 19 days. She was the daughter of James Stanley and the late Margaret Ball Stanley. She was married to Mitchel Stanley who survives. To this union were born six children, three sons: Jim Ray Dale Stanley, Michael Dean Stanley, Gregory Steven Stanley; three daughters: Mrs. Ralph Chapman, Mrs. Charles H. Curry, and Deborah Ann Stanley; three brothers, five sisters and four grandchildren.



She united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Creek and was baptized by Elder Dan Adkins on the third Sunday in September, 1963 and lived a faithful member until death.

We feel assured that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by one who loved her very much — Mordecai Blackburn.

DIXIE SMITH BOGAR

It is with great sadness we attempt to write the obituary of our loving wife and mother, Dixie Smith Bogar. She was born August 23, 1899 at Canada, Kentucky. Death occurred on February 7, 1974 in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She was seventy-four years old at the time of her death.

She was the daughter of the late Joe B. Smith and Polly Blackburn Smith, pioneer families of this area. She was the last surviving member of her family of four brothers and two sisters. Her brothers were: W. Taulbee Smith, Thomas J. Smith, Floyd B. Smith, and George W. Smith; her sisters were: Ona Smith and Octavia Smith.



She was married to W. Clarence Bogar on the 30th day of May, 1923. She was a loving wife and a devoted mother. She is survived by her husband, W. Clarence Bogar of Sidney, Kentucky and the following children, one daughter, Helen B. Moore, Fredricksburg, Virginia; two sons: Ralph C. Bogar and Harold F. Bogar both of Sidney, Kentucky. Two children preceded her in death, Lois Ann Compton and Joseph V. Bogar. She, also, leaves six grandchildren: Rita Griffin, Pikeville, Ky. Deborah B. Sparks, Sidney, Ky.; Dwight Bogar, Sidney, Ky.; Ciarissa Bogar, Sidney, Ky., and Chad and Chris Moore of Fredricksburg, Virginia. Before her marriage she was a teacher in the Pike County School system. She and her husband ran a general merchandise store at Sidney, Kentucky for many years until her illness brought about retirement. She remained in poor health until her death.

Throughout her adult life she believed in a Living Saviour. As time drew nearer to her death she expressed to members of her family the faith she had in God through Jesus Christ. Her last conversations were Godly and her thoughts were centered on heaven and divine things. She was a firm believer in the Primitive Baptist faith and attended church as often as possible for almost sixty years. Before leaving home to enter the hospital she told me, as I tried to give her a drink of water that she was drinking from a fountain of Living water that will never run dry. The last conversation she had with one of the children while in the hospital was started with her own suffering and how she would like to go home. She cried and told how Christ suffered and died on the cross for her and that He had the power to lay down His life and He also had the power to take it up again.

She is missed by her husband, children, relatives and friends. Her family's thoughts are that she is not dead, but only sleeping, and someday we will "All who love the Lord be together again forever more."

Asleep in Jesus, Oh, how peaceful,
Never more to wake to weep,
The fairest flower in mountain glory,
As she sleeps her last long sleep.

Lovelier than the lily of the valley,
In heaven above she'll look divine,
And bloom anew in God's garden,
Transplanted from the shores of time.

—Written by her husband and children.

HERMAN DAVIS

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my dearly beloved husband, Herman Davis. He was born January 3, 1918, at Inez, Kentucky, the son of the late William and Hattie (Osborne) Davis of Inez, Kentucky. He was married to Lois (Goff) Davis August 30, 1952. To this union were born six children: Mrs. Roberta Thacker, Randall, Patricia and Herman, William, Renee Davis all of Racoon, Ky. Herman

was never united with no church but he was a true believer in Lord Jesus Christ. You are not forgotten, loved one, nor will you ever be. We miss you so day by day as time goes by we miss you more. Your loving face which we cannot see around us any more. No one can fill your vacant place. We feel like our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his broken hearted wife, Lois Davis.

MRS. VICY T. BEVINS

Mrs. Vicy T. Bevins was borned March 4, 1890, deacease this life December 5, 1973, at the age of eighty-three years. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church February 10, 1940. Her first marriage was to Jessie Stiltner. To this union were borned eight children. Three preceded her in death, also their father many years ago. Her son, John Stiltner, passed away March 3, 1974, at the age sixty years, also her grandson, Jamy C. Stiltner Jr., who passed away February 4, 1974, about three months apart, three out of one family. John belonged to the Primitive Baptist also.

I am sure her children who are left in this lonesome world feel their loss is heaven's gain. They left many friends and neighbors to mourn the loss of them. I hope and pray they are all resting in the arms of Jesus to wait the coming of our Lord.

Written by Mrs. Johnie Stiltner.

LOUISA JANE MAY PRATER

It is with much sadness, that I try to write an obituary of my dear aunt, and sister in the Lord Jesus Christ, Louisa Jane May Prater. She was born May 2, 1886 and deaceased January 31, 1974, making her stay on earth eighty-seven years, eight months, and 29 days. She was the daughter of John Henry and Sarrah Jane May.

She was married to James Prater, and to this union were born no children, but she raised five children: four boys and 1 girl. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Sulphur Spring fifty or



sixty some years ago. She was a faithful and devoted member until her death. She leaves to mourn her passing, two brothers: Joe May at Hurley, Va.; and Jessie May, at Kenova, W. Va.; and one sister, Osie Dotson at Hurley, Va., and a host of friends. She is sadly missed by both her family and the church but she left a wonderful testimony of her faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by a unworthy brother, in hope, Arthur May

SISTER LOUISE COLLINS

Sister Louise Collins was born in 1883, and passed away October 19, 1973.

Sister Collins joined Calvary Church January 2, 1953 and was baptized the first Sunday in February. She stayed a good member until death.



PAUL TAYLOR

Paul Taylor, Sidney, Kentucky died of a heart attack at 5:15 p.m. on June 5, 1974. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva Stanley Taylor and one brother, Mr. Ollie Taylor both of Sidney. Paul was the son of the late J. D. and Ida Riddle Taylor of Nicklesville, Va. He was born on February 3, 1911, making his stay on this earth sixty-three years, four months and 2 days.

Paul was very active in the affairs of the community, F & M 890 Stone Masonic Lodge, the church and his family.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Big Creek for three years and attended the church regularly when he was able. He was baptized by Brothers Walter Runyon and Dan Adkins on February 17, 1971. He was ordained as a deacon on Sunday, September 19, 1971.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, family, relatives, as well as the community at large. He loved and was good to all, and was loved by all who knew him. He was ready and willing to be of service to anyone at any time.



He was a faithful and devoted husband. He will live in the hearts of those who loved him and be reminded of him each time we hear the song he loved so dearly "Amazing Grace." I hope to meet him some day.

Written by his wife, Eva, brother, Ollie and niece, Sharon Scalf.

MRS. JUDY SMITH

In loving memory of our mother, Mrs. Judy Smith, who was born July 8, 1889 on the Smith Fork of Peter Creek. She departed this life on June 7, 1974, making her stay here on earth eighty-four years, ten months and twenty-nine days. She was the daughter of the late Daniel B. and Lydia Fuller Smith. Her husband, Butler Smith preceded her in death on April 2, 1971.

Survivors include two sons, six daughters, forty-three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She will be remembered and loved by all of us. We hope by God's great mercy to meet Mom again some sweet day.

Written by her baby daughter, Ethel May.



MATILDA SCOTT MARCUM

Matilda Scott Marcum, 73 of Hardy, Ky., was born September 26, 1895, deceased March 25, 1974 following a lingering illness. She was the daughter of the late Alex and America Scott; and was preceded in death by her husband the late Andy J. Marcum.

She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Belfry, Ky. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Ross Scott of Acoville, W. Va.; Mrs. Fred Bogar, Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. Hassel Brown, Toler, Ky; two sons: Oscar Marcum, Dearborn, Mich; Clyde Marcum, Hardy, Ky.; also surviving are three brothers: Bert Scott, McCarr, Ky.; Bradley Scott, Hardy, Ky.; and Burgess Scott, Mt. Gay, W. Va.; two sisters: Dora Smith, Taylor, Mich. and Harritt Hager, Fenton, Mich.; three half brothers: Roland Scott, Grundy, Va.; G. W. Scott, Jamboree and Alex Scott of Ohio; four half sisters: Sadie Gooslin, McCarr, Ky. Opal Harmon, Lenore, W. Va.; Fern Gooslin, McCarr, Ky.; and Lassie Hager, Lorain, Ohio.



Sister Scott was a faithful member of the church until the end of life.

It is with a sad and aching heart that I have written this obituary of our dearly beloved Mother.

Written by daughter, Mrs. Fred Bogar.

MRS. CYNTHIA COLEMAN

With much grief and sorrow, we will try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Cynthia Coleman. She was born the daughter of John Will and Mary Betty Pugh Hunt on February 14, 1902 and departed this life April 14, 1974, making her stay on earth seventy-two years and two months.

She was united in marriage to Thompson Coleman on March 23, 1919. To this union were born ten children: Raymond, John Will, Tommy, Warren, Ruby and Emma Jean Coleman, Julie Griffith, Nellie Campbell, Molly Holbrook, and Judy Slone. Also surviving are fifty-one grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

Mother joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Longfork approximately nine years ago, and was baptized by the Elders Teddy Ball and Johnny Blackburn.

Sleep on mother from the worries and toils of this life and if it be God's will we will meet you and daddy again to never more part.

Written by daughters: Ruby, Emma Jean Coleman and Judy Slone and granddaughter, Lavonne Coleman.



MRS EMMA LEE

My dear sister, Mrs. Emma Lee, was born February 14, 1904, passed away May 23, 1974, at the age of seventy years. She was the daughter of William Noah Smith and Ruthia Hess Smith. She was married to Garland Lee December 24, 1919. Garland passed away October 31, 1960. To this union four children were born, one preceded her in death years ago. Surviving one son, J. C. Lee, White Burge, Ky.; two daughters: Thelma Bostic, Kimper; Lilly Scott, Kimper, Ky., three sisters and a host of friends to mourn her passing.



Emma joined the Primitive Baptist Church April 19, 1943. Her husband joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1957. My dear wonderful sister lived a good, wonderful life. No one knows how bad I miss her. But I feel she has gone to be with mom and dad and the rest of our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus to remain until the coming of our Lord. My hope is to meet all my family when our Lord comes again.

Mrs. Vicie Stiltner

BURLIN CHAPMAN

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of our dear husband and father. He was born November 17, 1906 and departed from this life June 13, 1974, making his stay on this earth sixty-seven years, six months and 26 days. He was the son of Mary Collins Chapman and Able Chapman. He was married to Bertha Slone Chapman. To this union was born one son. His wife preceded him in death. Later he was married to Dollie Honaker Chapman. To this union were born ten children. Two preceded him in death, leaving four boys and four girls, his wife, also two sisters and three brothers and twenty-seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.



He attended church as much as he was able. We feel our loss is his gain.

Written by his wife and daughter.

WOODROW WILLIAMSON

It is with sad and aching heart I attempt to write the obituary of my sweet and darling husband, Woodrow Williamson.

He was born on January 14, 1914, and departed this life on April 20, 1974, making his stay on earth sixty years, three months, and 6 days.

He was the son of Emzy and Nellie Blackburn Williamson, and was married to Sally Farley Williamson on May 6, 1933. He is survived by his wife, one stepson, Billy Lee Dempsey, and one foster daughter, Mrs. Janice Bennett, and several step-grandchildren. He is also survived by several half-brothers and sisters: Mrs. Cordia West, Canada, Kentucky; Miss Delores Williamson, San Diego, California; Mrs. Sally Webb, Miss Pauline Williamson both of Huntington, West



Virginia; two half-brothers: Thomas Trout, Hardy, Kentucky, and Lee Roy Williamson of Williamson, West Virginia.

Woodrow joined the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized on the third Saturday in June, 1972. He was a good and faithful Christian, and a kind and loving husband that I spent forty-one years with. As long as I live I will love and cherish his memory.

Though to part was so hard, I hope and pray God will give me the strength to say, as Job did, "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

In a little mountain graveyard,
Sleeping in the grave so low,
A smiling face my heart has cherished,
God called and he had to go.

When the stars shine like silver,
And the sun sinks in the west.
I long to clasp him to my bosom,
Goodbye, Darling, God loved you best.

Written by his wife, Sally Williamson.

BESSIE JUSTICE

It is with sadness that I write this obituary of my dear sister, Bessie Justice. She was born February 18, 1900, and departed this life June 26, 1973, making her stay on earth seventy-three years, four months, and 8 days. She was the daughter of Marion and Mary Elizabeth Belcher Adkins. She is survived by her husband, Flem Justice, three daughters, two sons, eleven step-children and several grandchildren, also two sisters and one brother. She was a member of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church.

Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her sister, Stella Adkins.

MARY SMITH CALHOUN

Mary Smith Calhoun, 70, of Pinsonfork, Kentucky, died Sunday morning following a lingering illness.

She was born June 23, 1903, in Pike County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Richard and Cynthia Smith. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Scott Calhoun of Pinsonfork, Ky.; three sons: Clarence Smith of Detroit, Mich.; Willie Smith Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio, and Raye Smith of Omaha, Neb.; two daughters: Mrs. Glen Williamson of Stone, Ky., and Mrs. Bob Brown of Frenchburg, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Aleck



Boyd of Pikeville, Ky.; three half-sisters: Mrs. Hobart Bostic of Pinsonfork, Ky.; Mrs. Allen May of Troy, Ohio, and Mrs. Louisa May of McAndrews, Ky.; fifteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and her step-father, Floyd May resides at McAndrews, Kentucky.

DAVID C. BUD MOUNTS

David C. Bud Mounts departed this world at 4:45 a.m., May 16, 1974 at his home at Majestic, Ky. He was born at Majestic, Ky. on July 1, 1891 and was the son of the late Dave and Polly Hatfield Mounts. He was a retired miner. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He is survived by the following: his wife, Mrs. Nannie Mapes Mounts, Majestic, Ky.; three sons: Raymond and Lawrence Mounts both of Cincinnati, Ohio; Thomas Mounts, Danville, Ky.; four daughters: Mrs. Myrtle McClanahan and Miss Chloe Belle Mounts both of Majestic, Ky.; Mrs. Loraine Ryan and Mrs. Edna McIntosh of Cincinnati, Ohio; one brother, Jackie L. Mounts, Majestic, K.; one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Mitchell, Portland, Oregon, and thirteen grandchildren.

—The Family.



ROLAND T. SLONE

Roland T. Slone was born January 25, 1901, the son of John and Fannie Abshire Slone. He departed this life November 8, 1973. He was married to Maggie Prater in 1920, the daughter of Elder W. J. Prater. To this union were born seven children, four boys and three girls, all living. He was a good husband and father, working hard for his family which he loved with all his heart.

We, his family, miss him so very much but bow our heads in humble submission, knowing he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, a merciful and a loving Father.

Roland united with the church and was baptized by Elder Teddy Ball and Elder Frank Wheeler and held membership with Old Pond Church. He received a hope in Christ many years before his passing.

Our darling was sick for a long time but we loved him then and love him now and will as long as time shall last.

God took you home, it was his will
But in our hearts you're living still
Now starlight shines above the grave
Of the one we loved, but could not save.

We hope to see him in that morning, oh'beautiful morning!

Written by his wife, Maggie Pratar Slone.

WILLIAM (BILL) VARNEY

William (Bill) Varney, 70 years of age, of Belfry, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, April 25, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, after a lingering illness. Born February 26, 1904 at Stone, Kentucky, he was the son of Louisia Blackburn Varney and the late James Varney. A retired miner and a member of Local Union 5737, he had been a life long resident of the Pond Creek area. Bill had been a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for 35 years where he enjoyed a large host of friends.



Survivors include: his wife, Jennie Varney; five sons: Haskell R. (Chick) Varney, Stone, Ky.; Richard Bruce Varney, William Jr. (Jim) Varney, and Donald L. (Pap) Varney all of Belfry, Ky.; and Selmer W. (Tobo) Varney, Ypsilanti, Michigan; two daughters: Mae Williamson, Stone, Ky.; Pheobe Dae Varney, Ypsilanti, Michigan; four brothers: Lewis Varney, Huddy, Ky.; Nicholas Varney, Stone, Ky.; Fritz Varney and Fred Varney both of Canada, Ky.; one sister, Dora Church, twenty-six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MARK WEBB SR.

Mark Webb Sr. was the son of Asbury Webb. He was born April 13, 1895, died May 1, 1974, making his stay on earth seventy-nine years. He was married to Ella Jane Hatfield in May, 1913. To this union were born seven children, five boys and two girls, one boy and one girl preceded him in death. One son, George Webb, died March 1, 1973. His first wife preceded him in death. He then married Didema Ball in 1967 who remains.



He united with the Primitive Baptist Church several years ago and lived a faithful member until death.

He leaves his wife, Dedema Webb; one daughter, Mary Phillips; and three sons: Epp, Mark Jr. and Jeff Webb, to mourn his passing. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

SARAH ROMA HOGER

This is the obituary of my Grand-maw Hoger. She was born April 22, 1885, died March 16, 1974. Sarah Roma was the daughter of the late Cane and Belle Charles Walford. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eliase Hoger, also four children, three of them dying in infancy. The other son was Ermal Hoger who died June 4, 1969. She is survived by four sons: Russell, Charley, George and Herald Hoger all of McCarr, Ky.; one sister Maggie Workman, thirty grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Maw Hoger was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Blackberry Creek, where her funeral was held on March 19, 1974, with the officiating ministers being: Elder Teddy Ball and Elder Dan Adkins. Burial was in Dotson Cemetery, Ransom, Kentucky.



This world will never feel the same with Maw gone but I find comfort in knowing she is free from her pains and troubles. Since I was a child I've had so many people say you are just like your Maw "Fox" Hoger. I only wish I could be more like her. Maw, I loved you!

Written by Ann Smith, Ransom, Kentucky.

HENDERSON GUFF

With much sadness we will write the obituary of our beloved uncle and father, Henderson Guff. Henderson Guff was born November 19, 1875 and deceased November 5, 1973. He was the son of the late John Guff and Nancy Ramey Guff. In early life he united in marriage to the late Julia Hobb Brook. To this union no children were born. In later life he united in marriage to Lennie Pauley who deceased in May, 1971. To this union twelve children were born, two preceded him in death. Surviving are: five sons: Clinton, Clincy, Earl, Gene, Russel; five daughters: Lake Labias, Lorain Coleman, Mary Lavern, Bonnie Hinkley and Gay Wright; forty-seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, a host of nephews and neices and many friends.



Uncle Henderson was not a member of the Primitive Baptist, but he was a true believer. He is missed so much by those who knew him. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by Jettie and Hester Guff and family.

HARRISON SMITH

It is with very much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dad, Harrison Smith. He was born December 14, 1916 and passed away March 8, 1974, making his stay on earth fifty-seven years, two months and 22 days. He was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church. He was born in Pike County and was the son of the late Wayne and Rosy Stump Smith. He was married to Georgia Smith. To this union were born four children, one daughter, Mrs. Marcedas Taylor; three sons: Donnie Harrison Smith, Everett Harvey Smith and Elder Michael Smith. Also he had four grandchildren.



No one knows of the sadness in my heart that dad is gone. For I know if anyone loved his children dad did. But I am thankful to God that he didn't suffer much. I feel that dad is resting from all his labour and is just like the song: "Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep." And when he wakes he will be like Jesus and live with Him forever and ever.

And by the grace of Almighty God we will meet him again.
Written by Elder Michael Smith.

ELLA C. DANIELS

It is with a sad and aching heart that I undertake to write the obituary of my dear wife, Ella C. Daniels, who passed away on January 30, 1974, at Louisville, Ky.

She was born April 24, 1896, the daughter of David and Mary Coleman, Raccoon, Ky. We were married on October 30, 1912. Sadly missed by me and our nine children who survive. They are: Joseph T. and Blaine of Louisville, Ky.; Thurman, Indianapolis, Ind.; Edward, Pensacola, Fla., and Paul of Ypsilanti, Mich.; daughters are: Edith Burchett, Jackson, Ohio; Betty Bralley, Louisville, Ky.; Zettie Ricketts, Miami, Fla., and Rita Little of Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Several other relatives survive including several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Prior to moving to Louisville, she was a lifetime resident of Pike County. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for sixteen years. Our loss, so deeply felt, is heaven's gain.

Pete Daniels

CLAUDE WEAN

Claude Wean, the son of the late Ed and Nora Bowman Wean, was born December 6, 1899 at Rockingham County, Virginia. He departed this life April 28, 1974, at the age of seventy-four years. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized May 6, 1973. He was married to Delcie Conn Coleman Wean who survives. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Tessie Shumaker by a previous marriage. He is also survived by several stepsons and step-daughters. He leaves four grandchildren and several step-grandchildren, one half sister, one half brother and many friends. The church has lost a faithful member, but we feel sure our loss is his great gain.



SISTER JULIA TAYLOR DOTSON

Sister Julia Taylor Dotson, 83, was born July 21, 1890, deceased April 9, 1974. She was the daughter of the late George and Sarah Taylor. She was married to the late Roland Dotson. Brother and Sister Dotson were blessed with three children: one son, J. H. Dotson; two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Underwood and Mrs. Mae Irick, who survive. Sister Dotson united with the Primitive Baptist Church in 1933 and was baptized by Elder Joe Craft. She was a faithful member until the end. She is sadly missed by her children, many friends and the Church.

Written by Bob 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, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

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

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot washing an example.

10. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves

solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

RULES OF DECORUM

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

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF CHURCH CLERKS | Contributions | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Rec'd. by Relation | Restored to Fel. | Dis'd by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total Membership | Sat. of Meeting | \$ |
| Louisa | Bradly Warrix, Zebulon, Ky. | 6 | 2 | — | 2 | 4 | 1 | — | 99 | 2 | 35.00 |
| Pond Creek | Bob Dotson, Hardy, Ky. | 2 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 10 | 143 | 2 | 50.00 |
| Big Creek | M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. | 3 | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | 4 | 88 | 3 | 40.00 |
| Raccoon | Paul D. Justice, Raccoon, Ky. | 5 | 2 | — | 3 | — | 1 | — | 71 | 4 | 40.00 |
| Peter Creek | Evelyn S. Dotson, Phelps, Ky. | 9 | — | — | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 105 | 4 | 40.00 |
| Sulphur Spring | George W. Lester, St. Rt. Box 72, Big Rock, Va. | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 92 | 1 | 40.00 |
| Little Hope | M. B. Blockbum, Canada, Ky. | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 2 | 27 | 1 | 30.00 |
| Grape Vine | Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 30 | 3 | 26.00 |
| Samaria | J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. | 23 | — | — | 2 | 2 | — | 8 | 236 | 3 | 50.00 |
| Little Union | Ernest Blair, Fed Creek, Ky. | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 30 | 1 | 30.00 |
| John Creek | Noah Smith, Kimper, Ky. | 4 | — | — | 1 | — | — | 4 | 41 | 1 | 25.00 |
| Calvary | Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. | 2 | — | — | — | — | 4 | 1 | 30 | 2 | 30.00 |
| Dry Fork | Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Va. | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 50 | 2 | 40.00 |
| Friendship | Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 17 | 4 | 15.00 |
| Columbus | Sandra K. Harris, 2456 Dawnlight Ave., Columbus, Ohio | 9 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 49 | 4 | 25.00 |
| Deerfield | Ernest Hager, 846 N. Oak St., Fenton, Mich. | 5 | 6 | — | — | 1 | — | — | 50 | 4 | 50.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | Jack Scott, 112 Blue St., DeGraff, Ohio | 5 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 19 | 1 | 15.00 |
| Totals | | 84 | 15 | 2 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 38 | 1177 | — | \$581.00 |

