

Minutes
of the
One Hundred Twenty-Fourth
Annual Session
OF THE
Original Mates Creek Regular
Primitive Baptist Association
ORGANIZED IN 1849

held with
Peter Creek Church
PHELPS, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
September 3, 4, 5,
1976

Next session convenes with the Johns Creek Church,
Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin Friday before
the first Sunday in September, 1976 at 10:00 a.m.

OFFICERS

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

Proceedings

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Peter Creek Church

FRIDAY MORNING — September 3rd, 1976

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Teddy R. Ball. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Kit Ratliff, Text: Behold I lay in Zion a Stone, etc.

Called for letters from all the churches. Moved and seconded that we receive all the letters and have the names of the messengers enrolled in the minutes.

Moved and seconded that we read the letter from the Peter Creek Church and have it printed in the minutes.

Election of Officers: the Association then elected Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator; Elder J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator; Brother Steal Hatfield, Clerk; Elder Robert B. Worrix, Asst. Clerk.

Newly constituted churches called for: At 5130 West Ridge Road in Gary, Indiana, a new church was organized and called Bethel Primitive Baptist Church. This church was organized by the following members giving as an arm from the Deerfield Church, to-wit: Elder Monroe Cantrell, Loraine Cantrell, Johnny Click, Jr., Betty Click, Hatty Bentley, Dennis Cantrell, Diana Wilfong, and Raligh Hinkle. This church came with a letter and Messengers Elder Monroe Cantrell and Elder Johnny Click, Jr. and Brethren Daniel Robinson and Raligh Hinkle asking for membership into our Association.

By move and second we accepted them and gave them the right hand of fellowship.

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the Minutes. Messengers appointed last year to visit sister associations reported, and those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick of Virginia: Elders Franklin Viers and Andrew McGlothlin and Deacon Robert Jackson.

Rock Spring: Elder Gale McGuire and Brother Belvey Branham.

Mount Zion: Elder Don Lilly.

Little Yadkin River: Elder Vance Jones.

Burning Spring: Elder Paul E. Keaton.

Union: Brother Junior Adams and Tommy Adams.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder Eugene Blevins, Brethren Henry Puckett and Vernie Heath.

Received Minutes from the following Associations: Mount Zion Regular Primitive Baptist, Sand Lick of Virginia Regular Primitive Baptist, Senter District of Regular Primitive Baptist, Little Yadkin River Regular Primitive Baptist, St. Clair's Bottom Regular Primitive Baptist, Union Regular Primitive Baptist, New Liberty Regular Primitive Baptist, Mountain District Regular Primitive Baptist, Rock Spring Primitive and Burning Spring Primitive Baptist.

Visitors from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick of Virginia: Elder Ostill Smith, Brethren Arnold Childers, Truman Smith, Clarence Boyd and wife, Shelby Anderson and Clayton Belcher, Sisters Lindy Persian and Pearl McGlothlin.

Burning Spring: Elder Paul E. Keaton, Brother Arron Lackins, Sister Mary Ellen Osborn and Elder Arthur Barker and Brother Luther Haye and Edgar Rudd and wife, and Elder Parley Cantrell and wife.

Mount Zion: Elder A. L. Neely.

Rock Spring: Brother Junior Barton and wife, Kermit Barton and wife, and Sister Belva Branham, and Elder Charlie Littleton.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder Eugene Blevins

Old Valley Grove Church of Georgia: address, Plant City, Fla.

Stony Creek Church of North Carolina: Elder Elbert Hunter.

Wilson Church of Walnut Cove, N. C.: Elder Millard Shelton, Brother Howard Sist and Brother James Wilkins and wife.

Zions Rest Church of Jacksonville, Fla.: Brother H. E. Pam-eatis and wife.

Hope Well Church, Thaxton, Miss.: Elder E. D. McCutcheon.

Cedar Grove Church of North Carolina: Brother Roy Hall and wife.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

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

Friday Morning: Elders Andrew McGlothlin and Elder Franklin Viers, Elder Harrison Smith and Elder Wheeler Thacker.

Friday Afternoon: Elders Monroe Cantrell and Elder Lester Dixon.

Friday Evening at Peter Creek Church: Elders Jimmie Moore, Franklin Viers and Teddy R. Ball.

Friday evening at Louisa Church: Elders Monroe Cantrell and Lundy Coleman.

Saturday Morning at Stand: Elders Elmer Brown to open.

1. Elder Grub Dollin, 2. Elder Avery Lowe, 3. Elder Bufford Conaway.

Saturday Afternoon at Peter Creek Church House: Elder Don Lilly to open. 1. Elder E. D. McCutcheon, 2. Elder Millard Shelton.

Saturday Night at Peter Creek Church: Elder Avery Lowe to open. 1. Elder Lester Dixon, 2. Elder Elbert Hunter, 3. Elder Franklin Viers.

Saturday Night at Sulphur Spring Church: Elder J. C. Hager to open. 1. Elder Monroe Cantrell, 2. Elder Eugene Blevins.

Saturday Night at Calvary Church: Elder Arthur Barker to open. 1. Elder Grub Dollin, 2. Elder A. L. Neely, 3. Elder Jimmie Moore.

Saturday Night at Big Creek Church: Elder Johnny Click to open. 1. Elder Millard Shelton, 2. Elder Lundy Coleman, 3. Elder Michael Smith.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Abner L. Justice, Walter Daniels, M. B. Blackburn, Paul Dean Justice, Dorris Kendrick, Ron Moore, John I. Smith, Miles Thacker, George Rose, Elzia May, Harrison Smith, Sid Varney, Elmer Brown, Lundy Coleman, Johnny Jacobs and Charles Bronhan.

Committee on Finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Floyd Bostic, Ray Harlow and Alvis Keen.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

Rock Spring — Elders Lundy Coleman, Monroe Cantrell, Brethren Charles Branham, Joe Stanley, M. B. Blackburn, Paris Blackburn and Elmer Goff.

Burning Spring — Elders Harrison Smith, Monroe Cantrell, Joe Slone, Jack Layne, Jimmie Moore, Brethren Charlie Branham, Paris Charles and Alvin Keen.

New Liberty — Elders Don Hatfield, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Thacker and Jack Layne, Brethren Alvis Keen and Paris Charles.

Sand Lick of Virginia — Elders Teddy R. Ball, Joe Slone, Monroe Cantrell, Jimmie Moore, Michael Smith, Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn and Jack Layne, Brethren Lundy Childers and Kidna Charles.

Little Yadkin River — Elders Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Moore, Harrison Smith and John Kirk, Brother Elmer Goff.

Mount Zion — Elders J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, and Jack Layne.

Union — Elders Joe Slone, Robert Worrix, Clifford Thacker, Brethren Elmer Goff, David Akers, Joseph Slone and Anthony

Coleman.

St. Clair's Bottom — Elders John Kirk, Elmer Brown and Lawrence Jackson, Johnny Jacobs and Lundy Coleman, Brethren Onis Smith, Lundy Childers, George Rose, Paris Blackburn, Alvis Keen and Johnny Rose.

Moved and seconded that our Annual Meeting be held with the Old Pond Church, and to begin Friday evening before the last Sunday in March, 1977.

Moved and seconded that the Association be adjourned until 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING — September 4th, 1976

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

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following: Committee met at the Church House and was called to order by the Moderator.

1. Circular Letter read and approved and asked that it be read before the Association for exception.

2. Moved and seconded that the Association carry on its work for Saturday in the usual manner.

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

Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported the following: To open Elder Don Lilly, 1. Elder A. L. Neely, 2. Elder Jimmie Moore, 3. Elder Franklin Viers.

Finance Committee reported the following: \$701.00 and were discharged.

Called on Union Meeting Appointees to report. They reported and those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Union Meetings and their appointees are as follows:

Louisa Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1977. Elders to attend: John I. Smith, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Ruffard Howell, Kit Ratliff, Avery Lowe, Paul Dean Justice, Glen Coleman, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker and David Coleman, Jr.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1977. Elders to attend: Dan Adkins, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Kit Ratliff, Teddy R. Ball and Michael Smith. We invite Franklin Viers and Eli Moore.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1977. Elders to attend: Basil Hatfield, Joe Slone, Everett Brizendine, Glen Coleman, Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield, Elmer Brown and Michael Smith.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in

July, 1977. Elders to attend: Paul D. Justice, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Robert B. Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, John Kirk, Jimmie Moore, Lundy Coleman. We invite Franklin Viers, Bobby Mayhon and Paul Keaton.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1977. Elders to attend: Paul D. Justice, Robert B. Worrix, Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine, Elmer Brown and Teddy R. Ball.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1977. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, Jimmie Moore, Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine, Lawrence Jackson, Jack Layne, Troy Casey, Don Hatfield, Paul Varney, and Lee Ratliff. Elder Franklin Viers is invited.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1977. Elders to attend: Don Hatfield, Michael Smith, Teddy R. Ball, Fred Varney, W. H. Thacker, Basil Hatfield, Paul D. Justice, Joe Thacker, John Kirk, Avery Lowe and Elmer Thacker.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1977. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Michael Smith, Everett Brizendine, Robert B. Worrix, John I. Smith, Troy Casey and Paul D. Justice.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1977. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, J. C. Hager, Jack Layne, Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Elmer Thacker and Jimmie Moore. Elders Franklin Viers and Eugene Blevins are invited.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1977. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Lawrence Jackson, Jack Layne, Harrison Smith, Troy Casey, Robert B. Worrix, Michael Smith, David Coleman, Paul Varney, Jimmie Moore, Paul D. Justice and Everett Brizendine.

Johns Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1977. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Jeff Chapman, Harrison Smith, Jimmie Moore, Everett Brizendine, Teddy R. Ball, Joe Slone, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, John I. Smith and Paul Varney.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1977. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, Jimmie Moore, Troy Casey, Paul D. Justice, Paul Varney, Michael Smith, Joe Slone, Joe Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Glen Vipperman, W. H. Thacker.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1977. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, J. H. Blackburn, Michael Smith, Jack Layne, Paul Varney. We invite Elders Franklin Viers, Louis Allen Hill, Eugene

Blevins.

Friendship Church meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1977. Elders to attend: John Kirk, Joe Slone, Paul D. Justice, Jimmie Moore, Joe Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Basil Hatfield and Virgil Smith. Paul Keaton is invited.

Deerfield Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1977. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, Elmer Brown, Paul Varney, Paris Blackburn, Monroe Hammen. We invite Elders Eugene Blevins and J. C. Hager. All Elders from the Pontiac Church.

Pleasant Hill Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1977. Elders to attend: Harris Smith and J. H. Blackburn. We invite Elders Franklin Viers, Robert Mayhon, Arnold Childers, Leonard Barton, Ostil Smith and Arthur Barker.

Bethel Church meets the third Saturday in June, 1977. Elders to attend: All Elders of the Deerfield and Pontiac Churches are invited to attend.

Columbus Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1977. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, John I. Smith, Robert Worrix, Clifford Thacker, Paul D. Justice, Joe Slone, Don Hatfield, Michael Smith, Glen Coleman, Elmer Thacker and Opie Thacker. We invite Elders Bobby Mayhon, Jessie Tucker and Arnold Childers.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes and that Elder Elmer Brown 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 of the following: Sisters Peggie Margaret Williamson, Ida Coleman, Margie Roberts Maggard, Vivian Chapman, Betty Smith Chapman, Tennessee Coleman Prater, Ollie Mae Yates Street, Mercie Kendrick, Mable Keesee, Margie Reynolds Dotson, Sarah Garrett Mullins, Martha Slone, Minnie L. Smith, Nancy Ollie Smith, Zetta Varney Slone and Son Condrell and Sister Stella Stump; Brethren Adrian Dotson, Joseph Harrison May, Cecil Dotson, Eli Estep, Floyd Scott, Elder Daniel Arlin Thacker, J. U. Ulis Thacker, Richard Casey, Jessie Letcher Childers, Daniel May, Jim Adkins and Sam Tickle.

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

The Finances were disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$1,779.13
Amount received from the churches	701.00
Donations at the stand and pictures	498.00
Total cash on hand	\$2,978.13

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for the Minutes for 1975	\$ 637.00
Paid for moving seats	
Give the moderator	15.00
Give the clerk	25.00
Give to correspondents	220.00
Total cash paid out	\$ 897.00
Balance cash left on hand	\$2,081.13

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Johns Creek Church at Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1977.

Elder Teddy R. Ball was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. H. Blackburn be appointed to be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Joe Thacker. Then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

Teddy R. Ball, Moderator

John H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator

Stearl Hatfield, Clerk

Robert B. Worrix, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 5th, 1976

To open Elder Don Lilly.

1. Elder A. L. Neely, Text: First John 3:1: Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew him not.

2. Elder Jimmie Moore, text: Isaiah 59:1: Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

3. Elder Franklin Viers, text: St. John 12:24: Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

4. Our Moderator, Elder Teddy R. Ball, after giving some wonderful words of counsel, was thankful first to our Heavenly Father for another wonderful Association, also thanked the congregation for their presence and loving fellowship. And especially thank the members of the Peter Creek Church for taking care of the association (it was a job well done).

Uncle Hibbard Thacker, the oldest minister in our association (92 years old) came forward and dismissed the association until the time and place of our next association.

The Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren, Messengers, and Ministers which compose the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association:

I was appointed to write to you in the form of a circular letter last year. I will try at this time if the Lord will bless.

I believe that God has all power both in heaven and earth and none can stay his hand, He does his sovereign will. I believe that the Children of God were given to Christ, his Son, in the Covenant of Grace: a chosen people, and elect people, a predestinated people. Now the people of the world don't like for you to use these words but let's get them in order if the Lord will.

Deut. 7:7-8 — The Lord did not set His love upon you nor choose you because ye were more in number than any people for ye were the fewest of all people. But because the Lord loved you and because He would keep the Oath which he had sworn unto your Fathers hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed out of the house of bondage from the hand of Pharoah, King of Egypt.

Psalms 135:4 — For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself and Israel for His treasure. John 15:16 — Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name He may give it you. Eph. 1:4 — According as He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. I Peter 2:9 — But ye are a chosen generation, a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praise of him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. Now let us go to the elect if the Lord will; Romans 11:5-7 — Even so there is at this present time a remnant according to the election of Grace. What then Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for, but the election hath obtained it; and the rest were blinded. According as it is written God hath given them the spirit of slumbering eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear unto this day. I Peter 1, 2-20 — Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ who was foreordained before the foundation of the world; but was manifest in these last times for you. II Tim. 1:9 — Who hath saved us and called us with a Holy calling not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Now Brethren, let us see what the Lord says about predestination. Eph. 1:1-5 — Having predestinated us

unto the adoption of Children by Jesus Christ to him according to the good pleasure of his will. Eph. 1:10 — Having made known unto us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure which he hath purpose in himself that in the dispensation of the fullness of time he might gather together in one all things in Christ both which are in Heaven and which are on earth even in him. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the council of his own will: Proverbs 16:4 — The Lord hath made all things for himself yea even the wicked for the day of evil. Vengeance is mine sayeth God. So dear brethren all powers that be are ordained of God. Romans 9:16 — So then it is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy. Christ says all that the Father gave me shall come to me; so Jesus prayed for them in the 17th chapter of John: As thou hast given him power over all flesh that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. I have glorified on the earth, I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do; and He always prayed the Father's Will not his, so brethren, we can't pray to save no soul. We are about two thousand years too late and the Father's Will cannot be changed or altered. So brethren, nothing short of the Grace of God and the blood of His dear Son, will we ever see Heaven. So my dear brethren, this letter has been much longer than I thought it would be. But I have written it in love and hope you all receive it in love.

Whosoever will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. So let's love one another not in words only but in deeds live in peace.

Written by Elder Elmer Thacker
In hope of eternal life.

VISITING ELDERS

Arthur Barker
Lester Dixon
E. D. McCutcheon
Millard Shelton
Elbert Hunter
Grub Dullon
Paul E. Keaton
Charlie Littleton
Andrew McGlothlin

Buford Conoway
Gale McGuire
A. L. Neely
Vance Jones
Franklin Viers
Eugene Blevins
Arnold Childers
Vance Jones
Parley Cantrell

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Louisa — W. H. Thacker, Robert B. Worrix, Joe Slone, Clifford Thacker, Noah Slone, Kedna Charles, Bradley Worrix, Albert Justice, Calvary Runyon, Jack Coleman, Joseph Slone, Clyde Sanders, Abner L. Justice, Anthony Coleman, Ulius Adkins, Bradley Worrix, Jr., Joe S. Slone, George Coleman, Carl Justice.

Old Pond — Andy Blackburn, Evans Breeding, Walter Daniels, Ray Harlow, Steve Hunt, Berlin Thacker, Sherman May, Floyd Bostic.

Big Creek — Joe Thacker, Dan Adkins, Elmer Thacker, Johnny Hatfield, George Fuller, Daniel Roberts, Joe B. Stanley, Joe P. Stanley, Ireland Coleman, Delmer Williamson, M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon — Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Clinton Justice, George McCoy, Rufus Goff, Alvis Keen, Paris Charles, Dave Newsom, Kermit Coleman, Linton Collins, Roger Coleman, Elmer Goff, Edward Blevins and Homer Coleman.

Peter Creek — Jack Layne, Troy Casey, B. Richard Smith, L. Richard Smith, Leo Coleman, Elsie Coleman, Floyd Stump, Virgil M. Smith, Harrison Smith, Sterl Smith, Doris Kinder, Pery Stump, Earl Casey, Junior Casey, J. R. Smith, Elliott Casey, Lee Ratliff.

Sulphur Spring — J. H. Blackburn, Arthur May, Rosevelt Young, Arthur Stiltner, Frank Dotson, Burlin Blackburn, Joe H. Blackburn, George W. Lester, Sam May, Frank May.

Little Hope — John I. Smith, Virgil A. Smith, J. B. Ball.

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

Samaria — Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Everett Brizendine, Stearl Hatfield, J. E. Hatfield, Dennis Dotson, James Hager, Jarvie Ward, George Rose, Clayton Smith, Freeling Smith, Ballard Smith, Jackie Scott and Johnny Rose.

Johns Creek — Harrison Smith, John Stiltner, Lee Stiltner, Elcanie Smith, Monroe Smith, Bailey T. Coleman, Plennie Coleman, Carl Coleman, Berlin Newton and Noah Smith.

Calvary — Kit Ratliff, Glen Vipperman, Jeff Chapman, Ernest Thacker, Andrew Hunt, Able Chapman, Rush Chapman, Sid Varney, Martin Thacker, Homer Coleman, Bradley Coleman, and Jimmie Coleman.

Dry Fork — Elmer Brown, Johny Looney, Lawrence Jackson, Harrison Street, Shorty Vandyke, Lundy Childers, Carl Vandyke, Rean Owens and Orville Owens.

Friendship — A. B. Lowe, John Kirk, Martin Childers, Roby Lewis.

Columbus — Lundy Coleman, Wheeler Thacker, Paris Black-

burn, Ray Dotson.

Deerfield — John Jacobs, Onis Smith, J. C. Hager, Ray Anderson, Harold Blackburn, Charles Blackburn, Earnest Hager.

Pleasant Hill — Jimmie Moore, Woodruff Dulin, Gale McGuire, Junior Barton, Kermit Barton, Dallas Barker, Dock Eldridge, Charles Branham.

Little Union — Elza May.

Bethel — Monroe Cantrell, John Click, Jr. and Daniel Robertson.

We the Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ called by name Peter Creek now in session this the fourth Saturday of August, 1976.

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association when it convenes with the Peter Creek Church at Phelps, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1976.

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 Jack Layne and Troy Casey, Deacons "Big" Richard Smith, "Little" Richard Smith, Leo Coleman, Elsie Coleman, Floyd Stump, Virgil M. Smith, Harrison Smith, and Brethren Sterl Smith, Daris Kinder, Perry Stump, Earl Casey, Junior Casey, and J. R. Smith, Elliott Casey and Lee Ratliff, 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	2
Experience and Baptism	12
Relation	0
Restored	2
Dismissed by Letter	0
Excluded	2
Deceased	5
Total Membership	119

Done and signed by the order of the Church

Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator

Sister Evelyn S. Dotson, Clerk

Please send 150 Minutes.

Contribution \$50.00

Union Meeting appointees for next year: Elders Elmer Brown, Jimmy Moore, Franklin Viers, Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Johnny Blackburn, Everette Brizendine, Lawrence Jackson, Jack Layne, Troy Casey, Don Hatfield, Paul Varney and Lee Ratliff.

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

Ministers: Elder Jack Layne, Phelps, Ky. 41553, and Elder Troy Casey, Phelps, Ky. 41553.

Licentiates: None.

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Brother Elzie May ----- Fedscreek, Ky. 41524
Brother Woodroe Chapman ----- Kimper, Ky. 41539

CHURCH

MODERATOR

COMMUNION

Louisa — Elders W. H. Thacker and
Robert B. Worrix ----- July, 2nd Saturday
Old Pond — Elder Teddy R. Ball ----- June, 2nd Saturday
Big Creek — Elders Joe Thacker and
Dan Adkins ----- June, 3rd Saturday

Raccoon— Elder J. H. Blackburn -----	June, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spring — Elder J. H. Blackburn -	August, 1st Saturday
Peter Creek — Elder Teddy R. Ball -----	June, 4th Saturday
Little Hope — Elders W. H. Thacker and Michael Smith -----	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine — Elder J. H. Blackburn -----	July, 3rd Saturday
Samaria — Elders Teddy R. Ball and Michael Smith -----	June, 3rd Saturday
John's Creek — Elder J. H. Blackburn -----	July, 2nd Saturday
Little Union — Elder Teddy R. Ball -----	May, 1st Saturday
Calvary ----- Elder Kit Ratliff	June, 1st Saturday
Dry Fork — Elder Teddy R. Ball -----	May, 2nd Saturday
Columbus — Elder T. R. Ball and Lundy Coleman -----	April, 4th Saturday
Friendship — Elder Avery Lowe -----	August, 4th Saturday
Deerfield — Elders Robert Mayhon and J. C. Hager -----	May, 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill — Elder James Moore -----	April, 3rd Saturday
Bethel — Elder Monroe Cantrell -----	June, 3rd Saturday

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa — Bradley Worrix, 340 Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501 -----	150
Old Pond — Ray Harlow, Huddy, Ky. 41535 -----	175
Big Creek — M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky. 41519 -----	125
Raccoon — Edward Bevins, 274 Kentucky Ave., Pikeville, Ky. 41501 -----	140
Peter Creek — Evelyn S. Dotson, Phelps, Ky. 41553 -----	125
Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603 --	125
Little Hope — Virgil A. Smith, Route 2, Box 42, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555 -----	70
Grapevine — Miles Thacker, Phyllis, Ky. 41554 -----	90
Samaria — J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544 -----	190
Johns Creek — Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. 41539 -----	80
Little Union — Earnest Blair, Feds Creek, Ky. 41524 -----	60
Calvary — Rush Chapman, Kimper, Ky. 41539 -----	90
Dry Fork — Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Va. 24656 -----	125
Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, 2456 Dawnlight Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211 -----	100
Friendship — Martin Childers, Thelma, Ky. 41260 -----	40
Deerfield — Earnest Hager, 846 N. Oak St., Fenton, Mich. 48430 -----	90
Pleasant Hill—Charles Branham, R.R. 1, Irvin, Ohio 43029 --	90
Bethel — Mrs. Betty Click, 5067 Caroline St., Gary, Ind. 46409 -----	40

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mount Zion — Allen L. Mann, Rt. 2, Box 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 — Tommy Adams, Eolia, Kentucky 40826 -----	25
Burning Spring — Jimmy Mann, Rt. 2, Box 515 A, Salyersville, Ky. 41465 -----	25
New Liberty — Lester Martin, 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, W. Va. 25064 -----	25
Sandlick District — Robert Jackson, Rowe, Va. 24646 -----	25
Little Yadkin River — Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 27017 -----	25
St. Clair's Bottom — Elder E. G. Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694 -----	25
Mountain — Raymond Nichols, Route 1, Box 139, Galax, Va. 24333 -----	25
Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Kentucky 41544 -----	20
Clerk — Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Kentucky 41544 -----	25
Total -----	2200

OBITUARIES

PEGGY MARGARET WILLIAMSON

Peggy Margaret Williamson, 75, of Stone, Ky. died Wednesday afternoon in the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital following a lingering illness.

Born February 3, 1900 in Pike County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Mitch and Octavia Varney Blackburn. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Golda Palmer of Stone, Ky. and Marie Pinson of Borderland, W. Va.; two sons, Jack Williamson of Berea, Ohio, and Bob Williamson of Elton, Louisiana; three sisters, Lydia Blevins and Agnes Stanley, both of Huddy, Ky., and Polly Blair of Astabula, Ohio; two brothers, Andy Blackburn and Lacey Blackburn, both of Hardy, Ky.; 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Sidney Williamson and Lewis Williamson, and by one son and two brothers.



IDA COLEMAN



It is with a sad and aching heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear mother and grandmother, Ida Coleman, who departed from this life August 29, 1976, at Raccoon, Kentucky, making her stay here 93 years, three months, and four days.

She was born May 25, 1883, the daughter of Willie Breedlove and Rebecca Goff Breedlove. She is the widow of George Gross, who preceded her in death. Later she married Albert Johnson, who also preceded her in death. Then she

married Brother Bud Coleman, who preceded her in death in December of 1975.

She is survived by one daughter, Esther Johnson Ramey, Raccoon, Kentucky; one half-sister, Minnie Keys, Haysi, Virginia; five step-children, 25 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and a host of friends. There have been five children who preceded her in death.

She will be sadly missed by all of us, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. We thank God that we had her as many years as we did. She was a great inspiration to us. We won't be able to sit down by her bedside here anymore and talk, but by the grace of God we will meet her around the great white throne, where we will never have to part anymore.

Written by her daughter Esther
and her children

MRS. VIVIAN CHAPMAN

In loving and precious memories of my dear friend, Vivian Chapman, I will write her obituary.

Vivian was born October 19, 1907 at Swords Creek, Virginia. She departed this life February 21, 1976. She was the daughter of Richard Hall Johnson. She was married to Joseph Howard Chapman who survives. To the union was born one daughter, Avon Cline; two sons, Jack Chapman and Dempsey Chapman. She also leaves three brothers, Arthur Johnson, Raymond Johnson and Joseph Johnson; two half-brothers, William Johnson and Jack Johnson; one sister, Hazel Crockett, who since Mrs. Chapman's death has also departed this life. She also left four grandchildren. She had two grandsons who were

killed in the Vietnam War. She was a devoted wife and mother.

Mrs. Chapman was one of the finest and most honest people I ever met. She had many talents, cooking, sewing and a friend to everyone who knew her. She was a cook in our school for many years. She loved children very much. She was one of the dearest friends I have ever known. We all miss her, but I guess I miss her more than anyone else because we worked so many years together. She lived a true faithful Christian life, which showed so much in her everyday life. She was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

A precious one from us is gone; a voice we love is still. A place in her home and school is vacant, that never can be filled, but I believe she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and is resting from all her worries and suffering in this life. She was laid to rest at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in West Land, Michigan.

Written by her friend,
Callie B. Blankenship

BETTY CHAPMAN

With much sadness I'll try to write obituary of my dear sweet mother, Betty Smith Chapman, who God called away one sad evening. It's been so sad since Mom went away but try to be patient and wait for that bright morning when we can all go home together, no more sad parting, no more sad farewell.

Mom was born March 30, 1877. She departed this life October 5, 1974. She was preceded in death by her husband and three sons. Her husband, Thomas J. Chapman, was an elder of Primitive Baptist Church.



They leave seven children to mourn their loss, two sons and five daughters. Mom was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She was a faithful member as long as her health permitted her to go. Mom made her home with her two oldest daughters, Sarah Dotson and Mona Ball after she got too feeble to stay home alone after Dad passed away. We miss her so and hope to meet her in a better world where no more sad parting, no more sad farewells. God bless you, Mother, I loved you so.

Written by your daughter, Sarah Dotson

MARGIE ROBERTS MAGGARD, Lake Wales, Fla.

I will try to write the obituary of my dear sister, Margie Maggard, who departed this life July 22, 1976 following an extended illness. She was born October 23, 1911, the daughter of Daniel Roberts and the late Ettie Newsome Roberts. She was married to Arnold Maggard May 12, 1934 who survives.



Other survivors other than her husband and father are one daughter, Gloria Fae Simmons; one son, James Daniel Maggard, both of Lake Wales, Fla.; two brothers, Millard Roberts, Sidney, Ky.; Millis Roberts, Virgie, Ky.; three sisters, Maudie Green, Huddy, Ky.; Mellie Slater, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Melpha Smith, Morehead, Ky., and six grandchildren. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1962 and took membership with Old Pond Church, Belfry, Ky. She was always a good woman and a Christian for several years. She has told me of her experience with the Lord which was beautiful. She is missed by all her relatives and friends but I feel our loss is her eternal gain.

*Tears may dry and fade away
But in our hearts she will always stay,
Memories are treasures that no one can steal,
Death is a heartache that no one can heal,
And in our hearts her memories will always linger.*

May God bless all her family to be reconciled to God's will and may he give them grace to look forward to a great reunion day where the family will be complete with no more parting or pain.

Written by her broken-hearted sister,
Mellie Slater

MRS. TENNESSEE COLEMAN PRATER

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear sister, Tennessee Coleman Prater, who departed this life September 23, 1975.

Born October 29, 1901, she was the daughter of the late Elder Leck and Betsy Ann Smith Coleman. She was married to the late Whetzel Prater. To this union were born four children. One son preceded her in death. This left three children to mourn the loss of her; one daughter, Mrs. Ruby C. Ander-

son of Fenton, Mich.; two sons, James Garnet Prater of Zion, Ill., and William Jackson Prater of Chicago, Ill.

She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Kelsie Brown of Beauford, South Carolina; two brothers, Taylor Coleman of Elyria, Ohio, and Elsie Coleman of Phelps, Ky; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was never united with any church but was a strong believer in salvation by grace. She loved the church and stood by her husband, an elder of the church. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Sadly missed by her family
Written by her brother, Elsie Coleman

OLLIE MAE (YATES) STREET



Ollie Mae (Yates) Street departed this life February 15, 1976, in the Grundy Hospital, of an apparent heart attack.

She was born December 23, 1934 in West Virginia, the daughter of the late George and Gladys Yates. She was married October 13, 1956, to Paul Street. To this union were born five children, one daughter and four sons.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; daughter, Paula Street, and sons, Teddy, Harrison, Jeffery, and Charles Keith, all of the home.

Also surviving are three sisters, Georgie Elswick of Vansant, Virginia; Margie Belcher of Harman, Virginia, and Molly Gladden of Michigan; three half-sisters, Dorothy Moore of Oakwood, Virginia; Joyce Leach of Arrington, Virginia, and Betty Harper of Michigan, and two half-brothers, Bill Elswick of Detroit, Michigan, and Charlie Elswick of Vansant, Virginia.

Ollie united with the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church, and was baptized on April 15, 1962, by Elder Teddy Ball. She remained a member of the Dry Fork Church where she many times, seemed to feast at Mother Jerusalem's table, until death took her away.

Her passing away has brought sorrow to her many friends. Her husband mourns the loss of a loving and faithful wife and companion, her children the loss of a loving mother, and the church the loss of a beloved member.

Although this flower has faded from earth's garden, we be-

lieve it will burst forth with new life to bloom in Eternity, around God's glorious throne, when Jesus comes to make up his jewels.

At this time many hearts are heavy with sorrow, but surely her eternal gain is far greater than our loss.

Written by a friend of the family
Elder Lawrence Jackson

MERCIE KENDRICK

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my dear sister-in-law.

Mercie Kendrick was born August 7, 1903, and deceased August 4, 1976, making her stay on earth 72 years, eleven months and 28 days. She was the daughter of Green Justice, Sr. and Lila Adkins Justice. She was married to William Kendrick and to this union no children were born but they raised one boy, Jessie Kendrick.

She never joined the church but was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist Church. She leaves a loving husband, William Kendrick, and two brothers, Arvel and Flem Justice, and a host of friends.



Written by a brother and sister-in-law,
Arvel and Ora Justice

MABLE KEESEE

Mable Keesee was born December 19, 1905, the daughter of Elliott and Nona Francis Duty, at McCarr, Ky. and died at Williamson, W. Va. on July 20, 1976.

From her first marriage to Homer Mayhorn were born two sons, Robert and Earl, and one daughter who died in infancy. After her husband's death she was married to Dow Anderson who also preceded her in death.

Sister Mable was a member of another church order for many years and was baptized into the



Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June of 1973. Her membership was with Samaria Church and none was a more faithful member. She greatly enjoyed hearing the great truths of God and was greatly blessed in her belief, and always pursued the way of peace in her contacts with all others.

She will be missed by all who knew her and we feel that our loss of her is her eternal gain in Christ.

Written by a sister

SARAH GARRETT MULLINS

Sarah Garrett Mullins was born April 25, 1897. She was the daughter of Andrew "Andy" and Nancy Garrett. She deceased this life December 19, 1951, making her stay on earth 54 years, seven months and 25 days. She was married to William Robert "Bill" Mullins 41 years. To this union was born 15 children, four preceded her in death, leaving eight girls and three boys, and her husband, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her death. She was a good loving wife and mother, and loved by all who knew her.



She joined the Primitive Baptist Church with her membership at Sumac Grove Church. She lived a faithful member until God called her spirit home to live with him. She went to church as long as she was able to go. She was sick for some time before her death, but bore her sickness with much patience. She never lost her keen sense of humor, nor her strong abiding faith, and always had a smile for everyone. Her home was a welcome home. If any mother ever loved her children, Sarah did. Her thoughts were constantly on their welfare. She was concerned that they lived noble lives.

Bill gave up a precious wife, the children gave up a good mother. They will always hold her near and dear in their memory as long as they live. Job said all the days of my appointed time I will wait till my change come, Thou shalt call and I will answer thee, and when Christ comes the second time without sin unto salvation, to gather his people home. The grave that holds Sarah now will hold her no longer. She will raise up with all the redeemed family of God, and be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and go home with him to live forever more.

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

*When the stars shine like silver,
And the sun sinks in the west
I long to clasp her to my bosom,
Good by, Mother. God loved you best.*

May God bless this family is my prayer.

Written by: Carrie Deel
requested by the children

MARGIE REYNOLDS DOTSON



Sister, you were mild and lovely, gentle as the summer breeze, pleasant as the air of evening as it floats among the trees. Such a person was a dear old Sainted Mother in Israel, Margie Reynolds Dotson, who was called from this life August 13, 1976. She was born May 7, 1901 at Kelsa, Virginia, the daughter of the late Joe and Mary Dotson Conn. She was married to Alex Reynolds who preceded her in death in 1962. They were the parents of two sons, Billy and Harry Reynolds, and two daughters, Mrs. Peggy

Haynes and Mrs. Phayne Williams. She was later married to Adrian Dotson who also preceded her in death January, 1976. Sister Margie united with the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church at Kelsa, when she was a very young girl. She was so much dedicated and faithful to the church until her passing.

She is survived by her four children, twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, two brothers, three sisters and a numerous host of friends. May God bless her children to be submissive to His will and to say, Sleep on, Mom and Dad, until that Great Resurrection Morning, when by the Grace of God we shall be reunited to part never more.

Vicie Blackburn

MARTHA SLONE

In memory of my mother, Martha Slone, I will try to write her obituary. She was born September 7th, 1907. She was the daughter of Green and Dulcina Thacker of Millard, Kentucky.

Her husband, Lenard Slone, preceded her in death, also five children, Nancy, Myrtle, Bula Faye, Martha June, and Bradley. Survivors include six daughters, Mae Thacker, Opal Adkins, Cenia Thacker, Bethel Thacker, Donnie Slone, and Doris Huffman; four sons, Lenard Curry, Curt, Ed, Fred; 37 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; also four sisters, Lou Bevins, Ocie Daniels, Josie Reynolds, and Bessie Thacker; brothers, Otis, Greenie; deceased sisters, Bertha; deceased brothers, Howard, Harvey, Estil and Dewey.

Mother, we miss you.

Your Loving Daughter, Opal
and Family, Brothers and Sisters



MINNIE L. SMITH

In loving memory of a dear sister, mother and grandmother. Minnie L. Smith, age 72 years, was born March 28, 1904 at Huddy, Ky. She departed this life April 15, 1976. She was the daughter of the late Freeman May and Matilda May. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Smith. Surviving are three children: two sons, Billy L. Smith of California; Willie James Smith of Robertsburg, W. Va., and one daughter, Anna Lee Harris of Charleston, W. Va.; one sister, Zetta May of Huddy, Ky.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, baptized by Elders Frank Wheeler and Dan Adkins. She was a firm believer in Salvation by the Grace of God and had lived a good moral life. She is very much missed by



her family and all who knew her. I feel that she had a hope of that eternal home where all is peace, joy, and happiness, forever more, and our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by the family

NANCY OLLIE SMITH

Nancy Ollie Smith was born February 28th, 1884 and died April 10, 1976. She was the daughter of the late Elder W. M. Stanley and Delilah Staten Stanley. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She was married to the late Perry Smith, and in this union was born 13 children, seven which survive: one boy and six girls; also one brother and one sister, many grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.



The Lord blessed us to keep her 92 years before he called her so quietly home.

Sadly missed by all who knew her. Mama, we miss you so much.

The Family

STELLA STUMP

In loving memory we write this obituary of our mother, Stella Stump.

She was born October 7, 1900 and died May 15, 1976, the daughter of James and Mary Hamilton.

She was married to Perry Stump in 1919. To this union was born nine (9) children: Gladys, Thurman, Alta, Delphia, Ervin, Edith, Frances, Ernie and Geneva. Thurman and Alta preceded her in death.



Mom was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church for over 30 years. She loved the church and always filled her seat when she was able.

Daddy is so lonesome without her. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit

that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Written by her children

JEARLDINE RAY

Jearldine Ray, 36 years of age, passed from this earthly life June 5, 1976 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Born in Pike County on March 24, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Homer Thacker and Mrs. Bertie Thacker Blackburn of Elyria, Ohio. She was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. She joined May 10, 1970 and was baptized June 14, 1970 by Elders Arlen Thacker and Robert B. Worrix.



Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Bertie Thacker, Elyria, Ohio; one son, Roy Neal Ray, Elkhorn City; one sister, Mrs. Magdaline Ray, Millard, Ky.; a paternal grandfather, Elder Hibbard Thacker, Canada, Ky.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints."

The Family

ZETTIE VARNEY SLONE and CONDRELL SLONE



It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituaries of two dear friends, Zettie Varney Slone and her son, Condrell Slone.

Zettie was born October 3, 1903 to the late Henry and Ollie Hensley Varney. She departed this life April 13, 1976, making

her stay on earth over 72 years, leaving three brothers, two sisters, and a host of friends. She was married to John Slone who preceded her in death. She was the mother of four children, one of which preceded her in death by a few days. She was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church for many years and filled her seat when she was able, and was willing to do whatever was possible to help the church. Her seat in the old church is vacant now, but we hope someday to meet her in a greater and better place. Zettie was a good and kind friend to everybody. I am sure our loss is heaven's gain. She will always be remembered and missed by the Calvary Church and the people of Varney's Branch.

Her son, Condrell Slone, preceded her in death by a few days. He was born in 1932 and departed this life April 9, 1976, making his stay on earth 44 years of which he spent at home with Zettie who took good care of him for he could not care for himself. He went wherever she went. She lived long enough to see her prayers answered. She followed him to the church where she died in peace knowing he was at rest with Jesus. They were both buried in one large grave at the Varney's Branch Cemetery, Kimper, Ky. They are gone from this world but will never be forgotten.

Written by someone who loved and misses them both very much.

Glennis Varney

JOSEPH HARRISON MAY

Joseph Harrison May was born December 2, 1888, and deceased this life November 20, 1975, making his stay on earth 87 years, eleven months and 18 days.

He was the son of John Henry and Sarrah Jane May. He was married to Annie Smith July 28, 1932, and to this union were born two children: Melvin May and Billy Joe May, both of Hurley, Virginia, and Edward May and Robert May of Hurley, Virginia, by previous marriage.

He never united with the church but was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist Doctrine and was willing to help the church in any way he could. He leaves his wife and four children and one brother, Jessie May of Kenova, West Virginia, and 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We feel sure that our loss is Heaven's gain.



Written by Elder Arthur May

ADRIAN DOTSON

Born May 2, 1903, Brother Adrian was the son of George B. and Nancy M. Dotson. He was married to Betty Dotson, his first wife. To this union was born six children: Carl, Carmell, Avery, Ruth, Gloe, Claudia. His first wife preceded him in death. He later married Sister Margie Reynolds Dotson who survived him.

Brother Adrian united with the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was later ordained a deacon, which office he served willingly and faithfully until his death. Brother Adrian is greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. We feel our loss is heaven's gain, so we say, sleep on, dear brother, until the great and noble day when we can meet again.

Brother Adrian also leaves two sisters to mourn him, Mary Griffey and Vada Haynes.

Written by this unworthy servant-in-hope,
Elder Everett Brizendine

CECIL DOTSON

Obituary in memory of a dear loving husband and a very very loving father, Cecil Dotson, well known as "Big Foot." He was born January 17, 1921 and died December 14, 1975. He was 54 years old. He was the son of Mary Dotson and Paris Dotson, both deceased. He has four brothers. One is deceased. His name is Freelin. The others are Roy, Earnest, Ray. He has two sisters. They are Melda and Mae.



He worked in the mines and was a roofer. His survivors include his wife, Alice E. Dotson; two sons, William and Todd, and one daughter, Lana Nadine. He had two stepsons, Claude and Frank Ferguson, and two step-daughters, Nettie and Melinda Ferguson. He was a member of Primitive Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

I lived each day on the word "Hope" that we will meet again. A better husband and father no one will ever know.

Written by his wife
Alice E. Dotson

FLOYDE SCOTT

Floyde Scott, 82, a life-long resident of Hardy, Ky. and well-known retired merchant and farmer of that area, died Thursday, April 15, 1976. Born October 22, 1893 at Hardy, he was a son of the late William and Nancy Jane Runyan Scott. He was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lizzie Keesee Scott; one daughter, Mrs. Edith Scott Burke of Tampa, Fla.; one son, Clifton Scott of Hardy; one step-son, Earl Hankins of Hardy; two brothers, Mac and Elbert Scott, both of Hardy; one sister, Mrs. Gladys Clay of Newport News, Va.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, two brothers and one sister. He is missed and loved by all who knew him. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.



Brother Don Hatfield

ELI ESTEP



Eli Estep, age 64, born February 13, 1912, a resident of Jamboree, Kentucky, passed away following a long illness, May 10, 1976 in the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South William, Kentucky. He is survived by his wife, Meda Tolliver Estep; one son, Allen Estep of Parkersburg, W. Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Hulene Robinett of Majestic, Ky., and Mrs. Dallas Honaker of Parkersburg, W. Va. He leaves behind fifteen (15) grandchildren, three (3) great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

He was the son of Elijah and Louzania Prater Estep; with three brothers and three sisters, all who preceded him in death.

He was an elder of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years. One of his favorite verses is the one in song 253, which expresses his belief in Christ Jesus, and is as follows:

"Long 'ere the sun began his days, or moon shot forth her

*silver rays, Salvation's scheme was fixed, 'twas done, In
cov'nant by the three in one."*

His undying faith and trust in the Salvation of Jesus Christ never faltered. This was evidenced many times by his vision of Hope, the Love he shared with all those who knew him. This great Faith and Love has brought him into the arms of Jesus Christ, where he will have a resting place forever.

*Sleep on Darling, I know you're at rest.
I get so lonesome for you, but I know God knew best;
You won't have to suffer no more, your pains are all gone,
I hope to meet you on that Resurrection morn'.*

Written by:
Meda (his wife) and family

ELDER DANIEL ARLEN THACKER

Elder Daniel Arlen Thacker passed from this life Monday, 11:20 a.m., October 6, 1975, making his stay on this earth 60 years, 10 months and five days.

Arlen was the son of Elder W. H. Thacker and Maggie B. Thacker. Brother Arlen leaves to mourn his loss his dearly beloved wife, Flossie J. Thacker. They were united in holy wedlock November 23, 1935. To this union there were no children. He raised his niece, Vada Jane Charles. He also leaves one brother, Raymond Thacker, Cincinnati, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. Zettie Thornsby, Mrs. Rebecca Stanley, and Mrs. Vertie Smith, all of Canada, Ky., and Mrs. Ona Worrix of Zebulon, Ky.



Brother Arlan united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church July 14, 1968 and was baptized August 11, 1968, along with six other brothers and sisters. The church was a Heaven below on that day of rejoicing, and Brother Arlen's gift was acknowledged by the church and on May 12, 1974 was ordained an Elder into the full work of the ministry.

The church has lost a faithful member and his wife a dear husband, but we feel that just a few days we'll join him by taking our flight to that celestial realm to be with Jesus and all his family.

We feel Arlen's testimony of God's love was shown to all that knew him and his feelings were expressed by one of his favorite songs, "I'm a Stranger Here Below."

Sleep on, Brother Arlen, take that peaceful sleep. We hope to meet you in the morning in the midway of the air.

Written by,
Elder Robert B. Worrix

J. U. THACKER

J. U. (Ulius) Thacker passed from this earthly life July 18, 1975. He was born in Pike County August 21, 1920, the son of T. J. and Martha May Thacker.

He was married to Juanita Coleman Thacker March 31, 1943 and to this union were born two sons: Larry Thacker, C-4 Pikeville, Kentucky and J. U. Thacker, Jr. of the home; two daughters: Darlene Spears, Rt. 6, Pikeville, and Jearldine Kinder of Upper Chloe Creek.

He also leaves five grandchildren and five brothers and four sisters. His mother also survives his passing.

Ulius united with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church July 11, 1971 and he was a minister. He was a strong believer in the salvation of the Lord. We sadly miss him, but his family lifts up their heads having that hope of seeing him in the morning. So, sleep on a little while Brother Ulius, our loss we feel is Heaven's gain.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

The Family



RICHARD CASEY



It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear brother, Richard Casey.

He was the son of the late Albert Casey and Deliah Smith Casey born February 1, 1897 and departed this earth September 9, 1975, making his stay on earth 78 years.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Peter Creek (Coleman, Ky.) for ten years.

Written by brother
Elliott Casey

JIM ADKINS

In memory of my father, Jim Adkins, I will attempt to write his obituary. He was born April 19th, 1905 and was the son of Milton and Francies Adkins. He deceased July 7th, 1976, leaving his wife, Hazel, and nine children: one daughter, Bessie Dennis; sons, Ireland, Junior, Jack, Alvin, Dean, Bill, Milton, Tommy, and two step-children, Epp and Rufus; two sisters, Martha Damron and Annie Thacker, and one brother, Bill Adkins. He had 32 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Sadly missed by his wife and children and friends.



Written by his oldest son,
Ireland Adkins

JESSE LETCHER CHILDRESS



Jesse Letcher Childress departed this life January 6, 1976 in the Grundy Hospital, after a long illness.

He was born April 4, 1902, in Little Prater, to George W. and Areminty Jane (Shortridge) Childress, and was a retired carpenter. He married Toy Ellen Vandyke, daughter of George W. and Americus (Phillips) Vandyke of Dry Fork, on March 21, 1923, and to this union were born four-

teen children, eight sons and six daughters.

Jesse was preceded in death by his loving wife, Toy, on February 12, 1975. Also preceding him in death was one daughter, Carol Sue, and one son, Franklin P. Childress.

Surviving are daughters, Lena Dahonyas, Lorain, Ohio; Glema Boyd, Rt. 2, Grundy, Va.; Shirley Mullins, Royal City, Va.; Mary Kerr, Columbus, Ohio; Linda Bowman, Rt. 2, Grundy, Va., and sons, Cecil C., Vermilion, Ohio; Kenneth E., Russellville, Ark.; Ted, Lorain, Ohio; Thomas J. Fairfield, Calif.; Roger, Rt. 2, Grundy, Va.; Virgil (Bo), Roanoke, Va.;

and Billy J., Dahlonga, Ga. Also surviving are 36 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Jesse was the last member of his immediate family.

Funeral services were conducted at the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church with Elders Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, and John Looney officiating.

Jesse united with the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church Sunday, July 27, 1975, being baptised by the Elders Elmer Brown and Teddy Ball.

Daddy has gone to join Mom, where we know he wanted to be, and we know they are both happier now, although we miss them very much. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Their Loving Children

DANIEL MAY

It is with a sad and aching heart that we will try and write the obituary of our dear brother and uncle, Daniel May. He was the son of the late Elijah and Caroline (Brown) May. He was born at Canada, Ky. November 3, 1905, and departed this life February 17, 1976. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized the third Sunday in September 1952, and remained a strong believer in salvation by the grace of God as long as he lived. He had been disabled to attend church for some time but was true to the doctrine until the end.



He was married to Pearl West August 4th, 1927, and to this union was born six children, five daughters and one son: Delila Bevins, Lorado, W. Va.; Jean Schwab of Springfield, Ohio; Mary Williamson and Virginia Blackburn of Detroit, Mich.; Linda Daniels of Columbus, Ohio, and John May of Williamson, W. Va. His first wife preceded him in death June 19, 1942. He later married Pearl Maynard and to this union was born four children, three sons and one daughter: Faye Smith of Springfield, Ohio; Danney May of Detroit, Mich.; Burgess May of Pinsonfork, Ky., and Bobby May of Sidney, Ky.; 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Besides his widow, children and grandchildren he leaves four sisters and one brother to mourn his loss: Lizzie Billiter, Pricy Varney and Thomas May of Sidney, Ky.; Anna May

of Columbus, Ohio, and Alabama Williamson of Canada, Ky., and a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

He was loved by all who knew him and loved to have his relatives and friends to come and visit with him. He is missed by all who knew him but we feel our loss is his eternal gain, for we feel he is at rest and we hope by the grace of God that we will meet again some day.

Written by his sisters
Pricy Varney, Lizzie Billiter
and his niece, Aliene Billiter

JESSIE HOMER THACKER

Jessie Homer Thacker, 56, of Millard, died at 9:10 A.M. Monday November 18, 1963, at the Pikeville Methodist, after a long illness.

Born at Fishtrap, Ky., he was the son of Elder Hibbard Thacker of Canada, and the late Mrs. Maggie Blackburn Thacker.

Survivors other than his father include his wife, Mrs. Bertie Thacker; two daughters, Mrs. Geraldine Ray and Mrs. Magdaline Ray of Millard; two brothers, Arlen Thacker of Fishtrap, and Raymond Thacker of South Lebanon, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. Ona Worrix, Zebulon; Mrs. Rebecca Stanley, Mrs. Zettie Thornsby and Mrs. Verdie Smith, all of Canada, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church at Millard.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.



The Family

SAM TICKLE



It is with much sadness I will try and write the obituary of my dear husband, Sam Tickle.

He was born September 18, 1908, passed away May 14, 1976, making his stay on earth 67 years and four months. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and a faithful member. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, three children, Larry J. Tickle, Mt. Sterling, Ohio; Ronald L. Tickle, Buskirk, Ky.; Cheryl Kay Nelson, South Point, Ohio, and seven grandchildren.

We all miss him so much. We are living in hope of meeting him some day where there won't be any sad farewells only happiness and be with our heavenly father forever. Our loss is his eternal gain. He is gone but not forgotten.

Written by his wife
Amber Tickle

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 messengers 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.

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