

**Minutes**  
*of the*  
**One Hundred Twenty-Eighth**  
**Annual Session**  
*OF THE*  
**Original Mates Creek Regular**  
**Primitive Baptist Association**

ORGANIZED IN 1849

*held with*  
**Samaria Primitive Baptist Church**  
**September 5th, 6th, and 7th**  
**1980**

Next session convenes with the Calvary Church, (Pike County), Kimper, KY, and to begin Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1981 at 10 o'clock a.m.

**OFFICERS**

Elder Teddy Ball .....	Moderator
Elder Johnny Blackburn .....	Assistant Moderator
Brother Stearl Hatfield .....	Clerk
Brother Steve Hunt .....	Assistant Clerk



## ***Proceedings***

### **Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association Held With The Samaria Church**

FRIDAY MORNING — September 5th, at 10:00 a.m.

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Don Hatfield. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Mike Smith. Text: no special text. Called for the letters from all churches. The letter was read from the Samaria Church. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of the messengers enrolled in the minutes.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The association elected the following to serve for the coming year:

Elder Teddy Ball ..... Moderator  
Elder Johnny Blackburn ..... Assistant Moderator  
Brother Stearl Hatfield ..... Clerk  
Brother Steve Hunt ..... Assistant Clerk

Newly constituted churches called for. None received.

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the minutes.

Messengers appointed last year to visit sister associations reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from sister associations received and seated as follows:

Sand Lick of Virginia — Bobby Arrington and Robert Jackson  
Burning Springs — Roby Ferguson, Jerry Brown, and D. J. Blanton

Little Yadkins River — Vance Jones and Robert Lawson  
Union — Dallas Adams, Tom Adams and James Adams  
St. Clairs Bottom — Elder Eddie Lyle and Brother Bernie Heath and wife

Mt. Zion — Elder A. L. Neely and Brother J. R. Lilly

Visitors from associations and various churches received and seated as follows:

Union — Brother J. R. Smith

Sand Lick — Andrew McGlothlin, Pearl McGlothlin and David May

Mount Zion — Pearl Price, Ora Watson, and Minnie White, Franklin Oresta and wife, Elder Owen Harvey and wife

Burning Springs — AnnaLee Blanton, Mary Connaway, Beatrice Wallen and Lena Wallen, Lorene Hensley and Edgar Rudd and wife

Little Yadkins River — Sister Hulda Jones, Lillian Lawson,



Hurbert Billings and wife, Floyd Baker and wife  
Miami Church — Sid Flemings, Garlin Edwards  
New Friendship Church, HaHire, Georgia — Elder Mayhew  
Young  
Catcreek Church, Valdosta, Georgia — Bob Dickerson  
Zions Rest Church, Jacksonville, Fla. — Brother Henry Parmet-  
ter and wife, Brother B. G. Riley  
Cedar Grove Church — Elder Roy Hall  
Willson Church — Elder Millard Shelton and Brother Howard  
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Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary ap-  
pointments. A messenger from each church, together with all the  
messengers from the Samaria Church, was appointed to arrange for  
the preaching.

They reported the following:

Friday Afternoon at Samaria — Elder Bobby Arrington to  
introduce the services with prayer, and Elder Jerry Brown and Roby  
Ferguson to follow.

Friday Night at Peter Creek Church — 1. Elder Robert Lawson. 2.  
Elder J. C. Hager. 3. Elder Vance Jones. 4. Elder J. H. Blackburn

Friday Night at George Ratcliff's Home — 1. Elder Roger Parker.  
2. Elder Michael Smith. 3. Elder Jimmie Moore, and Elder T. R. Ball.

Saturday at Stand — 1. Elder Ray Frenchman. 2. Elder Vance  
Jones. 3. Elder Mayhew Young. 4. Elder Robert Dickerson.

Saturday Afternoon at the Church House — Elders Millard Shel-  
ton, Roy Hall and Eddie Lyle.

Saturday Night at Calvary Church House — Elders Jimmie  
Moore, Fonso Justice and Arthur Barker.

Saturday Night at Big Creek Church House — Elders Ostill  
Smith, Eddie Lyle, Roy Hall and Millard Shelton.

Saturday Night at Louisa Church House — Elders Glen Coleman,  
Mayhew Young and Robert Dickerson.

Saturday Night at James A. Hager's Home — Elders J. C. Hager,  
Paul Varney, Roger Parker, Michael Smith, Franklin Viers and  
Teddy R. Ball.

Saturday Night at Mat Blankenship's Home — Elders David May,  
Harrison Smith, Owen Harvey and J. H. Blackburn.

Committee on arrangements was appointed as follows: Robert  
Worrix, Ray Harlow, Delmar Williamson, Glen Coleman, George  
Lester, J. B. Ball, Miles Thacker, Ronnie Crawford, Ernest Blair,  
Harvey Coleman, Sid Varney, Lawrence Jackson, Avery Lowe,  
Paris Blackburn, J. C. Hager, Jimmy Moore and Roger Parker.

Committee on finances was appointed as follows: Gordon May,



Dana Hager, Mike Scott.

Messengers who agreed to visit sister associations as correspondence are as follows:

Sand Lick — Elders J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn and Lundy Coleman.

Burning Spring — Elders Harrison Smith, Avery Lowe and Teddy R. Ball, Brother Martin Childers.

Mt. Zion — Elders J. H. Blackburn, Harrison Smith, Teddy R. Ball, Don Hatfield, Jimmie Moore and Fonso Justice.

Little Yadkin River — Elders Harrison Smith, Jimmie Moore and J. H. Blackburn, Brother Carl Coleman.

Union — Elders Joe Slone, Noah Slone and Junior Coleman.

St. Clair's Bottom — Elders Jimmie Moore, Fonso Justice, Teddy R. Ball and Michael Smith, Brother Steve Hunt.

New Liberty — Elders J. H. Blackburn and Don Hatfield.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with the Old Pond Church, and to begin Friday evening before the last Saturday in March, 1981. Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

#### SATURDAY MORNING — September 6, 1980

The association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Harrison Smith.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

This committee met immediately after lunch and was called to order by moderator. Committee recommended 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.

Finance committee reported \$1120 and was 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 — Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1981. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown, Glen Coleman, Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell, Johnny Jacobs, Paul D. Justice, Wheeler Thacker, David Coleman, Jr., John Kirk, and Kit Ratliff.

Old Pond — meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1981. Elders to attend: Dan Adkins, Elmer Thacker, Basil Hatfield,



Teddy Ball, Don Hatfield, Mike Smith, Johnny Blackburn, Walter Sullivan, Paul Varney, Fred Varney, Kit Ratliff. Invite Franklin Viers and Paul Trautner.

Big Creek — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1981. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Mike Smith, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, Joe Slone, Paris Blackburn, Jimmie Moore, Lawrence Jackson, Paul Varney, Glen Coleman

Raccoon — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1981. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy Ball, Elmer Brown, John Kirk, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kit Ratliff, Clifford Thacker, Wheeler Thacker.

Peter Creek — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1981. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Paul Varney, Mike Smith, Kit Ratliff, Johnny Blackburn, Lawrence Jackson, Harrison Smith, Jimmie Moore. Invite Franklin Viers.

Sulphur Spring — meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1981. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Lee Smith, Paul Dean Justice, Robert Warrix, Lawrence Jackson, T. R. Ball and Arthur May.

Little Hope — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1981. Elders to attend: All ministers of the Mates Creek Association are welcomed.

Grapevine — meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1981. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Joe Slone, Elmer Thacker, Fonso Justice, Paul D. Justice, Jimmy Smith, Lawrence Jackson, Jeff Chapman. Franklin Viers is invited.

Samaria — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1981. Elders to attend: Johnny Blackburn, Bob Worrix, Paul D. Justice, Harrison Smith, Lawrence Jackson, J. C. Hager, Kit Ratliff, Jimmy Moore, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Paul Keaton. Franklin Viers is invited.

Little Union — meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1981. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Paul Varney, J. C. Hager, Lawrence Jackson, Johnnie Blackburn, Mike Smith, Walter Sullivan, Harrison Smith, Bob Worrix, David Coleman, Wheeler Thacker, Clifford Thacker. Invite Bobby Mayhon.

John's Creek — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1981. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, Jimmie Moore, Paul Varney, Jeff



Chapman, Junior Coleman, Monroe Cantrell, Jimmy Smith, Mike Elswick, Fonso Justice.

Calvary — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1981. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy Ball, Robert Worrix, John I. Smith, Mike Smith, Jeff Chapman, Paul Varney, Joe Slone, Jr., Glen Vipperman, Junior Coleman, Troy Casey, Fonso Justice.

Dry Fork — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1981. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, John Looney, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Walter Sullivan and Jimmy Smith. Invite Franklin Viers and Ellis Owens.

Friendship — meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1981. Elders to attend: Joe Slone, Robert Worrix, Mike Elswick, Walter Willis, Elmer Thacker, Avery Lowe, John Kirk, Paul Keaton, Clarence Hopkins, Glen Lilly and Basil Hatfield. We also invite any and all ministers in our association and corresponding associations.

Columbus — meets the fourth Saturday in April, 1981. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Robert Worrix, Glenn Coleman, Johnny Kirk, Jesse Tucker, Johnny Jacobs, Elmer Brown, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Elmer Thacker, Robert Mayhon, and Arnold Childress. We invite all preaching brethren of Pontiac Church, Dayton Church, and Elder Eugene Blevins.

Deerfield — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1981. Elders to attend: Paul Varney, J. H. Blackburn, Monroe Cantrell, John Click, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Larry Thornsby, J. C. Hager, John Jacobs. All of the Pontiac Church is also welcomed.

Pleasant Hill — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1981. Elders to attend: Leonard Barton, Ostil Smith, Arnold Childress, Millard Shelton, J. C. Hager, Otis Buell, Frank Gullett, Monroe Cantrell, John Click, Jerry Brown. All peace-loving brethren invited.

Bethel — meets the third Saturday in June, 1981. Elders to attend: All of Deerfield Church, Pontiac, and Oak Grove Churches, and Parley Cantrell.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the Minutes, and that David Junior Coleman prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2100 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:



Sisters: Elizabeth Duty Runyon, Nancy Howell, Maxie Chapman Turnmire, Mary Hall Simpkins, Verlie Smith, Lizzie Dotson Hackney, Cordella Adkins, Sarah V. Salyers, Dortha Coleman, Mary Edwards, Charlene Varney, Louisa Stanley, Marcella Smith, Emma Trout, Cassie Fuller Thacker, Esta Bagar, Alice Fuller Thompson, Draper Irene Hess Brown, Darcus T. Coleman, Didema Ball Webb, Alice J. Campbell; Brethren Golden Earl Smith, George Williamson, App Smith, Pink Osborn, Roger Lee Blackburn, Troy D. Zimmerman, Bert Scott, Grayson Stacy, Jim Williamson, Robert V. Edwards, Perry Stump, Emzy M. Varney, Lee B. Stiltner, Anthony D. Coleman, James Don Justice, Riley Honaker, Shearlie B. Meade, Walter A. Daniels and G. A. Campbell; Sisters Nancy Akers and Clemma Smith.

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:

Balance left on hand from last year .....	\$2,226.78
Amount received from the churches .....	1,120.00
Donations at the stand and pictures .....	236.00
Interest on money in the Bank .....	44.21
Total cash on hand .....	\$3,626.99
Cash Paid Out:	
Paid for minutes for 1979 .....	\$ 925.29
Give the Moderator .....	50.00
Give the Assistant Moderator .....	50.00
Give the Clerk .....	50.00
Give the Assistant Clerk .....	50.00
Paid for lumber for seats .....	206.93
Total Cash Paid Out .....	\$1,332.22
Balance cash left on hand .....	\$2,294.77

Agreed that our next association be held with the Calvary Church of Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1981. Elder Don Hatfield was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Jimmie Moore to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Kit Ratliff, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:     Teddy Ball, Moderator  
                    Johnny Blackburn, Asst. Moderator  
                    Stearl Hatfield, Clerk  
                    Steve Hunt, Asst. Clerk



SUNDAY MORNING — September 7th, 1980

Singing and Prayer by Elder Owen Harvey.

1. Elder Garnell Gilbert. Text: Proverbs 3:5, *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine understanding.*

2. Elder A. L. Neely, Text: *For this is the Love of God that we keep his Commandments.*

3. Elder Franklin Viers. Text: *Behold I show you a mystery, etc.*

4. Elder Teddy R. Ball. No special text.

We want to be thankful, first to God for a wonderful Association, and to the Brothers, Sisters and Friends for taking care of the Association.

We want to thank our correspondents for attending. May God's blessings be with them. We want to thank the Pike County Board of Education for the use of the lunch room. We especially want to thank the cooks for the good meal they prepared.

The Clerk

## CIRCULAR LETTER

To Mates Creek Association:

Feeling to be very weak to write to you in the form of a circular letter, I hope the Lord will lead my mind to write this letter.

Job 14:12 — *So man lieth down and riseth not till the heavens be no more. They shall not awake nor be raised out of their sleep.*

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which are asleep in Jesus will God bring with him, for this we say unto you, by the word of the Lord that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord. We shall not prevent them which are asleep, for the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with a voice of an Archangel and with the trump of God, the dead in Christ shall rise first. We which are alive and remain shall be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Therefore, comfort one another with these words. Let us walk in the old path which is the good way. Let us abide in the grace doctrine of Jesus Christ.

God bless you all is my prayer.

Your Brother in Christ the Almighty God, I hope  
Clifford Thacker



## VISITING ELDERS

Roby Ferguson  
Jerry Brown  
Robert Arrington  
Andrew McGlothin  
Mayhew Young  
Robert Dickerson  
Franklin Viers  
Vance Jones  
Roy Hall

Eddie Lyle  
Millard Shelton  
Owen Harvey  
A. L. Neely  
Robert Lawson  
Buford Connaway  
Ray Flinchman  
Garnell Gilbert

## MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

Louisa — Robert Worrix, Clifford Thacker, Joe Slone, Jr., Jessie Tucker, Noah Slone, Kedna Charles, Bradley Worrix, N. C. Runyon, Jack Coleman, Joseph Slone, Ireland Adkins, Abner Justice, Bradley Charles, Bradley Worrix, Jr.

Old Pond — Ray Harlow, Clifford Hunt, Steve Hunt, Leroy Smith, Berlin Thacker, Jake Runyons, Mike Scott, Tony Scott, Bryan Deskins, Bob Dotson.

Big Creek — Elmer Thacker, Larry Thornsby, Gordon May, Luther Smith, Joe B. Stanley, Delmar Williamson, James Stanley, Clive Smith, Clarence Bogar, Quincy Stanley, Johnnie Smith, Ireland Coleman.

Raccoon — Glenn Coleman, Fonso Justice, Homer Coleman, Fred Pinson, Bobby Collins, Rufus Goff, Linton Collins, Elmer Goff, George McCoy, Dave Newsome.

Peter Creek — Troy Casey, Jimmy Smith, Leo Coleman, Floyd Stump, Daris Kinder, Elsie Coleman, J. R. Smith, Ray Smith, Earl Casey, Fonso Hatfield, Opie Hatfield, Dave Estep, Paul Smith, Ance Casey, Jr., Ernest Dotson.

Sulphur Springs — J. H. Blackburn, Arthur May, George Lester, Frank Dotson, Lonnie Moore, Luther Blackburn.

Little Hope — J. B. Ball, George Ball, Virgil Smith, John I. Smith, Bobby Blackburn.

Grapevine — J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Miles Thacker, Bradley Coleman, Landon Webb.

Samaria — Teddy Ball, Mike Smith, Don Hatfield, Paul Varney, Fred Varney, Walter Sullivan, Stearl Hatfield, Luther Scott, Jarvey Ward, Larry Scott, Dennis Dotson, Ronnie Crawford, J. E. Hatfield, Frank Hager, Roy Justice, James Hager, Lucas Hatfield, Ed



Hatfield.

Little Union — Lonzie Blair, Ernest Blair.

Johns Creek — Harrison Smith, Eleanice Smith, Harvey Coleman, Plennie Coleman, John Stilner, Frank Coleman, Carl Coleman.

Calvary — Rush Chapman, Sid Varney, Martin Thacker, Ernest Thacker, Ben Chapman, Lester Varney, Junior Coleman, Andrew Hunt.

Dry Fork — Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, Shorty Vandyke, Lundy Childress, Howell Arms, Clyde Looney, Jack Rose.

Friendship — Avery Lowe, John Kirk, Luther Vanhooose, Martin Childers.

Columbus — Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, David Coleman, Jr., Mike Blankenship, Ray Dotson, Dewey Daniels.

Deerfield — J. C. Hager, Harold Blackburn, Bradley Hager, Ray Anderson, Ernest Hager.

Pleasant Hill — James Moore, Tivis Barton, Arthur Barker, Bob Compton, Dean Moore, Jim Stacy, Eugene Deel, Charles Branham, Kermit Barton.

Bethel — Roger Parker.

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CHURCH	MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa	Robert Worrix	July, 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Teddy Ball	June, 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Dan Adkins, Elmer Thacker	June, 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	John H. Blackburn	July, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Springs	John H. Blackburn	August, 1st Saturday
Peter Creek	Teddy Ball	June, 4th Saturday
Little Hope	Michael Smith	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	John H. Blackburn	July, 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Teddy Ball	June, 3rd Saturday
John's Creek	John H. Blackburn	July, 2nd Saturday
Little Union	Teddy Ball	May, 1st Saturday
Calvary	Kit Ratliff	June, 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Teddy Ball	May, 2nd Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April 4th Saturday
Friendship	Avery Lowe	August, 4th Saturday
Deerfield	Robert Mayhorn, J. C. Hager	June, 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Jimmie Moore	April 3rd Saturday
Bethel	Monroe Cantrell	June, 3rd Saturday

### DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

	Number of Minutes
Louisa — Bradley Worrix, 340 Burning Fork Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 .....	150
Old Pond — Ray Harlow, Rt. 1, Box 35, Huddy, KY 41535 ....	150
Big Creek — Elmer Thacker, Huddy, KY 41535 .....	125
Raccoon — Edward Bevins, 274 Kentucky Avenue, Pikeville, Ky 41501 .....	125
Peter Creek — Evelyn S. Smith, Phelps, KY 41553 .....	100
Sulphur Spring — George W. Lester, Big Rock, VA 24603 .....	125



Little Hope — Virgil A. Smith, Rt., Box 42, Pinsonfork, KY 41555.	50
Grapevine — Miles Thacker, Phyllis, KY 41554 .....	75
Samaria — Ronald Crawford, Ransom, KY 41558 .....	140
Johns Creek — Carl Coleman, Box 54, Kimper, KY 41539 ...	100
Little Union — Ernest Blair, Steele, KY 41566 .....	75
Calvary — Rush Chapman, Kimper, KY 41539 .....	90
Dry Fork — Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, VA 24656 .....	125
Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, RR 2, 5010 Riley Rd., Johnstown, OH 43031 .....	130
Friendship — Martin Childers, Thelma, KY 41260 .....	50
Deerfield — Ernest Hager, 846 N. Oak Street, Fenton, MI 48430.	50
Pleasant Hill — Charles Branham, RR. 1, Irwin, OH 43029 ....	125
Bethel — Mrs. Betty Click, 739 McCool Road, Valparaiso, IN 46383 .....	50

### MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mount Zion — Allen L. Mann, Rt. 2, Box 252, Ronceverte, WV 24970 .....	25
Union — Tommy Adams, Eolia, KY 40826 .....	25
Burning Spring — Elder Glen Lilly, 4016 Hughes St., Huntington, WV 25700 .....	25
New Liberty — Lester Martin, 3914 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, WV 25064 .....	25
Sand Lick — Robert Jackson, Rowe, VA 24646 .....	25
Little Yadkin River — Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, NC 24694 .....	25
St. Clairs Bottom — Elder E. G. Lyle, West Jefferson, NC 28694...	25
Mountain — Raymond Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 139, Galax, VA 24333...	25
Moderator — Elder Teddy Ball, Rt. 2, Box 42, McCarr, KY 41544.	25
Clerk — Stearl Hatfield, Rt. 2, Box 45, McCarr, KY 41544 .....	40
TOTAL .....	2100





## CLEMMMA SMITH

Clemma Smith departed from this life August 12th, 1976. She was 89½ years old. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years.

Oh Mother, how we miss you,  
Our loss is Heaven's gain.  
Our hope is to meet her  
in Heaven some sweet day.

Sadly missed by her children.

Written by her daughter  
Vicy Williams

## NANCY AKERS

Nancy Akers was born February 17, 1898 at Ransom, Ky., to the late Anderson and Oma Smith, and died at the Williamson Memorial Hospital November 1, 1978. She was married to Henry Akers who preceded her in death.

To this union was born ten children — two sons: Frank Akers and Henry Lee Akers; eight daughters: Mrs. Martha Neal, Mrs. Plumer Carpenter, Mrs. Myrtle Sparks, Mrs. Susie Hatfield, Mrs. Josephine Gossett, Mrs. Dolly Hatfield, Mrs. Oma Ward and Beatrice Whitt. She had 50 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.



Sister Nancy was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for many years and was faithful until death. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Mike Smith

## ELIZABETH (DUTY) RUNYON

Though weak in body, by the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of our beloved Sister in Christ.

Elizabeth (Duty) Runyon was born May 8, 1892, and departed this life June 16, 1980, making her stay on earth 88 years, one month and eight days. She was the daughter of the late Charlie and Gencie (Bostic) Duty.

When a much younger woman, she was married to William Runyon who preceded her in death July 1, 1963. To this union were born



seven daughters, Rosie Childress, Mary Jane Deel and May Gilbert, all of Vansant, Va.; Crissie Muncy, Legonier, Ind.; Thelma Flemming, Ockeechokee, Fla.; Blanche Childress and Cara Owens, both of Legonier, Ind., and three sons, Tivis and Holiday of Clinchco, Va., and William Jr., Vansant, Va., survive. One son, Lee Runyon, preceded her in death in 1966. Also one half-brother, Henry Duty, Coeburn, Va., and two half-sisters, Martha Artrip, Bristol, Va., and Mary Dotson, Lebanon, Va., survive. She also leaves 56 grandchildren, 106 great-grandchildren, 16 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.



**Elizabeth (Duty) Runyon**

On October 6, 1976 she united with the Duty View Primitive Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until Jesus called her spirit home.

This precious one always had a sweet smile and a kind word for everyone. She was a kind mother, a loving grandmother, a good neighbor and church member.

No doubt Mother had a hard time raising her children and would have loved to give them more of earthly things if she could have, but God blessed her with a sweet love to share with her family that was more precious than anything this earth holds. There is now an emptiness in the hearts of the family impossible to explain, but try to call back the memories of good times you spent with Mother and cherish them in your hearts. Her place will be vacant, her smile we see no more, so all we can say is sleep on dear one, take your rest, and by the grace of God we will meet you again where sickness, sorrow, pain, nor death cannot come.

Written by request of the family  
by Pauline Arrington

### **NANCY HOWELL**

With a sad aching heart, we'll try to write the obituary of our mother-in-law, Nancy Howell, who passed away September 20th, 1979, making her stay on earth 86 years, four months and three days. Grandma was baptized into the Primitive Baptist Church the third Sunday in October, 1947. She was a faithful member until she became ill. She was married to the late Elder Wayne Howell, who preceded her in death September 10, 1968. They were blessed with



twelve children, six boys and six girls. She had 47 grandchildren and 63 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. The two oldest boys preceded her in death. Grandma was loved by all her friends and neighbors around her.

So children, when you think of Mom, she's not dead, she's only sleeping, waiting for the day when the Lord comes back and gathers his jewels to go home and live forever.

Our loss is heaven's gain.

Her daughters-in-law and Sisters  
in Christ we hope,  
Angie and Yvonne Howell



**Nancy Howell**

### **MAXIE CHAPMAN TURNMIRE**

In loving memory, I will write the obituary of my mother, Maxie Turnmire, who was born on May 14, 1911, and departed this life on earth on January 17, 1980, making her stay here on earth 68 years, nine months and three days.

She was the daughter of the late Abel Chapman and Mary Collins Chapman. She has three brothers, Abel Chapman, Phyllis, Ky.; Edd Chapman, Kimper, Ky.; Sterll Chapman of Virginia, and one sister, Mable Ratliff, Jenkins, Ky.

She was united in marriage to Robie Turnmire on July 28, 1935. To this union were born 12 children, nine boys and three girls. One boy preceded her in death, the oldest son, Roosevelt; Walter Turnmire, Prestonsburg, Ky.; James, Lee, Ray, Kenneth, David, Stanley June, Adali, all at Kimper, Ky.; Mae Justice, Phyllis, Ky.; Sue Hackney, Edith Hackney, Michigan. She also has 26 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mom never united with any church but she believed in Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church. Sleep on, Mother, till we meet again.

Written by her daughter,  
Mae Justice





## MARY HALL SIMPKINS

Mary Hall Simpkins was the daughter of the late Joe and Elizabeth Hall, born at Jenkins, Ky., February 15, 1888, and departed this life June 6, 1980, at the age of 92 years.

She was married to Ira Simpkins September 14, 1906, and to this union was born thirteen children. She was preceded in death by her husband, four sons and two daughters.

Sister Mary united with the Primitive Baptist Church in the early thirties, but was deprived of the privilege of going to church because of poor health. Her health was very bad for many years, but she bore her afflictions very patiently.

She is survived by four daughters, Audrey Murphy, Mae Kennedy, Maude Simpkins, and Martha Simpkins, all of Meador, W. Va.; three sons, Benny and Mack Simpkins of Meador, W. Va., and John Simpkins of Columbia, S. C. She leaves 48 grandchildren, 84 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren and one sister, Virgie Mounts of Phelps, Ky.

May God help this family to be submissive to His will and to realize that by the Grace of God they will all be reunited, to forever be together.

By request,  
Johnny Blackburn

## VERLIE SMITH



I will try in my weakness to write the obituary of my beloved neighbor and Sister in Christ is my hope. It is with sadness, but a loving memory of Verlie Smith.

Verlie was born June 10, 1910, and departed this life February 17, 1980.

Sister Verlie united with the Old Pond Primitive Church October 12, 1969, and was baptized by Elder Dan Adkins and the late Elder Frank Wheeler. She lived a faithful member and filled her seat as long as she was able to go. But her sickness had her bedfast for over three years. But she still talked of her church and Savior. She had a precious hope of living and walking again. Her hope is our loss but her Heaven's gain.

She leaves to mourn her loss a loving husband, LeRoy Smith; a



wonderful daughter, Faye Smith; a son-in-law, Ransom Smith; one brother, Clarence Carroll; one half-brother, Payton Evans, and a lot of good friends.

Written by Beatrice Thacker

### LIZZIE DOTSON HACKNEY



In the mist of our sorrowful and broken hearts, we write this obituary to honor our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Lizzie Dotson Hackney was born March 28, 1909. She was the daughter of the late Elias and Sally Hatfield Dotson. Her earthly life ended on the morning of June 30, 1980, at her home in Phelps.

Lizzie's precious companion, Grant Hackney, preceded her in death. His departure left a lonely, empty void in her life that the passing years did not erase. Also

preceding her in death were five brothers and two sisters.

Left to mourn her passing are four daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Coleman, Mrs. Ruth Hatfield, Mrs. Sada Dale and Mrs. Marie Kinder, all of Phelps; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Stump and Mrs. Myrtle Wagner, both of Phelps; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Sister Lizzie was a precious and faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Phelps. She loved her brothers and sisters of the church and touched many of their lives with her devotion and willingness to help.

For us she was like the flame of a candle that lit up our lives by being there. Now that the flame has gone out, our lives will be dimmer but the candle will always be there to cherish in our heart and memories.

Written by those who loved and will miss her

### CORDELLIA ADKINS

In loving memory of our dear mother, Cordellia Adkins, who was born on May 10, 1882, and departed this life on June 25, 1980, making her stay on earth 98 years, one months and 15 days.

She was the daughter of Jim Smith and Kattie Smith, who preceded her in death.

She was united in marriage with Mitchel Adkins in 1901. For 21 years. He preceded her in death. To this union was born 13 children,



12 boys and one girl. Eleven preceded her in death.

She is survived by one daughter and one son: Dellie Thornsburg of Kimper, Ky., and Truman Adkins of Zebuland, Ky. She is also survived by 21 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

She united with the Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church in 1920, and lived a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. She will be dearly missed by all of us. We feel that she has a home in glory. And our loss is heaven's gain.

Written By: Daughter  
Della Thornsburg



**Cordelia Adkins**

### **SARAH V. SALYERS**

**HARDY, Ky.** — Sarah Varney Salyers, 70, of Hardy, Ky., died Saturday evening at her home of a sudden illness.

Born July 7, 1909 in Pike County, she was a daughter of the late Henry and Florence Hensley Varney.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Salyers; two sons, Billy Ray Varney of Taylor, Mich., and A. J. Varney of Grand Rapids, Mich.; five step-sons, Elmer Salyers of Florida, Ronnie Salyers and Jackie Salyers, both of Richmond, Va.; Willie Salyers of Roanoke, Va.; Carlos Salyers of Kingsport, Tenn., and Lester Salyers of New York, N. Y.; a step-daughter, Virginia Ruth Runyon of Belfry, Ky.; five brothers, Onis Varney of Elgin, Ill.; Ballard Varney of Oceana, Vernon Varney of Pelion, S. C.; J. B. Varney of Taylor, and Woody Varney of LaGrange, Ohio; a sister, Lassie Williams of Stone, Ky., and six grandchildren.



Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Rogers Chapel with the members of the Primitive Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. View Memory Gardens at Huddy, Ky.

Pallbearers were Thurmon Bostic, Junior Bostic, Johnny Varney, Emerson Varney, Harold Smith, Bill Hill and Denny Justice.



Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, Ky.

### **DOROTHY COLEMAN**

Sister Dorothy Coleman, the daughter of John and Emily Varney and wife of Taylor Coleman, was a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church of Blackberry, Ky. for 35 years. She was baptized by Plenty Justice. Her favorite ministers were Teddy Ball and Johnny Blackburn.



She is survived by her seven children, Mary, James, Earl and Helen of Elyria, Ohio; Scott of Medina, Ohio; Carol of Columbia Station, Ohio, and Pauline of Elyria, Ohio. She has 26 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her brothers, Sid and Garland Varney, both of Kimper, Ky., and Junior Varney of McVey, Ky., and sisters, Jenny Norman, Meta, Ky., and Mrs. Viola Sloane of Big Creek, Ky. A brother and three sisters preceded her in death. She was a wonderful wife and mother. She lived 69 years, ten months and eleven days, and all who knew her loved and respected her.

In loving memory,  
Earl J. Coleman

### **MARY EDWARDS**



Sister Mary Edwards of Hardy, Ky., was born in Pike County, Kentucky, January 8, 1882, to the late Thomas and Lucy Farley. She was a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. Aunt Mary is survived by two daughters, Tonsy Walker of Stone Creek, Va., and Mintie Edwards of Hardy, Ky.; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and two grandchildren, eight brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

On January 31, 1976, she made a request how her funeral arrangements



were to be made and the songs that she loved, to be sung. On Thursday night, May 15, 1980, at the Williamson Memorial Hospital, West Virginia, she departed this life at the age of 98 years. Her request was carried out the way she wanted it by Elders Fred Varney, Teddy Ball and Don Hatfield at the Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, Ky.

Aunt Mary was a member of Old Pond Church for several years and was a strong believer in the power of God's Grace. She called for prayer many nights when she was suffering.

Written by  
Elder Don Hatfield

### **CHARLENE VARNEY**

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."*

Charlene Varney was born on October 26, 1922. She trusted in God's promise and she was ready when God called her to come home. She answered her Saviour's call on October 1, 1979, at 1:25, on a Monday afternoon. She was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn her loss until we see her with Jesus, her husband, Elder Fred R. Varney; her two sons, Robert L. Varney and Roger D. Varney; her only grandchild, Roger D. Varney, II, and many friends, relatives, and brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

We all love her and miss her with all our being. We thank God for being so gracious to bless us with her presence for almost 57 years. Her call to her heavenly home leaves all of us with a great void in our hearts that words cannot express. She was a faithful and loving wife and mother.

But we trust completely in the Lord and live with full assurance that we will be united with her again for all eternity.

Written with all our love in memory of  
**Charlene Varney** by her family

### **LOUISA STANLEY**

On Sunday, August 17, 1980, at 6:15 a.m. Louisa Hunt Stanley died at her home at Sidney, Ky., following a lingering illness. Louisa was born January 23, 1890, making her stay with us 90 years, six months and 25 days. She was the daughter of Frank and Rebecca Steele Hunt of Hardy, Ky. She had four brothers and one sister who preceded her in death.



She was married November 2, 1905, to Turner Stanley who preceded her in death on December 30 1961. They lived 57 happily married years at Canada, Ky. She was the mother of thirteen (13) children, four sons and nine daughters: Wayne Stanley, Forrest Stanley, Joe Stanley, Lear Smith, and Birdie Smith, all of Canada, Ky.; Victor Stanley of Belfry, Ky.; Eva Taylor, Marie Taylor and Norma Jean Scalf, all of Sidney, Ky.; Lyncha Smith of Toler, Ky.; Inis Taylor of Palatka, Florida, and Myrtle Carden of Hopewell, Va., and Eunice Runyon who preceded her in death on March 14, 1966. She has living 20 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and five step-great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, and a great host of friends. She was a mother not only to her own family but was like a mother to a great number of children who grew up in her community.



**Louisa Stanley**

She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. She loved everybody, so we say, Dear Loving Mother, sleep on in that sweet sleep until Jesus comes again.

Sadly missed by the family

## **MARCELLIA SMITH**

It is in loving memory and with great sadness we write the obituary of our dear mother, Marcellia Hackney Smith. She was born August 25, 1890, to the late Alex and Mary Reynolds Hackney. She departed this life November 17, 1979, making her stay on earth 89 years, two months and 22 days. She was united in marriage to Wilburn Smith who preceded her in death 36 years ago. To this union were born thirteen children. Left to mourn her loss are eight sons and five daughters, Wheeler, Harrison, Floyd, Jessie and Dallas Smith, all of Phelps, Ky.; Freeland and Phillip Smith of Ransom Ky.; Richard Smith of Kimper, Ky.; Mary Charles, Minnie Casey, Bithie Stevenson and Delphia Smith of Phelps, Ky., and Molly Blankenship of Majestic, Ky. She was also survived by 53





grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren.

Mother joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Peter Creek January 1933. She was baptized by Elder Jackson Prater and remained a faithful member and a kind, loving mother. She left this beautiful thought with us children, "That she was proud of the way she had lived her life on this earth." She left a good example for us children to follow. Our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by her children

### EMMA TROUT

Emma Trout, 66, of Hardy, died December 20 in the Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were held in the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel in Belfry with Elders Dan Adkins, Mike Smith and Paul Varney officiating. Burial followed in the Mountain View Memory Gardens at Huddy.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Trout; daughters, Mrs. Goldie Carter of McAndrews, and Mrs. Faye Mullins of Hardy; sons, Floyd Trout of Point Pleasant, W. Va.; Buddy Trout of Columbus, OH; Gene Trout of Stone, and T. J. Trout of Burnwell; brothers, Sidney Smith of Toler, and Johnny Smith of Canada; sisters, Vizy Evans and Lydia Smith, both of Grantsville, W. Va.; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Born February 7, 1913, she was a daughter of the late Jeff and Jane (Varney) Smith, and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.



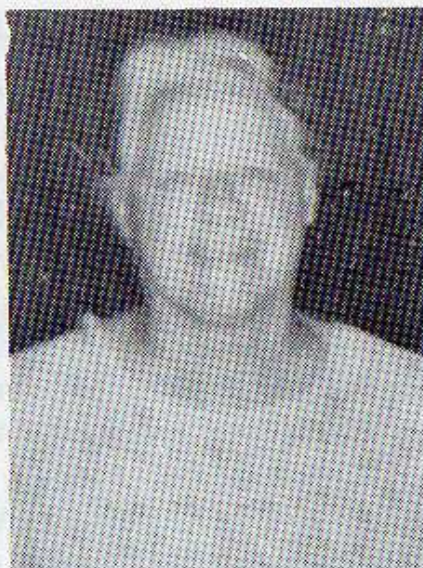
### CASSIE FULLER THACKER

It is with loving memory, we write this obituary of our dear and precious wife and mother, Cassie (Fuller) Thacker, who departed from us January 5, 1980, to be with our Lord. She was born September 1, 1911, in Pike County, Ky., to the late John and Annie Fuller, making her stay on earth 68 years, four months and four days.

She was wed September 15, 1928, giving her 51 years of joy and happiness with Berlin Thacker who survives her. She is also sur-



vived by four daughters, Irene New of Daytona Beach, Fla.; Ivalene Varney of Matewan, W. Va.; Wilma Eckstein of Fort Lauderdale, Fl., and Bonnie Sue Ball of Pinsonfork, Ky.; one son, David Thacker of Belfry, Ky.; four sisters, Ethel Thacker, Rachael Thacker, Naomi Thacker, all of Canada, Ky.; Ruth Blair of Feds-Creek, Ky.; three brothers, George Fuller, Kermit Fuller, both of Canada, Ky.; three brothers, George Fuller, Kermit Fuller, both of Canada, Ky., and Zach Fuller of Columbus, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Three sons and two daughters preceded her in death.



**Cassie Fuller Thacker**

She now sleeps peacefully, no pains, no heartaches. Life held so many mountains which she withstood triumphantly; also giving strength to her family in which to withstand theirs. Yes, it is difficult to believe she's gone; but we have beautiful memories of "MaMaw", whom we love and miss so much. And on these, we must rely, until we can join her, and our loved ones, in Heaven.

*"The heavenly gates stood open, He saw she needed rest.  
God's house must be beautiful for he always takes the best."*

*"Sleep on, dear mother, it's sweet to breathe your name.  
As in life we loved you dearly, so in death we'll do the same."*

Written by:  
(husband) Berlin Thacker, and  
(grand-daughters) Vicki and Jan

## **ESTA BOGAR**

Esta Bogar was born November 18, 1905 at Sidney, Ky., and departed this life July 12, 1980. She was the daughter of the late A. M. Bogar and Sarah Varney Bogar.

She was never married and lived alone for many years. She is survived by one brother, W. Clarence Bogar, three nieces and four nephews.

Two brothers, Leonard Bogar and Mack Bogar, and one sister, Bessie Bogar, preceded her in death.

She had many friends and was loved by all who knew her.

She professed Christ as her personal Saviour some time ago and



made it known that she wanted to follow Him in baptism when she was better and could come home. Time passed and she began to get worse so she wanted to be baptized at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home at Pikeville, Ky. where she died. The staff at the nursing home arranged the service. Her family and many friends witnessed her going down into the watery grave two weeks ago.

She placed her church membership with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. By doing this she expressed to the world that she was no longer of the world but greater is he that is in you than he who is in the world.

She will be missed by her family and friends that she leaves behind. We believe that she is now at peace with the Lord, and if she could speak to her family and friends she would say what Paul said as he instructed the Church at Corinth, *"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: For the things which are seen as temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."* II Cor. 4:18.



**Esta Bogar**

Written by her nephews

### **ALICE FULLER THOMPSON**

It is with great loss and much sadness I write the obituary of Alice Fuller Thompson, who passed away at 7:00 A.M. July 8, 1980. Born in Pike County March 6, 1916, she was the daughter of the late Roland and Margie Coleman. She was married to Earl Thompson of Huntington, W. Va.

She left to mourn her loss, one son, Franklin Fuller of Huntington, W. Va.; four sisters, Anna Coleman of Pinson Fork, Ky.; Myrtle Smith of Phelps, Ky.; Zella Casey of Edwington, Ohio; Della Blair of Steele, Ky., and one brother, Bob Coleman of Detroit, Mich.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was a loving and faithful member of Peter Creek Primitive





Baptist Church. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her, but I feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by the Family

### **DRAPER IRENE HESS BROWN**

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

Draper Irene Hess Brown was the daughter of the late Elbert Hess and Alafair Street Hess, born at Drill, Virginia, December 15, 1925 and passed from this life January 22, 1980 at the age of 54 years and one month. She was married to Elmer Brown September 19, 1942. They were blessed with four children, two sons, Roger Dale of Lorton, Virginia, and Kenneth Elmer of Bristol, Tennessee; two daughters, Donna Faye Coleman of Richlands, Virginia, and Ola Gay Clevinger of Oakwood, Virginia.



To know Sister Draper was to love her. Her friends were many. She had a pleasing smile and kind words for all she knew and met. She was a firm believer in Salvation by the Grace of God. This she proved by the life she lived and the many things she did for the church and community.

She is survived by her husband, Elder Elmer Brown; her four children, two granddaughters, Andrea Lynn Coleman and Carrie Beth Clevinger; one grandson, Roger Dale Brown, Jr.; three brothers, two sisters, two half-brothers, several step-brothers and sister and a step-mother, Hettie Hess, and many relatives and friends.

There are not words to describe the sweet thoughts we have about this dear sister. She was a loving wife, always ready and willing to help and assist her husband in every way. She was a wonderful mother, very devoted to her children. Sister Draper was in bad health for many months, but bore her afflictions with much patience. Her family was by her side at all times, showing so much love and kindness. Brother Elmer has lost a dear wife, the children a precious mother, the church a good sister and the community a good neighbor.

May this family, by the Grace of God, be reconciled to His Will and



to look forward to that Great Day when the flowers of God will bloom to never fade and the family reunited to part no more.

Written by request of the family,  
Vicie Blackburn

### **DARCUS T. COLEMAN**

It is with sad and aching hearts that we try to write the obituary of our dear beloved mother, Darcus T. Coleman. Mom was born March 27, 1909. She left us June 23, 1980, making her stay on earth 71 years, two months and 27 days. She was the daughter of John Epp and Melinda Jane Thacker. She joined and was baptized at the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church July 10th, 1966.



Mom loved the church, her brethren and sisters and oh, how she loved to hear them singing. She was a faithful member and a friend to all.

Her first marriage was to Tom Coleman. To this union are eight living children: Emoline, Utha, John, Ova, Rexall, Russell, and Ledna Mae.

Her second marriage was to Dave Coleman. To this union three children: David Coleman, Jr., Lois Ann, and Steve; also 10 step-children: Clyde, Carl, Darcus, Granville, Lundy, Paul, Perry, Danville, Avonelle, and Lucy Pearl. She had 88 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren.

We are left to mourn a wonderful mother and we miss her beautiful smile. We live in hope to meet her in heaven.

Written by her loving children.

### **DIDEMA BALL WEBB**

In memory of Didema Ball Webb of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and formerly of Pike County, Kentucky, born in Pike County on May 11, 1910 and died Monday, June 25, 1979 in Ypsilanti. She was the daughter of the late Gilmore and Sarah Slone and was preceded in death by two husbands, Ballard Ball in 1966 and Mark Webb in 1974.



She is survived by one son, Lee Ball of Westland, Michigan; two daughters, Mary Ellen Varney and Josephine Moses, both of Ypsilanti, Michigan; one sister, Darcas Worrix of Fishtrap, Kentucky; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is sadly missed by all of her family.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for a very long time.

Written by her niece,  
Alta May



**Didema Ball Webb**

### **ALICE J. CAMPBELL**



In memory of my dear, sweet, loving and precious mother, Alice J. Campbell, I will attempt to write her obituary. She was born June 28, 1911, the daughter of Greene A. and Bernie Kendrick Justice at Fishtrap, Ky. She departed this life May 1, 1979, making her stay on earth 67 years, 10 months and two days.

She was married to my father, Elder Guy Campbell, June 11, 1925. Daddy preceded her in death July 4, 1969.

Mother left three sons and two daughters to mourn her loss: Guy Campbell, Jr., G. A. Campbell, Bill Don Campbell,

Arlena Slone and Berna B. Franklin. Also left to mourn are 19 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; four brothers: Abner, David, Howard and Perry Justice, and three sisters: Mercy Slone, Martha Campbell and Bertha Crawford.

Mother was a good and faithful member of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church since March 18, 1951. Mother lived a full and wonderful life and was the most precious mother in all the world. She was always there with a loving word or a precious hug or kiss. I knew she prayed for each of us every night. Months go by and the ache in my heart never lessens.

So long, dearest Mom. Your many friends and loved ones miss



you so very much. Your loving memories will be with us always and I hope and pray that I can join you and Daddy in Heaven some day.

Written by your loving and broken hearted daughters,  
Berna Campbell and Arlene Slone

### GOLDEN EARL SMITH

Golden Earl Smith of 60 N. Foster Street, Norwalk, Ohio, died Thursday at the Medical College of Ohio, Toledo.

Born in Virginia, he was a 25-year resident of Norwalk. He retired four years ago from General Elastomer due to ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Silvestie; three sons, Gary of Norwalk; Joseph E. of Elyria, and James P. of Ashland; two daughters, Clemy Lou James and Rebecca Meade, both of Sykesville, Pa.; 17 grandchildren; a brother, F. R. Smith of Kentucky, and three sisters, Goldie Scalf of Norwalk and Orpha Bolding and Lula Pearl Huddle, both of Kentucky.



By F. R. Smith

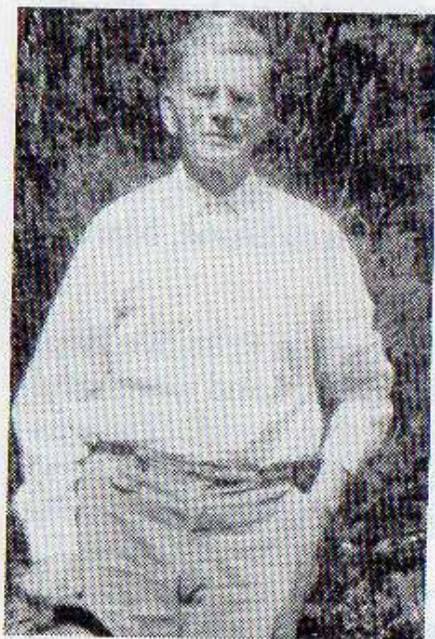
### GEORGE WILLIAMSON

I will try by the help of God to write the obituary of my dear dad. He was born April 6, 1889, and he died June 6, 1980, making his stay on earth 91 years, two months and three days.

He was a good father and a good man. He never joined any church but he was a believer in the Lord and we believe our loss is his heaven's gain.

Missed by all the family and a host of friends.

Written by his son,  
Delmer Williamson





## APP SMITH

In memory of App Smith, who passed away November 16, 1979, at the age of 72. Born February 17, 1907, at Ransom, Ky., he was the son of the late Butler and Judy Smith.

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

He was a gracious person, loving husband, kind and generous father and friendly in his association with his neighbors and friends and always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to those in need or distress.



He is survived by his wife, Jennie Smith; four sons, Francis J., Darrell Ray, Leonard H. and James York; three daughters, Clemma Rotilio, Wilma Achatz, and Karen Sue Dotson, and twelve grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters.

Sleep on, dear Dad, until that great resurrection. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

### *I DID NOT GO ALONE*

*Death has beckoned me with outstretched hand  
And whispered softly of "an unknown land" . . .  
I was not afraid to go  
For though the path I did not know . . .  
I took Death's hand without a fear  
For He who safely brought me here  
Will also take me safely back,  
And though in many things I lack . . .  
He did not let me go alone  
Into the "valley that's unknown" . . .  
I reached out and took Death's hand  
And I'm on my journey to the "Promised Land."*

## PINK OSBORNE

In memory of Pink Osborne, born August 20, 1885, passed away March 29, 1971.

We sadly regret not having his obituary put in the Minutes in 1971. He was married to Corzettia Newsome Osborne, who passed away December 4, 1951. To this union was born eleven children: sons,



Arnold and Troy B. have passed on; six sons living: Oscar, Ezra, Azzie, Tromle and Gene, all living in Ohio; Junior lives in Kentucky; three daughters, Vangie in Kentucky; Olive and Angie both live in Ohio.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 35 years. He was the moderator of the Primitive Baptist Antioch Church, McDowell, Kentucky. He loved his church dearly and loved to travel around and visit the other churches.

One of his favorite songs was "There Is A Home Just Over Yonder." We can remember people coming or calling from far away for advice and for him to pray for them. God granted him a gift for healing.

We will never forget him and how he was at peace with the Lord, then and now. Loving memories will be with his family always.

Written by daughters, Angie and Olive, 1980  
and Granddaughter, Nella Lombard



**Pink Osborne**

## **ROGER LEE BLACKBURN**



Roger Lee Blackburn, the son of the late Joseph Blackburn and Mattie Dotson, was born at Hurley, Va., December 13, 1941, and was called from this life September 5, 1979, at the age of 37 years.

He was married to Betty Smith and to this union was born two children, Sandra Blackburn and Bradley R. Blackburn, both at home.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church when he was a young man. He is survived by his wife and children; his mother; two brothers, Homer Blackburn and Joseph

Blackburn, Jr., both of Kelsa, Va., and one sister, Beatrice Atkinson of Florida. He is greatly missed by his family and friends, but we feel sure our loss is his gain.

Alta and Johnny Blackburn



## TROY D. ZIMMERMAN

With a sad, aching heart and the help of our God, we will try to write the obituary of our dear husband, father and brother in the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. He was born January 7, 1937, and departed this life November 3, 1979, making his stay on earth 42 years, nine months and 21 days. He was the son of Drucie Zimmerman of West Virginia and the late Henry Zimmerman. He was married to Barbara May 29, 1955. To this union was born eight children — five girls: Deborah Collins and Rebecca Zimmerman of Columbus; Jeanie, Susan and Tammy of the home; three sons: Henry, Tommy and Brian, also at home, and one grandson, Ronnie P. Collins; three brothers: Henry J. of Michigan; Henry Jr. of Ohio, and Paul of Alabama; two sisters, Venurma Dotson and Laverna Owens, both of Cincinnati, Ohio.



Troy joined the Primitive Baptist Church of Columbus February 1976 and was a true and faithful believer in Christ and His sweet grace. I know my children and I have lost a precious husband and father more than any words can tell and will be missed by brothers and sisters of our church. But I pray God by His grace, will let my children realize we shall sleep but not forever and that Dad has fallen asleep in the arms of Jesus and when Jesus comes again, we shall be reunited, never to have any more troubles, heartaches, or partings. As his song he loved so much, dear Lord, let them see, *The Lord will provide.*

*Sadly written by ones who loved him very much:  
His broken-hearted wife, Barbara, children and  
brother-in-hope,  
Elder Paris Blackburn*

## BERT SCOTT

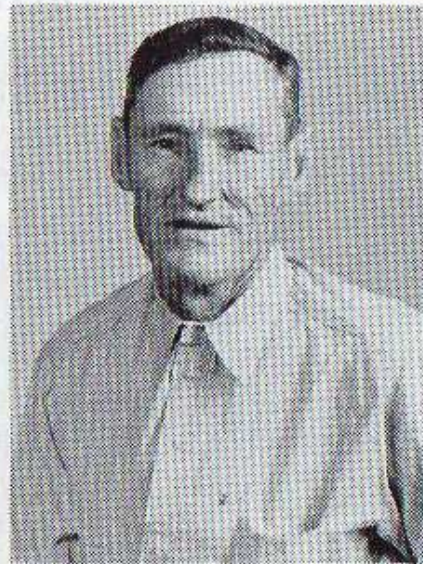
With aching heart and tear-dimmed eyes, I'll try and write the obituary of my beloved father, Bert Scott, who departed this life June 11, 1979. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He was the son of Elex and America Scott. He was born January 5, 1901, making his stay on earth 78 years and five months.



He was married to Elizabeth Hatfield who preceded him in death; also one child preceded him in death. He left two girls to mourn his passing: Elzie Mae Ward of Hopkinsville, Ky.; Bertie Ward of Ransom, Ky., and one step-son, Teddy Ball of McCarr, Ky.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

His sweet face and bright smile will always be remembered and missed as time goes on. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his daughter,  
Bertie Ward



**Bert Scott**

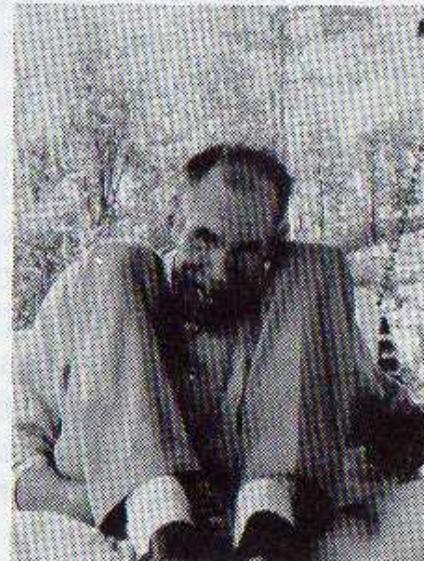
### **GRAYSON STACY**

Brother Grayson Stacy, 66, was born at Hardy, Ky. on July 19, 1913, to the late Amos and Judy Stacy. He died May 23, 1980, at his residence following an illness of eight months.

He is survived by one sister, Mae McKee of Hardy, with whom he made his home; one half-brother, Earl Stacy of Ashland, Ky., and one niece, Eva Glossip of Florence, Ky.

Elder Fred Varney and myself were called to the home of Mae McKee May 26, 1980, to take care of funeral services.

Grayson was a sick man all his life. He didn't belong to the church but loved it and believed in God above all, and loved everyone he knew.



Written in love,  
Elder Don Hatfield

### **JIM (TUD) FERREL WILLIAMSON**

*With a pen in my hand  
And sorrow in my heart  
I'll try to write the obituary  
Of my loving husband,  
Jim (Tud) Williamson.*



*On June 15, 1980 to me —  
Became the saddest day!  
I'll ever live to see!  
For God up above  
Looked down from His throne —  
And decided to call  
My precious jewel home.*

Jim (Tud) Ferrell Williamson, 56, of Stone, Ky., died Sunday morning, June 15, 1980, at his residence. Born at Ransom, Ky. on January 13, 1924 to Claudia Coleman Williamson of Huddy, Ky., and the late Jim Williamson, he was a self-employed merchant and served with the U. S. Army during World War II.



**Jim Williamson**

He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Ball Williamson; his mother, one son, James Thomas Williamson, and daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Williamson of Stone Ky.; three grandchildren, James F., Michael T. and Elizabeth E. Williamson, all of Stone, Ky.; one brother, Charles E. Williamson of Huddy, Ky.; three sisters, Lurlie Hatfield and Rosa L. Wolfe, both of McAndrews, Ky., and Lear E. May of Canada, Ky. One brother, Stearl E. Williamson, preceded him in death.

His body was laid to rest at the Mt. View Memory Gardens Mausoleum at Huddy, Ky.

Oh so sadly missed by all his family,  
relatives and friends

### **ROBERT V. EDWARDS**

Robert V. Edwards, 59, of Wellington, Ohio, formerly of Huddy, Ky., died Saturday, August 9, 1980, in Wellington, Ohio. He was born in Pike County, Ky. on October 13, 1920, to Lydia Blackburn Blevins of Huddy, Ky. and the late Ernest Edwards.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, a veteran of World War II and a disabled employee of General Motor.

He is survived by his mother; one brother, Charles E. Edwards of Wellington, Ohio; two half-brothers, James Blevins of Robins, Georgia, and Harold Ray Blevins of Barnesville, Georgia. One brother preceded him in death.



## PERRY STUMP

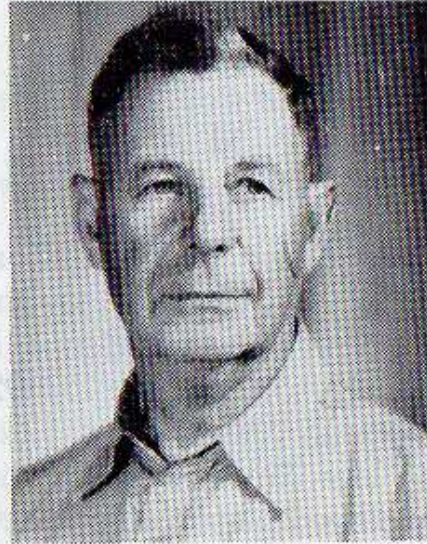
Perry Stump, age 83, of Phelps, Kentucky, departed this life April 6, 1980, at the Phelps Nursing Home, Phelps, Kentucky.

He was born at Phelps, Kentucky, October 2, 1896, and was the son of the late Harrison and Matilda Jane Coleman Stump. He was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

His wife, Stella Hamilton Stump; one daughter and a son preceded him in death. He is survived by five daughters, two sons, four brothers and two sisters; thirty-one grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

He loved the message of Salvation by Grace.

Written by his son: Elder Ernie Stump



## EMZY (M.) VARNEY

With love and in memory, I will write the obituary of my beloved uncle, Emzy Varney. He was born June 15th, 1895, in Pike County, Ky. He was the son of the late James (Bud) and Vicy Trout Varney. He was united in marriage to Ethel Wolford Varney who preceded him in death on July 14, 1978. To this union were born thirteen children, eight girls and five boys. Two daughters and one son preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church. He departed this life March 26th, 1979, making his stay on earth 83 years, nine months and 11 days. Uncle Emzy was loved by all who knew him and was like a father to me.

Besides his children, he leaves behind a host of friends and relatives, and I feel that our loss is his eternal gain. I thank God for the wonderful memories left us and we shall all meet again someday.

Written by his niece,  
Mrs. Juanita Deskins

## LEE B. STILTNER

With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Lee B. Stiltner. He was the son of Virgie and Basil Stiltner. He was born on the 10th day of March, 1907. He passed away the 25th





day of October, 1979. His stay here on this earth was 72 years, seven months and 15 days.

He was married to Jane Coleman Stiltner on the 30th day August, 1926. This union was blessed with five children, three sons and two daughters. He has one son and one daughter who have preceded him in death. He has a son, Eugene C. Stiltner of Phelps, Ky., and also a son, Bobby Lee Stiltner of Phyllis, Ky.; a daughter, Mrs. Verna Hall of Copper Cove, Texas.

He has three adopted daughters, Mrs. Wanda Ward of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Debra Anderson and Letha Hamilton, both of Kimper, Kentucky. He has 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He has three brothers and three sisters who are still living.

He was baptized into the Long Fork Primitive Baptist Church and was a faithful believer in Christ our Lord for 32 years. He always had a smile for everyone, especially his brothers and sisters in Christ.

He was well loved by his family and friends. He was very good to help people in need. He also helped the church in any way he could.

We are waiting for the Resurrection Day, when we all will see our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Written by his wife,  
Jane Stiltner, and children

## ANTHONY D. COLEMAN

It is with a sad and broken heart that I'll try to write an obituary of my beloved husband, Anthony D. Coleman, Rt. 6, Pikeville, Ky. Anthony was born July 12, 1903, and departed this life April 9, 1980, making his stay on earth 76 years, eight months and 27 days.

Anthony was the son of the late Harve Coleman and Rena Stump Coleman. He had four brothers and four sisters, but his father, mother, brothers and sisters all preceded him in death. Anthony leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Essie Tucker Coleman, and a host of relatives and friends.

Anthony joined the Regular Primitive Baptist Church the second





Saturday in July, 1968, and was baptized the second week end in August, 1968, by the late Elder Guy Campbell and Elder Teddy Ball. He lived a good faithful and Christian life until death.

Anthony loved everybody and it pleased us so well for our friends to come and visit us. Anthony and I were married May 28, 1947. We had a wonderful life together. He was so good to me and a wonderful husband. I miss him so much. He leaves my home oh, so lonesome, but I know my loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by his lonely and  
broken-hearted wife,  
Essie T. Coleman

### **JAMES (DON) JUSTICE**

It is with much sadness and heartache that I try, by the help of God, to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Don Justice. He was the son of the late Isaac Justice and Rebecca (Honaker) Justice. He was born April 9, 1910 in Pike County and died September 2, 1979, making his stay on this earth 69 years, seven months and seven days. He joined the Primitive Baptist in May, 1974, but he believed in God all of his life. He married Gusta Carter October 18, 1931, and to this union was one son, Ruey Gene Justice; two grandsons, Jeffery and Scott, and one sister, Ora Justice.



His smiling face and friendly handshake will surely be missed by those who knew and loved him. We feel he is resting in the paradise of God, where there is no pain nor sorrow. He has run his race, he kept the faith, and we believe he will receive his crown. For when he gave his thanks to God he would kneel and pray and he thanked God every day. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his loving wife,  
Gusta Justice

### **RILLEY HONAKER**

*Your gentle face and patient smile with sadness we recall. You had a kindly word for each and died beloved by all. The voice is mute and stilled the heart, he loved us well and true.*

*Oh, bitter was the trial to part from one so good as you. You are*



not forgotten, loved one, nor will you ever be. As long as life and memory last we will remember thee. We miss you now, our hearts are sore, as time goes by we miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can fill your vacant place.

Riley Honaker was born March 10, 1907, and died November 25, 1979. He was a member of Calvary Primitive Baptist Church at Varney Branch at Kimper, Ky. He is missed very deeply and sadly by his friends, his church and mostly by his family.



Written by the clerk,  
Rush Chapman

### **SHEARLIE E. MEADE**



In loving memory I will attempt to write an obituary of my dear beloved husband, Shearlie E. Meade "Shearl" as everyone knew him.

He was born January 21, 1926 to the late Hibbard and Wilda Boyd Meade at Boldman (Hurricane Creek), Pike County, Kentucky. Born also to this union were Oliver Meade, Clara Spears, Toy Damron and Norma Adkins.

Shearlie departed this life May 6, 1980, making his stay here on earth 54 years, three months and 15 days. I Dixie Stephens Meade of Pikeville, Ky., and one daughter, Jennifer Carleen Meade Fuller of Feds Creek, Ky. are left to mourn his loss.

*It is sad in death to part;  
It gives us inward pain.  
But sweet to sleep in Jesus,  
To wake, rise, live and meet again.*

We miss his smile and his kind words so much. He left an emptiness in our hearts that will never be filled until we meet with him again some day.

Shearlie and I were married October 18, 1947. We have lived and loved together through almost 33 changing years. I am glad for the



moment in my life when I became his wife. We have shared each other's gladness and wept each other's tears; we have known the sweetness and the peace of real content . . . Now that death has beckoned him on its path alone, may not the two of us be parted long!

They say that time heals all broken hearts, but time so far has proven how much I miss him. As I stroll by his grave side and breathe a silent prayer, I ask Dear God to help me bear my burdens here.

*A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice so loved is stilled  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.*

Over the long years, he built up a reputation for hard work, honesty and loving kindness. He was a hard-working man who always took care of his own; an honest man who won the respect of all who knew him; and above all, a man with enough love in his heart not only for all of us but for everyone he met.

He was a veteran of World War II. His courage and love of country were proven on the battlefields of Central Europe as a member of Company C, Ninth Infantry Regiment.

His passing was sudden and by many indications we believe that he might have felt he was nearing the end. He received a vision a week or two before he passed over stormy Jordon.

In his vision, he was walking down this long lonesome road so tired and weary. He had walked until he was so tired he could hardly go, but he kept pushing forward until he reached the end. Then he saw three roads — one going to the left — one to the right and one straight ahead. He was so tired and weary and was crying because he didn't know which road to take. Then a voice spoke and told him not to worry, when the time came he would be shown which road to take.

*God sees when the footsteps falter  
When the pathway has grown too steep,  
Then he touches the weary eyelids  
And gives his dear ones sleep.*

We were truly grieved to give up this good companion and daddy, but it pleased God to call for him and we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

*There is an emptiness in our home  
Since our loving husband and daddy has gone  
God chose the sweetest flower of them all  
And my darling answered the Master's call.  
I see the smile upon his face,  
The twinkle in his eyes  
My heart is aching so  
I cannot help but cry.*



*God took the one I loved the most  
Unto his Heavenly Home.  
While I am left to endure the pain  
That my darling is gone.*

*The thought that helps me through my days  
And all of my tomorrows  
When God selected his bouquet  
He chose the sweetest flower.*

Shearlie's motto was: "Give me the roses while I live."

*A rose to the living is more  
If graciously given before the  
Hungering spirit is fled.*

We realize that he is gone and cannot come back, but by the grace of God we can see him again. We miss him so much, but we feel his soul is resting under the altar of God; awaiting for that great and notable day of the Lord when He will come back and change these vile bodies and fashion them like unto His most glorious body and take us home to reign with Him in heaven through the ceaseless ages of eternity.

In closing we can thank God for such a precious loved one, and he will live on in our hearts till we meet again. The touch of his hand and the sound of his voice will sing on in my soul always.

Written by his darling wife,  
Dixie Stephens Meade

### **WALTER A. DANIELS**

Walter A. Daniels of Pinson Fork, Ky., was born March 15th, 1908, and died April 11th, 1980. He was married to Mae R. Daniels and had one daughter, Sarah Lou Williamson, and one grandson, Walter Travis Williamson.

He was baptized November 13th, 1965.

He was a faithful member, also a deacon of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church.



Written by his wife



## G. A. CAMPBELL

In loving memory of my brother, G. A. Campbell, who departed this life November 9, 1979, just six months and one week after our dear mother. He was born July 11, 1932, to Elder Guy Campbell and Alice Justice Campbell, who preceded him in death.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, Barbara Baugh Campbell; two sons and two daughters: Michael, Ralph and Sandra Campbell and Doris Campbell Papp; three grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

G. A. was a member of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church for several years and served his country for twenty years in the U. S. Air Force. I feel that my dear brother is with Mother and Daddy and our loss is his eternal gain.



Rest in peace, dear brother  
Your loving sister,  
Berna Campbell Franklin and  
Arlene Slone





## 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 Sec-



retary 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 in 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 eter-



nal 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 as 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 dis-fellowship 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 on 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 ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contribution
Louisa	Bradley Worrix	5	0	0	0	3	1	4	113	2	\$ 75.00
Old Pond	Ray Harlow	3	3	0	0	0	2	5	136	2	100.00
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	92	3	75.00
Raccoon	Edward Bevins	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	87	4	100.00
Peter Creek	Evelyn S. Smith	6	0	0	1	0	8	4	120	4	75.00
Sulphur Springs	George Lester	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	102	1	40.00
Little Hope	Virgil Smith	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	27	1	50.00
Grapevine	Miles Thacker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	3	25.00
Samaria	Ronald Crawford	9	0	0	0	0	0	6	190	3	100.00
Little Union	Earnest Blair	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	20	1	80.00
Johns Creek	Carl Coleman	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	55	2	50.00
Calvary	Rush Chapman	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	41	1	50.00
Dry Fork	Lawrence Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	57	2	75.00
Friendship	Martin Childers	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	25.00
Columbus	Sandra Kay Harris	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	67	4	50.00
Deerfield	Ernest Hager	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	4	35.00
Pleasant Hill	Charles Branham	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	53	1	75.00
Bethel	Betty Click	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	11	3	40.00
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