

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

ORGANIZED IN 1849

*held with*  
**Peter Creek  
Primitive Baptist Church**  
PHELPS, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

**August 30, 31 and September 1st  
1985**

Next Session convenes with Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church, located (Ball Fork) Pinsonfork, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1986.

**OFFICERS**

Teddy R. Ball, Moderator ..... McCarr, Ky.  
J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator ... Newtown, W. Va.  
Stearyl Hatfield ..... McCarr, Ky.



# **Proceedings**

## ***Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association Held with the Peter Creek Church***

FRIDAY MORNING — August 30, 1985

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Wheeler Thacker.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Harrison Smith. Text: no special text.

Called for the letters from all the churches. All the letters were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The association elected the following to serve for the coming year:

Elder Teddy R. Ball ----- Moderator

Elder Johnny Blackburn ----- Assistant Moderator

Brother Stearl Hatfield ----- Clerk

Newly constituted churches called for. None reported.

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

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

Correspondence from sister associations received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK — Elders David Edwards, Ostill Smith, Darnell Gilbert and Bobby Arrington.

UNION — Elder Dallas Adams.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM — Elder Billy Cook, Brethren Shultz Pratt, Jerry Fisher, Bearny Heath and Emory Puckett.

BURNING SPRINGS — By letter and minutes — Brethren Louie Howard, Loren Hensley, Edgar Rudd, Jerry Brown, Jimmie Mann.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER — Elders Vance Jones and Robert Lawson and Elmer Edwards.

MT. ZION — Elder Owen Harvey.

Visitors from Associations and various Churches received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK ASSOCIATION — Elder Franklin Viers, Brethren Jerold Yates, Harry Owens, Fayne Viers, Roger Rose, Johnny Viers, Joel Turner and Sister Pat Viers.

BURNING SPRING ASSOCIATION — Brethren Mut Mullins, Woodrow Dulen, Roy Kelly and Sister Mary Webb.

ST. CLAIRS BOTTOM ASSOCIATION — Brother Jerry Fisher



and Wife, Sisters Mable Martin and Eula McGlocklin.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION — Sister Nora Watson.

UNION ASSOCIATION — Elder Jonah Stidham and Brother Ray Adams.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER ASSOCIATION — Sisters Hulda Jones, Myrtle Baker, Gipsev Nance, Lona Sasher, Gertrude Hill, Lillian Lawson and Naomia Carol.

PILGRIM REST CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA — Licentiate Henry Hicks.

WILSON CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA — Brother Henry Smith and Wife, Sisters Melisa Smith and Ronda Smith.

STONY CREEK CHURCH — Elder Elbert Hunter and Wife, Sister Callie O'Neil.

BUFFALO CHURCH — Elder Rubin Abbott and Wife.

NAOMA CHURCH — Brother William Brewer.

TAYLOR CREEK CHURCH — Elder Lewis Crow

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH — Elder Alex Edwards and Wife and Family.

PILGRIM REST PRIMITIVE CHURCH — Brethren Edward Murphy and Herbert Sears.

NORFOLK PRIMITIVE CHURCH, NORFOLK, VA.: Brother Riely Coward and Wife.

DAMOCUS CHURCH, FARMVILLE, N. C.: Brother Fred Trevstham and Wife.

STONY CREEK CHURCH, MT. AIRY, N. C.: Elder Elbert Hunter and Wife, Sister Ollie O'Neil.

THOMPSON MEMORIAL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Eddie Garrett, Brother Greg Duff and Wife, Sister Nola Johnson.

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 were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

FRIDAY at the Stand: Elders Billy Cook, Darnell Gilbert, and Bobby Arrington.

FRIDAY EVENING at Johns Creek Church: Elders Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, David Edwards, Robert Lawson, J. C. Hager and Elbert Hunter.

SATURDAY MORNING AT STAND: Elders Paris Blackburn, Eddie Garrett, and Rubin Addott.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON at the Stand: Elders Trillis Adams, Owen Harvey, Allen Edwards, Jerry Brown and Eddie Lyle.



SATURDAY EVENING at Big Creek Church: Elders J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, Greg Moore, Earnest Blair and Wheeler Thacker.

SULPHUR SPRING CHURCH: Elders John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Davis Thacker, Vance Jones, Robert Lawson and Alex Edwards.

SATURDAY EVENING at Calvary Church: Elders Noah Slone, Harrison Smith, Michael Smith, David Coleman, Paul D. Justice, Robert Worrix, Owen Harvey, Artie Bradenburg, Lewis Crow and William Brewer.

Committee on arrangements was appointed as follows: Brethren Chester Belcher, Don Hatfield, Gary Thacker, Doris Kinder, Ruffous Goff, Tommy Lester, J. B. Ball, Don Justice, Michael Smith, Earnest Blair, Edd Hunt, Lester Varney, Clyde Looney, Martin Childers, Lundy Coleman, J. C. Hager and Kermit Barton.

Committee on finances was appointed as follows: Brethren Mike Elswick, Walter Sullivan and Paris Blackburn.

Called for correspondents to Sister Associations to report and received their report. Excused those unable to attend.

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

SAND LICK — Elders Teddy R. Ball, Brethren Terry Thacker, Clyde Looney, Tom Robinson and Chester Ball.

UNION — Brethren Noah Slone and Bradley Coleman.

ST. CLAIRS BOTTOM — Elders Elmer Brown, J. C. Hager and Teddy R. Ball.

BURNING SPRING — Brethren Terry Thacker, Herbert Furgeson, Tom Robinson, Randell Thornbury and Chester Bevins.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER — Brethren Elmer Brown, Noah Slone, Johnny Jacobs, Lundy Coleman, Paul Dean Justice and Teddy R. Ball.

MT. ZION — Brethren J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown and Don Hatfield.

NEW LIBERTY — Don Hatfield, Walter Sullivan, Randal Thornbury and J. H. Blackburn.

Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING — August 31, 1985

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



Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on arrangements reported the following:

After prayer by Elder J. C. Hager, was called to order by the Moderator.

Item:

#1 — Read all the letters from the churches, moved and seconded that we receive all the letters and have the names of the messengers enrolled in the Minutes.

#2 — Read letter from Dry Fork Church regarding appointments to Committee on Arrangements. Moved and seconded that we leave it as is.

#3 — Calvary Church asked that each church may send as many messengers as they wish. Moved and seconded that we leave it as is. Each church sending four messengers and one alternate.

#4 — We recommend that the Association be held with the Little Hope Church in 1986.

#5 — We recommend that the Annual Meeting be held with the Samaria Church, and to begin at 7:00 o'clock P.M. Friday before the last Saturday in March 1986.

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

Committee on preaching for Sunday reported the following: Elder Earnest Blair to open. 1. Elder Michael Smith. 2. Elder Jerry Brown. 3. Elder Franklin Viers. 4. Elder Teddy R. Ball.

Finance Committee reported \$1,555.00 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 1986. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell, Franklin Viers, Elmer Thacker, Kit Ratliff, David Coleman, Jr., Paul D. Justice, Paris Blackburn, Jerry Brown and Earnest Blair.

Old Pond — meets Friday before the second Saturday in June 1986. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, Franklin Viers, Elmer Thacker, Elmer Brown, Michael Smith, Teddy R. Ball, Kit Ratliff, Paul Trautner, Johnny Blackburn and Lundy Coleman.

Big Creek — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 1986. Elders to attend: J. C. Hager, Kit Ratliff, Joe Slone, John Jacobs, Ivel Farmer, Jimmie Lee Smith, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul D. Justice, Paul Varney, and all orderly Primitive Baptist.



Raccoon — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July 1986. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, Rullord Howell, Joe Slone, Clifford Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, Kit Ratliff, Wheeler Thacker, David Coleman and all Mates Creek Ministers are invited.

Peter Creek — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1986. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Paul Varney, Earnest Blair, Joe Slone, Don Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Franklin Viers, Lawrence Jackson, Kit Ratliff, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are invited.

Sulphur Spring — meets Friday before the first Saturday in August 1986. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Aurther May, Lawrence Jackson, Robert Worrix, Teddy R. Ball, Elmer Brown, Jimmie Lee Smith, Paul D. Justice, Glen Coleman, Earnest Blair, Harrison Smith and Noah Slone.

Little Hope — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July 1986. Elders to attend: We cordially invite all elders of the Mates Creek Association.

Grapevine — meets Friday before the third Saturday in July 1986. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, David Coleman, J. H. Blackburn, Joe Slone, Harrison Smith, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Paul D. Justice, Earnest Blair, Chester Belcher, Jeff Chapman, Lawrence Jackson, Elmer Brown.

Samaria — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June 1986. Elders to attend: Ernest Blair, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Thacker, Don Hatfield, J. H. Blackburn, Jimmie Lee Smith and Paris Blackburn. We welcome other ministers of our same faith and in order.

Little Union — meets Friday before the first Saturday in May 1986. Elders to attend: Johnny Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, J. C. Hager, Paul Varney, Lundy Coleman, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Elmer Brown, Paul D. Justice, Lawrence Jackson, Glen Coleman, David Edwards and Ruford Howell.

John's Creek — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July 1986. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Jeff Chapman, Paul D. Justice, Elmer Thacker, Elmer Brown, Harrison Smith, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield and Michael Smith, David Coleman, Paul Varney, Jimmie Lee Smith, Noah Slone, Joe Slone and Earnest Blair.

Calvary — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June 1986. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Harrison Smith, David Coleman, Michael Smith, Noah Slone, Jeff Chapman, Teddy R. Ball, Joe Slone, Jr., Quincy Stanley, Chester Belcher, Robert Worrix, Paul D. Justice, Glen Vipperman and Glen Coleman.



Dry Fork — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May 1986. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Paul Varney, Earnest Blair and Franklin Viers.

Friendship — meets the fourth Saturday in August 1986. Elders to attend: Michael Elswick, Basil Hatfield, Randal Thornbury, R. T. Thacker, Don Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Joe Slone and John Jacobs. All orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are invited to attend.

Columbus — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April 1986. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, Wheeler Thacker, Clifford Thacker, David Thacker, Jess Tucker, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, John Jacobs and J. C. Hager.

Deerfield — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1986. Elders to attend: J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, Earnest Blair, Paris Blackburn, J. H. Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, David A. Thacker, Elmer Thacker, David May, Michael Smith, Ostill Smith, Randall Thornbury, David Edwards, Ivel Farmer, Glen Coleman, R. T. Thacker, Franklin Viers and Teddy R. Ball.

Pleasant Hill — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April 1986. Elders to attend: Ostill Smith, Leonard Barton, J. C. Hager, all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

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

Agreed that we have 2,150 Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

Sisters Lucy Pearl Coleman, Sara Jane Biliter, Gladis Griffey, Cora Blackburn Slone, Kelsie Marie Bevins, Bessie Hazel Dotson, Thelma Thacker Butcher, Mazie Coleman, Ella Jane Smith McCoy, Ethel Fuller Thacker, Virginia Kathern Coleman, Vercil Ida Deel Looney, Lizzie Justice.

Brethren Taylor Williamson, Homer Coleman, Sid Varney, Theo Fuller, William J. Hatfield, Walter Owens, Miles Thacker, Russel Hager, Carl Justice, Bradley Charles, Dewey Dotson, Frank Smith, Earnest Dotson, Charles Edward Scott, Richard D. Smith, Patrick Keith Wheeler, Willis Collins, Clifford Monroe Collins and Lawrence Morris.

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



The finances was disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year .....	\$3,714.16
Amount received from the Churches .....	1,555.00
Donations at the stand and pictures .....	321.00
Total cash on hand .....	\$5,590.16

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for minutes for 1984 .....	\$1,358.53
Give the Moderator .....	50.00
Give the Assistant Moderator .....	50.00
Give the Clerk .....	50.00
Paper for Association Book .....	10.63
Moving Seats .....	100.00
Total Cash paid out .....	\$1,619.16
Balance cash left on hand .....	\$3,971.00

Agreed that our next association be held with the Little Hope Church of Pinsonfork, Pike County Kentucky (Ball Fork), and to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1986. Elder Wheeler Thacker was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Elmer Thacker to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Jerry Brown. Then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by Elder Teddy R. Ball, Moderator  
Elder J. H. Blackburn, Asst. Moderator  
Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING — September 1st, 1985

Singing and Prayer by Elder Earnest Blair.

1. Elder Michael Smith. Text: no special text.

2. Elder Jerry Brown. Text: no special text.

3. Elder Franklin Viers. Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1, *Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preach unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand.*

4. Elder Teddy Ball. Text: no special text. After preaching, closed out the services amid much singing and praising the Lord.

I am sure that everyone that attended the association feels grateful to the members of the Peter Creek Church for their love and kindness. May the Lord bless them to prosper and grow.



## CIRCULAR LETTER

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, **Our Hope Of That Glorious Resurrection,**

It is with great fear and a praying heart that such an unworthy creature as I am, should even attempt to write this circular letter for the One Hundred Thirty-Third Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek Association.

I have thought upon many things over the past year. My strongest thoughts have been of Love, Peace, and Faith. All these things are strengthened and hinged upon the ability of God to deliver his elect children. We believe that God is **Love** as the scriptures teach in (I John 4:16), and also in (I John 4:7); we find that "Everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God." Without his redeeming sacrifice that he gave for his children, we would still be separated (by sin) from God, "Having no hope, and without God in the world." (Eph. 2:12) Thanks be to God for his great love toward us in that he sent his Holy Word down to this unfriendly world to redeem poor, wretched sinners such as I feel to be.

Because of his great love for his elect heirs of promise, our Saviour brought peace to his chosen people. We find in (Isaiah 53:10, 11), "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin," "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." We clearly see in (Heb. 10:14), "He perfected forever them that are sanctified." By this sacrifice, the sin debt was satisfied, thus, I believe Christ appeased God's wrath against the sins of his elect; therefore, ye are at peace through the atoning blood of Christ.

Now my precious Brethren and Sisters in the Lord, What of Faith? In (Romans 12:3), "according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." In (Heb. 11:1), "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." So then, we see that this also must come from God for "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17) and we are told in Jude, the third verse to "contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," thus, let us continue to contend for that precious faith. Abide in Christ, the author and finisher of our faith.

Finally, my fellow laborers, Love, Peace, and Faith are all from the only wise, true, and living God. He is the only one who is able to reveal to a child of grace what Love is, and what sweet peace he has given unto his elect. He is the only one who is able to speak sweet peace to a weary pilgrim in a waste howling wilderness and set this captivated soul free.



I thank my God that this sweet **Love, Peace** and **Faith** are in the hands of a merciful King. I'm thankful that he is an all wise God that knows what we stand in need of and that he is an all powerful God who is able to deliver and none can stay his mighty hand.

My Brothers and Sisters, I beseech thee to abide in His Love and Peace one toward another; for in (John 14:27), Christ told his disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."

Hopefully your Brother in Christ,  
Elder Randal Thornsby

## **MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES**

Louisa — Noah Slone, Terry Thacker, Chester Belcher, Ireland Kendrick, Jess Tucker, Alternate.

Old Pond — Don Hatfield, Leroy Smith, Mike Scott, Clifford Hunt, Ray Harlow, Alternate.

Big Creek — Michael Elswick, Randal Thornsby, Delmer Williamson, Gary Thacker, David Cook - Alternate.

Raccoon — Dave Newsom, Rufous Goff, Bobby Coleman and Allen Coleman.

Peter Creek — Leo Coleman, Danny Smith, Doris Kinder, Stearl Smith, Earl Casey - Alternate.

Sulphur Springs — George W. Lester, Tommy Lester, Ronald Moore, Luther Blackburn, Arthur Stiltner as Alternate.

Grapevine — Chester Ray Varney, Don Justice, Bradley Coleman, William K. Bevins, Jeff Chapman as Alternate.

Samaria — Dennis Dotson, Tom Robinson, Michael Smith, Walter Sullivan, Eddie Harris - Alternate.

Little Hope — Wade Smith, J. B. Ball, Grover Smith, Kenneth Ball, Virgil Smith - Alternate.

Johns Creek — John Stiltner, Edd Hunt, Elcana Smith, George Coleman, Carl Coleman - Alternate.

Calvary — Rush Chapman, Lester Varney, Luther Chapman, Andrew Hunt, Martin Thacker, Alternate.

Little Union — Dougless Lester, Ricky Blair, Oscar Blair, Edward Blair, Earnest Blair - Alternate.

Dry Fork — Lundy Childress, Carl Vandyke, Clyde Looney, Howell Arms, Lawrence Jackson - Alternate.

Friendship — Luther Vanhooose, Fontain Lewis, Martin Childers, Troy Wheeler.

Columbus — Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Larry Stanley, Bobby Allen.



Deerfield — J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, Estle Hackney, Ray Anderson.

Pleasant Hill — Greg Moore, Tivis K. Barton, Jr. and Kermit Barton.

### VISITING ELDERS

Billy Cook  
Bobby Arrington  
Vance Jones  
Junior Stidham  
Rubbin Abbott  
Henry Hicks  
David Jacobs  
William Brewer  
Eddie Lyle  
Lewis Crow

David Edwards  
Garnet Gilbert  
Elbert Hunter  
Jonah Stidham  
Sam Yates  
Owen Harvey  
Alex Edwards  
Bernie Heath  
Artie Brandenburg  
Eddie Garrett

### CHURCH

Louisa  
Old Pond

Big Creek  
Raccoon  
Sulphur Spring  
Peter Creek

Little Hope  
Grapevine  
Samaria

Johns Creek  
Little Union  
Calvary  
Dry Fork

Columbus  
Friendship

Deerfield  
Pleasant Hill

### MODERATORS

Robert B. Worrix  
Teddy R. Ball  
Don Hatfield  
Elmer Thacker  
J. H. Blackburn  
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Teddy R. Ball  
Michael Smith  
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Kit Ratliff  
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Teddy R. Ball  
Elmer Brown  
Lundy Coleman  
Elmer Thacker  
David May  
J. C. Hager  
Woodruff Dulin

### COMMUNION

July 2nd Saturday  
June 2nd Saturday  
  
June 3rd Saturday  
July 4th Saturday  
August 1st Saturday  
June 4th Saturday  
  
July 1st Saturday  
July 3rd Saturday  
June 3rd Saturday  
  
July 2nd Saturday  
May 1st Saturday  
June 1st Saturday  
May 2nd Saturday  
  
April 4th Saturday  
August 4th Saturday  
  
June 4th Saturday  
April 3rd Saturday



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Old Pond — Ray Harlow, Route 1, Box 35, Huddy, Ky. 41535	160
Big Creek — David Cook, Box 162, Canada, Ky. 41519	150
Raccoon — Allen Coleman, Box 71, Possum Fork Rd., Raccoon, Ky. 41557	150
Peter Creek — Leo Coleman, Phelps, Ky. 41553	150
Sulphur Springs — George W. Lester, Big Rock, Va. 24603	90
Little Hope — Virgil Smith, H.C. #64, Box 540, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	75
Grapevine — William K. Bevins, Phyllis, Ky. 41544	90
Samaria — Eddie Harris, Box 370, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	125
Johns Creek — Carl Coleman, Box 54, Kimper, Ky. 41539	90
Little Union — Margie Lester, Steel, Ky. 41566	125
Calvary — Rush Chapman, H.C. #35, Box 230, Kimper, Ky. 41539	100
Columbus — Sandra K. Harris, RR2, 5010 Riley Rd., Johnstown, Ohio 43031	120
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Deerfield — Earnest Hager, 846 N. Oak St., Fenton, Mich. 48430	70
Pleasant Hill — Rupurt Sparks, 2692 Tecumseh Ave., Springfield, Ohio 45503	60
Dry Fork — Lawrence Jackson, Vansant, Va. 24656	75

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Sand Lick — Johnny Viers, Haysi, Va. 24256	25
Little Yadkin River — W. H. Jackson, Rt. 4, Box 146, East Bend, N. C. 27018	25
St. Clairs Bottom — Elder Eddie Lyle, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694	25
Mountain — Roy L. Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, Va. 24333	25
Moderator — Teddy R. Ball, H.C. 76, Box 500, McCarr, Ky. 41544	30
Clerk — R. Stearl Hatfield, H.C. 76, Box 515, McCarr, Ky. 41544	55
Total	2150



# OBITUARIES

## CLIFFORD MORROW COLLINS

Clifford Morrow Collins was born October 31st, 1921, and departed this life April 15th, 1985.

He married Anna Jean Carter and to this union was born one son, Clifford, Jr. Anna Jean preceded him in death in June 1953.

Clifford and I met and were married February 11, 1955. There were no children.

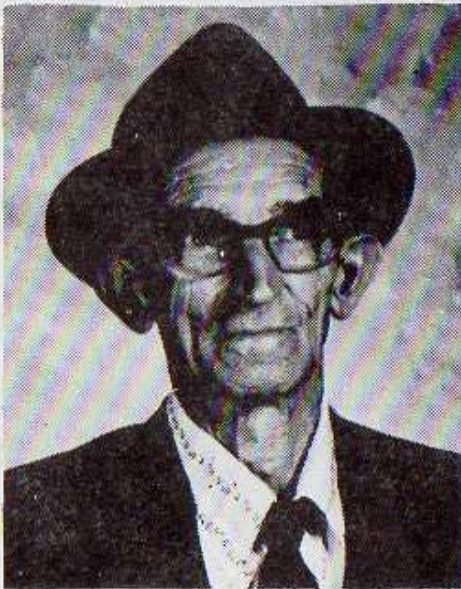
The last fifteen years of his life he suffered with rheumatoid arthritis and a heart condition. He had a strong will to live. He endured a lot of pain, but always extended his hand, and with a smile, to those he knew and met along the way. He loved to go to church. He was a God-fearing man, a good husband and father.

It's heart breaking to know we will never see him on earth any more. His life here came to a close, his suffering is over, and I feel he has a home in Heaven.

Written by his wife  
Clara Collins



## LAWRENCE MORRIS



It is with a very sad heart that we try to write the obituary of our beloved husband and father, Lawrence Morris of Raccoon. He died March 9, 1985 at 5:20 A.M. at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born March 29, 1904, to Kinzie B. Morris and Matilda Ramey Morris, making his stay here on earth 80 years, 11 months and nine days. He was a retired coal miner and bus driver. He was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church for several years.

He was married to Betty Collins Morris February 18, 1933, who survives him. To this union were born 10 children: six sons - Bobby



G. Morris of Columbus, Ohio; Andrew J. Morris of Raccoon, Ky.; Wendell Morris and Gordon K. Morris, both of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Lester R. Morris of Raccoon, and Lawrence E. Morris who preceded him in death; four daughters - Ermel F. Goff of Raccoon; Nona M. Compton of Yeager; Sylvia K. Compton and Lois G. Anderson, both of Raccoon. Also surviving him are 17 grandchildren and one great-grandson; one brother, Victor Morris of Columbus, Ohio; five sisters - Nancy Allen of Columbus, Ohio; Gusta Helms of McAndrews (deceased June 1985); Louise Hall of Pikeville; Lealer Maynard of Lexington, and Jettie Collins of Pikeville. Preceding him in death are two brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held March 12 at the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church with Elders Paul D. Justice, David Coleman, Jr., Joe Slone and others officiating. Burial followed at the Morris Cemetery at Raccoon. Arrangements were made under the direction of the Johns Creek Funeral Home.

He is now resting in peace until our Lord comes for him. We hope to see him in Heaven for we trust our great loss is Heaven's gain.

Dear Daddy, how we miss you,  
Oh, the world will never know,  
But, we thank God for the memories  
That you left us here below.

Written by his broken-hearted wife,  
Betty Morris and children

### TAYLOR WILLIAMS

It is with much sadness that I write the obituary of my dear dad, Taylor Williams. He was born January 25, 1918 and departed this life March 26, 1985.

He was the son of James Arthur and Arminda Williamson Williams. He was united in marriage to Lassie Varney Williams, who survives.

Survivors are his four daughters, Shelby Hill of Forest Hills, Kentucky; Joyce Brown of Bowie, Maryland; Deanna Justice of Huddy, Kentucky, and Brenda Williams of Stone Mountain, Georgia. He is also survived by four brothers, five sisters and a half sister.

Dad was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church and loved the doctrine of the Old Baptist. He left an empty place in all our





hearts that can never be filled. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.  
Written by one who loved him. Shelby Hill

### HOMER COLEMAN

We will try by the help of the Lord to write the obituary of our dad, Homer Coleman. We feel his suffering is over. Dad left us a lot of good memories.

He was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church for several years. He served as a deacon at the Varney Branch Church for several years. He filled his seat in the church when he was able to attend.

He was born December 8, 1921, in Pike County, to the late Hibbard and Falsome Francis Coleman. He departed this life on September 15, 1984, making his stay on earth 62 years, nine months, and seven days. Dad was married to Virginia Kathryn Warner. To the union was born nine children. Three children preceded him in death. He is survived by one daughter: Brenda Damron of Pikeville, Ky.; five sons: Jimmy, Danny, Randy, Dwayne, and Daryl Coleman of Sidney, Ky. He also raised four children: Florence Hacker, Robert, MacArthur, and Burnis Newton. Additional survivors include 25 grandchildren and a host of friends.

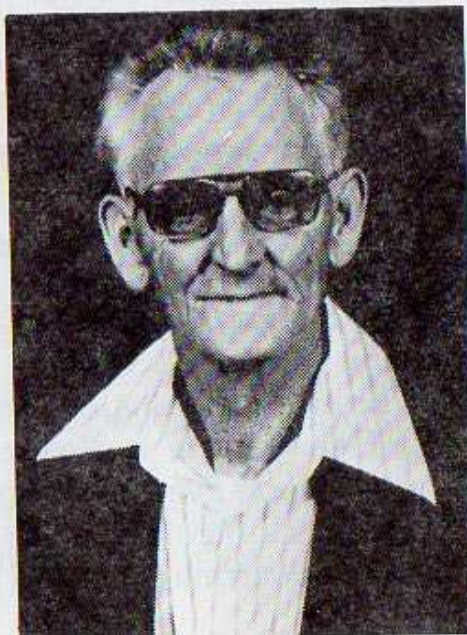
He was a good Dad. We all loved Dad. We all hope to mee him in Heaven some sweet day. The home isn't the same since Dad and Mom are gone to be with Jesus. Dad is taking his peaceful rest waiting for Jesus to come again.

Written by the Family

### SID VARNEY

Sid Varney, age 71 years 363 days old, was called from this world by Jesus on September 10, 1984, following a long illness. He was born September 12, 1912, to the late John Wallace and Emma Hess Varney, Kimper, Ky. He was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church for 36 years and served as Deacon for 32 years. One daughter preceded him in death: Debbie Lynn Varney.

He leaves his wife, Glennis Vipperman Varney; two daughters, Mary Anne and Jessie Doretha Varney, both of Lexington, Ky.; one son, Charlie Var-





ney of Kimper, Ky.; one sister, Viola Slone; two brothers, Garland Varney, Kimper, Ky., and John Varney, Jr., of McAndrews, Ky.; a host of friends, relatives, brothers and sisters in Christ.

He was always a good friend to all and is sadly missed by the members of the Calvary Church, but we know our loss is heaven's gain. He was a true believer in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and that Jesus died on the cross for the sins of his people.

*We once had a loving husband and father  
Who was so patient and kind.  
He also loved our Savior  
With all his heart and mind*

*September 10, 1984 Jesus came and took him  
Home to heaven where he longed to be.  
He was so sick and afflicted  
While in this world below  
But we know he is happy with Jesus  
Without all his trouble and woe.*

*He left us here on earth to weep and pray  
That Jesus our Savior will lead us to Him  
On that great and glorious day.*

*We must cross that silent river  
When Jesus bids us come  
To that home so far away  
To be with Jesus forever  
On that beautiful day.*

*We go to church but we miss your smiling face  
And the tears you would shed  
When the gospel of our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ was being said.*

*We love and miss our dear husband and father  
More than words can ever say,  
But we hope by God's sweet tender mercy  
We'll meet again some glorious day.*

Written by his loving wife and children:  
Glennis, Mary Anne, Doretha and  
Charlie Varney



## THEO FULLER

It is with much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my husband.

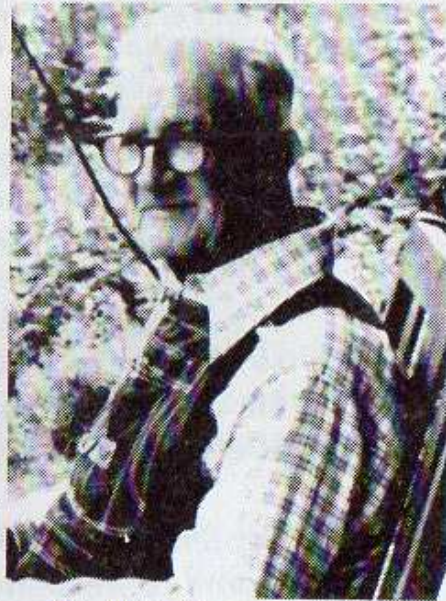
Theo departed this life on June 1, 1985, making his stay on earth 81 years and 11 months and 21 days. He united with the Little Union Primitive Baptist Church at Fedscreek on September 5, 1960.

Theo was born June 22, 1903, in Pike County. He was the son of the late Ben and Dove Miller Fuller of Fedscreek. He was married to Bertha Rhodes Fuller on May 1, 1924. To this union were born four children.

He was preceded in death by one son, Paul Fuller, who died in 1959. He is survived by his wife, Bertha Rhodes Fuller; two sons, Jack Fuller and Ben Fuller, both of Fedscreek; one daughter, Mrs. Nickie Pugh of Fedscreek, and one stepson, Cecil Keene of Omaha, Texas. Also to mourn his death were three brothers, Eldon Fuller, Elzer Fuller, and Howard Fuller, all of Fedscreek; one sister, Mrs. Lakie Stiltner, of Fedscreek; eight grandchildren and two step-grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

He believed that salvation was by grace. He is sadly missed by all of his family and friends, for to have known him was to love him. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by wife and friends



## WILLIAM J. HATFIELD



William J. Hatfield, 66, of Hatfield, Indiana, died Wednesday, July 3, 1985, at his home.

Born January 11, 1919, in Pike County, Kentucky, the son of the late William Jefferson Hatfield and Polly Margaret Runyon Hatfield.

A retired engineer from the B. F. Shaw Company of Rockport, Indiana, and a veteran of World War II, he was of the Primitive Baptist faith.

He was married to Imogene Hager Hatfield, who survives. In addition to his wife he is survived by a son, James D. Hatfield of Lexington, Kentucky.



Other survivors include one brother, T. C. Hatfield of Georgetown, Indiana; three sisters, LeEttie Norman, Jeanette Smith and Katherine Scott, all of McCarr, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Written by the Family

### WALTER OWENS

Walter Owens, age 80, born in Buchanan County, Virginia, December 31, 1904, went to be with the Lord August 6, 1985. He was the son of the late Larkin and Mary Owens.

He was a member of the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Arbie of Vansant, Virginia; three sons, Clifford of Vansant, Virginia; Paul and wife Millie of Columbus, Ohio; Jansen and wife Norma of Stone, Kentucky; twelve grandchildren: Herman Pauley, Gary Pauley, Linda Pauley Rayfield, Ray Pauley, Paula Pauley, Susanne Owens Jones, Neta Owens, Lisa Owens, Jimmy Owens, Rhonda Owens, Janet Owens, Kenny Owens; four sisters: Minnie Owens, Maggie Owens, Naomi Hay, and Elizabeth Viers; several nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends.



He was preceded in death by one son, Lonnie, and one daughter, Irmah, and five brothers and one sister.

He loved going to church and went when he was able. He will be sadly missed by all. We love you, Dad.

The Walter Owens Family

### MILES THACKER

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of Brother Miles Thacker. He was the son of the late Hubert and Nancy Jane Thacker. To this union was born nine children. Three brothers and two sisters preceded Miles in death. One brother, Martin Thacker, and two sisters, Ollie Ratliff and Sarah Blackburn, are left to mourn in their brother's absence.

Brother Miles was born March 23, 1923, and departed this life November 29, 1984, making his stay here on earth 61 years, 8



months, and 7 days.

Miles was united in marriage to Doris Webb on November 18, 1946. To this union was born two sons and two daughters, Gary Gene of Pikeville; Larry Dean of Racoon; Wanda Blackburn of Kimper, and Gail Roberts of Feds Creek.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 25 years, and a deacon for 23 years, and faithful member until his death.

He was a faithful and devoted husband and father. He is greatly missed by his wife and children, who are left to mourn, and realize that his loving care, steps, and helping hands can never be replaced.

When I think of Brother Miles, I am made to think of the scripture which says, "Blessed are the dead, that do die in the Lord." For they do rest from their labors and their works do follow after them."

I don't have the paper to write all I want to about Brother Miles, about the great love he had for his grandchildren and his many friends. He believed and stood for the scriptures and served the church well.

Written by a grateful friend and brother,  
David Coleman, Jr.



Miles Thacker

## RUSSELL HAGER



It is truly with a sad and broken heart that I write this obituary of my daddy. Daddy was born July 7, 1914, in Pike County to the late Eliose and Roma Wolford Hager. He was married to Emma Whaley Hager who survives. Dad passed away June 4, 1985, at Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Daddy was preceded in death by one son, Russell Hager, Jr.; three brothers, Ermal, George and Charley. He is survived by three sons and their wives: Charley and Rita Hager of Galloway, Ohio; George and Christina Hager of

New Buffalo, Michigan; Melvin and Judy Hager of Lawton, Oklahoma; five daughters and their husbands: Delores Jean and Tom



McNeal of London, Ohio; Brenda and Winifred Hatfield of Union Pier, Michigan; Ann and Landon Smith of Ransom, Ky.; Viola and Joe Slone of McCarr, Ky.; Faye and Boss Maynard of McCarr, Ky.; one brother, Harold, of McCarr, Ky.; 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Daddy's funeral was held Saturday, June 8, at Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Ky., with Elders Eddie Harris, Jimmy Lee Smith, Michael Smith, Teddy Ball, and Tennis Dotson officiating. Burial followed at the Hager Cemetery at Ransom with Rogers Funeral Home in charge.

Brother Teddy Ball talked to me the day Daddy died. I know he could tell how broken my spirits were. Something he said really has been a comfort to me. He looked down at the floor for awhile searching for the right words to say. He said, "Ann, honey, if old Uncle Russ don't make it to heaven, then the rest of us may as well give up the race."

Daddy was a kind and gentle man, and a good father to all of us children. I remember as a child and even after I was married, he used to come to our bed and wake us up, just to see if we were warm. Our loss is truly heaven's gain. I'm thankful to my Lord that Daddy's suffering is over. By the grace of God someday Daddy will live again in that perfect land.

I will miss and love him forever.

Written by Mrs. Landon "Ann" Smith

## CARL JUSTICE

It is with much sadness that we try to write an obituary of Carl, one that we loved and miss, but we believe that Carl has a better home awaiting.

He was born June 16, 1909, and died March 21, 1983. He was married to Martha Ramey who passed away December 31, 1974, and he later married Opal Thacker.

Left to mourn his loss was eight children, Gene Edward, J. D., Charles Leslie, Bobby Ray, Alberto Faye, Loreana Mae, Carl Clayton, and Harold Dean Justice, (Harold Dean also preceded him in death), and five step-children: Thomas, Bobbie, Jack, Bonnie Thacker and Mandy Ramey, and several grand-





children and great-grandchildren; two sisters, Flossie Justice, and Goldie Bevins.

Carl joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1942, had his letter at Louisa. He was a strong believer in God. If Carl could speak to us all, he would say, "Make yourselves ready, for heaven is worth it all."

Sleep on, Carl, we miss you dearly.

Written by Opal Justice and Family

### **BRADLEY CHARLES**

It is with much sadness I try to write the obituary of my husband.

Bradley passed away February 27, 1985, after a brief illness. He was a member of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church.

He was a World War II veteran and a disabled coal miner of Eastern Coal Corp. and a member of Local 5737.

Bradley was born August 29, 1922, the son of Will A. and Tixie Taylor Charles who preceded him in death.

He was married to Cuba Lee (Ratliff) Charles on October 30, 1948, and to this union were born four children — two sons: William R. Charles and James Dwight Charles, both of Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky.; two daughters: Mrs. Sheila Ann Nitzh, of Pinconning, Mich., and Mrs. Teresa Lynn Clark of Uniontown, Pa.; six grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Also two brothers: Clay Charles of Ashcamp, and Alvin Charles of Zebulon; four sisters: Edna Maynard and Lydia Charles of Burning Fork Rd.; Beatrice Roberts of Pound, Va., and Dixie LaNinfa of Florida.

Bradley leaves behind many friends to mourn him. He loved the Church and went every time he could. I'd like to thank all who came to the hospital to visit, and all who helped in any way, in our time of sorrow.

Written by his wife,  
Cuba Lee Charles



### **DEWEY DOTSON**

In memory of our dear loving father who passed on on June 23, 1983. He is no longer here on earth with us, but will always be with us in our hearts.



We will always wonder back from time to time and think of all the love and kindness he gave us, the laughter we all shared as children.

He may be gone from our sight, but he will never be gone from our memories.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church for 42 years.

He was survived by his wife, Bessie Hazel Wolford Dotson; three sons, William Dewey Dotson and Boyd Lee Dotson, both of Pinsonfork; Darrell Gene Dotson of Linden, MI; one daughter, Ms. Freda K. May of Pinsonfork; seven great-grandchildren.

He was born November 18, 1905, in Pike County. He was the son of the late Dave and Sirena Dotson. He was preceded in death by five children.

He is sadly missed by all of us.



Dewey Dotson

The Dotson Family

## FRANK SMITH

Frank Smith, 62 years of age, of Varney, W. Va., passed away Monday, September 12, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital after a recent illness.

Born February 6, 1921, at Ransom, Ky., he was the son of the late Wayne Smith and the late Rose Stump Smith.

Brother Frank had been a resident of the Varney area for approximately 16 years, was a member of Local Union 5737 of the U.M.W.A., and was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church of Ransom, Ky.

Survivors include: his wife, Nettie Jane Hatfield; one son, William Franklin Smith of Varney; three grandchildren: half-brother, Waynes Smith, Jr., of Ransom; step-brother, Ervil Taylor of Ransom; half-brother, Turner Hackney of Phelps; half-sister, Martha Thompson of Ransom, and step-sister, Virdie Hicks of Chattaroy.

He was preceded in death by one brother, one half-brother, one sister and one step-sister.





## ERNEST DOTSON



With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of our husband and father, Ernest Dotson, who passed away on June 30, 1985.

Ernest was the son of the late Phillip and Mary Dotson of Phelps, Ky. He was born August 23, 1930, making his stay on earth 54 years, 10 months and 7 days.

He was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church where he served as deacon and trustee.

Ernest was married on July 21, 1956, to the former Ivadene Runyon, who survives along with two children, Polly Ann and Adam Keith. He is also survived by three brothers, Burl, Phillip, Jr., and Tommy of Phelps, Ky.; one sister, Ethel Estopp of Harold, Ky. Three sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Ernest was a true and faithful husband and father and was loved by all who knew him. He has gone to sleep to await the great homecoming, when Jesus will gather His jewels and take them home to be with the Lord.

Sadly missed by Wife, Children and a Host of Relatives  
and Friends

## CHARLES EDWARD SCOTT

Charles Edward Scott, 59 years of age, of Hardy, Ky., passed away February 14, 1985, after a recent illness.

Born November 30, 1925, he was the son of the late Elbert Scott and of Mrs. Lydia Farley Scott of Hardy.

Brother Charles was a life-long resident of the area, a veteran of World War II having served with the U.S. Navy. He was an instructor of Building for the Mingo Co. Vocational Technical School and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

He was a devoted father to four sons and two daughters.





The sons are: Charles E. Scott, Jr. of Hardy; Samuel Thomas of Hardy; James Gregory of Hardy, and John Kennedy Scott of Orlando, Florida.

The daughters are: Susan Patricia Heald of San Diego, California, and Mary Jane Scott attending Eastern Kentucky University at Richmond.

Also surviving is one sister, Margaret Wiedel of Hardy, and three grandchildren and a large host of friends.

Sadly missed by his mother and sister and children and grandchildren. Lovingly remembered by all of us.

Sleep on, Son, till we meet again.

Mother, Lydia Scott

### **RICHARD D. SMITH**

With much sadness and a lot of loving memories, I will attempt to write Daddy's obituary. Richard D. Smith departed this life March 23, 1985, making his stay here 90 years.

He was married to Daisy E. Smith who passed away December 5, 1983. Life here was a lot of sorrow for Dad when Mom left. Dad was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church and one among the strongest in his belief in the doctrine.

Dad was a good father and husband. Born to this family were twelve children. Two preceded him and Mom in death. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. We all miss him very much, but I feel that our loss is heaven's gain and by the grace of God we will meet again someday.

Written by daughter  
Ruby Hatfield



### **PATRICK KEITH WHEELER II**

Our hearts are full of sadness, our eyes are full of tears, as we try to write the obituary of our precious nephew.

Little Pat, as he was called, age 8, was born March 29, 1976, and passed away December 22, 1984. He is survived by his parents, Rita Sue and Patrick Wheeler; sisters, Penny and Wendy Wheeler; grandparents, Irene and Jim Moore and Charlotte Wheeler, all of Columbus, and Herbert Wheeler of Maryland; great-grandparents,



Clustenia Moore and Joyce Wheeler, of Kentucky; Hattie and Zollie King of Columbus; several aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

We believe he is at peace, sleeping in the arms of Jesus. We miss him very much. We are left with many loving memories of this precious child. He was so very special in many different ways which we will never forget. He was sickly most of his life. So many times we worried about him, but now we know he will never suffer again. We live in a hope of seeing him again in a land where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt no more. Our loss is Heaven's gain.



Patrick Keith Wheeler II

Written by and sadly missed by his aunt and uncle,  
Elder Greg Moore and Sister Phyllis Moore

### WILLIS COLLINS

It is with a sad and aching heart that we attempt to write the obituary of our beloved daddy and daddy-in-law, Willis Collins. He was born November 1, 1911, departed from this life April 28, 1985, making his stay here on earth 74 years, 5 months and 27 days.

He was the son of the late Green Collins and Liza Goff. He was married to Clincie Matney in the year of 1934. To this union was born 13 children, eight boys and five girls. Marline, Jettie, and Florence all preceded him in death. Kenneth of Venters, Ky.; Perry and Willie, both of Pompey, Ky.; Jerry and Johnny of Raccoon, Ky.; Willis David of Michigan; Bennett of Kimper; Ellen of Missouri; Myrtle and Dixie of Illinois.



Daddy was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Raccoon. He didn't have much in this life but we believe he is in a rich land now. He was loved by each and everyone who knew him. The day God called Daddy away it hurt so bad, but Daddy suffered so much and now we know he's free from pain.

So rest and sleep on, Daddy, for there's no suffering in heaven. You will need no walker or wheelchair in heaven, for now you will



have two good legs to walk those streets of gold with.

I know we all miss Daddy but I am sure Mommy misses him most of all. There aren't words to tell how I miss Daddy. Only those who have given up loved ones know. There is nothing in this world but heartache and trouble. I am glad God said, "In this world you have trouble but in Me you have peace."

Written by his broken-hearted son, Kenneth  
and daughter-in-law, Debbie Collins

*Sleep on, dear Daddy, you are at rest,  
God called you home and he knew best;  
He had a mansion all waiting for you,  
And, oh, dear Daddy, we'll be there, too.*

*You are no longer with us on earth below  
But your memory lingers wherever we go;  
Great love for us God surely had  
In giving us such a wonderful dad.*

### LUCY PEARL COLEMAN

I will try to write an obituary of my mother, Lucy Pearl Coleman. She was born June 4, 1895, deceased this life July 11, 1985. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Darcus Thacker Coleman. She was married to Riley B. Coleman who preceded her in death February 22, 1957.

They were blessed with twelve children, eight boys and four girls. Five boys preceded her in death. Three boys died young. Jonathan Coleman died March 11, 1979, and Luther was killed in the mines September 17, 1965. She leaves three boys and four girls to miss her as much as I am sure she missed the loved ones she lost. Her children living are: Alva, Alvin and Allen Coleman of Racoon, Kentucky; Sarah Coleman of McArthur, Ohio; Sylvia Thacker of Lower Pompey, Kentucky; Frona and Flossie Coleman of Racoon, Kentucky.

I thank God for being so good to us and letting us keep her until she was 90 years old. Mom never joined any church and never went very often, but all who knew her would say she lived a good and kind life. She always taught us children to live right. We all love her so much, but God loves her more. I hope by the grace of God, I will,





along with her other children, meet her again some sweet day.

Written by her daughter, Sylvia Thacker  
For myself and all her children

### **SARAH JANE BILITER**

With so many, many loving memories and hearts left saddened beyond words, I'll try to write the obituary deserving such a beloved mother.

Sarah Jane Biliter was born in Pike County, Ky., on February 9, 1915. It pleased God to call her home to heaven peacefully around 3:48 A.M. on March 22, 1985, making her stay here on earth 70 years, one month and 13 days. She was the beloved daughter of the late Flem and Vada Smith Justice of Garden Village, Ky.

She was married to Kermit Biliter, Sr. on July 11, 1934. They were the proud parents of six children. One son, Hansel Biliter, preceded her in death. Those children left to mourn her loss are four sons, Kermit Biliter, Jr., William Denton Biliter, Roscoe Biliter, Hansel Biliter and one daughter, Vada (Mrs. Bruce) Huffman. She had five grandchildren, Curt Biliter, Chad Biliter, Sabrina Jane Biliter, Patrick Biliter and Hadley Bruce Huffman; and two step-grandchildren, Glen Coleman and Jack Biliter.

Other than her husband, children and grandchildren, she leaves one brother, Taylor, "Doc" Justice; six sisters, Fannie Justice, Cleo Chaney, Clara Lee Ramey, Delphia Branham, Velma Childers and Clotine "Teena" Prater. She also leaves a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Mother became a member of the Primitive Church and was baptized in 1967. She loved to attend church and sing all the wonderful old hymns. Her nephew, Paul Dean Justice, and I sang one of her favorites, "I'll Fly Away", while she lay sick in the hospital, and oh how it pleased her.

Needless to say, there have been many great mothers born to this world and our family was blessed to have had one of the best. No matter what her role, whether that as a daughter, sister, wife, friend or mother, she spent her life making sacrifices for those she loved expecting nothing in return. God seemed to have blessed her in a special way to give unselfishly of herself and to constantly endure any and every hardship, pain or suffering that came her way (not for





herself) but for those she loved so dear. Because of Mother's unselfish ability to love so deeply, she gave to us all a certain confidence and security that came just from knowing how much we were loved. Mother was the heart of our home and the joy of all those her love has blessed. If the measure of a woman's life can be taken by the people she touched, she left us all a legacy of love.

*"God must be close to mothers  
In a very special way  
Because of all the joy they bring  
To others day by day,  
Because of all the love they show  
And all their deep concern.  
Because they do the sweetest things  
With no thought of return.  
God must be pleased with mothers  
When He sees all the good they do,  
And He must have been especially pleased  
With a Mother as dear as you.*

*"God gave the world stars . . .  
and there was beauty.  
God gave the world sun . . .  
and there was warmth.  
God gave the world rain . . .  
and there was life.  
God gave the world mothers . . .  
and there was LOVE!*

I can never express just how deep our loss of mother has been. We all love her and miss her more than words can ever say. My prayer for us all is to do as Mother requested, "to love everybody and be prepared to meet Jesus." Someday then what a Great Reunion there will be, when we cross to the other side and join hands with Mother and all those we loved who have gone on before us — we'll all eat from the tree of life and kneel before our heavenly Father and thank Him for the Son He gave on Calvary's cross, for all the blessings He gave us here below, but most of all to thank Him for saving our souls.

For the longest days of our lives we will thank Jesus for blessing us with Mother. No one can ever take her place.

*Sadly missed by all family and friends  
Written with love and gratitude by her daughter  
who loves her more than words can say. I love her more  
today than yesterday because of the wonderful Christian  
witness she has left for me to follow.  
Vada Biliter Huffman. Daughter of Sarah Jane Biliter*



## GLADYS GRIFFEY

On September 29, 1984, it pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst our Dear Mother Gladys Coleman Griffey, age 66. She was born July 18, 1918, in Pike County.

She was the loving wife of Lundy Griffey for fifty years. To this union God blessed them with nine children: Billy Griffey of Warren, Michigan; Ronnie Griffey of Phelps, Kentucky; Sonny Gene Griffey of Grayling, Michigan; Mary Lou Breeding of Smithville, Tennessee; Sue Stayer of Warren, Michigan; and Joyce Ann Childress of Madison Heights, Michigan. Jimmy Daryl and Larry Neal preceded her in death. Also left to mourn her death are one brother, Daniel Coleman, and a sister, Edna Scott, both of Floral City, Florida. Nineteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Her request was to be taken to the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Phelps, Kentucky. She also requested that Elder T. R. Ball speak the last words of Sovereign Grace over her.

It is our heartfelt belief that death for Mom has just opened the door to the kingdom of God and life evermore.

She has made a joyous transition into a place where the soul is safe and free to live with God through ETERNITY!

Her presence is missed because a mother's love is something that no one can explain. It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain. It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may, for nothing can destroy it or take that love away.

Mom, our prayer is that one day we will all be together again, rejoicing and singing praises to our Heavenly Father.

Written by her loving daughter  
Mary Lou Breeding  
Mt. View Primitive Baptist Church

## CORA BLACKBURN SLONE

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear mother. She was born March 1, 1890, departed this life on September 2, 1984, making her stay on earth 94 years, six months and one day. She was the daughter of Missouri Daniels Blackburn



and Nathaniel Blackburn who preceded her in death. She was united in marriage to Hibbard Slone who preceded her in death in June of 1957. To this union was born 13 children. Ten of these preceded her in death. Left to mourn her loss is one daughter, Missouri Thacker, of Thompson's Branch, Pikeville, Ky.; two sons, Joseph Slone of Burning Fork Road, Pikeville, Ky., and Noah Slone, Sr. of Red Creek, Pikeville, Ky. Also, two sisters, Nancy Justice and Ada Justice, both of Upper Chloe Creek, Pikeville, Ky. She also left to mourn her loss 38 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends.



Cora Blackburn Slone

She joined the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church in June of 1949 and attended as long as she was able. She is sadly missed by her family and friends, but I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

I miss her but I feel in my heart that by the grace of God we will meet in the air and be taken home to live forever.

Written by her son  
Elder Noah Slone

### KELSIE MARIE BEVINS

Kelsie Marie Bevins born to the parents of Sam and Easter Lowe at Regina, Pike County, Kentucky on March 8, 1924. Her mother preceded her in death and her father is living in a nursing home in West Jefferson, Ohio. She deceased this life on August 14, 1984 at the age of 60 years, five months and six days old.



She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, William Kenner Bevins, who were united in marriage on March 21, 1947, and to this union was born four sons: Terry Richard Bevins, deceased; Jerry M. Bevins of Phyllis, Kentucky; Paul M. Bevins of Hickory, North Carolina, and Samuel Joe Bevins of Pikeville, Kentucky. She has six grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. She united with the old regular Primitive Baptist



Church in 1953 and was a true believer until God called her spirit home.

She worked as a nurse at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville, Kentucky, until she joined the United States Air Force where she continued her nursing. She was a member of the DAV Chapter 134.

Also surviving is one brother, Eugene Lowe of Mansfield, Ohio; three sisters, Edna Goff of Brevard, North Carolina; Dorothy Mercer of Springfield, Ohio, and Mavis Goff, of London, Ohio, and one sister, Yvonne Lowe, preceded her in death.

FAREWELL, FAREWELL, FOR JUST A LITTLE SEASON.

Written by her husband  
William K. Bevins

### **BESSIE HAZEL DOTSON**

Bessie Hazel Dotson, born March 1, 1922, in Pike County, was the daughter of the late Hobert and Stella (Blackburn) Wolford. She died March 6, 1984 in Williamson Memorial Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband and five children.

She was a homemaker and a member of Little Hope Church.

She is survived by three sons, William Dewey Dotson and Boyd Lee Dotson of Pinsonfork; Darrell Gene Dotson of Linden, MI.; one daughter, Ms. Freda K. May of Pinsonfork; seven great-grandchildren.



Our mother was a special flower that bloomed so pretty in a very special way. No words could ever describe her beauty. Even though she is dead she will always bloom in our memories, and we will always have her in our hearts.

She is sadly missed by all of us.

The Dotson Family

### **THELMA THACKER BUTCHER**

My heart is full of sadness, my eyes filled with tears, as I try to write the obituary of my loving wife, Thelma (Thacker) Butcher.

She was the daughter of Isabella Coleman and the late Dewey Thacker. She was born September 15, 1939. She departed from this life on March 20, 1985, making her stay on earth 45 years, six





Thelma Thacker Butcher

months, and five days.

On November 17, 1965, she was united in marriage to Dorsey E. Butcher. To this loving union was born three children, Larry, Randall, Melissa, all at home.

She believed strongly in our Lord our only hope. She never stopped fighting for her life. We love her very much. She will always be in our hearts.

She was a sweet loving wife and mother. She will be missed by her mother, sisters, brothers, many friends, and relatives.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by husband  
Dorsey E. Butcher

### MAZIE COLEMAN

My heart is full of sadness, my eyes full of tears, as I attempt to write the obituary of my dear sweet mother, Mazie Coleman.

She was born January 15, 1901 and departed this life on November 15, 1984. She stayed on this earth for 83 years and 10 months. She was the daughter of the late Andy Ackers and Dora Ackers.

On June 25, 1919, she was united in marriage to John H. Coleman who preceded her in death. They were happily blessed with 15 children.

She was preceded in death by four infants and four adult children. Left to mourn her death are four daughters and three sons, 39 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Her children are James E. Coleman, Freeburn, Ky.; Sadie Whitt of Ransom, Ky.; Margaret Hatfield, Newtown, W. Va.; Rebecca Justice, Pontiac, Mich.; Johnny Coleman of Toler, Ky.; Walker Thomas Coleman of Harold, Ky., and Laura Alice Hager of Ransom, Ky.

She was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist Church of Ransom, Ky. She was a member there for 34 years.





She is sadly missed by her children, sisters and brothers, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Please don't ask if we miss her. There is such a vacant place. We cannot forget her footsteps nor her dear and loving face. Broken is our family circle, our dear mother has passed away. Gone to sleep with Jesus she's found a new way, singing with the angels in heaven so far away.

Sleep on, Mother, while taking your restful and peaceful sleep. Your memory and your love will always remain a part of me. I feel that my loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by and sadly missed by her daughter,  
Alice Hager

### ELLA JANE SMITH McCOY

Ella Jane Smith McCoy, 94, of Ransom, Kentucky, died Wednesday at Williamson Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Born September 14, 1890, at Coleman, Ky., she was a daughter of the late Curtis and Jane Smith.

A homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, she was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip McCoy, a son, Acie McCoy, two brothers and three sisters.

Surviving are two sons, Lucas McCoy of McCarr, Ky., and Bobby McCoy of Belfry, Ky.; seven daughters, Mrs. Jonah "Mable" Hatfield, Mrs. Robert "Myrl" Sullivan, Mrs. A. E. "Dollie" Dotson, Mrs. Ransom "Grace" Hager, all of Ransom; Mrs. Floyd "Daryl" Hatfield of McCarr, Mrs. Agnes Dotson of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Delmar "Laurine" Alley of Belfry, Ky.; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Acie McCoy of Ransom; 64 grandchildren, 132 great-grandchildren, 33 great-great-grandchildren, and a friend who had taken care of her for a number of years, Ora Bailey of Ransom.



Written by the Family

### ETHEL FULLER THACKER

It is with the warmest memories and the saddest of hearts that I write the obituary of my beloved Grandma, Ethel Fuller Thacker. Grandma was one of the most courageous people I've ever known.



She remained cheerful and considerate throughout the most trying of times. Even the loss of her leg didn't dampen her spirits for long. She was determined to make the best of a bad situation and she was constantly thinking of new ways to help care for herself. Grandma's last thoughts were only of love for those she would leave behind. On Monday, she was crying and when I asked her why, she said, "Honey, I'm not afraid to die. I know I'm going to die. I'm crying for my children because I know how hurt they'll be when I leave and I won't be here to comfort them."



Ethel Fuller Thacker

Grandma was the daughter of the late John and Anne Rowe Fuller. She was born January 6, 1906, in War Eagle, West Virginia. Grandma died Tuesday, March 19, 1985, just as the sun went down over the hills. She was a faithful member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church for 41 years.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 52 years, Elder Joe B. Thacker. Their home was a happy one and was richly blessed with eight children, Harold Thacker, Mrs. Hazel Sturgill and Mrs. Dixie Smith of Canada, Kentucky; Clifford Thacker of Tucson, Arizona; Mrs. Joyce Fleming of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Polly Bishop of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Mrs. Marie Jacobs of Belleville, Michigan. She was preceded in death by one son, J. B. Thacker, one grandson, one brother and two sisters. Grandma is survived by 39 grandchildren and 71 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Rachel Elswick and Mrs. Naomi Thacker of Canada, Kentucky; Mrs. Ruth Blackburn of Fenton, Michigan; and three brothers, Zack Fuller and Kermit Fuller of Columbus, Ohio, and George Fuller of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Grandma is the spring of our lives, leaving us with a promise of hope and new beginnings. Her soft smile and twinkling blue eyes warmed our hearts as deeply as the sunny days of summer, leaving us with the sweetest memories of days gone by. And like the soft winds of autumn, her presence will always blow gently through our lives, stilling our worried thoughts and kissing our troubled brow. Grandma was as pure of heart and as beautiful as the first snow of winter. She set a great example before us with her courage, dignity and the love she showed to everyone. Grandma earned the respect and admiration of everyone who knew her. It is an honor to have known and loved her.



It is because of our deep love for this great lady that we were willing to let her go. I believe I can express the thoughts of all of us when I say this to your mother, my Grandma, "Go gently, sweet soul, heart of our hearts, to that land of peace far beyond our blue mountains. Go, with our blessing and suffer no more."

To my aunts and uncles, her children, I would like to say, "Heed well the teachings of your childhood. Remember all the things your mother has said to you and let them help guide you through all the days of your lives. Be good to one another; take care of one another and love one another as your mother loved you. Because this is the last thing you can ever do for your little Mommy."

Written as a tribute of love by  
Carletta Thornsburg Bogar

### **VIRGINIA KATHRYN COLEMAN**

With much sadness in our hearts, we will attempt to write the obituary of our dear sweet loving mother, Virginia Kathryn Coleman. We feel her suffering is over. Mom has left us wonderful memories and thankful hearts to have a mom so gentle and kind.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Calvary for several years. She was born in Clark County on January 26, 1927, to the late John and Dixie Warner.

She departed this life March 4, 1985, making her stay on earth 58 years, one month and six days. Mom was married to Homer Coleman. To this union was born nine children. Her husband and three children preceded her in death. She is survived by one daughter: Brenda Damron of Pikeville, Ky., and five sons: Jimmy, Danny, Randy, Dwayne, and Daryl Coleman, all of Sidney, Ky. She raised four children: Florence Hacker, Robert, MacArthur, and Burnis Newton. Additional survivors include five sisters, 25 grandchildren, and a host of friends.

We feel that when the death angel came Mother fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. The look in her eyes told us of that love and she was ready to go.

"Sleep on, Mother, for a little while, and by the grace of God we hope to meet you where no sickness, sorrow, pain, nor death can enter there!"

Written by the Family



## VERCIL IDA DEEL LOONEY

Mommie, here in this world there are wonderful, great mothers, but to us you were and always will be the most wonderful and greatest Mommie in this world.

The Precious Savior gave you to us for such a short while. He called you back to His loving arms the 27th day of June, 1985. Your loving and lonely husband and children miss and mourn for you so much, Mom. We miss your warm sweet voice, your beautiful smile and all the gentle joy and warmth you gave us each and every one.



Sweet precious Mommie, you suffered so much pain your last days here. You prayed so much for mercy and bore your pain so very patiently. It hurt our hearts so, Mommie, to see your pain. Daddy stood by you so kindly and good, never left your side as he always did. His heart is broken as ours is. Dad knows as we do you are sleeping now on a more peaceful bed than any you ever had in this world.

Your burdens, trials, and troubles are over from this troublesome place. Our Sweet Precious Savior will wake you, Mommie, someday soon. There are no words that can describe the wonder and joy it will be. Rest in Jesus, Mommie darling. Our circle is broken here. I pray with all my heart we will all be joined together again with our Lord and you some sweet day.

With all our hearts we love and miss you, Mommie. We know if you could talk to us now you would say:

*I am home in heaven, my darling ones, Oh!, so happy and so bright.*

*No pain, no sorrow, only perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting and eternal light. My darlings, when your work on earth is done, He will gently and lovingly call you home. Oh! the wonderful rapture of that meeting. Oh! the joy to see you come, my darlings.*

Mom was united in marriage to Clyde H. Looney on June 17, 1938. To this union were born seven children, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren whom she loved so much. She was a life long resident of Buchanan County (Youngs Branch Section).

Mom was a member for many years of the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church. Mom loved so dearly her precious brothers and sisters in Church.



She was the sweet daughter of Elija and Gracie Deel who preceded her in death.

Thank you, Dear Lord, for giving us our precious Mother for such a short beautiful time. We are so lonely, Mommie, without you. No one can take your place or ease our pain. Rest in peace, Mommie Darling, until we can.

Written by:

Your adoring and lonely husband and children

### LIZZIE JUSTICE

With the help of the Lord, we will try to write an obituary of our Mamaw, Lizzie Justice.

Lizzie was born January 17, 1901, to the late Kent and Maggie Pauline Blackburn Chaney, and deceased this life on July 24, 1985. She was first married to Morgan Slone. To this union was born two sons, Bradley Slone who died in infancy, and Troy B. Slone who was killed in World War II. She left behind one granddaughter, Nina Sue Slone Newsome of Greenwich, Ohio; two great-granddaughters, Robin and Heather; and one great-great-grandson, Steven.



She left three sisters, Manda Thacker of Mansfield, Ohio; Orpha Thacker of Pikeville, Kentucky; Myrtie Adkins of Regina, Kentucky; and one brother, Calvery Runyon of Biggs Branch, Kentucky.

Mamaw was married to our Papaw, Green F. Justice, who also preceded her in death. To this union no children were born. She had four stepsons and six stepdaughters. Albert Justice who preceded her in death; Finice Justice of Dandridge, Tennessee; Arson Justice of Justiceville, Kentucky; Hassel Justice of Millard, Kentucky; Flora Kendrick of West Carrollton, Ohio; Carrie Coleman of Justiceville, Kentucky; Pearlie Coleman of Winwright Road, Kentucky; Dorothy Hunt of Wellington, Ohio; Ruby Hall of Gallipolis, Ohio; Stella Coleman of Coal Run Village, Kentucky; a host of step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren were left behind.

Mamaw and Papaw joined the Little Union Primitive Baptist Church of Feds Creek, Kentucky on October 4, 1964. They were baptized by Elder Lonzie Blair and Elder Teddy Ball. She enjoyed going to church and attended regularly until her illness. She loved



going to the Primitive Baptist Associations and always attended at least one day each year since she and Papaw were married.

She will be missed by her many friends and relatives whom she loved to visit and have them visit her and talk to them on the phone. By the time we were old enough to know that she wasn't our Mamaw by blood, she already was our Mamaw in our hearts.

We love and miss Mamaw and feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by: The Family



## 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	Contributions of each church
Louisa .....	Bradley Worrix .....	6		1				4	119	2	\$ 100.00
Old Pond .....	Ray Harlow .....	1						2	118	2	150.00
Big Creek .....	David Cook .....	1	1		1		1	4	85	3	100.00
Raccoon .....	Allen Coleman .....	1	1					9	78	4	100.00
Peter Creek .....	Leo Coleman .....					1		2	105	4	125.00
Sulphur Springs .....	George W. Lester .....	2	2		1				87	1	75.00
Little Hope .....	Virgil A. Smith .....		1				1		34	1	75.00
Grapevine .....	William K. Bevins .....	1				1	1	1	32	3	90.00
Samaria .....	Elder Eddie Harris .....	3				1	1	3	166	3	125.00
Little Union .....	Margie Lester .....							2	18	1	150.00
Johns Creek .....	Carl Coleman .....								45	2	75.00
Calvary .....	Rush Chapman .....		1			1		3	45	1	100.00
Dry Fork .....	Lawrence Jackson .....							3	63	2	100.00
Friendship .....	Martin Childers .....					1			24	4	25.00
Columbus .....	Sandra Harris .....	8		1				2	73	4	75.00
Deerfield .....	Ernest Hager .....		1	4		5			46	4	60.00
Pleasant Hill .....	Grey Moore .....	7							29	1	30.00
	Totals .....	30	7	5	3	10	4	35	1,167		1,555.00



